



Sacred Heart College

Past Pupils Association

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NEWSLETTER MAY 2010

At a recent Committee meeting we decided to send out a Newsletter to keep us up to date with coming events.

We also need to increase our coverage so that we are able to participate in the Centennial Celebration.

We are preparing a data base of Past Pupils and would appreciate any names you add to this list.

Coming Events for 2010:

Eucharist Sunday June 13th 4.30pm

A.G.M . Sunday 13th at 5.30pm

Dinner - 'Angus Inn' June 13th 6.30pm

Wine & Cheese Last week November.
to be arranged.

2012 Centennial Project – Performing Arts Suite

The college is excited about the upgrade of the current college hall to a Performing Arts Suite. The construction will be within the footprint of the current building and will seat the whole school (825).

Plans have been prepared and costed and are at present under review to ensure that this project meets the requirements of all stake holders.

This project is a joint venture between the Mission Colleges Lower Hutt Trust Board and the Board of Trustees. Catholic Schools Board Ltd, as part of the maintenance programme, will contribute \$1.2 million.

Although this project is still in the planning stage the college community is very excited to have a project to focus on for the centenary. This will be great asset to the college as at present full school assemblies are being held in the gymnasium which is not ideal.

It is the intention of the Proprietor to hire out the suite as a commercial enterprise and we believe it will prove very popular as it is close to the Lower Hutt CBD. All catholic colleges and primary schools within the valley have been offered the use of the facility.

We look forward to celebrating the opening of this great facility with the College.

Support needed for our Missionary service for Lepers.

On the Thayet property in Myanmar there is a compound for the Lepers and their families. Even though Leprosy is no longer contagious they are not allowed to live in the village. The stigma of Leprosy still exists today. Leprosy is a disease of the poor. Only a person whose immune system has been weakened through malnutrition or bad hygiene runs the risk of developing the disease. Sister Emily RNDM who has a nursing background, currently cares for the Lepers as well as providing health care to the orphans. The

sisters provide a meal each day for the Lepers and their families to boost their immune system.

Whilst it is bad enough for those who are disfigured by leprosy, the social wounds go much deeper, being ostracized, there is no remedy for these "wounds" only through acceptance can these wounds will be healed. Can you support this ministry?

Tribute Margaret O'Sullivan

Margaret O'Sullivan (nee McNeill) was passionate about many things, her commitment to her faith, service to the



church and family life. Sport was also a major interest and all of these influenced every aspect of her life. As a young girl Margaret played netball (basketball as it was called) for Convent

Old Girls, which was founded by Sr Mary Euphrasie RNDM and Josephine Walker 75 years ago so that girls leaving Sacred Heart College Lower Hutt could maintain links to their old school. Although Margaret did not attend SHC her commitment and connection to the school was life-long and never wavered. She was actively involved on the SHCPTA, 75th Jubilee Organizing Committee, Past Pupils Association, serving as President and long time committee member. Margaret's five daughters attended Sacred Heart College. Two of her daughters served on the SHCPPA as office bearers.

She was life-time supporter and friend of SHCPPA who will be sadly May She Rest In Peace.(Sr. Helen O'Sullivan RNDM)

New Cross on Chapel Wall This distinctive wooden cross was erected on

the Feast Day of St Teresa of Avila Archbishop John Dew blessed the new cross on the exterior wall of the chapel and also celebrated Mass.

The cross was designed by Hastings artist Paul Isaacson seen in photograph .It is made from Jarrah. The carved ribs represent the body of Christ The school will drape the cross in liturgical colours for feast days.



CONTACT MEMBERS.

We would like to increase our mailing list for this newsletter so that we are in a position to respond to the Centenary Jubilee of the College in 2012. We are prepared to send out this newsletter to all those past pupils who want to keep contact with this association.

We would therefore be very grateful if new names and addresses of contacts could be sent on to us. We would also appreciate commentaries from those groups who have held class reunion dinners. This would be a great opportunity to hear about our extended whanau.

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