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Slade's most decorated WWII soldier

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FRANK HODDINOTT MC DCM

The Slade School roll lists Frank at Slade in 1926/1927 although he does not appear in a 1926 School Group photo. The following comes to us courtesy of Ken Mardon and Tom Gunn who tell us that Frank is Slade's most decorated World War 2 soldier.

Francis Joseph Hoddinott won the DCM (Distinguished Conduct Medal) in Syria, and the MC (Military Cross) granted February 12, 1942 in New Guinea. He was also Mentioned in Dispatches. A Queenslander, "Frank" joined the AIF in 1939 and in June, 1941 (during the Syrian Campaign) was a Warrant Officer attached to company headquarters when two Vichy French battalions attacked his company and one other while they were holding the Jebel Mazar feature.

Noting that one of the attacking battalions was moving to the south of the hill to outflank the Australians, Hoddinott quickly organised a section comprising himself and three other HQ men, moving forward on the Vichy French flank. Setting up both their guns—a Bren and a French Hotchkiss—in an improvised weapon pit, the four Australians brought steady fire to bear on the Vichy French, forcing them to halt. Hoddinott and his men held their position for four hours until their ammunition ran out, when they were compelled to withdraw. By now it was dark which enabled the Australian companies to get away without serious losses. For saving his company, Hoddinot was awarded the DCM, which was commissioned December, 1941.

In October, 1942, and some 10,000 miles away in New Guinea, Frank then won the MC

(granted 22 April 1943) at Eora Creek as the AIF forced the Japanese back over the Kokoda Trail to the sea.

As commander of one of two AIF platoons which had been ordered to clean out a strongly held position, Hoddinott and his men and the other platoon charged across cleared fire lanes in the face of heavy machine-gun fire capturing the position, killing more than 30 Japanese. Because the commander of the other platoon had been killed, Hoddinott reorganised both platoons which then fought off a determined counter attack and evacuated their wounded.

The best photo that can be found of Frank is in a group war photo (see below).

Included in the photo are: Generals Douglas MacArthur

and Blamey, then Commander-in-Chief of the Land Forces in the Southwest Pacific Area with men of the 2/3 Battalion—some pretty elite company!

Identified left to right:

NX100 Major Ian Hutchison MC (later Colonel Ian Hutchison, DSO, OBE, MC, ED); NX4784 Lieutenant Francis Joseph (Frank) Hoddinott DCM (and later MC); Ron Gray; General Blamey; General MacArthur; Gordon Terrey.

Contact was made with Frank around 1988. At that time he was not a well man. Information from Ancestry records indicate that Frank passed away on 13 December 1997 and his final resting place is in the Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens Acacia Niche Wall (Sydney) Service papers relating to Frank have been forwarded to Warwick.



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**Compromise
is to so divide the
cake that everyone
believes he has the
biggest piece**

IS

**YOUR CLASS
celebrating**

**50 YEARS in 2015
since leaving school?
It's not too late to
start finding those
you can and get
together again.
Share memories
and a few laughs.
Ask me how!**



From the Editor's Desk

I know that, by now, most people are wondering what has happened to Kinawah. Everyone who was supposed to supply articles for the issue following on from the previous Winter Edition has done so. I admit blame for the holdup has been entirely mine to own. While I do enjoy doing this stuff I am someone who needs decent blocks of UNINTERRUPTED time in which to do it and, for many reasons, this hasn't happened. The dead of night ends up being the only such time for me to do this and the many other things that I am involved with but life has a great habit of getting in the way.

That said, at long last here is your long awaited Spring/Summer Edition coming to you hot off the press in the middle of an unseasonably warm Autumn!

I have named this issue a 2014 one because there should also be a Spring/Summer one for 2015 out later in the year.

While I would like to thank everyone for their patience I wish to acknowledge a number of people who have helped bring Kinawah to fruition.

Firstly, thank you to Greg via Ted Ross for the article on the cover about Slade old boy, Francis Hoddinot MC DCM. He is a past student worthy indeed of mention especially so close this year's Anzac centenary. Friends and family members of several of us have served and continue to serve in too many armed conflicts around the globe so this story is one that will be close to the heart for us.

Thank you to Peter Ramsay, Richard Cleal, Paul Masson, Madeline Blyth, Ted Ross and Jenny Schonfisch for the great articles they have sent in and the various special reunions that have been held recently.

Thanks too, to Richard Bussar for his contribution re the last Breakfast Creek Reunion. I have assembled this edition in haste and will use some of Richard's input at a later time.

It is noted that in the minutes of the AGM in the last Kinawah Chelmer Roots and Joan Austin's names were omitted from the attendance record.

Sadly we have an unusually large number of Vale notices this time. Before you rush to tell me that some of the details are a bit sketchy I can

only say that I have done my best with the information I was given. I have looked up details on the internet where possible if and when they were available but I cannot perform miracles.

There have quite obviously been some significant losses in our ranks in recent months and we express our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family that have been so sadly left behind.

And to Dawn Carseldine who attended St Catharine's 1953/4, and is wondering if Kinawah is still available on the internet I can affirm that yes it is. It goes up as soon as possible after publishing on the SSPSA website. The reason you haven't been able to find it is that there hasn't been one produced! Also the website was unexpectedly 'down' for a time recently so this may have added to your confusion.

And now in haste I will sign off as I am frantically preparing to head away for a while to visit family overseas. There is never such a thing as a smooth getaway for me. Until next time stay safe and well.

Joan (Clothier) White

2014/2015 Committee

As of our annual reunion and AGM in June new office bearers on the association committee are:

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* Harry reports that he is putting more and more of the magazines on the website as he gets time. Some need to be broken into parts as most individual files are too large to upload.



Cookie's Corner

Welcome to the new year and our **FIRST KINAWAH** for 2015.

It is only through the dedication of those involved in the SSPSA that it continues to be a success. Everyone has busy lives and I do appreciate the extra effort it takes to find the time to organise functions, attend meetings, answer emails, send out correspondence and put out Kinawah. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts and seek your continued willing assistance for the year ahead!

Saturday 18th October saw the annual 60/70s reunion take place at the Breakfast Creek Hotel in Brisbane. The event was well attended with over 80 people showing up.

Once upon a time the reunion was restricted to past students of the 67, 68 and 69 years. It was often said "I know I didn't attend in those years but would love to catch up" so it then became students from the 60's and then 60's and 70's. Word of mouth seems to bring people out of the woodwork. As time goes on the reunion has been opened up for anyone who would like to attend. A great time was had by all. It is amazing that after all these years we can still track down those who attended the school and find many friendships still intact and many friendships renewed on the day. Photos can be found on the website.

This brings me back to the next function in the planning stages, which is the reunion being held in Warwick on June 6 and 7 this year. This will celebrate the resurrection

of the old school. There will be tours, dinners and events along with the AGM.

All past school captains have been invited and encouraged to invite any past students from their years. We would really like this event to be a great success and will rely on our members to get the word out and really promote the reunion. A detailed agenda and timetable will be issued in the near future.

The association has welcomed new members and sadly mourned the recent loss of old school friends. We have again opened up communication with Warwick Christian College, particularly with Principal, Jenny Lang.

For the association to continue we must engage with the college and work towards our Past Students Association so the proud history of our school is not forgotten.

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The 2015 SSPSA Reunion will be celebrating the resurrection of our old school with tours, dinners and events along with the AGM
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Breakfast Creek Reunion ... Mark your diaries

**8th ANNUAL GET TOGETHER
Slade/St Catharine's 60s/70s**

**Saturday
October 17 at 11 a.m.
FOR LUNCH AT**

**Breakfast Creek Hotel
2 Kingsford Smith Drive
Breakfast Creek QLD 4010**

Catch up for drinks and conversation
PARTNERS WELCOME

You can help in several ways:

- 1. If you are likely to be able to come** let Richard know so he can add your name to the updates which he sends out monthly.
- 2. Pass the word** to other Slade or St Catharine's students who might be interested and/or send Richard their contact details so he can get it touch with them. There are still a lot of past students we don't have emails for so to find out if Richard has an address you can contact him:

racleal@bigpond.net.au

- 3. e-mail addresses** of 60's/70's 'lost' students just keep coming to light so if you are only finding out about this now, apologies for the lack of previous contact! Richard is happy to supply additional information if you e-mail him as above or a call him on 0409 057 915.

- 4. While you keep coming we intend to keep holding them!**

General information as usual is as follows:

- BCH will have an area set aside for us at the front of the Hotel.
- Buy your own drinks and meals
- Partners etc are welcome
- No speeches/formal proceedings
- The whole idea is to catch up with your old class mates in a relaxed, pleasant atmosphere.
- Anyone who attended Slade or St Catharine's who is interested is welcome

“SUCCESS

is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts”

Winston Churchill

Warwick Christian College common connection on show



As we are aware, the historic Slade Campus is now home to the Warwick Christian College. The following, taken from the WCC website gives a little background to the present-day school and acknowledges its proud connection with Slade thus:

History of the College: Warwick Christian College is set in the beautiful old Slade Campus on the North side of Warwick. Established in 2007, the college aims to provide an affordable, Christian education to the families of the Southern Downs. The College is accredited to teach from Prep to Year 10, extending to year 12 by 2017.

Warwick Christian College is part of the Christian Community Ministries (CCM) group of schools. CCM operates nine schools across Australia, as well as two Learning Centres for at-risk youth, one of which is located at the Old Warwick Christian College Site.

In early March 2012, Warwick Christian College purchased the historic Slade School campus on Horsman Rd for \$4 million and by Term 3 of that year Terrence McCorkell Joined the School as Principal.

At the start of 2013, Warwick Christian College re-located to the Slade School Campus. In 2014 Terrence McCorkell was promoted to Chief Operations Officer of CCM and we welcomed Jenny Lang as Principal. The current enrollments at the college are approximately 160, and staff numbering 20+. Over the next few years work will continue to be done to restore the Slade School Campus so by 2017, Warwick Christian College can operate as a full P-12 College with excellent facilities.

SSPSA President, Steve Cooke and Peter Ramsay were on hand for the College 2014 Awards. They were proud to present four of our old Slade School Trophies to recognise present day achievements picture below.

Steve’s speech appears at right.

Let me begin by saying what an honour it is for the Slade/St. Catharine’s Past Students Association to be invited to attend the College Awards` Presentation Evening once again. Our association eagerly awaits the day when past students from `Warwick Christian College`, Slade and St. Catharine`s can, as one united forum represent all the past students. The bricks and mortar that now support this College were first set in place in 1926, and aside from a short period when the fate of school lay in the balance this campus has provided a balanced Christian education for the Warwick and district community over many, many years.

How pleasing it is to see that Warwick Christian College has taken up the challenge and will continue to provide this wonderful opportunity for the children of Warwick to receive a Christian education. We stand ready to assist the college administration and future past students of the college to join with us and together form a new association that truly represents all past students of this campus.



Presenting the `Founders` Trophy` to the winning House Captain.

PER VOLAR SONATA – PATRIBUS DIGNI ESTOTE: *Born to fly upwards – Be worthy of our forebears*



St Catharines/Slade School Facebook Latest

Have you checked out the Facebook page yet? Now with 146 members, it really is the modern way to get information out to where it needs to go. Nigel Faulkner has posted the following about our up coming

Reunions as follows.
Hi All.
This years' lunch at the Brekkie Creek is tentatively booked for Saturday 17th October.
Don't forget the Annual Renion/ AGM will be held at Slade on the

long weekend 6th June. Agenda will be available soon.
The message was posted March 19 and as of March 24, 53 people have seen it so you see it is as simple as that.
Great initiative guys!

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Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Mailbag



Always visit the old school when in Warwick. Good to see kids

enjoying it again. I'm from the 60's vintage. Slade School 1961 to '64 would be good to get some pics from the museum to put on this page from the 60's era when it was just a boys school. I'm guessing that not many from the early 60's will be on FB but you never know.

Barry Dixon

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the following who attended Slade in 80/81

- Rodney Kent
- Craig Bulst
- Peter Cause
- Wayne Gray
- Michael Baldwin

I'll have to find the year-books and chase up some more names.

Steve Muller

Thanks for the Kinawah. I was pleased to see the info from John Chong.

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Walter Robb

I haven't made it to too much in the way of reunions as I'm still working flat out (at 65!) but love being kept up to date. Hope to make it to something at some stage. I was just reading about White House and have always been very sad it burnt down. A great old lady of a building and I have very fond memories of the place.

Margaret Thorsborne

I am interested to read the activities of the Slade past Student's Association. Slade has become an important part of our (my husband's and my) lives, and we enjoy meeting at Slade for Probus and Heart Foundation meetings each month. So

pleased that it lives again! A great outcome. The connection between the former Slade School students and the Christian College students to day is something quite unique.

Margaret McKinnon

I'm afraid you'll have to change the journal's name, as it no longer looks like it comes from an impoverished source. It definitely looks like a million dollars. You can quote me on that.

Paul Holland

At last I have an email address so I will gladly receive my Kinawah electronically. All the best for your term as editor. I have always enjoyed reading about school history and the lives of past students. Thanks. **Wal Holcombe**

A quick note to let you know that the Slade School Cadets banner has been returned to WCC Slade Campus and I have placed in the Museum.

It is in tremendous condition, was found in an old storeroom at St Marks Church Warwick, I did ask the gentleman that returned it to look for any other items he may think are of interest to our School.

A suggestion ... to encourage and establish an ongoing rapport with the SSPSA and WCC would it be possible to resurrect a couple of the older sports trophies that are in the museum for Athletics and Swimming and rename them as Past & Present Trophies? *

Kel Williamson (WCC)

*As may be seen on page 4 the answer to Kel's question was a resounding Yes!

50 Year Reunion - St Catharine's Class of '64

On 16 August the Senior Class of 1964 at St Catharine's held a reunion at the home of Jill Anthony (Gardner) at Chapel Hill in Brisbane. It was a wonderful way to mark fifty years since leaving school. A big effort was made to contact all those who had been in the class at some time from Grade 7 in 1959. Twenty-three women came and there were twenty-four apologies. Many friendships were renewed, stories told and memories revived. Thanks to Jill for making her home available. Flora Clark (Reis), Penny Underhill (Jones) and Marion Mackenzie (Knowles) put in a lot of planning to make the day a great success.



Flora (Reis) Clark, Sandra (Lomas) Bartlem, Heather (Thompson) Sense, Penny (Jones) Underhill, Lyn (Hutton) Nation



Sandra (Stehr) Marriott, Margery (Eyears) Merrell, Beverley (Telford) Nelson, Jennifer (Baker-Finch) Green, Ann (Gardner) Henning, Kate (Lockwood) Simpson, Ethel May (Morris) Byrne



Sue (Coles) Keys, Jacki (Cunningham) Clayton, Jill (Gardner) Anthony, Gayle (Burow) Burns, Marion (Knowles) Mackenzie, Elizabeth (Rowland) Bloomfield, Jenny (Smith) Olive



Ann (Gardner) Henning, Kate (Lockwood) Simpson, Ethel May (Morris) Byrne, Flora (Whitaker) Sturgess, Jan (Giles) White, Marise Spork, Geneve (Hungerford) Hague

40's Reunion - South Bank

October 9, we Oldies had a really happy get-together at the Shore Restaurant, South Bank. We managed to contact sixteen "girls", all students at St Catharines in the 1940's. Yes as long ago as that! Seven came along and enjoyed the company, food, the outstanding location and the attention given us. Apologies received included a message from Chelmer Roots (Campbell) expressing regret and blaming very important meetings for her absence. Is she the next Mayor of Biloela?

Corinne Taylor (Harris) was unable to leave her mountain retreat but hopes to see us all soon.

We have made a brand new contact from all those years ago. Pat Ayleward (Keable). Illness prevented her from coming to Brisbane from Crows Nest but after several phone calls I am sure we will be seeing her here.

Joan Campbell's presence was made possible by her daughter in law Judy who brought her along and stayed for lunch.

Many messages were sent to Joan's Bruce who is not well.



Clockwise from front left: Betty McKenzie (Thomson), Coolah Cassimatis (Malanos), Joan Austin (Beckinsale), Roslyn Roberts, Madeline Blyth (Eagar), Joan Campbell (Hinton), Beth Calcino, (Harding), Joan Waldron (Taylor)



A highlight of the day was having another invited guest with us – Roslyn Roberts, Roslyn is the younger sister of two of our very well known past students – Maureen and Joan Kirk. Sadly both deceased, but Roslyn representing them was just right.

Many photos appeared including ones of Joan C and Coolah holidaying with their classmate Joan Kirk on the family property when Roslyn was a baby.

Naturally our numbers are depleting. However it has always been obvious that a special bond exists for the girls of those years. No doubt something to do with the uncertainty of war years and getting used to coupons and rationing.

Those were tough years when we supported and cared for each other and when we all knew the real meaning of “doing without”

It really was an exceptionally happy gathering. Having Roslyn with us had us all feeling that Maureen and Joan were nearby. Photos next

Madeline Blyth

Back Row: Beth Calcino (Harding), Madeline Blyth (Eagar), Joan Austin (Beckinsale), Betty McKenzie (Thomson)
Front Row: Joan Campbell (Hinton), Coolah Cassimatis (Malanos), Joan Waldron (Taylor)

Where are they now?

Paul Masson managed to snag the following from **RICHARD CLEAL**, our intrepid Breakfast Creek Reunion convenor. Some great blasts from the past for all of us here!

ROCK MEMORIES...

COME ON AND FEEL THE NOISE!

Of all the “interests” I picked up at Slade, one of the ones my teachers and parents would have seen as least likely to be useful in fact led me to having a business based around it later in life. It is still something I do as a part time business and has become a life long hobby.



The interest I developed at Slade was my love of pop and rock music and the lovely shiny vinyl that contained that music.

I still have a few of the records I bought at Slade but records were very expensive so I listened to them literally hundreds of times and my collection when I finished at Slade was probably something like 20 singles and 3 LPs.

As soon as I began work I started to spend my hard earned cash on LPs and saving for a good Hi Fi System, which I eventually purchased with the money I got for my 21st

This lifelong practice of buying, listening and talking about music eventually led me to getting to know Garry Hunn who owned a number of record shops in Townsville and then in the mid 80s buying a partnership with him in Pet Sounds second hand record shop in Townsville eventually owning the whole shop.

I think anyone who lived in Townsville would have regarded Pet Sounds as one of institutions of Townsville life especially for Uni students and collectors who were looking to add to their vinyl collections and later CD collections.

Owning Pet Sounds was one of the great times of my life. You could listen to music all day, talk about something you loved and make money! A good friend of mine from Slade,

Ray Dickson worked just down the street for the Townsville Bulletin and used to drop in regularly.

I eventually sold the shop back to Garry and moved onto my other interest, politics - but that is another story.

So that initial love of pop music I gained at Slade developed into a business and I still sell records at Record Fairs around Brisbane.

How did this love of music come about?

I thought I would share some of the memories I have at Slade and the people who helped me gain my love of music and vinyl.

● **Derek Burnett** teaching me the first verse of Oh Boy by the Crickets (Buddy Holly) as we walked across to Atkinson house – One of the few songs I still know the lyrics too.

● **Seeing a Beatles live performance on the TV in the dining room in 1964.**

● **Richard Busser** and **Rick Evans** singing Cliff Richard songs at the New Boys concert and on the lawn outside Barnes House – Bachelor Boys we certainly were.

● **Acting as a Cockatoo outside rec rooms watching out for boys smoking** - My reward was to get to read some of the pop magazines like Rave that were inside the rec room which were owned by the older boys.

● **Hearing ‘Do Wah Diddy’ for the first time** which was the start of widening my taste from the more country oriented rock and roll I then liked – Pop Goodwin was listening to it on his transistor which he had up to his ear – I was about 50 yards away and I could still hear it! The first LP I bought was a Manfred Mann’s greatest hits.

● **Spending hours talking to the two Rays – Whear and Aitken** about pop music – We were all big Normie Rowe fans and we planted a flower bed with “Normie” in it – I remember people driving up from Warwick to look at it.

● **Arguing with Bob Handley** who claimed Roy Orbison and Gene Pitney had better voices than Mike Furber, Ronnie Burns, Normie etc Where are you now Bob – You were right.

● **Lloyd Bailey** buying Cream’s **Wheels of Fire** LP with its wonderful pop art cover and listening to it in the rec room – If you still got it Lloyd it is worth \$30-\$40 in good condition.



Some great memories.

Richard Cleal

Vale



John Henning 1943 - 2014

HENNING, John William, late of Karingal Glenmorgan. Passed away September 8, 2014 aged 71 after a battle with cancer. John's Life was celebrated in a service at St Johns Anglican Church, Surat on Monday, 15th September, 2014. John was the original 'Scruffy' Henning. Several of John's siblings and cousins also attended

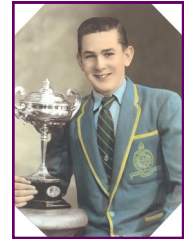
Slade and St Catharine's.

From 1963 Slade Magazine: HENNING J. W. - 1954 - 1962; Prefect; Junior 1960; Senior 1962; Colours in Football and Swimming; Athletics Team; Sacristan.

Colin James Death notice published in the Waikato Times (NZ) July 26, 2014:

JAMES, Colin Denis. July 23, 2014 - passed away suddenly at home in Waihi in his 70th year. Loved husband and friend. Col attended Slade for 4 years from 1959 until 1962.

He was an outstanding athlete and an excellent scholar. Even more importantly he was a true gentleman and a champion for what was right and fair. He won the Botterol Cup in 1959 and played First XV from his sub-junior year.



Fred Sakzewski 1942 - 2014

SAKZEWSKI Sidney Frederick. Passed away September 27, 2014 aged 72 after a diagnosis of liver cancer 6 months earlier. Fred's Valette from his school days: SAKZEWSKI, F. S., 1948 - 1960; Scholarship 1956; Junior 1958; Senior 1960; Colours in Football and Cricket; Half Colours in Tennis.

Fred occupies two places in the history of Slade School – 1) he was the first child of an old boy to be enrolled and attend Slade.

2) he holds the record for the longest attendance at Slade – 13 years from 1948 to 1960. Previous records held by Jum Chataway until he was ousted by Jim Biggam.

His sister Shirley attended St. Catharine's 1948 - 1949. Fred and Shirley's father, Sidney, Geoffrey Sakzewski attended Slade from 1930 to 1931. He featured regularly at Old Boys Weekend. Yes Sid and his Porsche.



Don Batchelor School Captain 1957.

"Don was the most gifted all rounder of my time at Slade, outstanding in academia, in sport and basically anything he pursued! He was a server in the chapel, a brilliant organist, an under officer in the cadets, the most brilliant of speakers in the loquor club and also supported the camera club. He was co founder of the Comrades of St. George, a Christian Leadership group."

Gordon Shirley

Ted Ross also recalls he had a very good singing voice.

Don had been suffering from bowel cancer, and had finally abandoned the difficulties of chemo-therapy for injections, the latter being simply palliative. The good thing is that he joined a group of his closest friends for lunch six days before and was in very good spirits.

A memorial gathering was held at St Barnabas' Church Hall, Waterworks Road October 23, and afterwards at the Bille Browne Theatre South Brisbane).

The following is from the My Missing Life Blog posted October 27, 2014:

Don Batchelor was a beautiful man with a mind as big as the Pacific Ocean. Being a writer and theatre director and a little bit anal, Don had written his own funeral service, chosen the poetry and readings, the final song and written his own eulogy. It could have been self indulgent but it was great. Don generously allowed his brother to write his own account of Don's life - a story full of hardship (Charleville), cheek and surprises (Don was a schoolboy sports hero - football and athletics).

The valette entry for Don from the 1958 Slade Magazine is as follows:

BATCHELOR, D. G., 1951-57. - School Captain; Senior, 1957; Junior, 1955; Scholarship, 1953; Colours in Football, Athletics; Cadet U/O.; Dux of School; Rhodes Prize Winner; Organist.

And now for the girls

Bernice Parina (Harding) Madeline Blyth has let us know that Bernice, a St Catharine's old girl, passed away



Paul Charles Bailey

Passed away at home October 13, 2014. at his home in Toowoomba.

Paul's valette information from the Slade magazine is as follows

BAILEY, P. C., 1949-55. - Junior, 1954; Half-Colours in Swimming.

His sister, Leith Patricia Bailey attended St. Catharine's in 1954.



Ian Budge attended Slade from 1944 to 1946. His brother Garnet also attended Slade. Garnet passed away in 2012.

Ian's sisters Natalie Ferris (nee Budge) (1950-52) and Diana Fyfe (nee Budge) (1944-46) both attended St Catharine's.

Ian's sons Peter (1975-77) and Stephen (1974-79) both attended Slade.

Ian's mother (Lillian Frances Evison Budge) was the Bursar at Slade for many years.

worthy of their forebears

Mining the Archives ... Everyday Things

Joan (Clothier) White

The following appeared in one of the many newsletters I sent out when our class was planning its 2013 reunion which we found thoroughly enjoyable. Everyone of us agreed that we should not leave it too long before doing it all again. Do I hear some as yet future unknown date approaching?

Perhaps this Mining The Archives column will conjure up a few memories for others besides just me.

WHILE I WAS CLEANING OUT THE CUTLERY drawer during the week leading up to Christmas, I came across the battered serviette ring engraved with my name that I used at every mealtime during the five years I spent at boarding school. It brought back the odd memory or two especially since I have been giving some thought of late to those long ago days we all shared back then. This, I thought, is what life sometimes distils down to—some otherwise insignificant something or other that automatically calls to mind memories that we imagine long buried in the past.

Those who have by now read my book, *Brigalow, Billy Cans and Bottle Trees* and become familiar with the background from which I came to boarding school, will have no trouble visualising just what a huge change community dining and the illusion of civilisation that linen serviette represented for me. There we all were, thrown together with people we never would otherwise have met, lined up before orderly (of course) admission to the dining room, eating bread and butter just so plus foods which will remain nameless and that we would never have voluntarily chosen to eat, waiting for grace to be said (before *and after* every meal), not permitted to talk louder than above a polite murmur and generally being forced into a mould that never quite seemed to fit.

Coming from the pioneering lifestyle that I did, where my family sat around a crude bush table on recycled kerosene drums to eat our meals, the whole idea of a serviette, let alone a serviette ring, was a novelty to say the least! I have heard it said that a man's necktie is a symbol of servitude. Well, safe to say that serviette ring, for me, fulfilled the very same function! Who could ever forget taking our turn with

those mountains of washing up at night and huge enamel pitchers of milk side by side with catering size teapots where cups of tea were to be obtained.

Butter on butter dishes and covered metal jam and syrup servers certainly presented a thinly veiled veneer of good manners but those tell-tale streaks on the ceilings and down the walls of the dining room were clear evidence of the possums that regularly romped in the ceiling cavities! Am I recalling a few memories here for anyone else?

In the midst of all this, however, strong bonds were made, characters were forged and we survived. It is nothing short of a miracle to me, the more I think about it, that we did!

The picture below from an earlier newsletter has generated some comment. Helen Smith (playing the guitar) says Sally Clarke is sitting at her left and I am quite certain that the time frame must be our sub-senior year since this was the first year that we were out from under the thumb of Sr. Lois and allowed to grow our hair! If you recall Sr. Lois had moved on by this time to become Mother Superior of the SSA and Sr. Angela was then in charge before Sr. Kathleen in 1969. Helen thought it was Sally Bagita sitting in front of her. It is likely a bit of a harmonic jam session was in progress here. Sally Bagita was two years ahead of us though and would have left St Cath's CEGS by this time so that means the New Guinea girl must be someone else. Perhaps Koi Rima? Koi is a member on the past students' Facebook page (*Koi Patty Rima*—inset - as she is today). For our reunion I tried with zero success to find our old New Guinea classmates. Remember Koi's cousin, Mabel Willie Gavera?

Koi and Mabel were simply wonderful netball players as indeed were nearly all of our New Guinea school friends.



Did you hear the one about ...

A part time Chaplain tells it like it is. "Thank Goodness for all those church ladies with computers." He says the following sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

- ◆ The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- ◆ Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- ◆ Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- ◆ For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- ◆ Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- ◆ At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- ◆ Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- ◆ The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- ◆ This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- ◆ Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And this one just about sums them all up

- ◆ The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'



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Talking Points - Paul Holland

A good many of us share common rural backgrounds and Paul's query concerning water holes called gilgais, frequently found in the Brigalow country where I grew up resurrected a few buried memories. I recall that while dabbling in pottery in my long lost youth and home on holidays I collected and processed a batch of clay from a dam bank on our family property. The clay was yellow but fired up to take on a pale terra cotta colour.

G'day Joan. We used to talk about gilgai country when I was a kid living around Dirranbandi and St George in South-western Queensland. The ground was grey and held water in what we called gilgai holes, which were shallow depressions in the ground. These small ponds found after rain, held water for a long time because of the clay like quality of the soil. When they eventually evaporated, these depressions would grow grass for the stock. If you had sandy loam country and gilgai country, this

was an advantage as the red sandy loam country produced immediate pick for the stock [cattle and sheep to city slickers] and by the time this burnt off, the gilgai holes would be growing fodder. The black soil river flats produced feed between these two types of country.



"Like clay in the hands

Many graziers built their earth tanks in gilgai country (favoured by Brigalow trees) because of its water holding characteristics. The powdery nature of the soil also resulted in the water never becoming completely clear and always had a grey look about it. We used to refer to that grey powdery silt by a name, which, for the life of me, I cannot recall. It sounded something like Kapok which is the stuff they used to put into pillows.

Well Paul, I am pretty sure the word you were trying to think of is kaolin which is also known as china clay. It is a soft white clay and is an essential ingredient in the manufacture of china and porcelain. It is widely used in the making of glossy paper, rubber, paint, and many other products. Kaolin is named after the hill in China (Kao-ling) from which it was mined for centuries. Seems like before Paul was ever into pottery he already had some tenuous connection to it!