



## **"The Old Bush Telegraph"**

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During the month, apart from the details below, I've chatted to, heard from or exchanged emails with Mick Doherty; Luds Hede; Brian Herzig; Jake McCawley; Daniel Brilliant; Terry McHugh and Flab Ward.

All these gents are well and I'm sure would want me to say 'hello' to each of you on their behalf.

It would be good to hear from others who have not been in touch for a while. Nudge, nudge!

Things seem to a bit slow in "MY" newsroom this month. I can only assume that local and regional Council Elections have been occupying the minds of many of you.

As I go to print, another election, Federal, seems to be on the horizon! There is too, I guess, the prospect of a State poll – it doesn't happen often that we get to cast a vote for all tiers of Government, in the same year, does it?

As always I appreciate hearing from all readers as the mailing list for this publication has now exceeded 220, and I hope I can keep everyone up to date with old schoolmates from the 50's – 60's. Oh! Happy and safe Easter! Here we go again!

## **NEWS FROM CLASSMATES**



**Joe Bartlett:** A little bird told me that Joe has moved on from his castle in "Cleve" in the past week or two. I understand he has moved into a retirement village at Waterford, just off the M1 heading towards the Gold Coast. I'm sure it won't be long before he makes his mark there, and may even supervise some geological digs in the grounds of the complex. If not that, dressed in safari suit, high boots and pith helmet, he might go looking for game along the banks of the Albert River!!

**David Bowden:** David has once again thrown his hat into the ring for a councillor's position on the Maranoa Regional Council. We wish him well.

Those of you who have followed David's regular contributions to this publication will know how much his heart is in his home district, particularly Muckadilla.

He tells me – The Muckadilla Community Association won the Cultural Award at the Roma Australia Day Function. This was for the 2015 Muckadilla Rising Sun Dawn Service that concluded with 17 People being involved in a play he wrote on the Enlistment of World War One Soldiers from the district.

He's been in discussions with members of the DPSA who want a book written about the Association. He's looking for details from anyone who may have been involved in the old DPSU in the past.

After three years work, his book, "Remember Muckadilla Service Men and Women" is finally off at the printers. It is hoped the book will be launched on ANZAC Day, 2016 at the Muckadilla Rising Sun Dawn Service.

*[The book is selling at \$35 (ROMA) for a 270 page A4 size with photos, and the history of the soldiers etc. Any interest, contact David.]*

David also told me there have been some terrific falls of rain in the Roma District. We hope that means that the sheep, cattle and wheat people are heading for a good season. The District took a hard hit when the Oil and Gas people started leaving in September 2014. Hopefully the Agricultural Sector can help fill the void.

There is some talk of Oil and Gas starting more development in 2016 – they'll just have to wait and see what transpires.

As well as all this going on David and his wife Lynn celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary [below] – congratulations to you both.



**Ralph Burge:** I saw Ralph, and had a quick chat as we were both visiting doctors for annual check-ups, early in March. I can attest to the fact that Ralph has lost a lot of weight over the past twelve months which, he tells me, is a positive for his general wellbeing. His arthritis though is an absolute bugger. He doesn't seem to let it get the better of him even though the pain he suffers is pretty bad.

**Bernie Casey:** Has returned from a week in Townsville where one of his twin sons, John, has taken up residence as a specialist in haematology and pathology at the Townsville Hospital. Bernie's family lived in FNQ many years ago. Bern said he thanks the dear lord that his Father and Mother moved south, because the heat and humidity during the days he and Marie were in 'Cowboys' territory, were both pretty severe.

**noel clanchy.** 'hello jack I know all about your computer problems. get your computer room sound proofed and steel bars placed around it. they are talking about courses for beginners here free. at least I know I can only improve. The river is dirty here from the rain so we might be in for some prawns soon. all the best jack and hi to all your readers. noel clanchy'

[Still no 'Capitals'!! Ed]

**Peter Low:** Peter very kindly sent a note on the 8<sup>th</sup> February to wish us all New Year Greetings for the year of the Monkey. He wishes us peace, good fortune, good health, good luck and happiness throughout the year.

I was very pleased to receive this message because, having been born in 1944, I am a product of a former Year of the Monkey! Does that make sense?

Thank you for the message Peter

**Black Jack O'Brien:** Is in southern Queensland at the moment to attend his son's wedding in Maleny over the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> March. Mike and Clair drove down from Mataranka and hoped to call in on Adrian Cooney in Dajarra but had to bypass the area to avoid flooded roads. Mike hopes to call on Mr Cooney on the return trip in a couple of week's time.

The family attended a performance of The Australian Outback Spectacular at Movie World while they were down. I imagine Mike could have taught those performers a thing or two.

**Bill Sexton.** Bill spent some time in one of the southern capitals in mid-March, and treated himself to an entree of local(ish) seafood. Bill tells the story best, but it seems Tasmanian oysters will be off his menu for some time to come !

**Paul Stark:** Paul, who keeps his ear to the ground about what's happening around the Clifton, Allora and Warwick areas of the Downs, rang with some sad news affecting two of our classmates in the past two to three weeks. **Dan Flynn's** brother-in-law, Dan Brady, passed away, as did **Leo Ryan's** sister, Marie Murphy. Both were farewelled from the Catholic Church in Clifton on the same day.

**Squiz Taylor:** Along with their colleagues, Judith Goh and Hannah Krause, Squiz and his wife, Barbara, are preparing for another humanitarian trip to Africa in July. As a result they are holding their annual Women of Uganda Fundraiser in June. Last year this event, which raised enough money to allow them to do their great work, was held in September,

Because they conducted some very large surgical camps last year, and finalised, then landed their last 2 containers of equipment in Kagando, they've run out of money so need an infusion of cash! The money is needed to finance their next prolapse and fistula camps in Kagando in July.

They pay the hospital in which they operate in US dollars, now US\$350 per fistula and US\$250 per

prolapsed. The change in the exchange rate in recent times, has not been kind to them.

We wish the Taylors and their friends every success in raising lots of money for this project.

If you want more details about this project contact Squiz. His details are in the 'booklet' I gave you at the reunion.[ E: [bnjtaylor@bigpond.com.au](mailto:bnjtaylor@bigpond.com.au)]

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The reunion committee had another phone meeting on 3/3/16. There has been limited response to the wonderful idea of a 55 year reunion, so we have taken the view that the event will be staged in Brisbane, on either the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, depending on availability of a venue.

We have considered drinks, dinner on Saturday night followed by Mass, if one of our priest friends is available, then breakfast, on Sunday morning.

We're getting prices for these activities plus accommodation at the same venue. If anyone has a particular venue from their personal experience, please let me know and I'll add it to the list.

We won't be barraging you with offers of tee-shirts, spoons, CD's etc., on this occasion !!

Another suggestion which has come through since the phone hook-up, and which has merit, is to have a "men's only", perhaps I should say "past-students' only," lunch on one of the Saturdays shown above.

Be prepared for the 'committee' to make a decision on your behalf if you don't make a contribution.

Have a look at Don O'Donoghue's information below to see what the Class of '54 do for their reunions!



### News from other years



**Denis Byrne:** "Uhr & I caught up recently with Peter Russell (left Yr 10, 1965) whose brother Gary was in our '64 class but left early.

Peter went to Vietnam and was, like so many others, scarred; and suffered for life. His father and father-in-law were also past Downlands men."

**Kevin Carmody (1959 – '63):** I caught the end of a program on the ABC on Tuesday 15/3/16 titled "Creatives". It was the first of a 4 part series and featured Kevin Carmody. I'm not sure whether the next three will feature him, or other artists.

The 'Kev', featured in the story, strumming on his guitar, looks a far less athletic person than he did in his heyday around 1960. I remember him as a terrifically gifted sportsman – I don't know whether he did anything with that gift, but his music has certainly 'put him on the map'.

You may recall that Kerry White interviewed Kev at some stage some years ago and that he didn't seem to want to remember his Downlands days. I wonder why?

**Barry Collis (1949 – '55):** Joined the Octogenarian's Club in February – congratulations Barry!

**Gary "Apex" Collis (1957 – '60).**

"On the light side of things, do you know if there's a Downlands Cookbook from our years laying around?

I always wondered what was in the 'Mystery Balls' and the 'Snot Dish'?

Some of your readers may have the recipes. Also, can you remember us ever having chicken?

All going well here. Touch, Tennis and Gym keeping me on track. Cheers - Apex."

***Can anyone help Apex with the recipes?***



**Jim Gall: (1955 – '58 from Windorah).**

*(Those of us from 'The Band' will remember 'Gyro' as an eminent back rank bugler.)*

"John - Thanks for the copy of the newsletter. It is so good to hear of all the men that I knew during my time there.

Genevieve and I have just celebrated 51 years of marriage and were pleased to receive a Papal blessing on the occasion of our Golden anniversary in January, 2015.

Unfortunately we were unable to attend the Mass in January because we were overseas. Our eldest son is an architect in Budapest so we have to make the supreme sacrifice to visit every two years for Christmas and New Year. This year we extended our visit to London, Malta and Sicily.

It is not often we see things that completely captivate you but our visit to the Co-Cathedral of St John of God in Valletta did just that. If ever you visit Malta that is one place you cannot miss.

It was also quite impressive to go up above the snowlike on Mt Etna.

I spoke to **Kevin O'Donoghue (1955 – '58)** before Christmas as I have kept in touch with him all the years since we left school. Kevin is not well and is in a nursing home. He needs to be on our prayer list.

When I was teaching at Cloncurry, he was in the bank at Julia Creek and we have kept in touch ever since.

I remember a few trips in **Don McDonald's** Tiger Moth while I was out there. Kevin and Don are cousins. I even had to clean the plane once after an accident after a few aerobatics.

After losing **Terry Bowden (1953 – '58)** a few years ago from our class and seeing how he was able to cope with his lot in life and the cheer he spread about him, you realise the calibre of some of our classmates. There is something about Downlands Past students that is special. The years spent together living in each other's pockets has made us all appreciate life more and to think of others when we plan to do something. Genevieve comments on the bond between us and how when we get together the years just roll away and we are just big kids again. Almost as if we had never been apart.

That comes through in your newsletter so thank you for taking the trouble.

I have been in Brisbane for thirty years now and **Joe McGeehan** was our first parish priest here in Birkdale. What a wonderful one he was.

I do not get much time to get around to past student functions as I am still working full time as a Maths/Physics teacher at Victoria Point High School but have realised that it is 60 years at the end of this year since we all signed up to be teachers. Not many of us left.

I was teaching at Rosalie Marist about ten years ago and had a student with the name of Roche in my class. I asked him if he had an Uncle John because we had lost track of John Roche. He said he did and that John had been working as a reporter in Sydney. I asked for his address. The boy came back a few days later and told me that John's wife had died in Sydney and John

had come back to Queensland but died of a broken heart. I hadn't seen John since walking out the gates in 1958.

Have a good year and keep up the news - Jim "  
*Good to hear from you Jim -Ed*

**Fr Jim Littleton (1941 – '45):** "Thank you for the copy of the newsletter. You have treated the January Mass very well, including photos of the 1945 members. It was nice too to see the list of attendees and the list of the deceased of last year. Thank you John. Warm regards. Jim"

*Fr Jim also celebrated a birthday at the end of February. Many happy returns Father*

**Pat Moore (1950 – '55)**

"**Paul Neville (1954 –'56)**, phoned the other day. He mentioned that there was a whisper, in National Party circles, that a relative of my wife (Marcella, nee Martin) may be running for the senate. His name is Dan Ryan, a Brisbane barrister (Paul thought).

So I googled 'Dan Ryan' and phoned him.--- Wrong Dan!

A very helpful young solicitor though, so, I told him the story anyway. Pat Moore - Paul Neville - Downlands.

Dan: "DOWNLANDS"! Did you ever know John. Littleton?.

Pat: "Yeah Dan I was talking to him the other day at an annual mass we have".

Dan: "He reared me! My father died when I was 14, and John and Mary June were like my parents!!"

Dan is now a 48 year old solicitor in Brisbane.

So there y'go. The old Six degrees of separation bobs up again. And we never know the good that others may have done, and never mentioned.

*Great story yet again Patrick !!*

**Don O'Donoghue 1951 – '53:**

*I'm really enjoying writing in collaboration with Don. Since the last 'mailout' Don has graciously allowed me to 'use/share' 20 odd names from his group to receive *The Old Bush Telegraph* directly from the editor's desk! I have assured Don that the list will be used discreetly and securely. This means we all get the benefit of more news, and are also able to share our news with another group of interested former Downlanders. Thank you Don, I hope our new readers are not disappointed.*

Here are some snippets from Don's mailout to his contacts:

- We had a very pleasant 'men only' lunch at Tattersall's Club in the first week of February, with nine of our group attending.
- **Des Rose** from Harvey in WA was fortunate not to have lost property during the savage bush-fires that ravaged his district a month or two ago. The fire came to about 1200 meters from his home, and caused the family to be evacuated to Bunbury for three days.
- Not long before Christmas 2015 one of Don's classmates, **Pat Nolan**, complained of having chest pains. A Cardiologist was unable to trace any problem with the heart, but an eventual scan found that Pat had terminal bone cancer in most of his skeleton. In mid-February, Pat was admitted to the Palliative Care ward at the Wesley where his condition, sadly, deteriorated quickly. Pat passed away peacefully in the company of his loving family on the 29<sup>th</sup> February. (See RIP notice below)
- Pat's large funeral was conducted at St Patrick's Cathedral in Toowoomba on 7<sup>th</sup> March. The Class of '54 was represented at the funeral by **Des Rose** who flew over from WA, **Merv Welsh** from Gympie along with Pat and **Keith Smith, Tom Cullinan, John Littleton, JC** and Maureen **Ryan, Liam O'Dea, Ben Kennedy's** widow Denise, and **Don** and Deann **O'Donoghue**. As they did at Ben Kennedy's recent funeral, Pat's classmates formed a guard of honour as the coffin was taken from the church. Sincere condolences to Pat's widow Cynthia and his four daughters, all of whom were educated at Downlands, and their extended family.
- The energetic '54 'family' is planning another reunion at Happy Valley Resort, Stanthorpe in October. This is the same venue where they had a most successful gathering last year.

I understand **Tom Veivers (1951 – '55)** was a 'guest speaker' at the Viridian Retirement Complex recently. Unlike Madonna who was appearing at The Brisbane Entertainment Centre nearby, I'm sure Tom would not have kept his audience waiting to hear his stories.

**John White** passed on some kind advice as to how to 'fix / get rid of' the extra, unwanted pages from the last edition – Thanks John

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

*I've dropped the 'Brain-teaser' in here so you can check the answers on the last page.*

### Brain Teaser - No cheating now!

**See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common?**

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

**Some will pick it up very quickly, those that don't, like me, will kick yourself when you discover the answer on the last page.**

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It seems that Cr Nancy Sommerfield, a former Development Officer at Downlands has been returned as one of 10 Councillors on the Toowoomba Regional Council after Saturday's local elections. According to the Toowoomba Chronicle it is even possible that, according to tradition, the Councillor gaining the most votes becomes the Deputy Mayor. Nancy is in the mix!

Congratulations Nancy

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You can tell I'm in strife for content when I have to resort to old school magazines to fill these pages.

Here I go: **1954 "Annual Report".....**  
**Report on Studies** – At Downlands this year we have had 32 boys in the Senior class, 28 Sub-Seniors, 87 Juniors, 100 Sub Juniors, 35 in Scholarship and 30 in Seventh Grade.....

Most of the Seniors should pass their examination. The Dux of the College, John Littleton, who led his class not only intellectually, but has given a splendid example of sustained application to work throughout the year.....

**Material Improvements** - I wish to express our gratitude to Father Provincial, who authorised the purchase and installation of three large slow combustion stoves in the college kitchen, which have facilitated greatly the work of the Brothers. Other improvements include two new tennis courts and further beautification of our grounds

**College Discipline** – I am happy to tell the parents that the standard of conduct in the College throughout the year has been high.....

**A 'random' choice from the 1954 Prize list includes:**

**Duces** – Dux of the School - **John Littleton**; Sub Senior - **John Franzmann**; Junior – **Kevin Bowden**; Sub Junior – **Anthony Salier**; Scholarship – **Neville Brayley** and Sub Scholarship – **Peter James**

**Other Prizes** : *Senior* – Mervyn Welch (Diligence & Oratory);  
*Sub Senior* – Neville Grace (Third Aggregate);  
Humphrey McGeehan (Oratory); Thomas Veivers (Diligence)  
*Junior*: Patrick Manning (Third Aggregate); Terence McGuire (Oratory); Raymond O'Leary (Diligence)  
Donald Pettiford (Second Aggregate in J 2);  
*Sub Junior*: Vincent Murphy (Dux SJ 2);  
*Scholarship*: Dermot Tiernan (RIP) (Third Aggregate);  
Paul Neville (Oratory);  
*Sub Scholarship*: Tyson Doneley (Second Aggregate);  
Clinton Gale (Third Aggregate)

**Some Activities recorded in the Magazine:** YCS, Mission Group, Film Discussion Group, Concert Group, Sports Group, St Vincent de Paul Society, Everyman, The Hobby Club (model planes were the rage... leather work which included simple bridles, missal covers, wallets, knife pouches, watch-bands, bullet belts and plaited belts)

*People would probably be a bit concerned these days if they knew teenage boys were making knife pouches and bullet belts at school wouldn't they ??? :0) Ed*

There was also mention made of some Past Students' Activities including a Reunion of 190 over the Grammar Day weekend in June; a 'House Party' at Mrs T. Cullinan's Taringa home; The Downlands Ball with 800 attendees and a Retreat held in Brisbane just prior to Christmas.

There ! That's enough for now on 1954!

I found this in the 1957 Mag:

#### The Eyes of a Dingo

It was from my window I saw them:  
A Blink, the fire-gold eyes seemed to be cut off.  
Then like the moon half hidden in the clouds,  
First half seen then piercing with full beam,  
The sanguinary eyes open.

A strange sound, a lonely howl:  
His eyes light up like fire-coal on a frosty night;

**A scuffle, a skirmish, he was gone,  
Gone, yet I imagined him still there,  
Unseen behind his lonely eyes.**

*P. McKenzie – Junior*

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#### 1958 "Rector's Report" .....

**Studies** – Last year we presented thirty-two boys for the Senior Examination, of whom twenty-four passed in at least four subjects. This result was somewhat disappointing, and we are hoping for better from this year's Seniors who, though not a strong class academically, have studied well. In last year's Senior A. Salier, the Dux of the School, obtained 6 A's. The Dux of the School this year is M.J. Hynes.

In last year's Junior we presented eighty-six candidates. The results were very good: P.Watsonson obtained 7 A's; B. Reppel and P. Fitzpatrick six A's each; and T. Ryall five A's.

Thirty three boys passed the Scholarship Examination. The Mahony Prize and the Downlands Bursary were won by J.Hede with 88.7%

The Rector's Report concluded (well almost concluded) in true Very Rev. T.J Kelly. MSC MA (Cantab) style, thus :

'Today is the feast of St Crispian, the anniversary of the famous battle of Agincourt. I know little about history, but time and again I have felt the classroom become the 'vast fields of France', at Shakespeare's re-creation of the scene. Henry, with his handful of half starved, bedraggled English, faces overwhelming numbers of confident French. He has nothing to offer his men but what I offered in my introductory remarks to night: a challenge to daring adventure and the promise of everlasting honour, the promise that:

*Crispin Crispian shall ne'er go by,  
From this day to the ending of the world,  
But we in it shall be remembered .....*

**Duces** – Dux of the School - **M.J. Hynes**; Sub Senior – **B. Reppel**; Junior – **P. Tiffin**; Sub Junior – **B. Herzig**; Scholarship – **C. Tiffin**; Sub Scholarship – **W. Hall**

**Other Prizes:** *Senior* – **G. McCormack** (Religious Knowledge & Diligence); **K.P. Prior** (Oratory)  
*Sub Senior* – **K. White** (Diligence); **P. Joseph** (Oratory)  
*Junior* – **N. Goodchild** (Oratory); **J. Lyons** (Diligence in J 2)



*Sub Junior 1 – J. Hede* (Religious Knowledge, Third Aggregate, Prize for best Scholarship pass);

**B. Herzig** (Dux); **P. Guilfoyle** (Second Aggregate); **B. Toohey** (Diligence & Oratory)

*Sub Junior 2 – M. Doherty* (Dux); **P. Low** (Second Aggregate); **D. Bourne** (Third Aggregate); **T.**

**Sheppard** \* (Religious Knowledge); **G. Gris** \* (Diligence); **A. Fahey** (Oratory)

*Sub Junior 3 – D. Fogarty* (Religious Knowledge); **G. Murphy** \* (Dux); **D. Bowden** (Second Aggregate); **B. Brock** \* (Third Aggregate); **F.X. Kondolo** \* (Diligence & Oratory)

I've chosen to list **all** prize winners from our ('56- '61) classes. On re-reading the names I've put an \* beside the names of those who are no longer with us (5). I shouldn't say this, but I will, *'who would have ever picked 'Snooker' Sheppard as winning the prize for Religion back then!?' ;0)*

#### **Some Activities recorded in the Magazine:**

March 1: Swimming team to Dalby to compete against Olympic squad – Konrads too fast for Quinnie!  
YCS, Legion of Mary; Annual Retreat; Primary Sport – Question to Fr McPhillamy "Where does the *empire* stand?" Lyceum, Everyman, Choir, Drama ("It pays to advertise" with the late Tim Gaffney as lead with Phil Derriman, Peter Guilfoyle, Bernie Casey, Graham Cowley, Adrian Blundell, Terry Cooley (RIP), Peter Fitzpatrick, Tracy Ryall, John Tully, Peter Tiffin and Fred Frischkorn all playing a part – I hope I haven't missed anyone) and Agriculture - all listed

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If I run out of ideas in the future I'll go to other year's mags for inspiration!! Ed

### **OTHER DOWNLANDS NEWS**

#### **Fr Roy O'Neill MSC (1960 – '63)**



Picture from Frs Roy and Bob's Profession to MSC life in 1966.



The two cutting their Golden Jubilee cake recently.

Congratulations to Frs **Roy O'Neill MSC (1960 – '63)** and Fr Bob Irwin MSC on completing 50 years of professed MSC life. (They created a precedent by making their First Profession, not on what for many years was the traditional day, February 26<sup>th</sup>, – but on February 14th, the day of the introduction of decimal currency!). Roy was ordained in 1975 in his hometown church in Finch Hatton, west of Mackay, and spent many years teaching in MSC Colleges, including Downlands where he was the Principal from 1987 – 1990.

Roy spent some time doing missionary work in PNG over the years, had a year's sabbatical in Ireland, and then ten years as Chaplain at the Randwick Campus of Hospitals before moving to the Northern Territory parish of Nightcliff in 2011. He took over as Parish Priest from **Fr Vince Carroll, MSC (1954 – '56)** in 2012.

Roy is still the PP in Nightcliff at the present time, and attended his class 50 year reunion in 2013. The next photo is of Roy in his parish church, St Paul's.



**Fr A. Yelds:** Thank you, John, for the newsletter. I see some old friends have died, and I will keep them in my Masses.

Our little government may be struggling this year: The USA has decided to transfer its fishing fleet from the Pacific - probably to the Indian Ocean; they have not paid their usual lease of \$50 million to the Pacific Islands.

The Arab Emirates sent a committee to check the Climate Change on our atolls; their report stated that the building designs of sea walls here are faulty, and increasing erosion. They promise to send a competent team from the Emirate. . Thank you, John, for reminding me of 14 happy years at Downlands. - Albert Yelds M S C

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#### **FORTES –SUMMER 2015 EDITION**

Have you all seen the latest edition of Fortes which, as I indicated last month, is now available online?

A hard copy of the mag. arrived in my letterbox early in March.

There's a good article, among many, about a past-student, Katie Kelly (1991- '92), a paratriathlete, who is training in the hope of being selected in the Australian Paratriathlon team to compete at the 2016 Paralympics in Rio.

She suffers from what is known as "Usher Syndrome", a moderate hearing loss (from birth) and now deteriorating eyesight (since her early 20s). Katie seems to be a very determined young lady, and we wish her well.

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## **MSC COLLEGE ANNIVERSARIES: DOWNLANDS AND CHEVALIER**

This month (February) sees anniversaries of the openings of two MSC Colleges, Downlands, Toowoomba, 85 years ago in 1931, and Chevalier College, Bowral, 70 years ago in 1946



Downlands was the first of the MSC schools. Up till then, MSC ministry was in parishes, parish missions, retreats, the Apostolic School at Douglas Park and seminary studies at Kensington monastery. The first principal was Fr Robert Hyland MSC.

The school had to transfer to Dalby during World War II to make the college premises available for the war effort. As the college grew, there was co-educational collaboration for some years with the Ursuline Sisters. The college still continues as co-educational and has a lay principal



Chevalier College was the second of the MSC Schools. It opened soon after the end of World War II. The first principal was Fr Harry Reid MSC. Later there was co-educational collaboration with the Dominican Sisters and their campus at Elm Court, Moss Vale. The



college continues co-educational, has only day students and has a lay principal.

Two of the past MSC Provincial Superiors, Fr Jim Littleton MSC (past student of Downlands) and Fr Bob Irwin MSC, and the present Provincial, Fr John Mulrooney (past student of Chevalier), have been principals of both Downlands and Chevalier.

As they say, Ad Multos Annos.

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### From the Infirmary



**No specific reports of anyone being in the Infirmary this month. There are however, I'm sure, some of you readers who may not be travelling too well.**

**We wish all of those a speedy recovery from whatever it is that ails you.**

### REQUISCANT IN PACE

**Bob Comerford (1941- '47)** originally from Dalby passed away on the 23rd January.

**Pat Nolan (1950 – '54)** from Sladevale, via Warwick, passed away peacefully, after battling cancer, on 29<sup>th</sup> February. See more in Don O'Donoghue's column above

**Margaret Anning. Geoff Anning's (1960 – '61)** 90 year old Mother passed away peacefully on the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Geoff responded to my note offering condolences thus: "Hi Jack and Deb

Thank you both for your kind thoughts . Mum did not suffer and was surrounded by her four Daughters and was quite lucid until the end. Mum was very popular with both Priests and Nuns and was given a big send

off with three Priests and a Retired Bishop on the altar with many more Clergy in the congregation. I hope I am as prepared as she was when my time comes to meet my Maker - Kind Regards to you Both – Geoff'

**Our sincere condolences to anyone who may have lost a loved one in recent times**

### St Ursula's News



You all thought that the Carnival of Flowers OR, as Fr Tierney called it "The Festival of Pansies", was held in the second half of September each year didn't you?

**Not so in 2016, although I don't know if the official Carnival of Flowers organising committee know it either!**

No, this year it happened in mid-March! Well something equally as good did!

I've been told that all the colour of beautiful new blooms, normally associated with The Carnival, burst forth at Encores Café in Neil Street, Toowoomba, on the 16<sup>th</sup> March.

I can't believe the occasion was to collectively celebrate 70<sup>th</sup> Birthdays of girls who were in the same class together in the early 60's! It doesn't seem all that long ago, as demure young ladies, they made their debuts, then all went on their merry way.

A very good number of the girls turned up, I understand, and enjoyed lots of laughs together. It was a good thing that two husbands, both former Downlands and St Leo's fellows, were on hand to keep the noise to a respectable level.

Many Happy Returns to all these septuagenarians.

### PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

**Darrell Lea "Liquorice White Choc Stix"**  
**YUM ! YUM !!**

**They come in extra flavours, a bit like liquorice all-sorts, but with more liquorice~ :0) A few more calories too I suspect!**

**Next month, expect me to tell you about "Zootopia".**

**We're taking our grand-children to see this Disney Spectacular during the school holidays.**

**I can't wait to see 'Flash', the sloth, head of customer service at the Department of Mammal Vehicles, in action.**



When a father gives to his son; both laugh

When a son gives to his father, both cry.

### FUN & GAMES

#### Thanks to Luds Hede for the following:

Would corduroy pillows make headlines?

Morning is the dawn of a new error.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

The definition of a Will? Come on, it's a dead giveaway.

A backward poet writes inverse.

He had a photographic memory that never developed.

If a clock is hungry does it go back four seconds?

The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison was described as a small medium at large.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Did you hear about the Buddhist monk who refused Novocaine for a root canal job? He wanted to transcend dental medication.

People who jump off bridges in Paris are in Seine.

If you refuse to pay your exorcist, will you be repossessed?

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Without geometry, life is pointless.

#### And to Daniel Brilliant for this selection:

How does Moses make tea? Hebrews it.

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Typo.

When chemists die, they barium.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

Velcro - what a rip off!

Don't worry about old age; it doesn't last.

**BOOM! BOOM!**

*Answer to the 'Brain-teaser' on Page 5 above:*

*In all the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word!*

*Thanks to everyone who contributed this month, it is greatly appreciated.*

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