

# Garden of Remembrance

## John XXIII College Chapel Garden



**Daniel Durack** 1 October 1981 - 26 August 1990, aged 8

Daniel started at John XXIII College in February 1987 at the age of 5. He was a member of the Year 4 class during 1990 and is pictured in the class photo. He used a wheel chair and his classmates thought he was very good at doing wheelies!

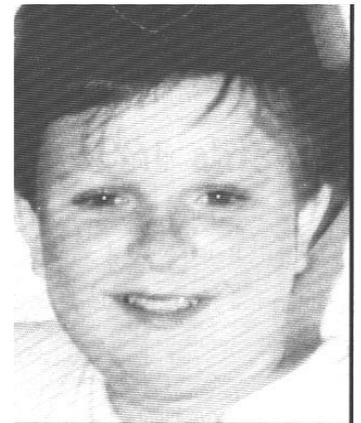
*(John XXIII College Magazine 1990, P 38, 39).*

**Hamish Laurie** 23 August 1980 – 7 December 1993, aged 13

Hamish, son and brother of Jane, Alyssa, Andrew and Timothy died during the last week of the 1993 school year. Hamish had attended St Thomas' Primary in Claremont up to Year 7 then came to John XXII College where he completed his Year 8 studies.

A quiet achiever, Hamish was always willing to give to others and ready to cheer people with his witty personality. He was popular with his class mates, full of fun and affection.

*(John XXIII College Magazine 1994, P 126)*



**Rachel Luciani** 26 June 1982 – 28 June 1996, aged 14

Rachel came to John XXIII College at the beginning of 1996. She was a special student and died just two days after her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is remembered in the 1996 College Magazine with a poem. Rachel's Mum Lennie became the John XXIII costume designer for every musical from *Crazy for You* in 1999 until *Thoroughly Modern Millie* in 2008. She was a huge part of the John XXIII Musicals for 10 years, working with the mothers to create costumes for each cast member for each production.

*(John XXIII College Magazine 1996, P134)*

## Michael Berry

11 June 1937 – 12 November 2002, aged 65



Michael first taught at John XXIII College as an Exchange Teacher from England in 1982. He returned to the College in 1984 as Science Co-Ordinator. In 1998 he was appointed Dean of Studies, a position he held until 2001. In anticipation of his retirement at the end of 2002, Michael spent this year doing what he loved and did so well, teaching.

Throughout his 20 years at the College he was an outstanding teacher, administrator and unobtrusive leader. As a man of great faith and Christian commitment, he was a wonderful witness for students and colleagues. His cheerfulness and courteous manner endeared him to all.

Michael Berry was a true teacher and a loyal generous friend. He was a

good, gracious and gentle man, a man of astute intellect with a passionate commitment to learning and teaching. The number plate on his car was Micah 6 and is hung in the staff room in memory of his commitment to live justly, act wisely and love truly. (*John XXIII College Magazine 2002, p145*)

## Catherine McDonnell 23 Sept 1954 – 13 Sept 2010, aged 55 years

Catherine joined John XXIII College as a teacher of Italian and French in October 1990 and became Head of Department as well as Tutor Teacher of Ward 6. She was a loved and valued member of the College Community and was instrumental in raising the popularity and position of languages in the College, particularly with her organisation and encouragement of the School Exchange Programs and the Study Tours of Italy, France and Japan. Catherine left the College at the end of 2005 to take up an appointment at Swan Valley Anglican Community School. She passed away as the result of Breast Cancer on 13 September 2010. On the first anniversary of her death, a plaque was placed in the Garden of Remembrance by her family, friends and colleagues.



*(Photo courtesy Jim Fitzpatrick)*

## Tommy Fethers

20 July 2005 – 14 October 2013, aged 8



Tommy was a delightful Year 2 student who taught the big lessons in life about love, trust and joy. His sisters, Abbey in Yr 4 and Daisy in Pre-Primary, miss him at home and he is missed in the classroom by both teachers and classmates. Tommy came to John XXIII College in 2010 and died at home on the day before Term 4 was due to start in 2013.

*(Photo by Catherine Woods, P1, John XXIII College Magazine 2013)*

## **Arlene Nedeljkovic** 20 January 1945- 21 September 2008, aged 63

Arlene Nedeljkovic, born in South Africa on 13 January 1945, became a well-known Australian artist, with regular exhibitions.



Much is written about Arlene's creative work, one commentator writing: 'she explored themes of duality and productive tension in canvases featuring energetic drip patterns against abstract compositions. These divergent techniques often adopted a figure-background relationship, with trickled colours playing across more muted patterns', as depicted in *Dappled Forrest*.

From 1983 Arlene was an art teacher then Head of the Art Department at John XXIII College until 1983 to 2008 and Arlene's *Jacob's Ladder* is displayed at John XXIII College.



Arlene's book *Healing Angels*, published in June 2005, inspires all lovers of art as it tells the story of love between a mother and daughter and their will to overcome cancer in their journey through Europe. Arlene retired and died on 21 September 2008. Staff member Judith Sanders was particularly close to Arlene and assisted the family with her support on behalf of the College. Arlene's family attended the Memorial Mass offered by College Chaplain, Fr Gaetan Pereira sj, in the College Chapel.



## **Simon Casey 1958-2014**

Simon Casey was born 1 March 1958 and started school at Loreto Osborne Primary in Bindaring Pde Claremont before he moved on to St Louis School for Boys in Year 4. He graduated in 1975 from St Louis, just as St Louis and Loreto College were amalgamating to become John XXIII College in 1976.

Simon is seen in the Year 3 Boys photo at Loreto Claremont overlooking the River; standing with his feet on the ground, Simon is looking at the camera.

Simon went on the study teaching and was delighted to return to John XXIII College in 2003 where he was a very respected Senior Primary teacher, preparing the students of their entry into Secondary College. He related well to students, insisting on personal excellence and effort and was very involved in sport. He struggled with cancer and died on 26 July 2014.

The Simon Casey Sports Award will be annually awarded to a Yr. 6 student showing outstanding interest and participation in sport, through sportsmanship, enthusiasm, commitment and encouragement of others during Years 5 and 6 Interschool Sports.

