Co-ordinator’s Report

The first meeting for the Association was held on 14\textsuperscript{th} May 2013 and the group decided that this Association would be for anyone who wanted to be connected to St. Augustine’s College; it is a Past Students and Friends Association. Friends could be parents, staff members, grandparents and any people in the Parish and the community who are interested in the development of the College. Julie Mulcahy has established a data base; if you want to be included, please tell her tonight or contact the school.

There is a Catholic Development Network which is an Association of Catholic Schools that focuses on past students’ groups, publicity, marketing and development. This group is very valuable as it provides information and networking and we have researched the activities of Alumni Associations in other schools.

Two Reunions

- Sunday 6\textsuperscript{th} October – Mass, School Tour and Lunch
- Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} October – Morning Tea and a School Tour

Support for Reunions

- The 30\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary for Year 10 of 1983 on 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} August was organised by Helen Mullins. Approximately 20 people attended the dinner on 3\textsuperscript{rd} August and about 12 people joined the school tour on Sunday morning after Mass. The group was very interested in the Principal’s information; they were extremely impressed with the appearance of the school and they tried to remember the location of some of their classrooms. The Reunion concluded with lunch at Hurley’s Hotel on Sunday.

A Memorial Mass was held on 17\textsuperscript{th} November and approximately 30 past students were recorded in the book. The group joined the visitors who were attending the opening of the school for morning tea and this was a very successful arrangement.

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

Publicity: There was a newspaper article in the Free Press on 18\textsuperscript{th} September 2013.

History.

- This group is interested in looking at the history of St. Augustine’s College and there are some resources stored in the old Convent; managing these historical records will be a long term project. We will catalogue the historical records at the school and we would like past students and friends to donate any resources they have about the school’s history. Recently I visited the Kyabram Historical Library to look at their management system and to search for any school records and we now have a copy of a school newsletter from 1970.
- **Parish History** – the school history is closely linked with the parish history. Mary McCormick (a past student and staff member) has proposed that a parish history is written
to commemorate the 140th Anniversary in 2018. Everyone is invited to participate in this project and a letter will be distributed asking for people’s contributions. As the school is so closely involved with the Parish History, school stories will be part of this research.

**Membership**

Instead of having a membership fee for the Association, a decision was made to ask for donations and Mrs. T. Norton will provide the details about how this process will be managed.

**2014**

- Facebook: Thank you to Julie Mulcahy and Brayden Stone who have organised a Facebook page for the Past Students and Friends’ Members.

**Meeting Structure**

We propose that we meet once a term, then sub committees will manage events. e.g. dinner

- Term 2 Monday 12th May (subcommittees will be required for the dinner)
- Term 3 Monday 11th August
- Term 4 Monday 10th November

Two newsletters will be published.

**110th Anniversary Dinner**

- Saturday 4th October at the Bocce Club; all past students and friends are encouraged to attend.

**Memorial Mass**

- This will be held in November, but the date has not yet been confirmed.

**An Information Leaflet** about the Association is being designed.

**Thank you to the team** who have been guiding the progress of this Association: Kerrie Bozzella, Joan, Caitlin and Andrew Dickman, Helen Heard, Jenny Leahy, John Lilford, Samuel Mehanni, Brian and Anne O’Meara, Linda Stone, Lisa Warren, Mary Zobec.

**Thank you** to the following people who are supporting the development of this group.

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- Jenny Hetherington for proof reading the newsletters
- Oronzo Farina for providing the opportunity within the College for the Association to be formed
- Brayden Stone for his assistance with the sporting stories of past students and friends of the College.
- The IT staff at the College for managing 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