



# Jimnies Spirit

Past Students' Newsletter  
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## From the Principal

Welcome to the first edition of *Jimnies Spirit* for 2014.

This year sees the College embarking on three major capital development projects around the school. These will be the first since the opening of the Edmund Rice Hall in 2000 and they herald a new chapter in the story of St James College.

The first of these is the three-story Library and Science facility to be erected at the back of the main campus. The upper level will house a new Library; Science facilities including two laboratories, preparation and experiment rooms will comprise the middle level; and the ground level will provide passive recreation and lunch areas as well as additional bathroom amenities. The building itself will be connected to the existing Tom Carey Building by means of covered walkways at both middle and upper levels and an elevator.

The second project is the major refurbishment of the Design and Technology workshops on the ground floor of the Tom Carey Building opening out onto the lower playground. This will form the St James campus of a dual facility to be known as the 'Brisbane Flexible Learning Trade Skills Centre', a Commonwealth Government funded project under the Trade Training Centres initiative of the previous Labor Government.

The new state-of-the-art facility at St James will continue to offer Certificate courses in Construction, Furnishing and Engineering and will be open to students not only from St James but also from other schools, including Terrace, who are part of the same consortium to which St James College belongs in this project. As well as these trade courses in the new centre, the College will continue to offer its highly successful vocational courses in Hospitality, IT, Business, Workplace Practices and Sports Coaching, as well as the full range of OP subjects.

The other campus, which will be located at the Albert Park Flexible Learning Centre, will offer courses in Automotive, Community Services, Allied Health, Printing and Graphics.

The third project is the refurbishment of the Tom Carey wing in preparation for the

introduction of Year 7 students in 2015. This project will see the reconfiguration and upgrading of the classrooms in the existing building two provide excellent learning spaces for all students.

These new projects will breathe a new energy into the school as it continues to offer the best opportunities for its students through the broad range of curriculum offerings.

Recently, in cleaning out underneath the stage of the College Hall, we discovered many historic photographs and documents dating back to the early 1900s.

While many of the photographs were not captioned with names, it was fascinating to spend time looking at the faces, reflecting on the possible stories and future lives of those who stared out at me from the pages.

Two pictures stood out.

One was a picture of a group of younger students (perhaps around Year 5 level and dating back to the early 1930s) not dressed in school uniform and looking rather rough and ready. This was the period of the Great Depression, when money and jobs were scarce. Yet it appeared to me that the Brothers still felt it important to continue to enrol kids whose families were struggling and didn't worry too much about the peripheries. This story continues today as St James welcomes students from many different socio-economic backgrounds, but particularly those who just need a chance in life.

The second picture told me something about the sporting history of our school, a photo from the early 20th Century, that showed Jimnies kids proudly wearing the colours and only too happy to show off their prowess but also their pride in the school. The traditional College rugby jersey - in the maroon and gold horizontal stripes - has since been revived and today is worn proudly by our students in competition.

Throughout its history, the College has always reached out to young people, families and others in need. Past students may be interested in knowing about two particular ways in which Jimnies students continue to reach out to others.

Students and staff across Edmund Rice Schools in Brisbane - St James, Terrace, Nudgee, St Patrick's Shorncliffe, St Laurence's - have banded together to

form a group called Edmund Rice Advocacy for Change (*ERA for Change*). One of its activities is a Refugee Hub, where students and staff volunteer several hours out of their weekend to help connect with and support young refugee men and women, many of whom are asylum-seekers living in community detention.

Many of the stories of these young people are horrific, with some having seen members of their family murdered or imprisoned without trial. Some have arrived in Australia as Unaccompanied Minors, spent many months on boats and in detention camps and are now just in need of some more personal connection, friendship and support.

I am privileged and humbled that St James College is an integral part of this activity. It is extremely heart-warming when I see the quality of relationships that our students (many of whom have similar stories) are able to establish with these young people and it speaks strongly of our kids' willingness to reach out to others in service.

Many past students would be aware of the work done by students and staff on the College's Brekky Van. Brekky Van operates two mornings a week bringing breakfast and clothing to the homeless. Students, staff and helpers arrive at the College around 6am, pack the van with boxes of clothes, food (eggs, sausages, bacon and bread) and barbecue and head off to Kemp Place in the Valley near the Story Bridge (on Wednesday morning) and also along the river near the Go Between Bridge in West End (on Friday morning) where they prepare breakfast. It is a wonderful service that students, staff and other helpers are engaged in.

However, like our other projects (*the Lighthouse Project* and the *Student Support Fund*, about which I have written in previous editions of *Jimnies Spirit*) Brekky Van needs the assistance of us all to keep it going. If any past students may be able to assist in any way, either financially or otherwise, please do not hesitate to get back to me.

2014 is shaping up to be an extraordinary one in the life and story of St James and I very much welcome the opportunity to meet with any past students who would like to drop by to pay their *alma mater* a visit.

Gerry Crooks  
Principal

# Continual Dreaming

**Yaama, my name is Thersa Nunn and I am a Noonuccal woman from Stradbroke Island.** I have been working at St James College since 2006 in my role as Indigenous Support Officer.

Over this time I have witnessed many changes to this School and seen many Indigenous students come and go.

In 2006 a dance troupe was formed and over the years we have performed at many special events and occasions in and around Brisbane. Highlights include the official Launch of the Charter of Edmund Rice Education Australia; the celebration of St James College 140th Year, and the Past Students Association.

We have been honoured to have special guests also come and visit our school, including General Peter Cosgrove and Anthony 'The Man' Mundine, both of whom inspired our students and left some very special memories in their lives.

Since I have been here we have painted the cross in the courtyard which was a big hit with the students, and I must say it looks "deadly" standing all proud. This is a reminder to all future generations of Indigenous students to stand proud and tall for their spirit and their culture, and to be proud of their school and its community.

In 2015 we will accept the first influx of Year 7 students which will be a challenge for all of us to welcome them into our family, guiding them on their new road. We are hopeful that the new building will be given an Aboriginal name on sacred ground, which will make all the past and future Indigenous students feel an important part of St James Community and provide them with plenty of pride in their school.

We have had some very strong Indigenous leaders come and go, but with the help of the St James Community I know we have a lot more coming in the future - continuing the strong relationship between Aboriginal people and St James College.

Support for Indigenous students comes through some of the following means:

*Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF):* This funding is offered to students in Years 11 and 12 to complete their senior years. It has proven to be very successful in keeping our seniors at school and to enable them to go on to further studies. Hope Saba of Year

12, 2013, received her first University preference being Psychology at UQ along with Jacinta Bebefa, also of Year 12, 2013, who has gone on to study Social Justice at Southbank TAFE which will then allow her to go on to study Law.

*Learn Earn Legends:* This Program is sponsored by the Broncos Leagues Club which has been a great success over the past three years it has been in operation. It has enabled many students to go on to apprenticeships and further studies. The support

offered by this Program, after our students finish Year 12, for the following four years is invaluable.

*Leroy Loggins Sporting Chance Program:* This Program, run by Leroy Loggins and his team, is in its fourth year at St James. It serves to improve the students' literacy and numeracy; assists them with assignments and provides sessions on leadership and cultural awareness.

**Aunty Thersa Nunn**  
*Indigenous Support Officer*



L-R: Josh White\*, current Aboriginal students ranging from Year 8 to Year 12, Aunty Thersa and Ben (past student of Ignatius Park College, Townsville and currently also working at ATSIC).

\* Josh White graduated from St James in Year 12, 2000, enjoying the position of House Captain in his final year. Josh works with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Council (ATSIC) Wooroonongabba Health. He finds working with many Indigenous people in the area of health and wellbeing, together with offering support to families in their homes, to be very rewarding.

## 2013 Senior Students' Results

**Senior students from 2013 have graduated with the results required to meet entry requirements for favoured courses at tertiary education institutions.** After gaining an OP1, Ryan Elston has been offered his first preference, a double degree in Engineering and Commerce at the University of Queensland. Many students had already completed qualifications before leaving school. Year twelve students had completed 11 Certificate III qualifications; 96 Certificate II; and 151 Certificate 1. Many students had also commenced Apprenticeships and Traineeships while still at schools. These had the capacity to articulate into full-time training positions once students moved into the workforce.

Other students are commencing tertiary courses in 2014. Students are now enrolled in Visual Arts, Justice Studies, Information Technology, Fitness, Website Development and Business at Southbank; Engineering, Science, Theatre, Business and Information Technology at Griffith University; Psychology and Science at Queensland University of Technology; Accounting and Finance at Australian Catholic University; and Engineering at Melbourne University. International students have also been admitted to universities in China, Taiwan and Japan.

**Tony McCulkin**  
*Deputy Principal*



# Co-curricular Activities at St James

**2013 was possibly the most successful year for co-curricular activities in the history of this great College.**

Sunday, 22 September 2013 will forever be remembered as the day St James College showed the sporting communities of Queensland that it could compete against the biggest and best schools in this country. Our Senior Boys' Basketball team went through the State Championship undefeated, defeating Nudgee College 88-54 in the final. They went on to Melbourne for the Australian Schools Tournament where they placed a credible sixth in the nation. The success of the basketball program can be accredited to Senior Boys' Coach, Mr Nigel Berghan and Basketball Director, Mr Kirron Byrne. I would also like to mention the Basketball Supporters' Committee and parents who dedicated their time and continue to provide the opportunity for our students.

Our success was not confined to the basketball court. Our awesome Theatre Sports team made the finals of the 2013 Theatre Sports Competition. Drama teacher, Ms Erin Johnston inspired this group of young men and women to reach for the stars and it showed in their performances, finishing in the top dozen schools out of 100 throughout Queensland. Last year our junior and senior chess teams improved their state ranking with some great results at the South East Queensland Gardiner Chess Tournament. This year we have double the amount of players and teams thanks to Coach, Mr Chris Tooley and his dedication to the St James Chess Club.

The hard work by Ms Casey Francis and the St James Rock Climbing Club was rewarded when they secured second place in the inaugural Urban Climb Schools Bouldering Competition in 2013.

Towards the end of 2013 a group of students were tested by the QAS in a new project called 'Prospecting for Gold' after a few of our talented athletes were identified by the QAS at the District Track Carnival at QEII. The project has been set up to identify and support talented athletes who until now have been under the radar. This is an unbelievable opportunity for St James students and it has already reaped benefits with Year 11 student Rifaat Toto gaining selection in the state track team to compete at nationals and setting a new U16 800m state record.

Our junior squads were again successful in 2013 with five teams lining up for South District Basketball grand finals and winning three premierships. Our junior boys basketball alongside our junior boys futsal both competed in and won the senior competition for our district. These premierships ensured St James College regained the title and trophy for the best sporting school for our district. The South District Champion Sporting School Brisbane Bus-way trophy now resides in our cabinet.

2013 was a monumental year for our Senior Boys Football team. Not only did they compete against Brisbane State High in the knockout round of the prestigious UHlsport Cup, forcing the game into overtime against the eventual UHlsport Cup winners, they brought home the Bestside Cup in our first year of competing.

There were unbelievable scenes of jubilation when the Senior Boys' Football team won the first senior soccer trophy for the college in decades. Despite being down 2-0 at half time in the grand final, Mr Anderson and Mr Hall rallied the boys and they produced the most inspiring half of football this college has ever seen. Emmanuel Nicholas started the goal scoring spree after the break and was joined by John Taban who slotted a goal from the halfway line. Taban continued to terrorise the opposition's goalie levelling the score 4-4 with just seconds on the clock. A smart attacking raid saw Brando Yoku drill the ball into the back of the net for the miraculous victory just as the fulltime whistle blew. This year our squad will compete in the TSS international Easter tournament, the UHlsport Cup, the Red Lion Cup and will look to defend their title in the 2014 Bestside Cup.

Pene Bishop-Paenga was not the only basketball player who was selected to represent her country during the running of last year's State Basketball Championship. She was however one of the few who still represented her school despite having to fly out to Jakarta for the World 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament mid-way. I think this selfless act speaks volumes on the competitive nature of this young lady as well as her passion for representing St James College. I would like to congratulate Pene for her success in taking on Romania, Lithuania and China in the world championship and thank her for her dedication to her team mates and college. What a champion.

## *Confraternity Rugby League Fund Raiser*

### STATE OF ORIGIN - On the Big Screen

St James College Hall | Wednesday 18 June from 6.30pm to 10.30pm

\$15.00 entry including finger food | Cash Bar | Raffle and Jimmies' Past Players display

RSVP – [Andrew.ebrington@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:Andrew.ebrington@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au) or 0408 870 960 by Wednesday 4 June.

## Co-curricular Activities at St James cont.

Rugby League continues to grow at St James College with the junior numbers swelling to enable two junior teams to compete in 2014, on top of a competitive senior boys' squad. The Year 8s kick off the Rugby League season in 2014 at the annual 9-a-side competition hosted again by Clairvaux Mackillop College, Mt Gravatt. Our Year 9 students won the plate final in 2012 and I have high expectations

of this year's squad. In support of our Senior Boys 2014 Confraternity campaign, hosted by Aquinas College on the Gold Coast, a fund raising benefit will be held in the hall at the college. The event will be held on the night of this year's second State of Origin - June 18 and will include the main game on the big screen together with footage of past years Jimmies' rugby league games as a prequel

highlight. I look forward to catching up with many past students at this event and for those who are unable to make it, I will ensure I mention the highlights of this event in the next edition of Jimmies Spirit.

*Faithful Forever*

**Andrew Ebrington**  
*Sports Coordinator*

## Basketball Program

**Discipline, focus, dedication, self-control and mateship are the founding principles of the St James Basketball program.** Designed to teach life skills through sport, students involved with the program have improved their dedication on and off the court.

In 2013 both of our graduating seniors received university offers and intend on continuing higher education in Australia or the United States. As a group 2013 was very successful. Winning the basketball state championships, connecting with St Leos at the University of Queensland and reigniting the tradition of old boys vs current students basketball has boosted the culture of success and raised the bar of what is expected.

In 2014 St James has taken another step in the employment of a basketball director. The goal of this position is to focus more closely on the links between academics and sport, fundraising and the organisation of the continually developing and growing program. As the program continues to increase in size any and all support is valued and appreciated, so if you are passionate and have dreams of improving what we already do please don't hesitate to contact Kirron Byrne on [kirron.byrne@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:kirron.byrne@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au).

Looking forward to your support in 2014.

**Kirron Byrne**  
*Director of Basketball*





## Time4Kids – Doing Time to Stop Youth Crime



**Each year during the month of April Time4Kids events are held across Australia.**

Hundreds of participants from all walks

of life - community members and leaders, business leaders and owners, celebrities and sporting heroes come together to support PCYC and Do Time to Stop Youth Crime. Volunteer detainees are locked-up in mock gaol cells, under the supervision of a Police Officer and must raise bail through donations to be set free. Proceeds from the fundraising goes towards youth development and crime prevention programs. PCYCs are a not-for-profit organisation, which provides affordable, positive, sporting, recreation, social and cultural programs in a safe and accessible environment. It is through fundraising events like Time4Kids that makes these goals achievable.

This year the YOS Education Unit, a Community Partnership between

St James College and The Salvation Army Youth Outreach Service, have assembled a team of students from the YOS Education Unit and its teachers to participate in this fundraising event. The students involved have created a team called YOS, to show their gratitude, and see it as a means of giving back to their community, just as they have been assisted and supported in their return to education and moving forward. Their aim is to raise a \$1000.00 to post bail for their Teachers, Sam and Brooke. The money raised for bail will go to supporting the PCYC in Fortitude Valley to continue to provide youth development and crime prevention programs.

Fortitude Valley PCYC is holding the event at the Fortitude Valley PCYC, 458 Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley on Wednesday, 2 April 2014 and teaching staff and students will be locked up for around half an hour in a special mock gaol. To be released from gaol they will need to raise \$1000.00 bail, and will accept any contributions towards their freedom between now

and on the day. All donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible and can be made on line at <https://time4kids-pcycqld2014.everydayhero.com/au/yos-education-team-fv>, or by downloading a donation form, or dropping in on the day and filling up their tin!

Help support an amazing cause, donate today and bail out the YOS Education Team!

**Samantha Gall**  
HOD – YOS Education Unit



Time4 Kids YOS Team

## The Lonely Rose by Alyssia McDonald

**Year 9 student Alyssia McDonald actively participated last year in the cancer fundraiser:** 'Canapes for a Cure' at the Red Hill Art Gallery. Her painting The Lonely Rose was a donated for a major prize at the event. Alyssia said, "My painting is about a woman's struggle with cancer. A woman would feel like her body is being destroyed while she is going through treatment for her cancer. But she's really the same beautiful person on the inside."

Alyssia has been selling her abstract paintings and raising money for various charities since she was six years old. She has a very strong sense of social justice. Alyssia was thrilled to have her artwork displayed at The Red Hill Gallery and she hopes to do more gallery exhibits in the coming years.



Alyssia McDonald Cancer Fundraiser

# Immersion visit to Malawi, North East Africa

**During the recent school holidays, a group of four teachers from St James College were privileged to participate in an immersion visit to Malawi in North East Africa.**

The undertaking by Corrie Shand, Louella Sparks, Di Riddle and Di McRoberts to become involved in the ministries of the Canossian Sisters provided an insight into their inspiring response to the challenges of injustice and inequality.

Sister Melissa Dwyer who has previously worked on staff at St James and is now the Headmistress of Bakitia Secondary School played host to the

group. This Catholic boarding school in Balaka caters for 400 hundred young girls who aspire to academic excellence. Based at Bakitia, the St James teachers worked with the girls as well as visited other ministries administered by the Canossian Sisters. The commitment of the Sisters to serve those most in need is clearly informed by the words of St Magdalen of Canossa, the founder of this Italian order of nuns:

*'No human misery or poverty should be foreign to us.'*

This sentiment was most evident in the schools, kindergartens, hospital and community villages that were visited. Through the yearly Walk for Justice, St James students contribute money towards initiatives in Malawi. It was humbling to observe the ceiling fans in the school and the building improvements in the local village - projects completed as a result of student donations. One of the most memorable initiatives, and one that the St James community lovingly supports through fundraising, was the three kindergartens overseen by the Sisters community at Nsanama. Despite an obvious lack of basic resources usually associated with a kindy, the positive outcomes of the opportunity provided were certainly reflected in the absolute joy of the children.

In an effort to strengthen and build the Sisters capacity to support their work in Malawi, the concept of organising and freighting a container of goods to furnish, adequately resource and equip the kindergartens has emerged. To that end, we are seeking the assistance and generosity of people and organisations in our local area that may be in a position to contribute to our vision.

Any donations, contributions or alerts to contacts, networks etc who may be able to assist with unused or excess furniture, play equipment or resources would be greatly appreciated. Please be assured that any contribution to our *'Kindy Container'*, however large or small, will, alongside the inspirational Canossian Sisters, display solidarity for the disadvantaged and make a difference to the lives of the infectiously joyous young children in Malawi.

For further details or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Dianne McRoberts, Project Coordinator of the Kindy Container Project

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**Dianne McRoberts**

HOD – Teacher Learning Support



Malawi village children.



Malawi village family.



L-R: Di McRoberts, Corrie Shand, Diane Riddle, Villager, Louella Sparks, Sr Melissa Dwyer.



Bakitia Secondary School students.



# Where are they now?

## *Paul, Anthony and John Schiavo* (1971 – 1983)

By Anthony Schiavo

The Schiavo brothers attended St James from 1971 to 1983, all starting in year 5 and going through to year 12.

Like a lot of the boys of Italian background, we grew up in New Farm – at the top of Moray Street – so we walked to school up Bowen Terrace, under the Storey Bridge down Ivory Street to Boundary Street each day. Walking through the Valley after school to meet up with friends attending other schools was always eventful – the Leisure Centre and Plaza Palace, waiting for the bus outside Coles and Woolworths, the record shop, the café outside Target.

New Farm was a very different place in the 70s than the fashionable place it is today.

I speak for my brothers when I say we loved our time at Jimmies and were encouraged (strenuously!) by our parents to do well.

The year Paul started, jackets, ties, hats, badges and St James's school bags were obligatory but these rules became more relaxed as the years went on.

With the influx of the Italian boys, soccer became as relevant as rugby league and cricket. At lunchtime we played numerous games at the same time (the smoke stack was made a great goal!). Handball or downball was played religiously each lunch break as students brought their freshly shaved tennis balls for the contest. Of course there were variations of British Bulldog and Red Rover, which were regularly banned. We thought we were pretty clever when we renamed Red Rover "Tree Rack" after it was banned one time. The only areas with grass was the tennis court, but I don't remember if anyone actually played tennis on it, or even if we were allowed on it at lunch time! In the early 1980s, a lunch time soccer competition became quite popular.

We had a great selection of teachers from Year 5 to year 12, including quite a number of Christian Brothers as well as some great lay teachers. So many of them are memorable to this day – from Brothers Sultman, Steele, Norris, Kempster, Dredge, Hickey, Kelly, Devlin, Robinson through to lay teachers like Mario Patane, Les Rogers, Kevin Elford, Harry McCullough, Noelene Mahoney (who ended up marrying Brother Sultman), Janette Favretto, Giorgia Coronas, Gerard Keating, Christine Hickey, Max Ryan, David Gardiner, Peter Cavanagh, Dietmar Liedewasch... All these teachers were memorable in their own ways and it was nearly always a positive environment.

For those who remember those years, I was the kid on the piano at most concerts and



Left to right - Paul, John @ Anthony Schiavo

masses, initially helping Carole Cochrane (later Ryan), the school's accompanist, then doing much of the playing myself in the later years. I ended up playing piano for a living during my uni years to finance overseas holidays.

All three of us were in Hogan House and we can still recite a number of the war cries as well as the school song on cue. Towards the end of the 70s there was a redistribution of kids among the houses, and I ended up in O'Quinn, John became House Captain of Long in year 12 but Paul stayed true to Hogan. I was school vice-captain in 1980 with Romano Turco as school captain and Jim Butler as co-vice-captain.

Those years in the 70s were the peak of the Italian population at St James's and there were as many characters as there were days in the year. And while we look back with laughter at the fun times we all had, it wasn't always easy for the Italian kids. Even though the Italian population must have exceeded 30% of the entire school enrolment, there were dark days where kids were picked on for being different, for the sports they played, for the way they looked, the way they spoke, for the lunches they brought to school (until people realized they were so much better than the lunches the Aussie kids brought in!). But at a school like Jimmies, we were encouraged to get along and our teachers were great role models in this regard.

Once school was over, Paul did a Bachelor of Arts at Griffith University followed by a Dip Ed and has been teaching at Villanova College since he graduated in 1984. He's been married to Anne-Maree since 1985 and has three kids – a married son who's 24, an 18-year-old son and a 14-year-old daughter. Paul's lifelong passion has been football/soccer and he has pursued his own career then his kids' football careers – all three of whom have done well at the highest levels of the sport.

John ended up being the most academic, having firstly completed a Bachelor of Human Movement Studies, then a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters in History, all from the University of Queensland. He married Juliette in 2000 and they have two daughters aged 12 and 10. John is the Principal Advisor administering the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage legislation in the Queensland Government. He's still into soccer, playing

in an over-35s team and actively involved in his club's administration.

I completed a Bachelor and Arts and a Bachelor of Laws at the University of Queensland in 1985, then moved to Canberra as a graduate recruit, then to Melbourne in 1989, Milan in 2002 and back to Melbourne in 2005 before finally settling back in Brisbane in 2009. I'm a Partner and Queensland Manager of the global consulting firm, Mercer.

Our dad Artemio passed away in 2010 but our mum Freda, who many will remember in the tuck shop and occasionally on stage at school concerts, is still as fit and vital as ever (at 76) and enjoying an active retirement.

### **Desmond Mudge (1954)**

Des would like to hear from past Jimmies students who undertook Scholarship in 1954. Des can be contacted at [delanddes@bigpond.com](mailto:delanddes@bigpond.com)

### **Peter Egan (1979)**

In 2014 my wife Maria and I are off to teach in the Tiwi Islands (80 km north of Darwin). Maria is teaching Prep at Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School (P-6) and I am teaching English, History and Religion at Xavier Catholic College(7-12). Both schools are in the township of Wurramiyanga (formerly Nguui) on Bathurst Island. Nudgee and Padua have given us 2 years leave without pay to be able to accept the 2 year contracts.

### **Mark Jones (1988)**

I am the youngest of four brothers who attended Jimmies. I enjoyed my time there and remember it fondly. I had big shoes to fill! One of my brothers was School Captain in 1987 and I followed up my final year as Vice-Captain. I was also a member of one of the early basketball teams – I don't think we even had proper singlets back then. Good to see the school is going strong especially excelling at basketball and are now champions of the sport. Good Work.

### **Tanya Semerad (2005)**

I am a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland and High Court of Australia. Some of my interests lie in the area of health and well-being.

### **Joseph Yunis (2008)**

The Nuba Mountains Education Initiative (NMEI) Art Show was held at St James in September last year. As the President of the NMEI, I would like to acknowledge the College and the success of the event which was due to the participation and generous donations by staff to a cause that will nurture the disadvantaged students in Africa and inspire them to hope and dream again. St James is an integral institution and continues to be in the lives of those who have hoped and dreamt for so long

## Where are they now? cont.

to find a nurturing, caring and inclusive school. An institution without staff who believe in the vision and mission of its operation is just a building. Thank you for making St James an institution that opens hearts and champions minds to think just, to think of others and do good to them and inspire them to see hope and purpose in their lives. This is a true reflection of the Jimmies spirit that is forever faithful.

I'm also proud to share with you my nomination for the pride of Australia award. I made it as a Queensland finalist in the fair go category. For more information please visit this site and learn more of the stories of brave, courageous and inspiring Queenslanders who have been nominated and are now finalists.

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/special-features/meet-the-pride-of-australia-queensland-finalists/story-fnisjwad-1226719136790>

### Cameron Farlow (2009)

Cameron placed 38th at the World Scrabble Championship in Prague last year. His current ranking in the World

English-Language Scrabble Players Association is 103.

### Thabang Brian Baloyi (2010)

Thabang and his dance partner Daria Walczak, dance in Amateur and achieved first place in the Adult Open Latin (South Pacific Dance Sport Championship in Australia - Sydney on Saturday, 28 September 2013). He is currently competing in So You Think You Can Dance Australia.

### Louise Quan (2012)

In 2013 I studied at UQ doing a Bachelor of Arts. I did a variety of courses including politics, Asian history, communications and Chinese Mandarin. I am now a student at ANU Canberra having transferred from UQ at the end of last year. Since Year 12 I had wanted to do a Bachelor of Asia-Pacific Studies, unfortunately this degree was not on offer at any of the universities in the state. It has taken me a year to get here because of certain restrictions that I had to adhere to being an International student. But here I am finally and I am truly excited about studying about the fascinating and wonderful region that is the Asia-Pacific.

## Stay Connected

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- Title & Surname
- Surname at School
- Given Names
- Telephone
- New Address
- Previous Address
- Email
- Last year at St James & Year Level
- Occupation/Skills/Interests
- Have you been doing anything we should know about?
- Please advise if you would prefer not to receive information from the Past Students' Association.



## Jimmies Umbrella

**We look forward to receiving stock of our smart, golf style umbrella in early May 2014!**

The umbrella, proudly sporting the college colours *Maroon* and *Gold* and featuring the College Crest as well as the logo *Jimmies Since 1868*, will sell at cost for \$25.00.

**Please contact Naomi Ritchie on 07 3230 8686 or at [naomi.ritchie@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:naomi.ritchie@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au) should you wish to purchase a Jimmies Umbrella.**

## Notices

### Reunions

#### Class of 1994 – 20 Year Reunion

Contact Ashley Reynolds at [reynoldsash2@gmail.com](mailto:reynoldsash2@gmail.com)

### Deaths

#### Pasquelino Carbone (21.04.57 – 29.01.14)

Lino attended St Patrick's primary school, Fortitude Valley from 1962 to 1969, St James' College 1970 to 1974 and QUT where he graduated with a business degree majoring in accounting. He worked for several government departments both State and Federal including the ATO after which he established his own accounting business on Sandgate Rd, Clayfield.

Lino was a great friend to many people. The turnout at his funeral is a testament to who he was. Lino was also a practical person who sought to better himself and those around him.

He grew up in a good family and was taught to care for others. That made him fit in with the New Farm boys whose friendship he enjoyed. In his very young days there were only a few things that kept friends together; sports, cars, card games, the opposite gender and being an altar boy. Having said that, Lino was not sports mad nor was he a car enthusiast and he stopped being an altar boy when it interfered with the remaining two hobbies.

In his young single days he would join his friends and go the dances or join them for a game of

cards. As with all things good, that came to a partial end. He still kept his friends but like everyone else he moved on to the next phase of his life and something just as good. That was when he met his wife, Silvana Massimissa.

One of his finest moments and a dream come true was his wedding to Silvana. One of his friend's most poignant memories was the love he had for Silvana and the lengths he went to in caring for her until she passed away in late 2006.

Lino is survived by adult children, a son with his own family and daughter. His parents and a sister passed away some years ago leaving an older brother and sister from his original family.

By Charlie Di Bella