



## ASSG MUSEUM – REALLY HAPPENING

It has been some years since our Museum Project was first mooted and some past students and friends have doubted it would ever become a reality. Well, we can now tell all, unequivocally, that the project is really going to happen!

Following very productive discussions with the School authorities earlier this year, certain changes were made to our original plans without altering the original concept and a decision regarding the location was finalised.

Within the next twelve months the previous science block will have a complete refurbishment and be converted into an Administration building and our ASSG Museum will be attached to its eastern end. Administration will no longer be located in the Mattingley Centre as it has for the last forty years. The new administration building and our attached Museum will be clearly seen from the highway into Charters Towers.

There are a number of advantages to this "attachment" concept. There will be

common access to the museum through the administration building providing safe care and supervision. It has enabled us to downsize our plans. Almost all visitors to the school come to the admin centre and having our museum attached will give the admin an added attraction.

Our new plans are a rationalisation and a simplification of the one previously on the School's web site. Our building now has only three rooms – one for Archives, one for Museum/memorabilia and a small office to catalogue and care for our history. The building is significantly smaller and realistic in terms of the response to our appeal and our potential to raise further funds.

**It is important for past students and friends to understand that the building will be delivered in two stages.** We now have sufficient funds to construct the building itself – Stage 1. The fittings, the internal set-up, will come under Stage 2 when further donations and fundraising make it

possible. Stage 1 should be completed by early next year. We are confident that, once the Museum building is there, more past students and friends will decide to donate to the Project Appeal. Only 10% of the past students who receive this magazine have so far donated to the appeal.

I am reminded of the words of my old History teacher, Frank Millett, who was Deputy Principal for many years and an ex Rat of Tobruk in World War II, *"Lads, it is not the way you start something worthwhile but the way you finish it that counts."* We need to finish this project and finish it well. If you haven't yet become a donor to the Museum Appeal, please seriously consider it. The form on the insert in this edition can be used. We look forward to your help in completing this very special project – our gift to the School. Our sincere thanks for all who have supported the project to date.

**Howard Lowe**

*(Past Student President)*

## PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION NOW 88

Our Past Students Association is now in its eighty-eighth year. For our first fifty years of operation, we were the only organisation attached to the School. Now there are five. During those fifty years we adopted the role of "minder" or "watchdog" of the School. That role was relinquished, much to our prompting, when the School established the first Advisory Council in 1976. From the turn of the century the official Board, All Souls St Gabriels School Inc. and ASSG Ltd have controlled the affairs of the School.

This year's reunion on 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> October pays tribute to the work and generosity of our past Students Association and the many members that have been a part of it. In the very first Phoenix Magazine published in 1925, Headmaster Canon O'Keeffe outlined our philosophy, a simple one of giving which sits comfortably alongside the School motto of service. He told all past students to go out to talk about our Association, work for it and give to it. Many have done this throughout our history and the School and its students have benefitted.

Our database of past students contacts is now close to two and a half thousand strong. As long as they keep us informed of their whereabouts, they still receive two Servire Regnare magazines a year. We look forward to seeing anyone who has served on Past Students Management Committee at this year's reunion as well as the usual ten year groups from 1953, '63, '73, '83, '93 and 2003.

I hope you enjoy this issue of Servire Regnare and we always look forward to hearing from you. Please visit the School's revised website - [www.allsouls.qld.edu.au](http://www.allsouls.qld.edu.au) and encourage other past students to give us their details using the site so as to become recipients of this magazine at no cost. I also urge you all to come on board with our Museum Project and help gift the School something special.





*Kevin Burry Weekend - Cementing the fence on O'Keefe Oval.*

## BURRY WEEKEND

More than 50 past students, parents, past parents, staff and students turned up for our Burry Project weekend in January 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. It is always a great weekend that helps the School kick-start yet another year.

There was the usual clean-up of the School grounds along with the various projects that are a joint effort between the School which provides materials and the past students and friends who provide the skilled workers and donated equipment and machinery. The School is lucky to have the services of old boy, parent and PSA committee member, Robbie Peace who is our "Project Manager". Our long term project of the provision of a concrete mowing strip around the O'Keefe Oval fence is expected to be completed next year.

Headmaster, Gordon Royall earlier this year paid tribute to workers who keep coming back each year and highlighted past parent, Chris Williamson whose children left the School nearly ten years ago. He usually labours on past the weekend. Such service Gordon says is typical of our wide school community.

The winner of this year's raffle was Jennifer Larsen who was up for last year's reunion. Jennifer won a beautifully presented panoramic framed photo of Advent House – a part of the old campus of St. Gabriel's. Since the girls came over to live at the Souls' campus Advent House has been refurbished and now is the home one of our School families.



## FACEBOOK

For years now past student, Glynnis Paton from the Class of 1975, has been managing the Facebook page titled *"I went to All Souls and St Gabriels School Charters Towers"*. It currently has over 750 members. It is a closed group but you can make application to Glynnis to join. It is a great chance to catch up with fellow past students. The Past Students Association would like to sincerely thank Glynnis for all the work she has done to help watch over the site and help keep past students in touch. By doing this she helps keep the School flag flying. Glynnis hails from New Zealand.

## PAST STUDENT AWARDS



*Shirley Symes with her award*

**Shirley Symes** (nee Barton), St. Gabriel's past student, has been the recipient of the Order of Australia Medal. Shirley has devoted countless hours enhancing the culture and arts of the Charters Towers region. She was nominated for the award by the Member for Kennedy, Bob Katter. It recognises her long term involvement in such areas as the re-building of the city's police station to its historical standard, the move to preserve the School of Mines, the Stock Exchange and our very own school.



*University Chancellor Michael Egan with Honorary Doctorate Vic Carroll.*

Past student **Vic Carroll** (1938 - 1941) an author and former Fairfax editor was recently awarded a degree of Doctor of Letters *honoris causa* by Macquarie University. Vic is one of the most distinguished editors in Australian journalism. He served in the Army during World War II in New Guinea and Borneo. He was editor of the Sun-Herald in 1960, the Australian Financial Review 1964 and managing editor of the Financial Review and National Times 1970-75. He eventually became Editor-in Chief of the Sydney Morning Herald transforming it as one of the top 20 newspapers in the world. Following his retirement he has remained active in journalism and in 1990 wrote the book, *"The Man Who Couldn't Wait"*, detailing the failed takeover bid for the Fairfax company.





# From the Headmaster...



Recently I sat and watched our Junior School Inter House Cross Country take place on Burry Oval. And I came to the conclusion that I don't get enough time to be out and about and enjoying the activity and scenery.

Junior School Cross Country is a pretty relaxed event. (Only someone not running can write that) But it was great to see the enthusiasm and energy of our students with the parents and staff as we sat under the shady trees on the bank of the oval. One of our parents said to me that he thought it was a great ad for our school – to see the whole Junior School involved, staff working hard but in a relaxed manner, our students doing what had to be done with no one wandering off or misbehaving and for the parents to enjoy their children being so involved.

Recently I have spent much time in meetings as we have tried to resolve some of our campus building and ground issues and problems. And while these problems have not gone away, we have strategies and programmes in place to overcome them. But as I sat on the bank and took in the scene I realised that we have much to be thankful for. We have a beautiful campus in many areas, and many schools would be envious of our space and trees and aspect.

However, there is always progress at

ASSG and some of our planned projects at the moment include:

- Remodelling of two old Science labs into a new Admin centre to finally allow us to remove 90% of the traffic from our classroom areas and present a more professional face to visitors and parents
- An outfit of the Rebgetz Sports Centre
- Possible new on campus teacher accommodation to replace the "ailing" old buildings
- Adoption of a masterplan for the school campus
- Construction of the Dalrymple Trade Training Centre off campus (a joint project with Charters Towers SHS, Charters Towers SDE and Columba Catholic)

As I am sure Howard Lowe will inform you the new administration building will have a new neighbour eventually, in the form of the Museum, planned by your organization to preserve our history. This is an exciting development and may I encourage you to support Howard and his team.

But inevitably, buildings are just buildings, and what really matters are our students. They continue to achieve at all levels. In the first four weeks of Term II we have:

- Presented a splendid school musical, "Tales of Terror at Nightmare High"
- Honoured our past with an impressive commitment to Anzac Day
- Re-established weekend sport with a wonderful day of fixtures with Blackheath and Thornburgh on our campus
- Won our 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive Secondary Inter-School Cross Country with victory in both the Boys competition and Girls.

Then as a postscript to my relaxing day watching Junior School Inter House Cross Country, the school team selected from this event went to the Primary Inter School, and despite being the second smallest of the six competing schools, won the carnival outright.

I think it is fair to say that in terms of both revitalising our campus and our students we are winning.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school at the Annual Reunion.

## PASSING THE LEADERSHIP BATON



### 2013 LEADERS

**Front Row:** Samuel Knuth, Cody Schaefer, Gemma Cusack, Sharna Webber, Shelley Clark, Kym Lyon

**Back Row:** Grace Elliott, Courtney Risdale, Maddison Lestone, Kirsty Healing, Jaryd Webber, Jeffrey Ormonde, Christina Cross

In very hot weather on the first day of term our School Captains and Prefects were inducted into their offices in front of families, friends, the whole of secondary school and representatives of the Junior School. The Chapel was packed.

The Prefects were presented for induction by the 2012 School Captains, Madison Ievers and Ryan Rankine, who came all the way from Richmond and Prairie respectively to carry out that duty.

For those inducted into their office as a Captain, House Captain or a Prefect, it is a great occasion. But it is a wonderfully, scary moment. It is wonderful to be given such an

honour, but also scary, not just because of nerves involved with making your pledge, but also the realisation of the responsibilities you are taking on.

When Mr Royall placed Gemma and Cody in the seats in the Chapel which are reserved for the Captains, it was well noticed that Madison Ievers had positioned herself right behind Gemma and that our last two boys' Captains, Ryan Rankine and Hayden Hall, had positioned themselves right in front of Cody. They were there to witness, but also welcome them to the "brotherhood". No one other than another School Captain knows what Gemma and

Cody will go through this year. And it was great that our past Captains were there to show encouragement and solidarity. Being a School Captain is a life changing experience. There will be good times along with the bad. It is, at times, a humbling experience. But once you are an ASSG School Captain you will always be one. At the end of this year many of the badges presented to the School Leaders will be placed in boxes for safe keeping. But what you learn, what you experience, and what you become will remain with you for the rest of your life.



# Reunion



## REUNION PROGRAMME – 2013

### ***Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October***

6.30 pm

**Meet and Greet** at Halse Hall - BBQ.

Dress informal. No formalities, very relaxed. Everyone can sign in for the weekend. Refreshments available on site.

### ***Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October***

8.00 am

**Breakfast** at Halse Hall with boarders

9.00 am

**Headmaster's Welcome** at Halse Hall

10.00 am

**Touch Footy and Softball.** Past Students V Present Students on O'Keeffe

11.00 am

**Walking Tour of the School** conducted by the Headmaster starting at O'Keeffe Oval and finishing at Halse Hall for lunch

12.30 pm

**Lunch** at Halse Hall with students

1.30 pm

**AGM of the Past Students Association** in the School Library

6.00 for

6.30 pm

**Reunion Dinner** in Halse Hall.

Dress semi-formal.

Program includes:

- Welcome from the President
- The traditional Roll Call
- Toast to the School
- Response from the Headmaster
- Induction of the members of the Walls Of Fame
- Vote of thanks

Speeches are brief so that time can be focussed on "catching up", which is after all the main reason why we all come back

### ***Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October***

9.00 am

**Communion Service** in the School chapel

**Morning Tea** in Halse Hall followed by **The Great Debate.**

10.30 am

Past Students V Present Students.

**"That our School is more than Gonski".**

Past Students have the affirmative.

12.30 pm

**Farewell lunch** in Halse Hall

# Sam Wins Prestigious Pierre de Coubertin Award

ASSG student Sam Knuth has been awarded the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin Award.

The Pierre de Coubertin Awards is a major program of the Australian Olympic Committee.

The Awards program is named after the founder of the Modern Olympic Games, Baron Pierre de Coubertin. The program is designed to emphasise participation and commendable sporting behaviour consistent with the Olympic Movement. It is not primarily intended to reward elite performance alone. Each Queensland secondary school is invited to nominate one student from year 10, 11 or 12 as its Pierre de Coubertin Award nominee who must have represented the school, district or region in at least three sports in the competitive arena, demonstrating initiative, teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. One of the sports must be on the current Olympic Program.

Sam has been extensively involved in a number of sports since he began his secondary schooling. These sports include athletics, cross country, rugby league, tennis, cricket and rugby union. He has represented both ASSG and the Charters Towers region throughout his schooling and always done so with the highest integrity. Sam always demonstrates exceptional commitment to his sporting endeavours and displays the highest degree of sportsmanship. He is a very worthy recipient.



*Sam Knuth receiving his Pierre de Coubertin Award from Australian Volleyball player Natalie Cook*

## **2013 Reunion Accommodation:**

Affordable Gold City Motor Inn	Motel Rooms	07 4787 2187
Aussie Outback Oasis	Vans, Cabins & Camping	07 4787 8722
Cattleman's Rest Motor Inn	Motel Rooms	07 4787 3555
Charters Towers Motel	Motel Rooms	07 4787 1366
Charters Towers Tourist Park	Vans, Cabins & Camping	07 4787 7944
Country Road Motel	Motel Rooms	07 4787 4244
Crown Hotel	Motel Rooms	07 4787 2471
Dalrymple Tourist & Van Park	Vans, Cabins & Camping	07 4787 1121
Enterprise Hotel	Cabins & Motel Rooms	07 4787 2404
Heritage Lodge Motor Inn	Motel Rooms	07 4787 4088
Hillview Motel	Motel Rooms	07 4787 1937
Park Motel	Motel Rooms	07 4787 1022
Rix Hotel	Motel Rooms	07 4787 1605
Royal Private Hotel	Motel Rooms (stairs)	07 4787 8688





# School Happenings



## Confraternity Rugby League 2013



**Back Row:** Robbie Kirk, Adrian Guldbransen (Coach), Sam Reid, Patrick Galvin, Khane Coutts, Jeffrey Ormonde, Tom Knuth, Julian Meteyard, Zane Pierce, Dan Philip, Leigh Grubb, Casten Lemson, Jaryd Webber

**Front Row:** Kurt Sullivan, Sam Knuth, Matthew Ievers, Mitch Rankine, Jack Ford, Dylan Hastie, Cody Schaefer, Jack Anderson

The Confraternity Rugby League Carnival was again a great experience for our boys. This year the carnival was hosted by Ignatius Park College Townsville and games were played at the Brothers Rugby League grounds.

The team acquitted themselves very well and showed a tremendous amount of spirit playing against schools of great size and experience. While wins were hard to achieve on the field, the week in Townsville was something the players will remember for a long time, particularly the Confo reunion at the Motel on Thursday night. The night was organised by Nina Guldbransen and over 70 past players, past coaches, past & current parents and school supporters joined the current ASSG 1st team for a BBQ dinner and to re-live some old stories. The high-light of the night was the presentation of the Past Students traditional jerseys to the players. The school also recognised the contribution of five men that have played a major part in the formation of the All Souls Confraternity tradition. Dennis McCloskey, Peter Harvey-Sutton, Mac Horne, Stuart Norford & Darren Guldbransen were presented with a framed print by the Senior players as a token of our appreciation.

The members of the All Souls St Gabriels 2013 Confraternity team would like to thank all those who came to support them over the week and throughout the year. We look forward to continuing the Confo tradition next year on the Gold Coast and for many years to come.



Current Confraternity players with the five men recognised as playing major roles in the All Souls Confraternity tradition.

**Back Row:** Sam Knuth, Dan Philip, Khane Coutts and Cody Schaefer

**Front Row:** Stuart Norford, Peter Harvey-Sutton, Dennis McCloskey, Mac Horne, Darren Guldbransen and Jack Ford.



Dennis McCloskey and Peter Harvey-Sutton enjoy the night

## ASSG MASCOT



"Ash the Phoenix" with Juanita Allingham daughter of past student Chris Allingham and ex-staff member Cathy Allingham.

The Year 12 class each year as a group develops certain goals they wish to achieve for the year. One of the goals set by the 2012 cohort was quite original. They wanted to devise and gift to the School a mascot like those commonly found at major sporting events. No school in Charters Towers has one. At the conclusion to speech day last year their mascot made his/her debut performance on stage with a repertoire that even included the latest gangnam style dance. Our School mascot is appropriately named "Ash" and has been seen at many sporting events this year.

The volunteer student who wears the costume needs to be creative, adventurous, courageous and a little insane. As soon as they don the outfit the temperature immediately rises several degrees. They know not where they are nor where they are going and often have to be led by a "protector". They are at risk at times of being pushed or tackled, especially by students from the opposing schools or they simply fall over all by themselves. There is even a rumour that some students from our opposition schools have a reward out for anyone who can steal the costume. But there is no doubt that this gift to the School by the senior class of 2012 has done much to lift the spirit of the students.



Jack Ford kicking football





# School Happenings



## ASSG 1ST Netball wins QISSN Confraternity Netball Title

### DIVISION 6 WINNERS WITH THEIR MEDALS AND TROPHY

**Back Row:** Kirsty Healing, Sarah-Jane Stephen, Amy Shadforth, Majella Mara, Katherine Salisbury  
**Front Row:** Charmaine Watkin, Taylor Oss, Shelley Clark (C), Kym Lyon, Juanita Allingham

The ASSG 1<sup>st</sup> Netball team has just returned from another successful QISSN (Queensland Independent Secondary School Netball) Confraternity Netball Carnival after **winning the Division 6 title for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time**. The team played consistent netball throughout the week to make the School's 3<sup>rd</sup> QISSN final.

Wins over St Andrew's Lutheran College, Columba Catholic College, St Mary's Catholic College and Xavier Catholic College on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> saw the team placed in 5<sup>th</sup> place in pool E. Unfortunately this meant that they were re-pooled down a division to be the new leaders in Division 6.

Playing a strong game and gaining a good win in the quarter final against St Augustine's College saw the team face off against local rivals, Blackheath and Thornburgh College for a place in the final.

This was a tough encounter, but saw the ASSG team finish strongly and take the win, 20-10.

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June the ASSG girls faced off against the in-form St Andrew's Lutheran College who they beat convincingly in their first game of the week. The final encounter was tightly contested and saw a much-improved St Andrew's team match it with our team until the dying minutes. At the end of the game it was ASSG who was victorious by a mere 2 points, 19-17. Needless to say the ASSG girls were relieved to come away with the win.

Well done to all the players for their consistent efforts throughout the week. Special congratulations to Katherine Salisbury who was named the ASSG Most Valuable Player for the Carnival. We now look forward to QISSN 2014 to be held on the Gold Coast.

## WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE ANZACS

Over the Easter Holidays a group of All Souls St Gabriels students embarked on a 15 day journey across Europe in honour of our courageous ANZACS.

Along with sightseeing in Paris, London and Istanbul, the travellers visited WWI's most historic battle fields, gravesites and museums. There was many a tearful moment by the students who discovered a whole new appreciation for the sacrifices made by young men and women during the war. Some of the sites were particularly sacred to the students as they realised that these were the last resting places of relatives who did not make it home.

All Souls St Gabriels teacher Mr Mitch Sokolowski commented: "It seems that every resting place we go to breeds new life into the appreciation of the sacrifices from those so young. The students are showing their appreciation with respectful comments and genuine interest in the little details, such as the closeness of graves to each other, and the spotting of a 16 year old's grave. With many Year 11 students on the trip, it is a sombre message that drives the impact of the Great War home and in their hearts."



*ASSG Students and Travel Companions Gather Around one of the four lions guarding Nelson's Column at Trafalgar Square, London, England*

Historic highlights for the students included Flanders Fields Museum, which chronicles the effects of the war on soldiers and civilians alike, Hill 60, Tyne Cot - the world's largest Commonwealth war cemetery that sits in the heart of one of the most horrific battlefields of the war - the Passchendaele, Menin Gate where they experienced a moving Last Post ceremony, the Somme, Victoria School War Museum and Gallipoli where they saw the grave of John Simpson, the man with the donkey.





## CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS



*ASSG Cross Country Team Celebrate 8 Wins in a Row.*

All Souls St Gabriels School has proved itself to be the top Cross Country running school by sweeping all before it at the 2013 Charters Towers Primary and Secondary School Championships.

The Secondary team won their event for the 8th consecutive year with a victory margin of nearly 400 points over 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Both Boys and Girls won their respective Championships, both for a record 8 times.

Amidst all the success the stand out age group was probably the Open Girls where the 6 ASSG runners finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in a field of 24.

Seven students were individual Age Champions from 10 events, including all five Girls events. It was a comprehensive victory.

But so too was the win by the Primary team. They entered their competition as the second smallest school yet scored twice as many points as the runner up school. Of the eight races involving all six Charters Towers schools, ASSG runners won 5.

Such success does not come easily. It involves commitment, hard work and some early morning starts. It also requires dedicated staff. All Souls St Gabriels School has both students and staff who are prepared to work hard and last week they all received reward for their effort.

## Junior School Interschool Cross Country

On Tuesday the 30th of April, 32 ASSG students aged 10 to 13 years competed in the Charters Towers District Primary School Sports, Interschool Cross Country Carnival held at Columba Catholic College. The weather could not have been better for the event and everyone involved had a fantastic day. All staff who attended the event agreed that our students presented impeccable behaviour and represented the school exceptionally well, with their enthusiasm and support for one another.

The day was a huge success for All Souls St Gabriels. With six out of a possible 8 Age Champions, we were victorious in bringing home both the Interschool Overall Shield and the Interschool Average Shield. Congratulation to our champions:

Boys 10 years:	Tom Marshall
Girls 10 years:	Louise Polsen
Boys 11 years:	Todd Thorn
Girls 11 years:	Luka Hall
Boys 12 years:	Tim Ievers
Girls 13 years:	Breanne Peace

All of our students who participated gave of their personal best and showed great sportsmanship

Congratulations to all students involved.



*Junior Inter School Cross Country Champions with coach Natasha Myer*