

AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2010

Sacred Heart College students 1920.



Request from Archives:
The College would appreciate photos from all eras.

The above photo provided by Sr. Marcellin was seen in papers on 25th May, 2010, as a promotion for the Centenary .

May Newsletter

The Committee thank you for the feedback received for the May Newsletter and the increased information about Past Pupils wishing to be registered.

Coming Events November 2010: 19th November 2010 at 7.30pm

We have a display by Sadie Yu of her fresh floral table decorations, silk floral table decorations and a candle display for Christmas tables. This will be held in the College Staff Room and will be followed by supper. Cost \$10. These displays will be raffled at the end of the evening.

Up Date on Centenary preparations.

The foundation documents to our College were written in 1912 and the school opened for business in 1913. We have chosen to celebrate the Sisters' founding of the College by having the celebrations on Labour Day 2012. The jubilee will open with an opening ceremony for our new hall (Performing Arts Centre.)

Events for Centenary:-

Saturday - There will be class photos and/or year photos at school. There will be a concert or items in the hall, tour of the school and a packed lunch provided **Dinner** cabaret - will

be in the Hutt Town Hall with entertainment from our school groups between courses **Sunday** – Mass at 10.00am at St Peter's and Paul's Church followed by a morning tea/brunch at the College at about 11.00am.

We are expecting between 500 – 1000 people. The School has hired “**Innovations**” of Christchurch to run the event.

The Performing Arts Suite. Progress Report.

This is now a multi-million dollar project. A concept plan has been obtained from OPUS as there were significant issues with the first plans we purchased from a different company. It is now a design where the stage is in the same place but bigger and there are 600 seated downstairs on a ramped floor which also allows for 100 – 200 chairs that can be removed from the front by the stage. Up-stairs is a mezzanine floor seating 200 people. The design is for a broad hall (it goes out into the existing Valerie Lawson building (foyer area). This allows for good sight lines and no seat is too far away from the stage .

Tenders will be called at the end of the year so we are being careful with costing etc as we don't want too much to leak out into the great ether! It will be a brave decision for both Boards if the project goes ahead as a considerable borrowing is involved. I will keep the Past Pupils fully informed. We want it opened for the Centenary and the Friday night drinks will be in the hall with an opening ceremony.

We will need to fundraise at least \$300,000 and are hoping for support from our past-pupils to achieve some of this. We will be selling the fixed seats in the PAS as well.

Lisl Prendegast – Principal.

AGM at Angus Inn. 5.30pm

The AGM was held on 13th June. Minutes of this meeting are available on request from the Secretary.

Dux Medal winner 2009. We are pleased to report that the student who was awarded the Dux Medal provided by the SHPPA in 2009 was Rachel Baxter. Rachel is now at Victoria

University doing Mathematics and Commerce. She is doing a double degree and her mother reports she is really focussed and happy. Our congratulations and our support go to Rachel.

Mailing List We need to send out this newsletter to all those past pupils who wish to keep contact with this association. We appreciate commentaries from those groups who have held class reunion dinners such as the one reported by Sr. Helen O'Sullivan. This would be a great opportunity to hear about our extended whanau.

Past Pupils now on the Staff of College in 2010

Mary Brien (nee Cook) Jenna Brooking
Sue Carr (nee Hayes) Anne Davie (nee Geddes)
Marion Gibson (nee Robinson) Kristina Lane
Irene Newrick (nee Cook) Anna Peszynski (nee Mohan)
Margaret Scott (nee Hayes)

Tribute Sr. Philomene Walsh 1928 – 2009

On Friday 28 August 2009 Sister Mary Philomene died suddenly in the Hutt Hospital.



Sister was the rock on which our Past Pupils Association was founded. She taught in a number of schools and in 1961 she joined the Staff at Sacred Heart College, Lower Hutt where she taught Commercial, English and RE. For ten years she then worked as the General

Bursar in Rome for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions She was an amazing communicator and sent letters to students and RNDM Sisters around the world. Sister Mary Philomene was very kind and caring. We pray "Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen."

International Novitiate of RNDM Sisters.

This photograph was taken during a beautiful ritual of mixing the soil coming from Kenya, Myanmar, New Zealand and the Philippines. The mixture of soils with soil in the Philippines gives sustenance to a tree the Novices planted at the back yard of the Formation House, Cotabato



Christine McGregor from New Zealand writes;-
"From the green, lush mountains and sandy shores of beautiful New Zealand, to the stunning delights of Philippines; God has called me to be part of this rare opportunity. Our Heavenly Father has graced me with the wondrous splendors to be part of this unique family of RNDM novices located in the charming setting of Cotabato.

As the Elder of the Novices, I am privileged to share the uniqueness of our Maori Culture and the adventurous Spirit of Aotearoa (New Zealand). I am truly blessed to have six beautiful young women from across three different continents to be my companions in heart and spirit. I look forward to this exciting journey we will travel together."

Report on 1973 Class Reunion Recently a dozen old school mates gathered for a reunion dinner in Wellington. The food was great, ambience warm and friendly. The only shame was that the buzz and constant chatter by other patrons did not help us catch up on the past thirty-seven years of life. Teachers and memories we all shared - then it was fast tracking to see where our respective paths had led us since then. We're obviously going to have to do another dinner!! This time at a much quieter restaurant!! Next the focus is on concentrating 2012 Jubilee and hoping that we can attract many more school mates to attend. (Sr. Helen O'Sullivan.)

We are grateful for all donations received from our members. If you do not wish to remain on our mailing list please notify us.

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