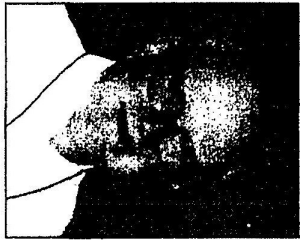


**26 AUGUST**

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**Brother Patrick (Thomas Joseph) Butler**



Thomas was born in Sydney on May 19th 1929 to Mary Conroy and James Butler. They lived in Hornsby and he attended school at Eastwood. He entered the Juniorate in January 1943 and the Novitiate in 1945. At Reception on July 2nd he was given the name Patrick. Teacher training at Camberwell followed and his first few appointments were to East Brunswick, Newcastle, Mosman, Hunters Hill and Darlinghurst.

He studied at Sydney University, majoring in History and at New England gaining his M.Ed. in 1968. To these he added studies at the Holy Spirit Institute of Theology to upgrade his qualifications in this area.

He was Director (Superior of the Community and Headmaster) at Eastwood - a task he did not relish. Completing his canonical term of three years he followed the Second Novitiate program in Fribourg. Parramatta followed and then the call to Newcastle was again heard. Pat loved school and all associated with it. It was his passion. He loved Mathematics and especially when he could teach this to the average lad and the batters. He was a thorough and well organised teacher, methodical and demanding as well.

With others, he made a great contribution to the RE in our schools during the difficult years following Vatican II, helping to develop "Come Alive" a magazine type text suitable for Senior students.

He was a wonderful Community man, full of fun, generous and helpful. He was a great coach of Rugby League, Cricket and Athletics. He understood boys well and knew how to challenge them and develop their character.

Diabetes and other ailments afflicted him in his latter years and he passed to his reward on August 26th. After the Mass at Ashgrove, he was laid to rest in our plot in Nudgee Cemetery.  
He died aged 77 years.

