



**ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE KYABRAM
PAST STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE
ASSOCIATION**



2ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 23RD MARCH 2015

Co-ordinator's Report

St. Augustine's College is a flourishing school that has been providing educational opportunities for over 110 years. It is a wonderful experience for me to support the development of the Past Students and Friends Association, another initiative in the history of the College.

We would like to emphasise that this is an Association for Past Students and Friends; it is open to anyone who is interested in the life of the College. Friends could be parents, staff members, grandparents, uncles and aunts and any people in the Parish and community.

The highlight of the past year for the Association was the dinner that we hosted to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of St. Augustine's College. Led by our excellent MC, past student John Lilford, many people were encouraged to reminisce and the crowd enjoyed remembering times past, laughing at the entertaining stories and commemorating this long history of Catholic Education in Kyabram. The extraordinary contribution of our members ensured the success of this event.

A Memorial Mass was held on 16th November and the names of deceased past students were included in the Book of Remembrance. Family and friends are asked to contact the Association if they would like past students and friends remembered at this event in the future.

Archival material A major focus of the Association in 2015 will be implementing a management system for historical records and archival material. An enthusiastic working group met earlier this month at the Our Lady of Peace Centre where we reviewed the records and discussed plans for the future.

Records include:

- Awards
- Classroom work and curriculum material
- Information about School Musicals and concerts
- Mothers' Club records
- Newsletters
- Newspaper clippings
- School Centenary information
- School magazines
- School photo albums
- School uniforms

During this year, it is anticipated that we will meet regularly and develop the management and recording system. Future goals include scanning photos and documents and making recommendations about filing and displaying historical information.

Parish History The history of St. Augustine's College is closely interwoven with the parish story. Mary McCormick (a past student and staff member) is leading a parish group that is planning to write a parish history to commemorate the 140th Anniversary in 2018. This group meets regularly and they have contacted the Diocesan Archivist for advice and direction.

Collection of Archival Material We are now searching for historical information from our past students and friends. Please consider if you can provide any of the following:

- typed and handwritten letters & documents
- certificates
- printed material – cuttings, brochures, reports and newsletters
- maps & plans
- photographs
- magazines
- records of meetings

Past Students and Friends Awards and Letters of Congratulation

The Association is proposing that the following awards would be open to all its members:

- Past Students and Friends Service Award
- Young Past Students and Friends Award
- Achievement Award
- Sporting Award Past Students and Friends

Awards will be presented at the Annual General Meeting

Letters of congratulation may be sent to Past Students whose achievements come to the attention of the Past Students and Friends Association. The decision to forward a message of congratulation will be determined by the Committee members at an ordinary meeting, or at an extraordinary meeting or by the Executive members of the Committee (Executive: President, Deputy President, Secretary, Treasurer). The reasons for the Committee's decision will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The messages will be sent by the Secretary of the Association.

Two newsletters were published in 2015 and they were sent to everyone on the data base – either by post or email.

An Information Leaflet has been prepared and it is available on the St. Augustine's College website.

Membership and Donations

The Association decided that there would not be a membership fee to ensure that there would be no financial barriers for those who desired to join. A very limited amount of money has been donated and the Committee is continually focusing on how to implement this strategy more effectively.

Data Base We now have over members registered and we expect that these numbers will continue to grow.

Reunions We encourage any groups who are planning a reunion to contact the College and discuss how the Association can help you organise your event.

St. Augustine's Junior Football Club 50th Anniversary 2015. We offer our congratulations to the Club for its service to the school community and its enthusiasm for promoting football and supporting young people for fifty years.

Meeting Dates for 2015

The Association will meet once a term and sub committees will manage events. e.g. reunions

- Term 2: Monday 11th May at 7 p.m.
- Term 3: Monday 10th August at 7 p.m.
- Term 4: Monday 12th October at 7 p.m.

Memorial Mass This will be held on Sunday 15th November 2015 at 10 a.m.

Thank you to the dedicated and enthusiastic team who bring their time and talents to this Association. We acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of Kerrie Bozzella, Joan, Caitlin and Andrew Dickman, Helen Heard, Jenny Leahy, John Lilford, Samuel Mehanni, Brian and Anne O'Meara, Linda Stone, Lisa Warren and Mary Zobec.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to:

- Julie Mulcahy who manages the administrative matters for the Association
- Caitlin Dickman who designs the newsletters
- Trish Norton who provides advice and support with the financial management of the Association
- Jenny Hetherington who proof reads the newsletters
- Brayden Stone who offers assistance with the sporting stories of past students and friends of the College.
- The IT staff at the College who manage the web site.
- All the past students and friends who have connected with our Association, attended events, provided stories and expressed their enthusiasm for this new development in the history of St. Augustine's College Kyabram

We would like to particularly acknowledge the significant contribution of our Past Principal, Oronzo Farina, for his foresight in initiating the Past Students' Association. He championed its beginnings with boundless enthusiasm and he was fervently dedicated to its development.

The Association now warmly welcomes our new Principal, Luci Quinn, and we eagerly anticipate working with her to explore how the Past Students and Friends can strive to achieve its goals and set new directions for the future.