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MUSEUM – UP, UP AND AWAY



Our Museum Project is gathering momentum thanks to the great support of close to three hundred past students and friends. Stage 1, the construction of the building, is ahead of schedule and could well be finished by Christmas. What a present that will be! Our builder, past student Robbie Peace has generously donated much of his time to the construction work. We are so grateful for Robbie's contribution and the care with which he goes about his task. We have sufficient funds to pay for the building but need more support for the funding of Stage 2, the provision of the internal fittings.

The Management Committee driving this project is now working hard to organise what will be seen inside the building. We feel that the way the interior of the building is outfitted will determine how special our Museum becomes because this is what you will see when you come back and walk inside.

The entrance to our Museum will also be graced by the *"Donor Walls"* clearly listing all you generous past students and friends who have donated to the project. Donors whose names go on these

walls are giving in various ways. Many have simply made donations to the Museum building fund. Some like our builder have made donations of expertise towards the building. A small number are now beginning to donate some of the fittings for the Great Hall, the Archives or the Office. Each of these gifts will be recognised by placing on them a small plaque with the donor's name. If you wish to give such a donation see the list of fittings on the donor form in this issue. Remember this building is a gift to the School by past students and friends. It is not financed by the School.

Already we are receiving memorabilia from past students that will add to our collection. So please don't throw out any memorabilia from your days at the School. Send it to us. We may not be able to display it immediately but will certainly secure and preserve it until and if we can. A Deed of Gift will be given with each acquisition. The richness of our displays will be dependent on not just what we have at the School but also what past students send us.

REMINDER

If you have donated to the Museum Project please go to the School's web site and check that your name has been correctly recorded. We have endeavoured to keep an accurate list but before the *"Donor Walls"* are made and put in place we need to ensure the names are accurate.

The need to get things right in this area is so important.

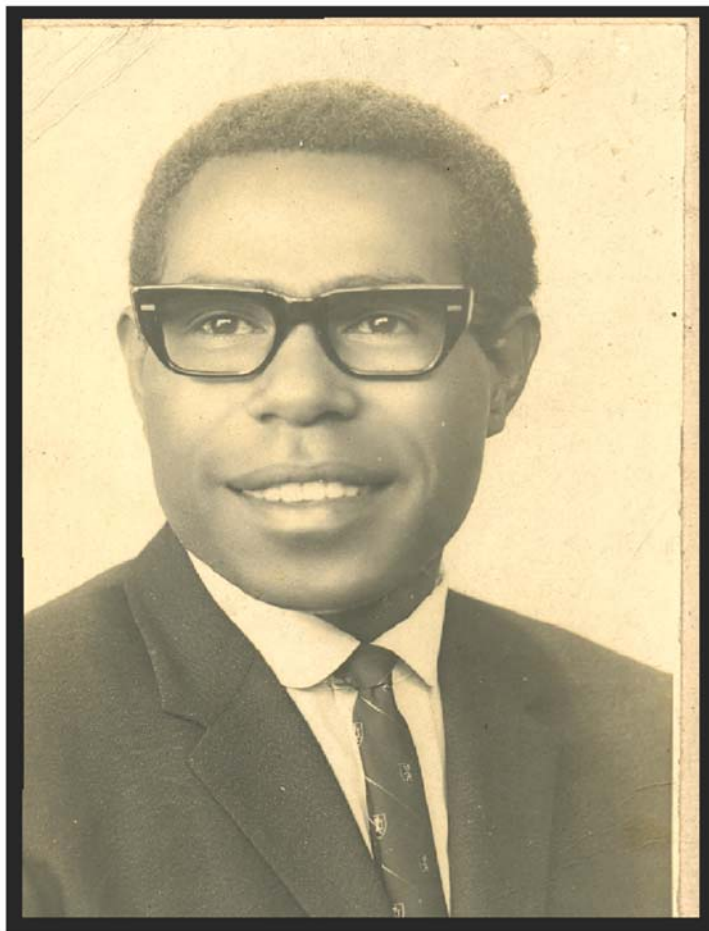
1ST PNG PAST STUDENT ONTO OUR WALLS OF FAME

From an obituary written in our *Servire Regnare* magazine of October, 1996 following Kipling Uiri's death on a Port Moresby golf course, the writer expressed these poignant words. *"Long-time observers of the first generation of tertiary-educated Papua New Guineans have often feared that the onerous responsibilities imposed on them so early in their careers together with the life-style would lead to premature deaths."* Kip's involvement with his work for his country was massive in so many different areas of responsibility and so it was that this great servant of PNG died well before his time at the age of 53.

Kipling was born in Gona officially 1st January, 1943 but, with war raging in his district with the Battle of the Northern Beaches at the end of the Kokoda Campaign in World War II, no records were kept. His birth could have been any time or any place thereabouts. Following his primary schooling with the Territory Anglican Mission he was sent to board at All Souls' in 1958 having been awarded an Administration scholarship. He excelled in and out of the classroom. He was a talented and punishing rugby league player, elegant hurdler and a menacing fast bowler.

He captained Ramsay House, 1st Football and Athletics and was a Cadet Under Officer. He was a most engaging, obliging and humble human being who used his talents to the max.

Following his Studies at James Cook and Queensland University he became the first Papuan or New Guinean to gain a tertiary degree, Bachelor of Arts majoring in psychology. On returning to PNG he joined the Public Service and became a supporter of Michael Somare's Pangu Pati rising to Executive Manager Public Affairs & Human Resources.. With the fall of Somare's government, he entered private enterprise to eventually become Corporate General Manager – BHP PNG. While some skeptics questioned his appointments here, Kip



proved a model to others treating his employer as his priority while upholding the national interest both in and out of the country. *"BHP was fortunate to have an eloquent national spokesman defending its interests."* In the conclusion of his obituary in the *Servire Regnare* it was stated that *"Perhaps Kip should have kept the forenamed Rudyard. He died within days of delivering an admonition of ethical conduct to the Business Council of PNG, of which he had been founding president."*

He becomes the first PNG student to grace our Walls of Fame.



**KEEP CALM
AND
UPDATE
YOUR DETAILS**

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT DETAILS?

We try our hardest to keep our past students up to date with the latest happenings from the school we cherish, but we need your help.

The easiest way to ensure you stay "in the loop" is to register your details on the All Souls St Gabriels official website. Go to:

www.allsouls.qld.edu.au

The online update function can be found by clicking on the Past Students page.



2013 Reunion



Our 2013 reunion was a little smaller than previous years but a most enjoyable and friendly one. More older past students turned up with a good number from the class of 1963 which was well organised by Bill Hely who established their web site and Graham Campbell who contacted many of his classmates. If one or two from a class do the hard work like this then reunions are an absolute joy for those who take the trouble to turn up. If one just turns up on spec there is little chance that your classmates will be here to enjoy it with you. That is why those wishing to attend next year's reunion need to start contacting their fellow classmates now if you really want a great time.

Next year's date for reunion is 10th – 12th October.

Many saw the museum building being constructed. The Saturday night dinner was hosted by past student History and English teacher, Denis Riddle and the toast to the School was given by 1963 school captain, John Stevens. We drew the touch footie but lost the debate with the students. Some young past students from 2008 surprisingly turned up. We struggle to get young people back from the nineties on and so we make a special call for more of you to make a special effort in 2014, 100 years since the start of World War II. Seventy-four of our School's young past students gave their lives during WW II and we want to especially remember them next year at our reunion.



Class of 1963 and a few others

Back Row: Clive Grant, Lee Wellington, Noel Scott, Don Pitt, Bill Hely, Howard Lowe, Chris Canavan, Darrell McDowall, Dick Carthew, Mel Wardrop, Mike Hopkins

Middle Row: David Smith, Edward Pointing, David McIntyre, Graham Campbell, Robert Muirhead, Ken Swan, John Stevens, Mike Byrne

Front: Lindsay Jue Sue, Barry Bignall

BRISBANE OLD GIRLS LUNCHEON

Thirty-four attended the Christmas luncheon in the Theodore Club in the heart of Brisbane. Group leader, Jacki Clayton did a marvellous job of organising the dinner. Some travelled long distances to be with us. Howard Lowe, the President of the Past Students Association was also in attendance. He and Jacki Clayton earlier in the week had covered almost 600km in two days visiting school museums in the south to gather information that will help Stage 2 of the Museum Project, the fitout which will bring this project to a conclusion when sufficient funds are available.

Molly Scott who has long served this group of past student school supporters as secretary was recognised and presented with a "Destined to Make a Difference" pin. Her service has been long, invaluable and most appreciated.

It would be great if some "Old Boys" could organise a similar group.

If there is someone out there who could act as leader, let us know and the Association will help locate some past students who might be able to attend.

School Captains	Madison Godfrey (Winton) & Julian Meteyard (Pentland)
Vice School Captains	Juanita Allingham (Charters Towers) & Matthew Ievers (Richmond)
Chapel Prefect	Charmaine Watkin (Kingaroy)
Alban House Captain	Amy Shadforth (Charters Towers)
Becket House Captain	Majella Mara (Charters Towers)
Chad House Captain	Sydnee Baskett (Winton)
Feetham House Captain	Matthew Ievers (Richmond)
Page House Captain	Zane Pierce (Charters Towers)
Ramsay House Captain	Sean Wade (Charters Towers)
Music Prefect	Tessa Donaldson (Ingham)
Academic Prefect	Katherine Salisbury (Charters Towers)
Prefect	Sam Read (Baralaba)

MORE 2013 PHOTOS



Reunion :
Class of 1973
Organised by
Paul Thomas



Debating Teams
Students: Tessa
Donaldson,
Alice Carter &
Sian Cook.
Past Students:
Diane Alford,
Noel Scott &
Alan Scott.



Molly Scott
(Standing) with
Joyce Berryman
(on left) at the
Brisbane "Old
Girls" Luncheon
in November.



John "Boxhead"
Stevens with
grandchildren
(current stu-
dents) Noel and
Jessica Bridges
at Reunion
weekend.