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The 2019 SPOCA Year offers delights!

In 2018, 50 years since our school closed, we celebrated to the full our good fortune in being educated at Saint Patrick's Jesuit College (SPJC) East Melbourne. 2019 will build on that experience with a refreshed program plus a celebration.

Our program will include:

- SPOCA annual mass in the ACU Mary McKillop Chapel followed by a brunch in the ACU south cafeteria – for old boys, partners and friends
- ANZAC Day mass in the Xavier Chapel
- Opening of the reinvigorated Xavier/SPJC archives
- Opening of a refurbished SPJC Room at ACU as part of the Open Melbourne Program
- Annual Dinner returns to the warmer time of the year
- Awarding of the inaugural SPJC teaching scholarship at ACU as part of the school's legacy
- St Ignatius Geelong Mosaic Night
- Ongoing reinvigoration of the website (stpats.xavier.vic.edu.au)
- Announcement of Patrician Notables
- All this plus ongoing work to support Jesuit missions and Jesuit Partner Schools

SPOCA St Patrick's Day Mass and Brunch: 17th March at ACU Fitzroy in Victoria Pde

We have greatly valued the generosity of Newman College over many years in offering the chapel and dining room for the annual St Pat's Day mass and breakfast. The change of venue and format are designed to allow more of our old boys, partners and friends to participate.

The mass will start at 10 am in the beautiful Mary McKillop Chapel at the St Patrick's Campus of ACU, followed by an informal brunch, to include a brief talk, from 11 am to 1 pm in the south cafeteria (\$25pp). There will be another opportunity to tour the campus and Cathedral Hall.

AGM & election of office-bearers will be held during lunch.

ANZAC Day Mass: 28th April, Xavier Chapel

A very moving and faith filled recognition of the sacrifice of SPJC and Xavier old boys. Mass will commence at 10am followed by morning tea. All welcome!

SPJC Scholarship at ACU

The pledging and receipt of donations has now reached a level where the SPOCA Committee is confident of reaching the threshold of \$100,000 for the awarding of a perpetual scholarship with annual funding over 3 years. We will celebrate this achievement at the St Pat's Day 17th March Brunch and then work with ACU to invite and assess candidates, and to make the inaugural award in late 2019 at the annual dinner, or early 2020 at a special function. Opportunity to donate will continue until the end of the financial year ie June 2019. Donations of \$50 to \$5000 have been made and they are equally valued.

SPJC ACU Room Refurbishment Open House Melbourne 27 July : Call for Volunteers!

Under the guidance of a panel of alumni experts, John O'Loughlin, Geoff Fitzpatrick and Seb Bowman, progress continues with the refurbishment and fitout of the Saint Patrick's Jesuit College Room at the front of Cathedral Hall. The SPJC Room was included in the 50 Years Celebration in November. The SPOCA committee continues to meet very happily in our new 'home' and to consider ideas for its wider use in SPOCA activities. Any suggestions welcome.

The SPJC Room and the Mary Glowrey Museum upstairs will be featured as part of ACU's initial participation in the Open House Melbourne program on Saturday 27 July 2019. www.openhousemelbourne.org

SPOCA volunteer guides are needed for half-day shifts on Saturday 27 July and they will also need to complete a volunteer training session with Open House Melbourne in early-mid July.

Expressions of Interest can be made to Kevin Lane Tel: 0400 588 767 or Email: mrkevinlane@hotmail.com

2019 Opening of Xavier/SPJC Archives

Doubling of the size of their Archives by Xavier College has been completed, creating more storage, exhibition and education spaces. A modest SPOCA members donation for preservation and display of some SPJC memorabilia has been well received. An inventory has been made of the approximately 300 known memorabilia and groups of historical documents recording SPJC history currently held by SPOCA, by the Jesuit Province and (science equipment) by St Ignatius Athelstone. Most will be transferred to their permanent home in the XC Archives in April in time for the official mid-year opening of the new Archives, to which SPOCA alumni will be invited shortly.

Annual Dinner: 15th November

The dinner will return to the warmer period of the year, starting a little earlier at 7pm. Save the date! More later.

Other important activities

Our work with our Jesuit Partner Schools will continue with awarding of book prizes and representation at our annual dinner. Our website is going from strength to strength, so get on and explore! www.stpats.xavier.vic.edu.au. The first 'batch' of Patrician Notables will be announced in the first half of 2019.