In 2011, a pioneering group of girls elected to be PLC’s inaugural International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma cohort. With its emphasis on global mindedness, these students have elected to maintain breadth of studies (six subjects), learn a second language, engage in community action and service, deepen their understanding of knowledge and thinking through Theory of Knowledge and demonstrate self-directed learning by undertaking a 4000-word Extended Essay. In keeping with the holistic philosophy of IB, all components will be assessed and contribute to their globally benchmarked IB results at the end of 2012. They will be well prepared to take on the rigour of a university education anywhere in the world.

Offering the Diploma at PLC has been a natural extension to the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Middle Years Programme (MYP), which we have now been teaching for eight years. It is also in keeping with the school’s desire to provide a diverse range of course options that permit students to choose according to their interests, motivation, strengths and destination. Girls in Years 11 and 12 can now elect to study the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), Diploma or undertake a vocational pathway.

The School’s journey with the IB MYP is well documented in this edition by our MYP Co-ordinator and Deputy Principal, Kim Edwards. Together with the introduction of PYP and Diploma, we have all been challenged to consider the educational needs of students in a rapidly changing, technology rich and highly-connected multicultural world. Our staff have shared pedagogy, best practice and challenges with educators from around the world. Many have become IB trainers in their subject disciplines, opening doors to new learning experiences and the opportunity to share with students and staff in the Asia Pacific region.

At the end of 2011, we were delighted to receive the positive news that the Federal Government has provided formal recognition that the IB programmes meet the requirements of the Australian Curriculum. What this means is that PLC is teaching the Australian curriculum but within an IB framework that is holistic, bilingual and based on cultural awareness and international understanding.

The vision for PLC, that is mirrored so well by the philosophy of IB, is to prepare young women—the decision makers of tomorrow—to live in a complex multicultural and connected world and to have the skills and attitudes to be part of a shared future.

Paul Brock, in *Towards Schooling in the 21st Century*, states: “education can, indeed must, play a most important role in confronting issues of national and global significance in the 21st century”. Enjoy reading this new year edition of *Blackwatch* and the glimpse it offers of how PLC is meeting the challenge of a 21st century education.

**BETH BLACKWOOD**
Principal

---

**Message from the Principal**

**The vision for PLC, that is mirrored so well by the philosophy of IB, is to prepare young women – the decision makers of tomorrow – to live in a complex multicultural and connected world and to have the skills and attitudes to be part of a shared future.**

---

**A Fresh Look at Uniform**

The PLC uniform will incorporate some changes in 2012 that will refresh and smarten the current design and style, while maintaining the very best traditions and features of our well-recognised look.

The pages of Blackwatch document the active lifestyle of today’s PLC student as well as the more diverse range of options that are available both within the curriculum as well as the co-curricular programme.

Students need and expect to be more comfortable in their uniforms today and their wider variety of activities require them to be more mobile and efficient at changing in and out of uniform. Students involved in activities such as Sport, Drama, Dance and Media, for example, could have up to five uniform changes a day!

In the Junior School we are very conscious of encouraging our young students to be physically active by engaging in creative play as well as traditional games such as hopscotch and skipping at recess and lunch breaks. Research demonstrates how important imaginative and autonomous play is for the healthy development of young children and it’s appropriate that our uniform evolves and adapts along with the activities we offer within the School.

continued on page 4…
But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord...’ (Luke 2:10-11)

When we ponder the mystery of the Incarnation, of Jesus being born, dying and rising, how do we respond? What are our expectations of the resurrection, for ourselves and for others? Are we looking for what the world calls ‘perfection’ or for the glory of our wounded God?

Many people are seeking a meaningful spiritual dimension in their lives. There is evidence of that in the huge number of people who work for peace and justice, who accompany the marginalised, and who, in trying to live more simply, become deeply attentive to the cries of our wounded planet.

Kike Figaredo is a Spanish Jesuit who has been working in Cambodia for over 20 years and he now serves as the Bishop of Battambang. He runs a rehabilitation centre for the young victims of landmines and cluster bombs. He has helped Cambodians to reconnect with their obliterated cultural heritage through dance and music. He campaigns for the banning of cluster munitions. He is also the inventor of the Mekong chair, a special wheelchair for the mine victims affording them mobility on the dirt tracks in the country. As he himself says, ‘love exists to be transmitted and there are thousands of ways to do so. I do it by being here helping the needy in whatever way I can.’ In doing so, he enables the glory of God to shine through the deep, deep wounds of the Cambodian people.

One of the most startling aspects of the Cambodian Jesuit ministry is the symbol of the mutilated Christ. Missing a limb, like so many Cambodians, because of violence, the mutilated Christ speaks of the power of God out of profound pain, weakness and destruction. For this, not the ‘perfect’ bodies of our own culture’s vaunted models and sport stars, is the image of the risen Christ, which offers healing and hope to everyone, whoever and wherever we are. In Cambodia, Kike Figaredo has been called ‘the bishop of the wheelchairs’, not only for his work but also for his teaching of the Gospel. As he himself says, for the Cambodians and for others, the wheelchair is a “sign of hope”.

Since 2008, PLC students, parents and teachers have been visiting Cambodia on the annual Service Immersion Tour, building houses, funding wells, spending time with local school children. This is in line with the IB Mission Statement, which seeks to develop caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. The tour expresses something of our inter-connectedness and a desire to care for others. Service is always an opportunity to learn more about ourselves and invariably we receive far more than we give.

As we look at our own wounds, or see others who may at first seem disfigured, may we be blessed by a fresh perception of the risen Christ among us, and may this continue to inspire us to find creative ways to love and to care.

(With thanks to Jonathan Inkipin and Peter Millar)

REVEREND GARY VAN HEERDEN

A Fresh Look at Uniform continued from Page 3

So, in 2012:
• berets will be an optional part of the uniform for students in Years 7-12;
• the school tie will be an optional part of the uniform across the School;
• the current shirt will be slightly modified in style and fabric. The new shirt is primarily cotton, has a softer shape, current crest on the pocket and continues to be an over-shirt;
• the shirt will include a button at the neck should students choose to wear a tie. The collar is designed to sit neatly without the need for a tie;
• the blazer will be softer wool and will have a green trim with the current crest on the pocket;
• the skirt for girls up to Year 3 will be a skort; and
• the Black Watch tartan skirt for Years 3 – 12 is improved in quality and cut.

As with any change, how the evolution of the uniform works and is welcomed will be monitored across a reasonable period of time and feedback sought from a variety of stakeholders. A short paper to help interested people provide informed comment can be accessed at www.plc.wa.edu.au

Across 2012, we will also be reviewing our sports uniform with a view to including contemporary sports fabrics and styles as well as addressing the wide range of sports and recreational activities that PLC now offers. Surveys of students and parents will provide an opportunity for feedback to the Principal on the sports uniform.

A dedicated email address – ourviews@plc.wa.edu.au – has also been established for comments. Emails received will provide feedback for consideration by the Principal when making final decisions about our PLC uniform.
Congratulations to our Year 12 students, who all successfully completed their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) examinations late last year. Our leavers were once again rewarded with outstanding results. All who applied to a WA university were offered a place.

PLC is a non-selective school, providing open entry for prospective students. These excellent results are just one indication of our students’ success.

Graduation
In 2011, 100% of Year 12 PLC students achieved secondary graduation through WACE. In the WACE examinations:

- 3.4% achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 99.00 or above, which means they were in the top 1% of all students in the State.
- 29.9% had an ATAR above 95.00 – the top 5% of all students in the State.
- 50.3% had an ATAR above 90.00 – the top 10% of all students in the State.

Awards and Achievements
Course Exhibitions were awarded to School Runner-up to Dux, Sarah Ransom, for Biology, and to Head Girl, Dinu Kumarasinghe, for Drama.

Course Exhibitions are awarded to the top eligible student obtaining the highest combined mark in a WACE course.

Certificates of Distinction
Certificates of Distinction were awarded to Sarah Ransom for Biology, Natasha Graham for Dance, Dinu Kumarasinghe for Drama, Elizabeth Alderson for Geography, Alice Garbutt-Wilkins for Human Biology, and Dux of School, Emily Warton, for Human Biology.

Certificates of Distinction are awarded to eligible students who are in the top 0.5 per cent of candidates based on the WACE course score or the top two candidates (whichever is greater) in a WACE course.

Certificates of Excellence
Certificates of Excellence went to Elizabeth Alderson, Jessica Armstrong, Mia Carlton, Jia-Ying Choong, Stephanie King, Dinu Kumarasinghe, Katie Lloyd, Siobhan Mews, Abigail Pearson, Sarah Ransom, Patricia Soegiantho and Emily Warton.

A Certificate of Excellence is awarded to each eligible student who obtains at least 18 grades of ‘A’ in course units or equivalents and achieved the WACE.

Top 15 Performing Schools in the State
PLC also was listed among the top 15 schools in 17 WACE subjects/courses of study: Biological Sciences, Dance, Drama, Economics, Geography, Human Biological Science, Literature, Materials Design and Technology, Mathematics 3AB, 3CB and Specialist, Media Production and Analysis, Physics, Psychology, Visual Arts, Applied Information Technology, and Food Science and Technology.

The list is compiled from the percentage of students at each school who achieved a WACE course score of 75 or more.
The Summers Society

In past years, PLC has been fortunate to be the recipient of generous bequests from supporters of the School. These benefactors have been instrumental in the ongoing development of a leading and innovative School of excellence for girls. To enable PLC to thank those who choose to make a difference to the future of the School by leaving a gift to PLC in their Will, the Summers Society has been formed.

The Summers Society was named in honour of Dr Vera Summers, former Principal of PLC, who supported a tradition of philanthropy and left a bequest to the School, which formed the basis of the PLC Foundation.

PLC greatly appreciates the supporters of the School, both philanthropic and personal, who assist in allowing the College to embrace opportunities and face challenges as a leading educator of young women. If you are giving consideration to providing a gift to PLC in your Will and contributing to the long-term future of the School, please consider advising us of your intentions. Not only will this provide us with the ability to plan for the future but enable PLC to thank you, invite you to significant school functions, discuss projects that are of your particular interest and welcome you to the Summers Society.

What does PLC mean to me?

There are layers of meaning:

1. The memories of my school days: The School song (“Land of my Birth, I pledge to thee…”), Blackwatch tartan skirts swinging, pompoms on berets, marching into assembly in Carmichael Hall and singing a hymn every morning. A place of belonging and learning. Lifelong friends. Teachers who cared and were always there. Labore et Honore: Work and honour, the School motto.

2. The memories of a PLC parent: Three daughters at PLC, new buildings and great facilities, modern teaching styles but no less for them the powerful feelings of belonging to a School that offers a richness beyond classroom learning, the striving for excellence, for life-long learning, of service and commitment – values that PLC has always instilled in students.

3. The memories of a staff member: Seeing it “from the other side” confirmed that the commitment from all behind the scenes is strong and long-term.

Now I look forward to granddaughters continuing the link in years to come. My wish is that PLC will always be there to nurture students as it has for almost 100 years, and that students will emerge proud of their School, instilled with the continuing values of service, hard work, compassion and a love of life-long learning.

DENISE MURRAY (CHAPMAN 1966)
PLC is extremely grateful to all the supporters of the 2011 Annual Giving programme. The major focus of last year’s Annual Giving Programme was the inaugural PLC Foundation Scholarship Fund. Together with your generous donations, the PLC Foundation will be offering an academic scholarship of full tuition fees from Year 7 to Year 12 to a girl entering Year 7 in 2013. This girl would normally be unable to consider attending PLC due to financial circumstances. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a special girl to become part of the PLC community.

The other two areas that your donations to the Annual Giving programme went to are the PLC Foundation Building Fund and the PLC Library Fund.

You can still help by contributing to the Annual Giving programme; it is not too late. Please go to www.plc.wa.edu.au and visit Giving to PLC/Annual Giving or call Community Relations on +618 9424 6534.

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to the Annual Giving donors of 2011 listed below, and to those who wished to remain anonymous. Thank you for your generosity.

Mrs Rosemary Adamson (Ross 1951)
Miss Wendy Addis (1954)
Mr Rory Argyle (1958)
Mrs Margaret Atkins OAM (Cusack 1947)
Mrs Berwinie Barrett-Lennard (Cook 1945)
Dr Stephen & Mrs Loretta Baker
Mrs Judy Battaglia (1963)
Mr Ian & Mrs Pamela Bowman
Lady Jean Brodie-Hall AM (Slayer 1942)
Ms Ann Brown (Solomon 1948)
Mrs Fiona Callander
Mrs Beris Carter (Mazzucchelli 1953)
Dr Weng Chin
Hon June Craig AM (Lynn 1947)
Mrs Helen Curtis
Mrs Maisie Delroy (Young 1947)
Mr Frank Descant
Ms Bronwyn Dougall
Dr Anne Durack (1963)
Ms Christina Eftos (1989)
Mr Peter Fairweather
Miss Barbara Finch (1950)
Mrs Beverley Fitzgerald (Bird 1954)
Mrs Helen Fream (Oliver 1982)
The Gajdatsy Family
Mrs Carole Gamble (Bull 1964)
Dr Raad & Mrs Sophia Gillies
Mrs Helen Green (Novakoy 1961)
Mrs Jennifer Grove (1989)
Mr Jeff & Mrs Pamela Halford
Mr Mark Hanikeri
Miss June Hardie (1951)
Mrs Helen Harper-Nelson (Irving 1938)
Mrs Jennifer Hassell (Mayrhofer 1955)
Mrs June Hawkins (Henning 1942)
Dr Margaret Henderson (1932)
Dr Steve Henderson
Prof Tracey Horton
Mrs Ann James (Leake 1968)
Miss Anna James (1999)
Dr Gweneith Jones AM (Eggleston 1948)
Dr Patricia Kailis AM OBE
Mrs Elizabeth Kelly (Weygers 1963)
Mrs Ethelmay Kenworthy (Cook 1949)
Mrs June Kerr (Gwyther 1952)
Mr Timothy & Mrs Naomi Kestell
Mrs Jane Kingsnorth (Ferguson 1969)
Mrs Margaret Kopcheff
Miss Sarah Kopcheff (2003)
Mrs Anne Kyle (Jago 1948)
Ms Margot Lang (Richards 1952)
Mrs Julie Larkin (Sedgman 1951)
Mr Stephen & Mrs Janine Lauder
Mrs Verona Lea (Baron-Hay 1949)
Mrs Laura Lewis (McCowan 1944)
Mrs Patricia Littlejohn (Sloane 1949)
Mrs Freda Livingstone (Bunce 1949)
Mrs Geraldene Lowe-Ahmad (Lowe 1955)
Mrs Anne Makepeace (Roberson 1948)
Mrs Gwen Manser (Morgan 1953)
Mrs Mary Martin (Forbes 1959)
Mr Gerard McCann & Ms Susan Gawne
Mrs Julie Murray (Sandilands 1986)
Mrs June Mylius (Gill 1948)
Hon Robert Nicholson AO
Mrs Meredith Olden
Mrs Eunice Osborne (Seddon 1952)
Mrs Betty Palmer (Alexander 1944)
Mrs Judy Pratt (Creek 1951)
Mr David & Mrs Elizabeth Quinlivan
Mrs Laura Raiter (Einishovic 1951)
Ms Jennifer Rankin
Mr Graham Reynolds OAM
Mrs Robyn Ridley (Limbourn 1961)
Mr Anthony & Mrs Deborah Robinson
Mr Leigh Robinson
Dr Jenny Rogers (1972)
Mrs Tasma Rose (Clifton 1954)
Mr Robert Schmidt
Mrs Joanne Scott (Mckenzie 1960)
Mrs Barbara Sewell (Buchanan 1949)
Mrs Carolyn Shephard (Sheedy 1988)
Mrs Margaret Stamper (Monger 1947)
Mrs Valerie Thompson (Gardiner 1956)
Ms Jenny Thornton (1977)
Mrs Wendy Tushingham (Jago 1946)
Mrs Alison Tweedie (McNeil 1951)
Dr Richard Vaughan AM & Mrs Elizabeth Vaughan (Overton 1962)
Mrs Pat Voyer (Beatty 1946)
Mrs Shirley Wallman (Morrison 1949)
Mrs Alison Webb (Willoughby 1953)
Mrs Susan Wooller (Gordon 1969)
Primary Years Programme and Exhibitions

2011 has been another busy year in the Junior School, particularly with regard to auditing our Primary Years Programme (PYP) against the Australian curriculum. To this end, the Junior School has now developed documents that clearly outline our teaching content and are the points of reference for teachers when planning the learning programme. Subsequently, our Programme of Inquiry has also been reviewed to meet the Australian curriculum, to develop the broad knowledge base in all learning areas, as well as to accommodate the transition of Year 6 from PYP to Middle Years Programme (MYP) (see MYP story on page 9).

Andrea Muller, an experienced teacher, global programme manager (IB Asia Pacific) and associate lecturer who has worked extensively in schools and with educational organisations throughout New Zealand, Australia, Central Europe, Asia and the Middle East, visited PLC in July to share her expertise on the PYP. Specifically, the Units of Inquiry were reviewed and modified to better meet the IB standards and practices. An emphasis was placed on academic rigour, true enquiry-based pedagogy, as well as the delivery of an effective concept-driven curriculum.

The culminating learning experience that marks the transition from the PYP to the MYP is the Exhibition. As such, it is a significant event in the life of both the School and the students.

In 2011, due to the transition of Year 6 into the MYP, students in both Year 5 and Year 6 participated in their own Exhibition. Both year groups worked with the theme of Sharing the Planet. Year 6 developed the central idea of ‘global citizens unite to explore issues and take actions that make positive contributions to our world’, while Year 5’s central idea explored ‘the rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and other living things.’ For students in Year 6, this meant exploring issues such as poverty, environmental stewardship, peace and conflict, and health and disease. Their focus was mainly on how these issues appear in Australia and many students made connections with local organisations to learn more and also to take action. Students in Year 5 took a more global perspective and researched a wide range of issues, including deforestation, the impact of drought, animal cruelty and whaling.

Throughout the Exhibition process, students demonstrate independence and responsibility and are encouraged to display and reflect upon the attributes of the IB Learner Profile.

“The journey is often more important than the destination because you experience all the things that happen in between – having disagreements and then resolving them, taking action – and this makes you a better person,” said Emer Lewis (Year 6). “In our case, we become global citizens, ready to unite and make good contributions to society.”

Year 5 teacher Paul Fleuren said students used the knowledge they developed to undertake action in a wide variety of ways that included visiting or volunteering at local organisations, raising awareness of issues through the creation and distribution of brochures, writing to government officials, sponsoring a child or an endangered animal, and creating books as a resource for others.

“It feels very rewarding to teach students the skills and concepts throughout the Exhibition process, which then allows the students to start teaching staff and parents the content and depth of knowledge they acquire along the way,” Mr Fleuren said.

Exhibition is ultimately about international mindedness. It is an empowering process for students as they contribute independently to the community and apply the essential skills, knowledge and conceptual understandings they have developed over their time working within an IB framework.

HEATHER POPE
Head of Junior School

LIBBY RENTON
PYP Co-ordinator
MYP Moves Forward

As 2011 draws to a close, it is an opportunity to step back and reflect on our Middle Years Programme (MYP) journey across the last eight years. We first started to explore the programme in early 2003, and through a staff ballot, made the decision to move to teaching the MYP at the start of 2005, with full implementation of the programme through to Year 10 by 2008.

For a school to become an IB World MYP School, it must be authorised by the International Baccalaureate to implement the programme. This means the School’s programmes and teaching methodologies are audited against internationally established benchmarks. The authorisation process took two years and required a complete review of all aspects of the teaching and learning programme. These included a total rewrite of the timetable to ensure the provision of appropriate teaching time for the eight subjects, a change to the elective offerings as a second language was now compulsory for all students to take through to the end of Year 10, a change to the assessment and reporting processes, the alignment of the School’s mission statement with the IB mission statement, the appointment of a Service Learning Co-ordinator, and the implementation of the Personal Project.

As we reflect on this journey, we cannot help but be struck by how different the School is today than it was eight years ago. However, the core values of the School have remained the same. PLC has had a long history of community and service and the appointment of our Service Learning Co-ordinator provided the next step in furthering a culture of service within the School.

Another key change has been the level of collaboration amongst staff in the MYP. Collaborative planning and reflection is a key part of the programme and this was greatly assisted with the opening of the new Middle School building in 2007 and the requirement for co-teaching between staff in the Middle School. This approach has supported staff to meet the diverse educational needs of students and was commended in the recent evaluation report.

One of the benefits of moving to the MYP was that our teachers would have access to an international network of educators willing to share their practice. Our staff have travelled extensively within the Asia Pacific region, attending workshops and working with teachers across the region. We now have six Heads of Department who are IB MYP workshop leaders and work as educational trainers within other schools in the Asia Pacific region. We also have two staff trained as MYP evaluators, who contribute to the IB organisation by evaluating and authorising candidate schools. The benefits to PLC are enormous, as these staff members’ knowledge and understanding of MYP and IB requirements has strengthened PLC’s capacity to implement an outstanding programme.

Last year, representatives of the IB returned to evaluate the School’s Middle Years Programme. The regular five-year evaluation process is both a requirement and a service provided by the IB to authorised schools. It ensures the quality and fidelity of the programme across all IB world schools is maintained through a process of formal reflection by all stakeholders within a school community against the IB Programme Standards and Practices.

The IB evaluators spent three days at the School and provided a verbal and written report that commended PLC for:

- The excellent systems in place to promote responsible action within and beyond the School community that have resulted in the creation of a positive culture of service in the School.

continued on page 10…

Blind Dedication

Anneliese Donaldson has created a book in braille and donated proceeds to the Guide Dog Association for her Personal Project.

The book is about a boy reflecting on his time with his guide dog in training. The Association provided photos and allowed Anneliese to use its computer, which translates type-written words into braille.

Anneliese explained that she has always loved the Association and wanted to learn more about the guide dog community.

“My book had quite humble beginnings,” she said. “I was given a guide dog toy when I was born so I have known about the Association and braille since I was little. I wanted to do something that inspired me and combined my love for the Association because I believe it is such a worthwhile project.”

Anneliese received invaluable help from her mentor, David Manera, who is blind.

continued on page 10…
MYP Moves Forward continued from Page 9

- Our extensive professional development programme, which includes opportunities both within the School and attendance at official IB regional workshops and conferences.
- Our outstanding physical and virtual learning environments, facilities, resources and specialised equipment, which support the implementation of the programme.
- Collaborative planning and reflective practices that incorporate differentiation for students’ learning needs and styles in all teaching unit plans and classroom practice with extensive involvement and leadership from the Learning Enrichment Centre.
- Striving to incorporate relevant learning experiences in our written curriculum.
- Teaching and learning that uses a wide range and variety of strategies.
- Establishing processes that attend to differentiated instruction to meet students’ learning needs and styles.
- Incorporating a wide range of resources, including information technologies, in teaching and learning.

We have moved into the fifth year of students undertaking the Personal Project. This culminating project for the MYP, completed over 10 months, is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage in self-directed inquiry and provides excellent preparation for WACE over 10 months, is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage

Last year, the WA Curriculum Council recognised the Personal Project as an endorsed Curriculum Council personal development programme. This means that from 2012, successful completion of the Personal Project will provide one unit equivalent towards the Western Australian Certificate of Education requirements.

Across the last year, there has been an extensive amount of work undertaken by our Heads of MYP Maths, Science, Humanities and Language A in mapping the Australian Curriculum content to the MYP concepts and skills framework. It is important to note that the Australian Curriculum is a content-based curriculum, whereas the MYP is a conceptual, skills framework. The School was delighted when the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority recognised the MYP as an alternative framework, which means that from 2012, the School will teach the Australian Curriculum content, whilst ensuring the integrity of the MYP concepts, skills and assessment framework is maintained.

Last year also saw the School decide to move the MYP from a four-year programme (Years 7 to 10) to a five-year programme, with the MYP commencing in Year 6 in 2012. A number of subjects trialled MYP units of work across the year, and our current Year 6 students received a combined PYP/MYP report last semester. This year will see the full MYP taught in Year 6 and will support the transition of students from our Junior School into the Middle School.

As we look to the future, there are opportunities and challenges. The IB is reviewing the design of the MYP and is working towards strengthening the alignment between the three programmes (PYP, MYP and DP). Some of the key changes to the MYP, which will commence in 2014, include:

- A complete review of all the subject guides and a strengthening of the concept-based approach to teaching and learning.
- An option for students in Years 9 and 10 to choose to study a minimum of six from the eight subject groups with Language B still being compulsory in every year of the programme. PLC has been selected to be a pilot school for this in 2013.
- Mandatory moderation of the Personal Project.

The journey continues.

KIM EDWARDS
Deputy Principal & MYP Co-ordinator

Blind Dedication continued from Page 9

There was a lot to learn about the process of training a guide dog and she had to rewrite the story more than once to ensure it was accurate.

“A huge part of my (project) was the research,” she said. “I wanted to incorporate two years of training the dog – and some dogs don’t pass.”

In the end, the hard work paid off with the Association offering to sell her book in its store.

“That was the biggest compliment,” Anneliese said. “The woman asked if I was a dog trainer because the book was so accurate.”

Anneliese made 50 copies and sold them for $20 each, donating the proceeds to the Association. However, for her, it was not so much about fundraising than learning about a whole new community.

She is on the waiting list to adopt one of the dogs who don’t pass as a guide.

Dancing around the Subject

Annabelle Simpson combined her love of dance and art for her Personal Project, creating a striking tutu based on Monet’s famous Water Lilies oil paintings.

Annabelle is one of PLC’s most promising young dancers and studies ballet both in and out of School. She hopes to teach dance while she goes on to tertiary studies once she leaves School.

Motivated by a student the year before who had created an art piece inspired by another art piece, Annabelle decided to use her passion for the creative to produce the eye-catching tutu.

“I was trying to combine my love of ballet and my artistic, textile side,” Annabelle said. “I had to do a lot of background information to get all the colours right.”

The flowers are made of coat hangers, old stockings and scrap materials.

Annabelle worked on her creation for six months.
Snapshots of Derby

With her Personal Project goal to raise awareness of her hometown, Brianna Taylor-Ellison has captured some of Derby’s historical sites in a series of photomontages.

Brianna took dozens of photos of the Prison Boab Tree, Frosty’s Pool, Derby Jetty and Pioneer Cemetery, then painstakingly reconstructed the images of each site, much like piecing together a jigsaw puzzle.

It took her a term and a half to complete the project, with the most time spent assembling the snapshots.

Brianna is a boarder at PLC and said each of the sites was important historically and personally.

“Derby is my hometown and I wanted to educate people about where I came from,” Brianna said. “A lot of people ask me where Derby is so I thought I would do the historical sites.”

Amazing Grace


Grace wrote two of the songs on her album with her mother, one with a friend, and then chose five of her mother’s original works to include as well.

“It is about how communication these days with people is not really communicating with iPhones etc,” Grace explained. “I think that a lot of people are taking technology too lightly. People could be living rather than writing about it. I want people to see the world through new eyes rather than how they see it now.”

Grace wants to follow in the footsteps of her mother and sister Tara (2005), who is also a singer and actor.

Megan’s Dress for Success

A love of sewing inspired Megan Rex to create a dramatic dress made of recycled fabric for her Personal Project.

The Year 10 boarding student from Wagin said she chose to use recycled materials to make the project that bit more challenging.

“I know that the environment is important so it was good to do but it also made it cheaper – and a bit more difficult,” Megan said.

The black material for the bodice and base of the skirt was reworked from one of Megan’s mother’s old dresses and the colourful skirt is composed of fragments of deconstructed shirts from an op shop.

Megan said she initially came up with three possible designs and changed the final one several times but was happy with the result.

She said the project was a wonderful opportunity to indulge her love of textiles.
Holly’s Christmas Story

The Junior School Library has gratefully accepted a French children’s book written and illustrated by Holly Schwelm for her Personal Project.

Holly created a Christmas story, titled *Le Petit Sapin de Noël* (The Little Christmas Tree).

“For my Personal Project, I had to have a goal that was interesting and challenging,” Holly said. “I really enjoy writing stories and drawing, so writing a children’s book seemed like the best thing to do.

“I was going to Europe at Christmas time and thought I would do my book on Christmas. Also Christmas has always been such a special time for me and my family.”

Holly has been learning French for four years.

She read the story to Year 1 and 2 classes last year before donating a copy of the book to the library.

A Design for the Times

Jessica Moore, a competitive swimmer, thought she’d use her Personal Project to update the current design of the PLC swimsuit to be more modern and eye-catching.

“I like to buy and try on really colourful bathers and I thought that going to swimming should be fun,” she said. “I wanted to incorporate the School’s three colours into a really exciting design.”

Jess did three designs and chose the one pictured as her final submission. She is hoping that this version will be considered as an alternative to the current School swimsuit for Inter-School events.

“To have them at IGSSA (Independent Girls Schools Sports Association) and say ‘wow’ when a PLC girl hops up on the block would be really cool; to be the first school to have really colourful Inter-School bathers,” she said.

Jess trains in the pool outside of school six to eight times a week and has competed in national competitions.

She has studied Textiles since Year 8 and enjoys bringing out her creative side through design.

“It took a term’s worth of lunchtimes and recesses to do (the swimsuit),” she said. “It was quite therapeutic to work on it and see it evolving step by step. There were challenges but it was great to overcome them and come up with a product I am proud of.”
Introduction of the IB Diploma

With the successful introduction of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (DP) in 2011, students at PLC can now participate in the full continuum of education that the IB has to offer.

Since the first investigation of the Diploma in 2007, staff have worked towards bringing this significant alternative to the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) to our senior girls. The investigative process included visiting schools in South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania to view various implementation models, and talking to staff about the benefits and challenges of the Diploma.

From mid 2008, staff completed IB workshops to prepare for teaching the Diploma. This involved both physical attendance in locations throughout South East Asia, as well as virtual attendance in online courses. These online courses gave our staff first-hand experience of learning in a digital age; a scenario that could well be implemented for several of our subjects in the near future. During 2010, the School underwent an authorisation processes to ensure that we were fully prepared to teach the Diploma.

Of value is the fact that the Diploma offers an extension of the skills, attributes and pedagogy of the Primary and Middle Years programmes, with their emphasis on educating for international mindedness, bilingualism and a holistic approach to education. An international education is important as we live in an increasingly diverse but interconnected world. Global issues affect us all and solutions to these will come from many people working and collaborating in different ways than in the past. Rapid increases in technology have enabled almost instantaneous communication and sharing of ideas throughout the world and cultural understandings are thus even more important as we interact with people in many different countries. It is from these interactions that solutions will be developed.

An IB Diploma education is widely recognised as a highly effective way for preparing students for tertiary studies in this global context. Diploma students have both a breadth and depth to their course. They select subjects from six groups, including a compulsory second language (French or Spanish ab initio are currently offered), write a 4000-word Extended Essay in a chosen subject area, study Theory of Knowledge (exploring the unexamined assumptions underpinning our understanding of the world around us), and are involved in Creativity, Action and Service (including arts activities, sports, service projects and expeditions). Of their six subjects, at least three will be studied at a higher level. It is a challenging but rewarding and holistic educational experience that prepares students well for success at tertiary studies.

PLC and Scotch College have been working in partnership to extend curriculum opportunities for Year 11 and 12 students in both Diploma and WACE courses. A way forward was made possible last year as Scotch College reorganised their timetable to a five period day. This provided for a full synchronisation of times between PLC and Scotch, which in turn has opened new options for both groups of students. Several students are travelling to the other school to enable them to study subjects that are either not available at their school, or to solve a timetable clash. For 2012, there are girls studying Diploma Spanish and History, and also WACE Geography, at Scotch College. Boys from Scotch are studying Diploma Biology and History at PLC. We have been able to offer the best of both worlds – that of a single sex education with opportunities for greater variation of course offerings.

Progressively through 2012, the Year 12 Diploma girls will finalise their school assessments and in November, they will complete the Diploma by writing their examinations. Their results will be benchmarked against all Diploma students around the world. We look forward to recognising the achievement of our pioneer Diploma girls in future issues of Blackwatch.

KEITH ANDERSON
Deputy Principal & Diploma Co-ordinator
Diploma Students Lead the Way

After starting their senior International Baccalaureate studies in 2011, the first cohort of PLC Diploma students will graduate in 2012.

The first graduating students said they perceived the Diploma to be more challenging for them and thought it would offer greater opportunities for international study and travel.

“"I thought it would give me a rounder, more holistic learning experience," said Zoe Akindele-Obe, who moved to PLC in 2010 to study the Diploma. “Once I started it, I found it probably suited my way of learning better as it is very structured. The subjects are linked and in depth.”

“I became interested in the Diploma because my mum did it (overseas),” Joanna Akehurst said. “Also I didn’t know what I wanted to do (when I leave school) so I thought this way, it doesn’t limit anything – if anything, I have more opportunities by having it. Even if I don’t decide to go overseas, I still have the benefit of the Extended Essay.”

The girls also noted the abundance of resources available, since the Diploma has a long history overseas, with past assessments and other information available online.

“If you think about all the students doing IB around the world someone else is doing the same topic right now in Singapore, Beijing, Taiwan,” said Joanna. “I have friends overseas doing the same thing and we speak about it.”

This initial cohort of Diploma students acknowledged that subject choices were currently limited due to the viability of teaching a small group. However, they praised the commitment of their teachers.

Not surprisingly, this group of students has become close.

“We are so comfortable around each other,” said Abigail Sim. “We are not competing against each other as our marks are not scaled.”

According to the girls, a common misunderstanding about the Diploma is that it is only for “the really smart people”, whereas they believe it is actually suited to anyone who enjoys learning and prefers a more structured framework.

“There is this idea that not everyone can do IB but that’s just not the case,” said Eleanor Norman. “It is so much more holistic and that might not suit you and the type of learning is very specific to IB. WACE is less structured and that suits some people. You do have to work hard and enjoy learning.”

The students said they were happy with their choice to study the Diploma and believed the course would be even better in future as more students came on board.

Spanish ab initio

The number of second languages offered at PLC has increased with the introduction of Spanish ab initio (beginners) for those students undertaking the IB Diploma course.

This diversification of subject choices has been made possible through a co-operative venture with our brother school, Scotch College, which sees a limited sharing of facilities, classes and staff in Senior School. PLC students have been travelling to Scotch to participate in joined classes for Spanish.

Three PLC girls studying Spanish in 2011 joined 22 Scotch boys in a combined class. They will continue classes this year while a new cohort of Year 11 students begin their Spanish studies, although the 2012 class has a more even gender distribution.

“They interact very well,” said Spanish teacher Kate Blythe. “Boys and girls tend to learn differently and so bring a new perspective.”

Ms Blythe said that although the Spanish class was a beginners’ course, it progressed to quite a challenging level.

“Over the two years, they get to about the same level as Year 10 to 11 in another language,” she said. “It is very functional Spanish.”

In 2012, there are girls studying Diploma Spanish and History, and also WACE Geography at Scotch College. Scotch boys will come to PLC to study Diploma Biology and History.
Leaders from more than 50 countries, representing more than one-quarter of the world’s nations and two billion people, gathered in Perth in October for the 2011 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). It was a momentous occasion for our city and a number of students had the fortune to be invited or selected to participate in many official events.

Prime Minister Julia Gillard was one of three women world leaders among the 54 heads of state, alongside Kamla Persad-Bissessar, the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, and Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh. While this hardly represents a gender balance, we are living in an era where a record number of female leaders are holding power simultaneously. At present there are 20 elected female presidents or prime ministers across the globe. These are encouraging figures for PLC students who wish to aim high in terms of public office and demonstrate that gender does not determine ability!

During CHOGM, PLC was delighted to be able to host a visit from the First Lady of Sri Lanka, facilitated by former member of Council and Honorary Consul to Sri Lanka, Frank Crawley.

PLC has tangible links with Sri Lanka, having supported Mahamaya Girls’ School in Matara, Sri Lanka, since the devastating tsunami in 2004. Head of Middle school, Sharon Anderson, visited the school in 2005 to build relationships and discuss practical ways in which PLC could assist to rebuild its resources and support for students.

We have, of course, also had students and staff with Sri Lankan roots at PLC. It seemed appropriate that the First Lady’s visit to PLC coincided with our 2011 Head Prefect, Dinu Kumarasinghe, being of Sri Lankan heritage.

The First Lady, Madame Rajapaksa, is a significant leader in her own right. She is an educator who has founded seven early learning centres in her country. Her interest and delight in young children was evident as she extended her stay well beyond the official time to talk with and observe students in our early years.

Madame Rajapaksa addressed all our Junior School students at their Assembly, telling them about her island state, its history and culture. She then spent time in Junior School classrooms. Our Year 2 students took the opportunity to interview her about her career and life as First Lady. Our Pre-Primary students were taken by the First Lady’s resplendent turquoise sari and matching accessories. She, in turn, appreciated the colourful portraits some students drew during her visit!

It was an exciting morning and a wonderful opportunity for our students to see and hear of the community service and dedication to country undertaken by the First Lady. Leadership comes in many forms!

BETH BLACKWOOD
Principal
UN Youth Voice Winner

Alma Jovanovich (Year 10) was the winner of UN Youth Voice 2011, the inaugural junior public speaking competition by UN Youth Western Australia.

Alma was one of five students that competed in the senior division of the final at the University of Western Australia in September.

In her prepared speech on the topic ‘A proportional response’, Alma chose to discuss capital punishment in the context of Gandhi’s idea of “an eye for an eye makes the whole world blind”.

“I talked about the consequences for the world and how violence is not justified,” Alma said. “It was anti-capital punishment.”

She was also required to present an impromptu speech on the topic ‘Crossing the line’, where she spoke about slavery in the 21st Century.

“There is a common idea that slavery was out years ago but figures show it is on the increase really and that is crossing the line,” Alma explained.

“I was very honoured and a little surprised (to win) because the calibre of competitors was really high on the night.”

Alma is also involved in Inter-House and Inter-School debating and public speaking, and competed in the State finals of the Rostrum Voice of Youth public speaking competition.

National History Challenge

The topic for the 2011 State competition for the National History Challenge was ‘Defining Moments in History’ and it attracted a record number of entries.

Four Year 10 PLC girls competed against students from all year groups, including Years 11 and 12, to achieve excellence.

State winners faced the national judges in Adelaide and Eliza Burton was awarded a Certificate of Excellence as Runner-up in the Asia-Australia section for her outstanding, topical essay on ‘The Battle of Long Tan’. She was also Runner-up in the Young Historian of the Year category in WA.

Olivia Jurat was similarly awarded a Certificate of Excellence for her sensitive work on John Curtin, entitled ‘Leadership through Adversity’, and Siobhan Deacon received a Certificate of Commendation for her glimpse into the sometimes shameful experiences of immigrants in Australia in the 20th century.

Another successful participant, Alexandra Malone, researched an episode in women’s military history, which addressed the work and times of Australian army nurse, Vivian Bullwinkel. Alex was awarded a Certificate of Participation.

ADELE PHILPOT
Head of Humanities

L-R: Eliza Burton, Siobhan Deacon, Olivia Jurat
National Win for Tournament of Minds Team

For the first time, a team of Junior School students has won the national finals of the 2011 Tournament of Minds competition in the Applied Technology section.

Juliette Adler, Ava Cadee, Alex Cowan and Kate Curtis (Year 6) and Grace Bowen, Scarlett Downes and Saskia Thomas (Year 5) took out the State finals before flying to Hobart to compete in the Australasian Pacific Finals. The tournament involved teams from across the country and overseas.

For the State final, the team worked on a stop-motion film over several weeks and then on the day of the tournament, held at the University of Western Australia in September 2011, they were required to act out a final scene.

After winning that round, they ventured to Hobart, where they entered a three-hour lock-down at the University of Tasmania. They were given a box of materials and had to incorporate their original film into a new problem involving a poem titled The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost. They then had to devise a six-minute presentation demonstrating why they chose this path.

“At one point in the stop-motion film, the girl has to choose between two paths – so it was made for us!” said student Juliette Adler. “Also Ava made up a really funny poem.”

Learning Enrichment Teacher, Karen Woods, said this was the first time PLC had won the national competition. Last year, a combined team of PLC and Scotch College students made it to the State finals.

WA schools represented the State with pride, winning five of the eight sections of the national tournament.

Fantastic Five for French

PLC has once again achieved outstanding success in the 2011 Alliance Française Examinations, with five of our students placed in the top 10 students in the State.

In the top 10 were Year 11 students Kate Franklyn (2nd), Merry Li (3rd), Marissa Loh (5th), Arielle Tay (7th) and Eleanor Norman (8th) and Saskia Wield was awarded second place in the native speaker category.

The exam included written and listening components, plus an interview for students ranked in the top 30.

PLC has a longstanding tradition of success in the Alliance Française Examinations, with French being the main second language studied by students at this School (other options include Japanese, new Beginners’ Spanish classes for IB Diploma students and Mandarin, currently available from Year 4 in the Junior School).
Chemistry Whizzes

The team of Charlotte Boyle, Alice Garbutt-Wilkins and Katie Lloyd (Year 12) made it to the national finals of the 2011 Royal Australian Chemistry Institute Titration Stakes. In order to reach the finals, they were placed within the top 15 teams for the State from a competitive field of approximately 100 teams.

Titration engages students in problem solving the concentration and percentage mass of a given solution.

The girls each won individual medals and placed eighth as a team in the national finals.

“We have done titrations in class but this is the first time we have competitively done it,” Alice said. “I think it was more cool to get into the top 15 than getting a medal.”

All girls plan to pursue Science-related studies beyond PLC.

Pre-Primary Nativity 2011

For the Pre-Primary Nativity for 2011, the children presented the Christmas Story with a bit of a twist. The performance started off in modern times, with Mary and Joe travelling through country Australia in their trusty, rusty, old ute to get to hospital in time for Mary to deliver her baby. Trouble started when the ute broke down and Mary had to rest in the Post Office. Mary fell asleep and had a dream.

The next scene of this delightful performance began with the traditional story of Mary and Joseph going from inn to inn to look for a room and being guided to the stable as the Nativity story unfolded, with the shepherds, angels, star and wise men appearing. The final scene was when Mary and Joe delivered their very own baby, whom they decided to call Christopher.

The high standard of singing, music and instrumental accompaniment made the 2011 Pre-Primary Nativity a delightful start to the festive season.
Debating

In 2011, two PLC teams argued their way to the finals of the WA Debating League (WADL) competition.

The Year 10 team of Alisha Maclean, Rebecca Cole, Maddy King and Lucy Yang (above) won the Junior Division and the Year 8 team of McKenzie Eastman, Madeline Conway and Katrina Reynolds, (above right) won the Novice division.

As the name suggests, the Novice team was made up of students new to debating – only Katrina had debated before.

“I found it enjoyable because our team worked so well together and we are all friends,” Madeline said. “I just love justifying a point. You get more educated on politics.”

Members of the Junior team have won pennants for the last two years.

Alisha Maclean was also selected into the WA State Debating Squad.

PLC offers debating as a co-curricular option, with the opportunity to enter inter-school competitions from Years 6 to 12 and Inter-House debating for the Middle and Senior years.

Geologi Short Film Competition

Year 8 students Alice Ford, Cara Donnelly and Noa Gubbay were named runners-up in the Geologi 2011 Short Film Competition during Earth Science Week 2011.

Entries explored the students’ view of the world around them and included films on topics such as natural hazards, earthquakes and volcanoes, geological time and the formation of our Earth. The PLC team explored Australian mining in their five-minute short film.

“We had to research Australian mining, then we used that to create questions and a film about it,” Alice said. “It was about the factors that Australian mining effected around the economy and social things.”

The films were judged on their science content, creativity and promotion of the theme ‘Geology and You’, highlighting the role Earth sciences play in our everyday lives.

Year 8 students worked on their entries in class during Term 1 and the winners were announced at a special ceremony in Canberra during Earth Science Week in October.

L-R: Alice Ford, Cara Donnelly, Noa Gubbay
Canberra Tour

Each July, PLC and Scotch College undertake the mass migration of Year 9 students to the Australian national capital. The Canberra Tour is an opportunity for students to experience the vibrancy of a democracy in action and to celebrate the achievements made possible in the arts, sporting, academia, communication and any number of other fields. It is also an opportunity for students to learn to work together with the opposite sex in the spirit of the brother-sister relationship that PLC and Scotch College foster.

In 2011, on arriving in Canberra, the relatively small cohort of 60 girls from PLC and 80 boys from Scotch were swiftly ferried off to the alpine town of Jindabyne, NSW, to commence the ski side of the tour. For three days, students rose early in the morning to travel up into the mountains of Blu Cow snow resort.

After morning training sessions, students eagerly traversed the slopes, and by the third day many of the students had become very competent. The girls managed to leave quite an impression on one of their coaches, who was very keen to see those under his watch consider skiing competitively.

The three days in the national capital were busy with a multitude of venues on the agenda each day. Students took guided tours at the National Art Gallery and were introduced to American artist Jackson Pollock’s politically contentious piece Blue Poles. Other venues included the National Film and Sound Archive, Questacon, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Electoral Education Centre, the Australian War Memorial, Anzac Parade and Mt Ainsle.

Both New and Old Houses of Parliament were hosts to our visiting students, and some girls had the opportunity to view sessions of the Upper and Lower Houses of Parliament in action. Leader of the Opposition, Julie Bishop, also made an appearance and gave the students an insight into the hectic lives of politicians on a busy sitting day.

This was the end of a full week of activities undertaken and friendships made. Upon disembarking the plane after the return flight home, a flight stewardess stopped us to thank the girls for their behaviour. This single moment is perhaps the best representation of the 2011 Canberra Tour as a whole. The girls were exceptionally well behaved and represented their School with pride and integrity, from the very beginning until the very end.

CHRISTOPHER SCHOLTEN
Middle School Humanities Teacher

Jump Cut Film Festival – a collaboration between learning areas

Term 3 2011 was a busy and creative term for the PLC Media Department and its talented Media Studies students, who held the inaugural Jump Cut Film Festival.

The evening was designed to showcase the hard work of students from Years 8 to 12 in the fields of photography and film, as well as raising funds for our PLC Cambodia Service project.

There were a variety of films ranging from music videos by Year 9 students, Tim Burton-inspired gothic films from the Year 10s, through to more complex and engaging narratives from Year 11s and 12. There was also fashion photography from Year 10s and images that originated from a Year 9 service photography task.

Over 250 people attended the evening and more than $3000 dollars was raised, exceeding the expectations of the Media Department and the PLC service team. With the proceeds, the School was able to buy the materials necessary to build two houses in Cambodia and provide two Cambodian families with wells to access water.

All who attended the night thought it was a great success and the format for the evening is something that we hope to continue in the future. In particular, the Year 11 and 12 Media students were able to showcase their WACE curriculum production submissions.

The students were not only proud to be able to bring their friends and families to see their films on the big screen in our Drama Centre, but also to be able to make a difference to lives of those who are less fortunate and living in developing countries.

REBECCA WATTS AND BIANCA CAZZULINO
Media Department
Inside Out Project

Students and staff were greeted by the smiling and sometimes silly faces of PLC and Scotch students looking down at them from the school walls when they returned from the 2011 mid-year break.

In Term 2, students and staff were invited to have their photograph taken for the ‘Inside Out Project’, an international art event that PLC participated in jointly with Scotch College to support the French street artist ‘JR’, recipient of the 2011 TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) Prize. JR’s vision was to use art to “turn the world inside out” by placing giant portraits around the globe.

Fifty-five digital images of fresh-faced boys and girls pulling faces, laughing, smiling and celebrating life were chosen and then emailed to the ‘Inside Out Project’ to upload to their website – which now has over 9000 participants worldwide.

The portraits returned a month later, printed larger than life on poster sized paper, ready to paste up street-art-style on prominent buildings at each school.

“The awe and amazement expressed as students gasped with delight at the enlarged portraits on their return to school after their holidays made the project all the more exciting,” said Sarah Chescoe, Head of Art and organiser of the Inside Out Project at PLC.

Ruby van Beem (Year 11) was surprised to see her image pasted on the walls surrounding the Quad.

“I was a bit shocked,” she said. “Everyone always sees my face laughing at them when they walk up and down the stairs!”

The expressive black-and-white posters were displayed throughout Term 3 2011.
School News

Australian String Quartet
Rehearses at PLC

The PLC Music Department was privileged to host a visit by the Australian String Quartet (ASQ) and soprano Sara MacIver (1985) in September 2011. The group was rehearsing for a series of concerts in several Australian cities and PLC. Music students were given a unique opportunity to observe their rehearsal and experience these wonderful musicians within an intimate setting.

Students in attendance were from Junior, Middle and Senior Schools, including members of the AMICO String Quartet. The girls listened for 45 minutes to Sara singing Ottorino Respighi’s setting of Percy Bysshe Shelley’s poem Il Tramonto. The members of the AMICO Quartet were able to ask questions of the members of the ASQ about string quartets and chamber ensemble playing.

MARK THOMAS
Director of Music

Service Appeals

Helping the less privileged is a course we encourage all our students to take.

Apart from their core business commitment to classwork, we continue to be inspired by our students who understand the concept of ‘noblesse oblige’ – with privilege comes responsibility. Our girls understand that our world calls for leadership at so many levels and it is in the action where true leadership emerges.

Many girls share that it is in giving that they start to determine a sense of purpose, who they stand for, who they act for. It is where their own story of who they are starts to unfold. It is wonderful to see the energy and direction of a young person when they experience the difference they can make as an individual. Students will often forget what is said to them but they never forget how the experience made them feel.

Our last appeal for 2011 saw a large group of our girls packing generous Santa hampers in a large truck. Ninety families were provided for at Christmas through our PLC Community Operation Santa. According to UnitingCare West, these families represent over 500 people living below the poverty line – and living not far from our doorsteps.

The Term 3 2011 appeal saw students donate hundreds of items of toiletries and essentials that made up about 80 comfort packs to women escaping domestic abuse through Wyn Carr Women’s Refuge. These much-needed supplies will provide for the refuge’s clients for one year – until our next Comfort Pack appeal in 2012.

Throughout 2011, our community has donated books, games, food and blankets to those in need, each donation bringing hope that there is someone out there who cares.

We have witnessed busy House Tutor Group lunchtimes and various other student events throughout the year, developing skills and leadership to raise awareness and funds for our many community partnerships, both local and global. Over 40 organisations have been touched by these efforts. Our family projects of an evening/weekend have been feeding the homeless in Perth with Manna Incorporated, delivering bread for the Hilton Police and Citizens Youth Club, packing medical supplies at Royal Perth Hospital and driving the soup patrol for the Red Cross. Finally our vacations have taken us back to the Kimberley and Cambodia to continue our ongoing projects.

But it is in the thousands of hours of direct engagement in helping others that occurs daily and quietly by individuals in our PLC community that speak the loudest. Our community clearly understands that it is our thought and action for others that truly defines us. We are seeing our student culture follow a belief and action that seeks justice and hope for the marginalised and disadvantaged.

TRACEY BAHEN
Co-ordinator of Service Learning
The exhibition is the culmination of a year’s enthusiasm and creativity by students from Years 7 to 12.

Picture This

The 2011 PLC Art Exhibition, Picture This, displayed the exciting work of emerging artists from the PLC Visual Arts Department.

The exhibition is the culmination of a year’s enthusiasm and creativity by students from Years 7 to 12. They worked both individually and collaboratively to design and create innovative artworks in a diverse range of studio areas including painting, sculpture, ceramics, drawings, textiles, jewellery and mixed media.

All students studying Visual Arts have the opportunity to exhibit their ‘resolved artworks’ in the show. As the process of art making is important to the development of ideas for the creation of final pieces, the students’ artistic process is also on display, including exploratory and observations drawings, media testing samples and design development work. This is beneficial to the audience to take a peek into the creative minds of the artists and see the concepts behind the artwork.

The professionally presented exhibition spanned the entire length of the Middle School Gallery and Art rooms. Opened by Mr Bernard Kerr, Head of Arts at Scotch College, the opening night was a great success with approximately 300 guests of all ages bustling around artworks and artists. Delicious food was served by 2AB students who were dressed in hand-painted aprons with elaborate hair and makeup inspired by the artist Del Kathryn Barton, who influenced their self-portrait paintings. Guests were delighted by and in awe of the quality of student artworks.

Each year, this event proves to be a highlight of the school calendar. So, put the date in your diary now for this year’s exhibition, opening on Friday 21 September 2012!

SARAH CHESCOE
Director of Visual Arts
Natasha Gay (Year 12 2012) is preparing for the Australian National Rowing Championships after representing Australia in the 2011 Junior World Rowing Championships. She had the honour of taking part in this pre-event for the Olympic course for the 2012 Games. Her Junior Women’s Four won the B final.

“We came third in the heat and the repechage, which was unfortunate as we were 0.5 seconds behind second place and the A final,” Natasha said. “But we continued on and won the B final by three boat lengths, producing the fourth fastest time of all our events finals.”

Natasha is aiming her sights on representing Australia in the 2016 Olympic team in Rio de Janeiro.

Natasha began rowing at PLC after several people mentioned she had the right body type for the sport.

“I was always told I should try rowing because I had height and long limbs and then I really enjoyed it,” she said. “We won Year 9 Head of the River and (the crew) had become really close so that was a big encouragement. I loved it from the start.”

Natasha was already a talented athlete, competing in hockey, athletics and swimming, but gave the others away after taking up rowing.

She started rowing in Year 9 and the next year, was invited to join the First Eight as a stroker, the position responsible for setting the rowing rhythm of the boat.

From there she joined a rowing club and went to the Nationals in 2010, where she won three national titles and a silver medal in the Under-21 Youth Eight.

Natasha and rowing partner Hannah Vermeesch (2009) were then selected for the Women’s Four team in the Junior World Championship, where they won a bronze medal in a tight finish.

“There was only two seconds between first and fourth place, so it was very close,” she said. “We were happy with what we did and we’d given it everything.”

She was reselected for the same event last year in London.

Natasha trains about 12 times a week, both on the water and doing extra fitness training with her club and at the WA Institute of Sport, where she has a scholarship.

Natasha praised the support she has received from PLC, which allowed her to complete Year 11 and 12 over three years.

“The School has been amazing and helped me so much,” she said. “As much as I love rowing, School comes first.”

Natasha was part of PLC’s Sporting Excellence Programme, which helps foster the sporting potential of talented student-athletes whilst balancing the demands of school life.
Australian Girls Choir

Founded by Artistic Director Judith Curphey, OAM (Oliver 1946), the Australian Girls Choir performs regularly around Australia and the world, and has also been involved in the Qantas / Still Call Australia Home advertising campaign for over a decade.

In July 2011, the touring choir came to Perth and we were fortunate to include PLC as a part of their performing and workshop commitments. Students in the Vocal Ensemble, Chorale, Show Choir, Years 5/6 Choir and Petite Chorale participated in active workshops, including learning songs and choreography together and performing pieces to each other. Students who participated in these workshops were able to learn and experience a variety of music in different ways and interact with girls from different States and backgrounds who share a common love of music.

The Middle and Senior School students were treated to a performance by the Australian Girls Choir at the Final Assembly for Term 2.

PHILIPPA TAN
Head of Music Curriculum

West Australian Young Writers Award Winners

Four of our talented English students were awarded prizes in the 2011 The West Australian Young Writers’ Awards.

Tabitha Malet (Year 7) won first prize in Year 7 and 8 Poetry for The Forest is a Monastery. In Year 11 and 12 Poetry, Elizabeth Kuiper (Year 11) won first prize for No Money for Monet and Sophie Taylor (Year 11) was awarded third prize for Morning. Merry Li (Year 11) won first prize in Year 11 and 12 Prose for The Original Pull-Along Play Phone.

Georgia Langoulant, Kate Wambeek (Year 11), Caitlin Atwell and Louisa Dry (Year 7) were shortlisted as finalists.

Head of the River

The 2011 rowing season culminated with 75 girls representing PLC at the Head of the River, held at the Champion Lakes Rowing Course in August.

Led by Captain Helena Bean and Vice Captains Elizabeth Ayers and Jessica Armstrong (Year 12), the girls performed exceptionally well all day and were in with a chance to win the regatta right up until the last race. Unfortunately it wasn’t to be and PLC finished runner-up on the day by just seven points and runner-up across the season, both to Perth College.

The First Eight was competitive throughout the season, winning their race in regatta number two, but finishing third in the final event of the day. Other highlights for the day included a remarkable win in the Second Eight, assisted by recently returned Australian representative Natasha Gay. Natasha also managed to defend her title in the Open Schoolgirl scull.

Girls and crews who won their races on the day were:
10A Eight
9B Eight
2nd Eight
10C Quad
9A Scull (Kailey Creeger)
9B Scull (Lucy Jenkins)
Freshman B Scull (Martha Cornwall)
Schoolgirl A Scull (Natasha Gay)

A select group of Year 10, 11 and 12 girls are looking forward to representing PLC at the Australian Rowing Championships in Perth in March and to going one step better in the 2012 IGSSA rowing season.

LUKE CALLIER
Head of Sport (2011)
Cambodia Service Immersion Tour

PLC’s fifth Service Immersion Tour to Cambodia took place in the October 2011 school holidays. Nineteen families of Year 10 students joined the tour, raising funds to support Tabitha Foundation and building 35 houses for a remote village in Province Kampong Speu.

It was an emotionally moving time with students and their parents greeted by the families who were achieving their dream (they also have spent years saving the US $25 needed to contribute). Many nails were hammered and many tears of joy spent.

“Actually doing the work and getting to meet the people we were helping rather than simply sending money over was really brilliant. It made the experience much more special and personal,” wrote Ellie Burton (Year 10) in a journal entry. “As we drove out you could see them all moving into their new houses, and I found that amazing. In this one day we were able to change 20 families’ lives. This experience has made me so grateful for not only my luck in having the prosperous life that I do, but for being given the chance to take this opportunity.”

This last tour celebrated building our 105th house in the remote villages outside Phnom Penh. This represents an achievement by the PLC community of housing over 1000 people and the funding of 80 wells, each supporting up to 40 families.

Since our inaugural tour in 2008, PLC has had 68 families (daughter and parent) undertake the journey. Seven months of preparation and sharing stories of our service provides funding to purchase the house materials.

The immersion also included supporting Mission of Charities, Street Children projects, Water Filter projects and Free the Bears.

A separate group of PLC Diploma students made clothes that were donated to Cambodian street children. Marissa Loh, Emily Mackay and Rebecca Tran (Year 11) initiated the Cambodia Sewing Project as part of their Creativity, Action and Service project, and rallied the support of other students and parents to sew 124 pairs of shorts. These were handed over by the visiting Year 10 tour students.

Kimberley Service Immersion Tour

A dozen Senior School students made the trip north to the Kimberley for eight days during the July 2011 school holidays to support Mowanjum Community. Our journey back to Derby continued our understanding and support of this indigenous community.

We developed our relationships at Mowanjum through children’s holiday activities and support of the annual Community Festival. Students helped sew festival outfits, painted, collected boab nuts, and also helped set up a disco one night. The tour finished with a two-day trip to the gorges.

Non-indigenous students are invited to undertake the tour to give them a deeper understanding and respect for indigenous Australians.

“The Kimberly Service Immersion Tour was an amazing experience,” wrote Georgia Clarke (Year 11) in a journal entry. “Travelling within your own State to somewhere completely different to Perth and other built-up areas and living and interacting around different people was a great opportunity to really see what was in our own country and experience a different culture. I discovered a lot about myself and about other communities throughout the entire trip.”

Upon returning to Perth, the PLC students organised a concert at the School by Red Alert band, made up of five of the gifted Mowanjum teenage boys. The commitment by our students to help fund this trip provided a rare opportunity for these young men to visit the city and gain confidence and inspiration through performance.

Parents and alumni made a separate tour to the Kimberley as part of the Kimberley Law and Cultural Centre Festival at the Ngumpan Community, 90km east of Fitzroy Crossing, in September.

TRACEY BAHEN
Co-ordinator of Service Learning
News from Archives

During two consecutive days in June, Archives was given some of the most significant items now in its Collection. On 22 June, Robyn Metcalf (Stewart 1966) brought some items for Archives (see Accession), as well as some precious family photos of her grandfather and PLC Founder, John Stewart, to scan. Other than grainy newspaper images, there were no photos of Mr Stewart in the Collection and now, thanks to Robyn, we have digitized studio portraits of Mr Stewart on his own and with his family, a mourning photo taken of Mrs Stewart not long after he died in 1927, and more casual photos of him on board ship and with his wife and family, including Margaret Stewart (1922) and Robyn’s father, Gordon ‘Don’ Stewart (PLC Kindergarten 1919, Old Scotch Collegian).

The next day Ann James (Leake 1968) visited Archives to donate some items once belonging to her grandmother, Mrs Olive ‘Dosh’ Cusack (Deputy Principal 1941-1962). The first item Ann presented was Mrs Cusack’s mortarboard, something we are very fortunate to add to our Collection. Along with the mortarboard, Ann brought Mrs Cusack’s academic sash from UWA. Finally, she presented the Shorter Oxford Dictionary presented to Mrs Cusack on her retirement from the Sub-Leaving class of 1962. Judging from its size (near 20cm thick and weighing about 8kg), I’d be curious to see that year’s unabbreviated Oxford Dictionary!

Year 8 Centenary Projects

The 23 Year 8 girls engaged in their voluntary Centenary Projects continue to progress and visit Archives regularly. Callin Harvey, from the group studying ‘Old Collegians who’ve achieved highly in their chosen careers’, has interviewed 2009 Australia’s Next Top Model Tahnee Atkinson (2009) via email and has Margot Stretch (Brown 1955) in mind for early 2012. Indi Lamond, Emily Stone and Emily Hartley have interviewed Deputy Principal Keith Anderson, retiring English teacher Linda Bynon, Head of English Roland Leach and Principal Beth Blackwood for their topic, ‘Evolution of Education at PLC’. Lucy Rossen, Sally Mathwin, Grace Muir and Mia Evans chose ‘The Evolution of the Music Program at PLC’ and have interviewed Sara Bevan (Macliver 1985) and Mrs Merle Page (nee Dorrington, staff 1955-1992). The girls are amassing an impressive amount of interview footage, which will form the basis of their projects due for completion in 2015.

Clare Young, Jessica Heggaton and Brittany Doney, who have been studying ‘Multi-generational families who’ve come through PLC’, achieved a highlight in late November by asking for a photo of the PLC members of the Fairweather family. Organising four families to be in the same place at the same time was no mean feat and involved the joint co-operation of the Pre-Primary, Junior, Middle and Senior Schools and parents. The result is a series of beautiful photos taken by the girls themselves and Jo Dobosz from Community Relations. They feature Jenny Fairweather (Yeo 1958), her daughter Katrina Burton (Fairweather 1982), and nine grandchildren, all of whom are past, present and future PLC students (see pic).
1. John Stewart
2. Mrs Lily Stewart, newly widowed c1927
3. The Stewart family at their home in Forrest Street, Peppermint Grove. L-R: Wallace, John, Bruce, Don, Jack, Lily and Margaret
4. John Stewart en route to London seeking treatment of the chronic insomnia that plagued him, c1926
5. Sunday lunch with family at the Stewart home c1947.
6. On the Promenade, England, 1927. L-R: Margaret, Lily, Don and John Stewart
7. Back, L-R: Georgia, Katrina, Jessamy, Rosie and Ellie Burton, Jenny and Jonica Fainweather
   Front: William (going to Scotch 2012), Saffron, Charlotte and Lily Fainweather (coming to PLC 2012).
Recent Accessions

Christine Pidgeon (staff 1983-2003)
Items belonging to Christine’s daughter, Dr Emily Pidgeon (1987), including programmes for various sports events, drama festivals and productions, and annual School services from 1983-1987; 1987 TEE exam papers for Maths II, Maths III, English Literature and Physics; 1982-1987 Kookaburras; Arts badges (green, light blue and dark blue), and Emily’s Senior badge.

Barry Chapple, nephew of Nancy Chapple (1928), Valerie Ruttle (Chapple 1930) and Naomi Boland (Chapple 1934), all deceased
The Sandstone Connection: Chapple and Moran, Barry’s research on the Chapple family including his aunts, above; eight reprinted photos (colour and black and white) of Nancy, Valerie and Naomi in various stages of their lives; three reprinted photos of Barry’s cousins Bernie ‘Shaughn’ Ruttle 1956, Patricia Copp (Ruttle 1961) and Mary ‘Cherry’ Ruttle (1963) in the late 1950s; two reprinted photos of Barry with Jan Fardon (Pugh 1958), 1956.

Coral Haymet (Snaden 1946)
Patrol colours and badges from Coral’s days with the PLC 2nd Cottesloe Guide Company 1940-1942, including Blue Wren Patrol badge and colours, 2nd Class badge green trefoil and Proficiency badges for Cooking, Needlework, Child Nurse, Knitting, Cycling, Deaf and Dumb, Aircraft Recognition and Embroidery.

Charman Bourne (Urquhart 1956)
A School Treasury of English Literature Part 1 (1911) selected by Walter Murdoch, MA, used by Charman’s mother, Kathleen Urquhart (Cramond 1958). The book has a significant inscription dated August 1917, the same time the Cottesloe campus opened; Life of Nelson by Robert Southey (1906), presented to Kathleen for English, Form Iib 1920, signed by Miss Agnes Scorgie (Principal 1916-1921).

Graham McDonald, son of Elizabeth ‘Nonnie’ McDonald (Hoile 1927)
1922 Kookaburra found among his late mother’s papers, with her name inscribed in beautiful copperplate. Nonnie also gave a clue for one of the stories within, “Innity” (“For ‘D’ read Infinity”).

Mary Hillman (Alexander 1967)
The West Magazine from 27 July 1996 featuring an article by Ara Jansen (1988) about Colin Montfort, Leon Pericles and the then newly installed stained glass windows in the Heather Barr Memorial Chapel within Carmichael Hall.

Joyce Hardey (Mckee 1936)
Two reprinted photos of Joyce with friends at PLC, 1933-1936.

Lady Jean Brodie-Hall (Slater 1942)
Jean’s PLC OCA watch, happily worn for the past 20 years.

Jan Smith (Greig 1941)
Two black and white photos: c1937 Hockey team with Jan’s aunt, Jeanie ‘Shaughnessy’ Graham (1938); Form photo c1939 featuring Jan’s mother, Betty Greig (Graham 1940).

Colyn Thompson (Grieg 1961)
MP3 digital recording of 1959 Festival Choir taken from a 45 single (both sides). That year, the choir won the Esisteddof singing ‘Little Road to Bethlehem’ and Colyn sang a solo of ‘I Waited for the Lord’.

Jenny Tunstill (Lowrie 1948)
Reprinted photo of Form VAL, November 1946 with all girls identified.

Pat Mannolini (Gribble 1951)
Four books presented to Pat for Proficiency in various forms from Transition in 1943 to Form III 1946.

The Post Newspaper
Featuring Rosemary’s return to PLC as Development Officer.

Betty Barker (Hawke 1951)
1947 Speech Day programme; 1948 programme for An Evening’s Entertainment in support of UN Appeal for Starving Children.

Anne Green (Ross 1950)
Three black and white photos of Anne with her “PLC Crew” c1946-1948, Anne alone and with Judith Nott (Stewart 1948) before the 1948 Slazenger Cup match against St Hilda’s.

Dell Hutchinson (Smith 1941)
Four 1938 photos of Dell and friends (see pictures).

Ann James (Leake 1968)
Mrs Olive ‘Dosh’ Cusack’s (Deputy Principal 1941-1962) 1919 UWA mortarboard and graduate hood; her hatband in Cambridge University colours (from her attendance at Newnham College, Cambridge University 1914-1916); Shorter Oxford English Dictionary, third edition 1959, purchased at Boans and presented to Mrs Cusack on her retirement by the 1962 Sub-Leaving class; Ann’s dance card (with pink pencil attached) from the 1967 Prefects’ Dance; calendar for fourth term, 1986; PLC News from December 1988, July 1989 and September 1989; Black PLC tracksuit top and sports’ skirt with three colours, once belonging to Ann’s daughter Deborah Moylan (Rayner 1987).

Robyn Metcalfe (Stewart 1966)
Two of Robyn’s berets, one a softer, early version from 1960, the other a post-1960 version; Robyn’s hat badge, enamelled tiepin and Stewart House badge; Speech Day programmes for 1960 and 1966; 1965-1967 Kookaburras; Robyn’s 1959 letter of acceptance to PLC; Fees and Charges schedules for 1959 and 1962; Invoice and receipt for Term 3 1961; Parents’ Association welcome newsletter for new entrants 1960 (the Parents’ Association was only formed in 1959); 1960 Parents’ Association appeal letters for the Vera Summers Swimming Pool; Robyn’s reports for all the years she was here (1960-1966); the opportunity to scan the childhood photo album of Robyn’s father Gordon ‘Don’ Stewart (Old Scotch Collegian), and many other significant Stewart family photos (see main article).

Ian Carew-Reid, son of Joyce Ethel Carew-Reid (Bird 1934)
A digital copy of Joyce’s life story with images. Joyce is still living in Glen Iris, Vic.

Laura Raiter (Einovichi 1951)
Laura’s 1951 Prefect pin.
Ann Platt (Hodby 1952)
The Big Fisherman by Lloyd C Douglas presented to Ann for the 1950 Scripture Prize; 1952 Prefects’ badge; two McNeil House badges, one belonging to Ann (larger) and one once belonging to Ann’s younger sister, Priscilla Hodby (1954, deceased) which is smaller, pinpointing the year the badges changed size.

Sylvia Brandenburg (Leeke 1951)
Sylvia’s silver 1942 PLC hat badge once belonging to Joanne Bullock (Gibson 1947).

Jim Ellis, Spotless
Three books once belonging to Mary Bond (Cox 1925), including a 1922 textbook Red Marked Testament; Rambles and Studies in Greece by J Mahaffy presented to Mary for the 1924 Ferguson Memorial Prize; Oxford Edition of The Pageant of English Poetry presented to Mary as Dux of Lower VA Form 1924.
FROM THE PLC AUXILIARY

With the end of 2011, another busy year of events has finished, highlighting the importance of a vibrant, enthusiastic, interested and caring volunteer base, which are traits of the PLC Auxiliary.

The last semester of 2011 brought the return of a postponed function as well as the much anticipated and highly popular Open Garden Day. The postponed Tennis Morning was held in September with a range of mums from Years 1 to 12 enjoying a lovely sunny morning of fun and social tennis at Dalkeith Tennis Club. A few dedicated players continued having a social hit a few weeks afterwards, which was great to hear. Look out for this event to be held in May 2012 with possible practice sessions happening prior.

Towards the end of September, 28 parents headed off to Beverley for a Country Day trip, hosted, catered, entertained and looked after by current Boarding House families. First a quick detour to York for a brisk walk up and down the main street, morning tea and browsing in gift shops before heading down the road to Beverley. The Brown’s house and garden was a superb setting for our lovely luncheon and we wish we could have stayed longer. May it be a regular occurrence from 2012 and beyond.

The very popular Junior School Disco was held on 4 November, which was a bright and bubbly occasion with a fluoro theme for 250 younger girls dancing away the whole two hours. The girls had a fabulous time with lots of parents and Year 9 and 10 boarders volunteering to help with the fun evening.

Our major fundraiser for the year, Open Garden Day, was held on 28 October with the powers-that-be being very kind on the day giving us blue skies and chasing away the stormy, rainy weather of the night before, which had meant our wonderful organisers didn’t get much sleep. The day was once again a huge success and it was a fantastic community effort led by Karen Hughie-Williams and her team. We have had an incredible amount of very positive feedback and suggestions, which hopefully will be incorporated into our next Open Garden Day.

It is very pleasing to report that at our final meeting and Christmas function in November, all executive committee positions were filled and almost all Year groups have representatives on the PLC Auxiliary for 2012. We have created three new positions on the Auxiliary responsible for looking after new parents and their families to PLC – a Junior, Middle and Senior School New Parent Liaison – and we thank these representatives for taking on this role as the welcoming committee to our School Community.

The Links will continue to provide information on the many functions throughout the year as well as direct contact being made by Year Representatives. The TryBooking system of RSVP and payment will be used for most PLC Auxiliary events.

Please give your support to incoming President Siobhan Rollinson and her team of parents who are so willing to devote their time and passion to the various roles they have taken on in 2012. We encourage you to email any enquiries, comments or suggestions to the Auxiliary dedicated email: auxiliary@plc.wa.edu.au

I take this final opportunity to wish all families of the PLC community a happy, healthy and rewarding year.

LINDA BILNEY
Vice President 2011
FROM THE PARENTS’ COMMITTEE

The Parents’ Committee has continued to support events conducted for the PLC community during Terms 3 and 4 of the 2011 year, including the Valedictory Dinner on 21 October.

Our Scholarship Subcommittee had its usual difficult task of selecting winners from what was once again a range of immensely talented and accomplished applicants. The Parents’ Committee Scholarships award tuition fees for one term to one student entering Year 9 and to one entering Year 11. They aim to reward students who best demonstrate those values that underpin the School’s holistic approach to education, so academic achievement is not in itself a prerequisite for success. Primary emphasis is on endeavour across activities including academic, sporting, artistic, musical, community service and philanthropy. Members of this subcommittee consider it to be one of the most rewarding of the Committee roles. The girls never fail to impress with their organisational skills, their commitment to a huge range of activities, and their confidence and eloquence at interview. The worthy winners of the 2011 scholarships were Catriona Read (Year 8) and Alisha Maclean (Year 10).

The scholarship application process gives all students an opportunity to practice a skill that will serve them well throughout their lives – that of presenting themselves and their achievements in the best possible light. With the added incentive of a term’s fees at stake, we encourage Year 8 and Year 10 students to take this opportunity to try out their presentation skills in a friendly setting. We continue to promote to both parents and students an increased awareness of the scholarships and the benefits of going through the process of lodging an application.

Our two main sources of income – the voluntary annual Family Subscription Fee and the four Fees Incentive Draws each year – continue to fund material contributions to the PLC community. Monies raised from the Terms 3 and 4 Fees Incentive Draws funded the purchase and installation of the automatic sliding doors at the View Street entrance to the Middle School, making access much easier for girls laden with bags, books, musical instruments and sporting gear! Although they are voluntary, these income sources are vital for us and all funds raised go back into the School community in useful ways. From 2007 to 2011, they contributed $396,000, of which $392,000 has been allocated towards special projects, including air conditioning, shade sails, artificial turf, redevelopment of the One Degree Technology Centre, as well as to Alpha Merit Awards, the Valedictory dinner and gifts for the Year 12 leavers, parent name badges, Support Your Daughter and other information evenings, and the Annual Parents’ Committee Sundowner. So please, make sure you support these draws and pay the Annual Subscription Fee: the monies raised are put to very good use and benefit all our daughters over the years.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 23 September. Special thanks go to our retiring committee members Fiona Dunham, Jane Jones and Mala Dharmananda for their service to the Parents’ Committee and the wider PLC community. Thanks also to Suze Leitão for her time as Committee Secretary and to Veronica Jarrett for her stellar work as Treasurer. My three-year term as President has come to an end and Jenny Playford has stepped seamlessly into the role, armed with a full complement of executive officers and a vibrant committee of young blood with strong representation from Junior School parents that should stand us in good stead as those families move up through the School in coming years.

Thanks as always go to Principal Beth Blackwood, Director of Community Relations Chavaune Francis, and the members of the Parents’ Committee for their contributions of expertise, time and effort. The support of Community Relations Co-ordinator Joanna Dobosz, Director of Finance and Administration Sam Kronja, Director of Business Services Bob Niven, Accountant Wendy Castles, and Functions and Cafeteria Manager Elaine Masterson are also much appreciated.

The Parents’ Committee could not provide the services that it does for the PLC community without volunteers. Our Committee comprises parents with a wide range of skills who wish to contribute to the school community but are only available outside normal working hours. The roles we undertake are rarely onerous but like any such volunteer group, we depend on new blood. Any and all parents are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Dates are in the School Calendar and in Links.

TONY LOFTHOUSE
Retiring President
Our annual Quiz Night was held on Friday 29 July and was a very popular event with over 200 enthusiastic quiz-goers attending. This year, we were inundated with raffle prizes and silent auction items thanks to the generous support of the PLC community and local traders and the tireless efforts of committee members to source prizes. Most tables went away with at least one prize. Again, Kailis Australian Pearls was a very generous supporter with our major raffle item, a beautiful pearl necklace.

The AGM was held on Sunday 21 August at the Nedlands Golf Club. It was a beautiful sunny day to enjoy the views of the river and the company of old friends. The AGM saw the resignation of longstanding committee member Ra Stewart and Georgiana Lilley. Two new members were elected, Georgina Adcock (2002) and Bianca Pettersson (Serich 2002). The formalities over quickly, a group of current Year 12’s very kindly gave up a Sunday morning to come along and model stunning clothing designs by Kirsten Shadbolt (2004). The spring-summer collection from her label, Paper Skye, was complemented by beautiful jewellery from Kailis.

The Valedictory Dinner was held on Friday 21 October and the OCA continued the tradition of presenting the leavers with a beautiful silver bracelet, engraved with their valedictory year. After the service and formal proceedings, a very talented class of 2011 entertained us with music and a presentation of highlights of their years at PLC. They were almost upstaged by a group of brave parents who performed a tribute rendition to the soundtrack of Mamma Mia, ‘Daughter Dear’, which almost brought the house down!

On Wednesday 26 October, we hosted an informal morning tea for the 2012 Prefects and their parents in the school library. It was a great opportunity for the OCA committee to meet the upcoming leaders of the student community, to congratulate them on their appointment, and to welcome them as future OCA members. Each prefect was presented with a very generous gift bag containing a beautiful mother of pearl pen, kindly donated by Kailis Australian Pearls.

This year we received a very pleasing number of applications for the three bursaries offered by the OCA. Congratulations to the winners, each of whom will receive one term’s tuition fees: the Vera Summers Bursary to Kate Mannolini, the Heather Barr Memorial Bursary to Annie Cormack, the Olive Cusack Bursary to Isobel Camerer.

I am also very pleased to report that the OCA Committee has been successful in securing a 10% discount on the acceptance fee for new students who are a child or grandchild of a financial member of the PLC OCA.

In 2012, we will be offering a new schedule of OCA events, including a wine and cheese tasting, a winter movie afternoon, networking breakfasts, and of course, our annual Art Exhibition.

During the last two months, the OCA has received a number of emails and messages regarding the proposed uniform changes, both in favour and against. I would like to thank all OCA members for their comments and I have passed these on to the School for continued on page 34…

---

1. L–R: Sally Cook (1982), Helen Gianozzi (Linton 1969)
3. L–R: Georgina (Gus) Folvig (1969) with her Mother Wendy Folvig (Finch 1938)
continued from page 33…

consideration. While it is clear that there are many diverse views, it was pleasing to see how passionate Old Collegians are and how much they still care about the School. I look forward to Old Collegians embracing this passion in 2012 and encourage you to attend our meetings and events as we head towards our centenary year.

Finally, thank you to all members of the committee who have made time in their busy lives to attend meetings and deliver our events to ensure that the association continues to thrive, innovate and above all, be a resource to the School community. I have now handed over the reins to our new interim President, Kate Crompton, and I will remain on the committee to assist with functions and events. Wishing you all the best for 2012.

FRANCESCA NELSON
President OCA

1. Student Counsel OCA Prefects morning tea
2. Old Collegians Scholarship winners for 2012
   Isobel Camerer, Annie Cormack and Kate Mannolini
3. OCA AGM – Guests, models and Committee enjoying the afternoon at the Nedlands Golf Club
Reunions

FOUNDERS’ DAY
Well-known television news reporter Alison Fan (1961) was guest speaker at the 96th Annual Founders’ Day Service on Friday 19 August 2011. Alison gave an insightful and thought-provoking talk about her life and career as an investigative and high profile reporter.

The service was followed by lunch in the Boarders’ Dining Room and as in previous years was again well attended by approximately 120 past students, many of whom come along each year, taking the opportunity to catch up with old friends.

During the afternoon, Year 10 students Jessica Moore and Amaani Alikhah each gave the guests a delightful talk about their Personal Projects.

1951 60-YEAR REUNION
I avoided returning to PLC for 60 years because I wanted to remember the old canvas shuttered classrooms, the gym, the tennis court bumper board and the little summer house where we used to hop from seat to seat. However when I went back in August, I found it was wonderfully elegant and functional.

The old hall in Scorgie House was still there. I spent many an hour standing there as punishment for talking in class, but I couldn’t find the clock where I learnt to tell the time. The hall was my old friend.

Our 60-year reunion was most entertaining and very moving, particularly as girls returned from Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne to celebrate. We sadly missed those who were unable to be with us but hope they will be able to come when we meet again for fun and laughter on the second Tuesday in March 2012 when we gather to share morning tea at Zamia Gardens, Kings Park.

JILL CROMMELIN (MEATHREL)
Reunions

1961 50-YEAR REUNION
The 50-year reunion for the class of 1961 was celebrated with a day on campus followed by an after party on 26 October 2011.

The reunion commenced with a tour of the School and a Chapel Service with the Year 7 choirs leading the singing.

Lunch was served in the Boarders’ Dining Room, where the noise level escalated with reminiscing and stories filling in those 50 past years.

Each girl received a PLC goodies bag, then a special 50-year badge.

The after party, held a short walk from School, was more time for seeking out friends and exchanging news of family, grandchildren, and activities in retirement.

Some wished they could attend school again with all its wonderful privileges and opportunities.

Everyone agreed that 10 years is too long to wait for the next reunion.

ROSALIND LILLEY (MCCELLAND)

1968 BOARDERS’ LUNCHEON
A boarders’ luncheon was held on 22 October 2011 to celebrate the 60th birthday year of this group of Old Collegians. Fifteen people attended the home of one of the girls in Perth. It was a great success with lots of laughter, conviviality and catching up and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.
1971 40-YEAR REUNION

The class of 1971 reunion attended by approximately 40 past students congregated on 13 August 2011 at the PLC Boarding House. After sharing a meet-and-greet to renew friendships over morning tea, they assembled on the steps of the Heather Barr Memorial Chapel (previously Carmichael Hall) for a photograph. The group then meandered through the school, finally perusing the Archives which brought back many nostalgic memories.

The luncheon at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, florally decorated in tartan colours, was a wonderful opportunity to share fond memories in a relaxed manner. The girls reflected, whilst taking photographs, on school educational changes, boarding, sporting and social sojourns, as well as carefree days, college traditions, technological and global advancements, families, grandchildren, travel and plans for ‘retirement’. There was also quiet contemplation for special dearly departed friendships.

Thank you to all those who travelled long distances and to Sally-Ann for her dedication towards the ‘Year Book’ as a perfect keepsake.

LONDON REUNION

To coincide with Principal Beth Blackwood’s visit to London in 2012, a reunion of past PLC girls living and working in the UK and Europe has been organised.

The reunion will be held from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm on 19 March 2012 at the Western Australian Business Centre, Australia House.

To ensure we have your correct address or if you know of anyone whose details we might not have, please contact Colette James, Alumni Co-ordinator on +618 94246520 or at alumni@plc.wa.edu.au
Laughing at our Kookaburra photos from the 1981 magazine, faithfully reproduced and displayed on the Nedlands Golf Club windows 30 years on, were more than half of the Class of 1981.

Little had changed – nicknames rolled off the lips as a special 1980s compilation competed with the shrieks and laughter. As Powerpoint frames flicked through, we raised our glasses to triggered memories and shared stories of all our journeys and those of girls unable to attend. The night flowed with recounts of families new and old, sport, travels, achievements and future aspirations.

Jennifer Andrews drew the rowdy crowd together, weaving snippets picked up on the night and reminders of our days at PLC. Girls recounted a range of careers and experiences from high legal positions assisting refugees, specialist medical professions, inspiring teaching and at last count, seven former boarders actively growing grains, meat and wool in far-flung regions of WA. Many were studying again!

The biggest thank yous were reserved for all the girls turning up and assisting us in filling in the gaps in our alumni network before the night. A burgeoning group of girls from the class has been sharing weekends away for the last six years, proving we never really left PLC. We hope to meet again before our 40th.

CAROLYN REID (STRETCH)
1991 20-YEAR REUNION

The class of 1991 reunited on the steps of the Chapel in November 2011 for a class photo and pretty soon it seemed hard to tell if we had changed a lot or not at all!

A tour of the School reminded us that a lot had physically changed at PLC in 20 years, particularly as we were shown the amazing ‘new’ Middle School, vast cafeteria, technology centre and many other things that hadn’t been thought of when we were there.

At the end of the tour, we gathered for a champagne toast to our year, to our School, to the fact that so many of us were able to come together, and of course to our absent friends. Everyone was enthusiastic to see each other, 80 girls who had spent every day together during our school years – and then may not have even laid eyes on for 20 years!

We moved on to the Byrneleigh for drinks and dinner where the catching up was at full speed. A slide show of photos from the pre-digital age was running throughout the function and had us all transfixed, jogging our memories of school days, bad fashion and teased fringes.

Now we’re all looking forward to the next one!

CATHERINE JACKSON (MURRAY)

EASTER SERVICE

Following the Easter Service on 15 April 2011, approximately 100 past students who left PLC 50 years ago or more joined Principal Beth Blackwood for afternoon tea in the Cafeteria.

Two Year 10 students, Caitlin O’Shea and Deborah Fisher, delighted the guests by sharing their Personal Projects, which form part of the Middle Years Programme of the International Baccalaureate.
YEAR 13 BRUNCH
The annual Year 13 Brunch was held in September and approximately 76 girls from the year of 2010, as well as a number of staff members, attended.

The informal forum allowed the girls to catch up with each other as well as to share their experiences since leaving PLC.

Beth welcomed the girls and invited each of them to give a brief update on what they have been up to since leaving PLC. It was agreed that the girls have been very active in all aspects of life including work, studies, community and travel.

Francesca Nelson (1980), immediate past President of the OCA, welcomed the year group as the youngest group of Old Girls.
ALUMNI CONNECT BREAKFAST

The inaugural Alumni Connect Breakfast was held in November at the Karrakatta Club with a group of 20 PLC women made up of 2011 Year 12 students and Old Collegians. Guest speaker Dr Monique Robinson (1995) gave an insightful and thought-provoking talk on ‘How the first nine months (prenatal) can shape the rest of your life’. Dr Robinson is an Australian Rotary Health Postdoctoral Fellow at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research and a registered psychologist working in the area of perinatal and child adolescent mental health. She has also worked as Middle and Junior School Counsellor at PLC in addition to private practice work.

Alumni Connect is a School initiative aimed at connecting alumni of different ages with outgoing students. Small groups of women are brought together based on their interest in a certain topic and the location of the event. More events are planned for 2012.

2. L–R: 2011 Year 12 Students – Lizzy Kenny, Georgia Rakich, Lily Robinson, Helena Bean and Mia Carlton
3. L–R: Guest speaker Dr Monique Robinson (1995) with her mother and PLC Head of Staff Mrs Chris Robinson
4. L–R: Katrina Burton (Fairweather 1982) and Miriam Bean (Borthwick 1979)
OLD COLLEGIANS

UPDATE

Hilda Parker (Rickey 1936)
Hilda studied millinery. She married and has one daughter and two grandchildren.

Dallas Rose (Dunnet 1939)
When Dallas left PLC, she went back to the station at Balfour Downs for five years. She then moved to Nannup for three years. Her father passed away in 1946 and Dallas and her mother went to Perth where she worked in ‘Bon Marché’. She married three years later and went to live in Margaret River. Her husband passed away in 1986. She has two sons and four grandchildren.

Lois Dean (Meathrel 1944)
Lois studied Medicine at UWA and Melbourne University (Janet Clarke Hall) and worked for two years at the Red Cross blood bank in Perth. She married Richard Dean, a SA sheep farmer, and had two sons, Hugh and Patrick. She has published four books – three on local south-eastern South Australia history and one humorous book about country life. She has given many talks on the ABC.

Elizabeth Gibson (Beeston 1947, left 1945)
On leaving PLC at the end of the war (her father being transferred back to Newcastle), Elizabeth was allowed a year off, then started work as a trainee dental nurse. Leaving that to start nursing, she then resigned after a disagreement with matron over the publicity she was receiving with her flying (she became a charter member of the Australian Women Pilots’ Association). She took up a position as an auditioning clerk before taking off for eight months travelling around Europe. She came back home and went back to dental nursing. She married and retired to have two daughters. She then went to university and obtained a Diploma of Visual Arts and Crafts. After the children grew up, it was off to college to become a pre-school teacher. She retired at 62, did three years of religious studies, and is now having lots of fun with sculpture. Last year, she spent one month with her daughter traveling around Canada and Alaska, before visiting her other daughter in Townsville.

Anne Green (1950 Ross)
Anne was a Mothercraft Nurse at Alexandra Home Training Centre. She undertook nursing training at the Mount Hospital, was a Scientific Researcher for NASA, and nursed in aged care before retirement. She has three daughters and enjoys gardening, the dog, reading and year-round tennis on television!

Lesley Chute (Kenworthy 1951)
Lesley completed a mature age degree in Economics at UWA. She is now retired and living at the RSL in Menora. She has two children.

Margaret Payne (James 1951, left 1948)
Margaret completed her education at Suva Girls Grammar. Her family then moved to a small Pacific Island before returning to their home in Adelaide. She remembers her three- and-a-half years at PLC as very happy ones.

Diane Hill-Harrison (McKinlay 1951)
After leaving school, Diane travelled overseas with her brother and lived in Italy and Spain. She married a sculptor in London and had two children, and worked in art galleries in London and WA. She also wrote and co-directed a children’s fantasy film and was past President of Children’s Film and TV (WA). She has fond memories of the elocution lessons and wonderful poetry at PLC.

Aurelie Yeo (Shearer 1951)
Aurelie completed one year of Science at UWA followed by three years of Physiotherapy. She married Dallas Yeo, in 1957 and had three children. Daughter Veronica (PLC 1982) studied Occupational Therapy. Aurelie gained a Diploma in Art at the Claremont School of Art in 1985 and has since been painting full-time.

Margaret Favaro (Tunbridge 1951)
After PLC, Margaret studied for one year at Princess May (Fremantle), then one year at Underwoods Business College, Perth. She married in Darwin, had five children, and has been living in Adelaide for the last 26 years.

Anke Van Wyck (Kiela 1951, left 1947)
Anke went to the Netherlands for high school and then studied Physical Therapy in Amsterdam. She went to Paris for a year to study French and then married in 1964, when she and her husband moved to America. Anke is now retired.
Jennie Mitchell (Hills 1961)
After leaving school, Jennie trained as a Mothercraft Nurse at Ngala before commencing her General Nursing raining at the Mount Hospital in 1965. She graduated in 1968 and was awarded Nurse of the Year. Jennie married in September of that year and in subsequent years lived in Fiji, Singapore and South Australia before settling in Tasmania in 1976. She has two sons, both of whom are living in WA. Jennie left the nursing profession some years ago and prior to her retirement spent almost 10 years in the employment industry as a trainer, working with long-term unemployed, which she found very rewarding. She remarried in 2008 and retired at that time. Jennie enjoys gardening, reading, volunteering and is very involved in her parish church. She has been a Rotarian for 10 years and served a year as President in 2006. For many years, Jennie was involved in choirs but due to other commitments is no longer actively involved, although she does occasionally sing at special services at church. In recent times, Jennie has become interested in photography, with a special interest in plants and insects. Jennie and her husband also enjoy travelling around Tasmania.

Margaret Brown (Dean 1961, left 1960)
Margaret completed sub-leaving at PLC in 1960 before moving to Iona Presentation Convent where she sat her leaving certificate in 1961. In 1963, she graduated from Graylands Teachers’ College as a primary teacher and her first posting was a two-teacher school in Marble Bar with no air conditioning. In 1981, she completed a Diploma of Teaching and taught for many years in remote and metropolitan schools. The last 18 years were spent at St Marys in Bunbury. She retired in 2001. In 2002, she completed Certificate III in Community Services at South West Regional College and worked at an aged care facility in Bunbury for a short time before taking up a full-time position in Derby caring for a young indigenous man with cerebral palsy. In 2006, she moved to Broome and once again did a live-in carer’s job looking after a blind autistic man. In 2007, she moved back to Bunbury where she continued to work with young people with disabilities. She is currently employed by Activ in one of its group homes.

Beth Cooper (Wells 1961)
Beth completed an Arts Degree at UWA before marrying Peter Cooper and having three children, two sons and a daughter. They moved to Melbourne in 1970 and Beth began teaching at Toorak College in Mt Eliza. She obtained a Dip Ed at Monash University and from 1981 to 1991 was the Director of Music at the College. Exhaustion led her to transfer to teaching Humanities until her retirement in 1996. She continues with private music practice and loves travel, entertaining, reading, gardening, cooking and keeping in touch with friends. She has revived her French studies and conversation as a principal interest and challenge (greatly inspired by her lovely French teacher at PLC, then Mrs Ladd). She also helps care for her seven grandchildren.

Independent Girls’ Schools Golf Day
On 26 September 2011, PLC hosted the 46th Combined Independent Girls’ Schools Golf Day for former students at Cottesloe Golf Club. A great sense of camaraderie prevailed as Team PLC, consisting of a full team of 24 Old Collegians, battled the weather as well as the course. They finished a creditable second behind MLC and were delighted to have Principal Beth Blackwood present the perpetual trophy to the winning team.

The 2012 golf day will be held at Lake Karrinyup Country Club on Monday 8 October.

Robin Drew (Kidman 1961)
Robin completed a bookkeeping course and worked in an office before marrying her first husband and having three daughters. She later obtained a Diploma in Recreation and specialised in working with people with disabilities. She then qualified to teach English as a second language. She moved with her second husband to Malaysia where they started the Malaysian Motorhomes Co. and Robin became interested in refugees, reuniting a young man with mild intellectual disability with his family in Australia. Later, they moved to Thailand and opened a small English Language centre. Robin enjoyed a number of years working in rural schools and tutoring at the local university. On returning to Perth, she got more involved with refugees and undertook some teaching with the Home Tutoring Scheme programme. Robin and her husband have now retired and moved back to live with Robin’s 96 year-old father in the old family home.

Kristin Duffy (Folvig 1961)
Kristin completed a Teachers’ Certificate at Claremont Teachers Training College. She taught in the Kimberley at Wyndham District High School then moved to take up an apple orchard in Tumbarumba. She has been teaching at Tumbarumba Primary School for the past 25 years, during which time she completed a Bachelor of Education externally through Edith Cowan University and trained as a Reading Recovery teacher. She married John in 1966 and has two children and two grandchildren. She is still teaching.
Jane Humphrys (1992)

After taking a year off after school to work back on the family farm and drive around Australia, Jane studied Sports Management at university. She then worked at the Ministry of Sport and Recreation followed by St Hilda’s school as their Outdoor Education assistant. Still feeling she hadn’t found her true calling, she applied for a position as a career firefighter. Six months later and after an arduous application process, she was selected with 17 others to start at the fire fighting recruit school. At that stage, there were only eight women in the service in WA.

Jane is now in her twelfth year as a fire fighter, the last seven as a senior fire fighter. She has extinguished ship fires in Dampier, searched for bodies in New Zealand’s earthquakes, done public speaking in schools, attended conferences in Victoria and Tasmania, competed in the World Police and Fire Games in New York and Canada, completed courses in Queensland and Victoria, trained recruit firefighters, rescued people and animals, talked on the radio, extinguished property and bush fires, contained chemical spills, worked in the country, been on the interview panel for prospective fire fighters, and recently worked at CHOGM.

At the World Police and Fire Games in Canada in 2009, she won the ‘Ultimate Firefighter’ category after a series of gruelling timed trials against 11 other finalists. To be victorious, she had to hoist a 20kg hose, drag an 82kg dummy, run up a five-storey tower carrying chainsaws, axes and rolled hoses, and put up ladders at speed. She also won a silver medal in a team event. Jane was the only female of the 18 WA firefighters who competed in the games.

Jane was also on the first all-girls crew on a fire truck in Australia.

This year, she will start her Station Officer’s training – the next stage in her career where she could be incident controller for up to three fire appliances.

Jane said that while being a fire fighter isn’t everyone’s dream job, it has been more then she could ever have imagined and “it’s been great not having to decide what to wear to work each day!”

Margaret Hector (Symington 1961)

Margaret married John Hector in 1964 and they moved to a ‘New Land’ block at Mount Madden where they were challenged to change a percentage of the natural vegetation into a fine grains and wool producing farm. Volunteer work with the Bushfire Brigade, St John’s Ambulance, Community Church, the Country Women’s Association and the Lake King P&C provided opportunities for off-farm activities. They eventually sold the farm and moved to Perth to share time with their children (two daughters and one son) and seven grandchildren. Their spare time is taken up sailing and cycling.

Jill Mason-Jones (Staniland 1961)

Jill returned to NSW and finished her schooling at PLC Pymble. She attended Sydney University and graduated in Physiotherapy. She married Nick Mason-Jones (Christ Church) and they made their home in Sydney and had four children (two girls and two boys). Jill’s years in WA were some of the happiest of her life and she loves coming back to the west whenever she can.

Carolyn Reading (Douglas 1961)

Carolyn completed a cadetship in radiography at Royal Perth Hospital before marrying Peter Reading and farming in Hyden for five years. They returned to live in Perth as their first born, a daughter, had a severe disability. They also have two sons and have just had their 29th move! Their daughter turns 44 this year.
Col Thompson (Grigg 1961)
Col completed a Teachers’ Certificate and began teaching junior primary classes. She married Robin Thompson in 1967 and they have four children. Between them, they have notched up more than 14 teaching jobs in different schools. Apart from their ‘Ceilidh Band’, established more than 20 years ago, they enjoy being grandparents. They hope to caravan around in the future.

Joy Wade (Teakle 1961)
Joy married in the UK in 1966 and has lived and worked all over WA. She had three children, Victoria (dec), Alexander and Simon. Both sons are married: one lives in Perth and the other in Paris with his wife and two girls. Joy retired three years ago and her husband retired at the end of 2011. They love small country towns and enjoy travel, gardening, painting and involvement with Rotary.

Beth Hands (1969 Soderlund)
Beth is currently a Professor at the University of Notre Dame Australia as Director of the Institute for Health and Rehabilitation Research. Her area of research is motor development, physical fitness and physical activity in children and adolescents, particularly those with special needs. Beth has three adult children, a husband and a dog.

Jill Brand (Forrester 1971)
Jill graduated from Graylands Teachers College in 1971. She married Bernard Brand in 1975 and had three children: Victoria (dec), Alexander and Simon. She is currently working as a real estate sales representative after 25 years as an agent. She is married with two daughters.

Diana Warner (Craig 1971)
Diana went to Curtin University and completed a BA Dip Ed. She has taught Secondary English for over 20 years and is currently teaching two days a week at Avonvale Primary School. She is a farmer’s wife in Northam and has two daughters and two grandchildren. She enjoys travelling.

Barbara Abbott (1971)
As business owner and principal consultant of Behaviour Matters, Barbara provides services in independent investigations, education programmes and coaching. Her business focus is on workplace conduct including bullying, harassment, and corrupt and fraudulent behaviour. She has been in business for 18 years. Her current work is quite different from her first career as a teacher (12 years) and her second career as a public servant (six years). She is also involved in community service through Rotary International.

Jenny Camac (Stewart 1971)
Jenny Camac married in the PLC chapel and completed a Teacher (12 years) and her second career as a public servant (six years). She is also involved in community service through Rotary International.

Stephanie Aitken (Smith 1971)
Stephanie commenced Registered Nurse training at SCGH, then Midwifery training at KEMH and completed a Bachelor of Nursing at ECU. Currently she works part-time as After Hours Clinical Manager at Kalelya. She is married to David, a business development manager, and they have three children, two sons and a daughter. Her daughter, Amanda (PLC 2000) married in the PLC Chapel in 2009 and Stephanie and David are now grandparents to April.

Jenny Camac (Stewart 1971)
Jenny Camac married in the PLC chapel and completed a Teacher (12 years) and her second career as a public servant (six years). She is also involved in community service through Rotary International.

Stephanie Aitken (Smith 1971)
Stephanie commenced Registered Nurse training at SCGH, then Midwifery training at KEMH and completed a Bachelor of Nursing at ECU. Currently she works part-time as After Hours Clinical Manager at Kalelya. She is married to David, a business development manager, and they have three children, two sons and a daughter. Her daughter, Amanda (PLC 2000) married in the PLC Chapel in 2009 and Stephanie and David are now grandparents to April.

Jenny Camac (Stewart 1971)
Jenny Camac married in the PLC chapel and completed a Teacher (12 years) and her second career as a public servant (six years). She is also involved in community service through Rotary International.

Stephanie Aitken (Smith 1971)
Stephanie commenced Registered Nurse training at SCGH, then Midwifery training at KEMH and completed a Bachelor of Nursing at ECU. Currently she works part-time as After Hours Clinical Manager at Kalelya. She is married to David, a business development manager, and they have three children, two sons and a daughter. Her daughter, Amanda (PLC 2000) married in the PLC Chapel in 2009 and Stephanie and David are now grandparents to April.

Jenny Camac (Stewart 1971)
Jenny Camac married in the PLC chapel and completed a Teacher (12 years) and her second career as a public servant (six years). She is also involved in community service through Rotary International.

Stephanie Aitken (Smith 1971)
Stephanie commenc...
Matija Franetovich (1995)

After learning the bagpipes at PLC, Matija Franetovich has gone on to join the Australian Army Pipes and Drums. She now holds the rank of Drum Major and has toured Australia performing in all capital cities. She also had the privilege of playing in the 2006 Edinburgh Military Tattoo with over 700 band members from around the world. Being one of only six female players, she realised she was also the only one to hold rank.

The highlight of her Army career was in 2009 when, as Drum Major, she led 13th Brigade down St George’s Terrace on ANZAC Day. This was the first time a woman had achieved this military honour.

Then last year, she won the Reserve Service Excellence Award by the Defence Reserves Support Council. She was one of 19 nominees and was acknowledged as “a dedicated soldier with a devotion to duty, that is an inspiration to her peers and soldiers and effectively promotes Reserve service to the community.”

Being a member of the Army Reserves still allows Matija to hold a full-time job.

In December 2006, she became the first female Event Manager and Executive Officer of the Rottnest Channel Swim. During her time, the swim became the largest open-water event in the world.

Matija is now working for a company providing medical and wellness services for the resources sector.

Jillián Jeffery (Smith 1971)

Jillián studied Graphic Design after two years of Occupational Therapy, then worked as a medical illustrator for the Health Department. She married Graham Jeffery in 1983 and they have three children. She has worked as a sales executive for The Property Exchange for eight years.

Jane Meneghello (McGibbon 1971)

Jane attained a B App Sc (Physio) in 1975 and was Senior Physiotherapist on the Spinal Unit at RP(H) for 10 years. She left the profession to start a family and has two children, Alex and Emily (PLC 2006). She is currently working in a private practice in Claremont conducting osteoporosis prevention classes. She is married and lives in Nedlands. She enjoys part-time work and travelling with her husband.

Deborah Sewell (Stewart 1975)

Deborah has been an early childhood teacher for 32 years. She is married with three children and lives in Swanbourne.

Fiona Cumming (Dunn 1981)

Fiona has recently returned to Perth to live after eight years in Melbourne where she continued her teaching in Physical and Health Education at The University of Melbourne and was the co-ordinator of the university’s outdoors programme. She is now lecturing in Health and Physical Education at Murdoch University and studying her Masters in Education. She is married to Anthony Dunn and they have two children.

Jenny Quinlan (Teasdale 1981)

After leaving PLC, Jen went to live in Sydney for several years, where she commenced work in advertising. Jen worked in this area for 14 years before leaving to live in Margaret River. She is married with two children.

Jenny Anderson (1981)

After PLC Jenny studied nursing at Royal Perth Hospital. She then travelled overseas for some time before studying fashion design in Perth. In 1991, she moved to Melbourne and studied metalsmithing/silversmithing. She has two children and works part-time as a nurse and a silversmith.

Jenny Andrews (1981)

Jenny studied physiotherapy at WAIT, graduating in 1985. She lived in the UK from 1988 to 1992, studying acupuncture for three years. She has worked in private practice in Claremont for 18 years (except for one year in Adelaide doing a Masters in Physiotherapy in 1998).

Sue-Ellen Buckley (Fewson 1981)

Sue-Ellen graduated from WAIT in 1985 with a degree in Physiotherapy and commenced work at PMH. She travelled overseas on a working holiday for several years before returning to WA and resuming work in physiotherapy in the field. She is married with two teenage children and works for the Child Development Services.

Nicola Carr-White (Scott 1981)

Nicola currently lives with her husband, Julian, and twin 13-year old daughters in Perth. After leaving PLC, she completed a BSc degree, Dip Ed (Primary Teaching) and theological studies. Her working life has been in education and she currently teaches Year 1 at Woodbridge Primary. She spent many years living and loving life in the Pilbara but is now happily living back in the city.

Roseanne Cluett (1981)

Roseanne has Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor Addiction Studies, Bachelor Family Therapy degrees and is completing a Masters in Medical Anthropology. She lived in London from 1986 to 1993 and then returned to Perth before moving to Melbourne in 2002. Her defacto is Steve McGennis and they have two young children. Roseanne now works as a GP trainer for Southeast Division of General Practice, Melbourne.

Sarah Cox (1981)

Sarah has worked as a GP in Rockingham for the last 12 years and enjoys living in South Fremantle. She is married to Stuart Gunzburg and has two daughters, Anna (PLC Year 7) and nine-year old Rebecca.

Jeanette Devoto (Clay 1981/82)

Jeanette obtained a Diploma of Nursing at Royal Perth Hospital (WA School of Nursing). She worked in Italy from 1989 to 2008 in pharmaceutical marketing research. She is currently working in clinical breast cancer research for Chir (Curtin University).
Jenny-Ann Hansen (Mclellan 1981)
Jenny-Ann has been working as a travel doctor part-time and raising three children, two girls and a boy, with husband Matt Hansen.

Catherine Hatch (1981)
As an electrical engineer, Catherine has been working for eight years on the design of iron ore port facility expansions in the Pilbara. Her prior engineering experience includes work in a nickel refinery, an alumina refinery and an electric railway system. She is the mother of two primary school age children and lives in Swanbourne.

Katharine Hunter (Bannister 1981)
Kate obtained an MA Hons Oxon in English Language and Literature and worked in London for 10 years in the antiquarian book trade. She moved to Cambridge before her husband Simon’s work took them to New York in 2004. She worked for Christie’s until 2009 and is now head of the Rare Book Department at Arader Galleries, curating, cataloguing and selling early atlases and books on voyages and travel, and natural history, including Australia. She has two daughters and a son.

Jenny Jacklyn (Burges 1981)
Jenny is busy with her two children, Samuel (Scotch) and Pia (PLC Year 8 2012) last year, she returned to work, nursing part-time. She is currently training hard to participate in the Rottnest Channel Swim in February.

Gabby Jackson (Hooke 1981)
Gabby moved to Melbourne in 1986 and worked for Qantas as a flight attendant for 18 years. She married Rod in 2002 and has an eight year old son. She is now a stay-at-home mum.

Anne Maroni (Nodd 1981)
Anne has completed diplomas in Financial Counselling and Welfare Work and an advanced diploma in Accounting. She is currently living in Perth, working for Anglicare WA as a Financial Controller. She has three daughters.

Melanie Marsh (Sorrell 1981)
Melanie completed nursing at Fremantle Hospital in 1985 before travelling in Europe with Fiona Rogers (Watkins 1981) and nursing friends. She married Kris Marsh in 1988 and has three children. She trained as a midwife at SJOG in 1992 and went to the country in 1994. Currently she is the Nursing Coordinator at Naturaliste Community Health and has been living in Margaret River for 12 years.

Margaret McNeil (1981)
Margaret graduated from the WA Conservatorium of Music (Piano) in 1986 and has enjoyed teaching piano both privately and in schools since. In 1989, she travelled extensively in Europe, New Zealand, America and Africa before starting her own business in Kellerberrn selling gifts and flowers. Since 2000, Margaret has been living in Perth, running her own web-based business, Bloomin Boxes, and teaching piano. Her daughter, Molly (PLC Year 10 2012)

Ceili Mitton (Bremner 1981)
Ceili has recently been appointed Co-Manager of Enrolments at Wesley College. She is still an avid sports enthusiast and swims regularly with Leeming Masters Swimming Club, where she has been awarded life membership. She is the mother of two adult sons, one of whom represented Australia in hockey at the last Commonwealth Games.

Joanne Norcott (McCallum 1981)
Joanne married in 1989 and has a 17-year old daughter and a nine-year old son. She has been working for some time as a Sports Physiotherapist for the West Australian Institute of Sport Gymnastics Program, continuing with her interest in gymnastics.

Sarah Pratt (1981)
In 1984, Sarah graduated from ECU with a Diploma of Teaching (Primary). She was a classroom teacher for seven years. In 1993, she went back to university and completed her fourth year Bachelor of Education (Conversion for Qualified Teachers) at Curtin University. In 1994, she has been working as a qualified librarian in public libraries ever since. She was a committee member of the Children’s Book Council of Western Australia for seven years and co-wrote the CBCWA’s Handbook for Children’s Activities. For the past nine years, she has been working as a part-time Senior Librarian with the City of Melville Library Service. In 2006, she started working for the City of Joondalup Library Service as the Local History Librarian. She really enjoys both jobs. She has travelled extensively.

Carolyn Reid (Stretch 1981)
After school, Carolyn completed a degree at UWA and worked in Executive Officer roles in Perth and Boyup Brook, combining farming and family with husband Peter Reid. The wheels have turned full circle with daughter Georgia (PLC 2010) now at UWA and daughter Maddy (PLC Year 8 2012). Son Alex (Scotch) and hoping to farm with his father one day. Carolyn loves catching up with old friends and sharing a few laughs.

Fiona Rogers (Watkins 1981)
Fiona achieved a Diploma in Cartography in 1985. She travelled extensively in 1986 and again after marrying Greg Rogers (Scotch 1980) in 1989. They have two children, Emma (PLC 2009) and Daniel (Scotch Year 12). Greg runs a cartographic business from home and Fiona helps out part-time whilst volunteering at the children’s schools. They love to travel and hope to do more in the future.

Ngaire Rose (1981)
Ngaire has travelled extensively, nursing in Europe and Canada. She is now back on the family farm at Myalup.

Sandy Stodart (Arndt 1981)
After finishing school, Sandy travelled to England for a while before returning to do a beauty course. She then opened her own salon. In 1988, she married John and in 1992 they opened an alterations business, Darn-It Clothing Alterations. Their son, Andrew, was born in 1996. In 2008, they sold the company and went on a wonderful holiday. Sandy is now working part-time back at Darn-It Clothing Alterations.

Sandra White Nvall (White 1981)
Sandra worked as a Home Economics teacher from 1986 to 1991 before moving to Europe. She met her husband, Per, and moved to Sweden in 1992. They have two children. She ran her own consulting business for 18 years and is currently the Global HR Coordinator at Volvo 3P.

Sara Wilson (Horwood 1981)
Sara obtained a Bachelor of Commerce at UWA. She went on to complete a Myer Stores Graduate Management Training Program before working at Arthur Andersen in Perth. After a six-month overland trip through Africa, she spent four years at Arthur Andersen in London and then joined a Raleigh International expedition to Siberia as the Deputy Expedition Leader. After returning to Australia, Sara married Keith Wilson and they live on a farm in Kulin, growing crops, prime lamb and have a Dorper sheep stud. Her son (is currently at Scotch) and her daughters Annabel (Year 8 2012) and Emma (Year 8 2014) will soon start their own PLC journey.

Martha Ford-Adams (Adams 1982)
Martha graduated from medical school at UWA in 1988 and completed her post graduate years in the UK. She was appointed Consultant Paediatrician in 2001 and has been at Kings College Hospital since 2004.
Meliata Blechynden (1989)

After leaving PLC, Meliata studied at Edith Cowan University and worked in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary education until 2005. In 2000, she travelled Australia and home schooled two of her three children.

In 2005, she joined the WA Police Force and is the only female police officer riding a police motorbike in WA as a Traffic Enforcement Officer Motorcyclist in the Motorcycle Squad. Out of 6500 Western Australia Police officers, only 16 are currently selected to ride a police motorbike. Meliata passed the Advanced Police Motorcycle Training course on her first attempt and is one of the few to do so as a front line police officer not in a training position.

Every day, she rides a Honda ST1300PA Police Motorbike that weighs in at more than 400kg. She works 10-hour shifts, usually with eight hours riding.

A highlight of her career was being selected to outride for the escort of the Her Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth II, during a visit to WA as a front line police officer not in a training position.

Jennifer Kopke (1989)

Jennifer commenced a Visual Arts degree at Curtin and then changed to teaching. She taught and travelled overseas before returning to Perth and doing more study and completing a Bachelor of Education. She then worked in special needs education until 2005. Jennifer is currently living in Melbourne and raising a family of three young children.

Jennifer Bottomley (Samuel 1989)

After graduating with a BA from Edith Cowan University, Jennifer worked as a writer in PR roles with government, community and educational organisations. Jennifer married John Bottomley of Halifax, West Yorkshire and has lived in Heathridge ever since. In 2002, she completed a Grad Dip Ed and began teaching English. Currently she works in the Senior School at Ballajura Community College. Last September, her first novel, Mammon, was released by Random House Australia.

Katherine Kingdon (Lawrence 1991)

Katherine completed an Arts Degree at Curtin University before moving to Sydney where she has been for the past 10 years. She works as a jewellery designer and diamond merchant. She has two daughters and is currently doing a Graduate Diploma in Education.

Suzanne (Suzy) Kitson (Angus 1991)

Suzy completed a BA Social Science at Curtin University and has since worked in hospitality and tourism overseas as well as 10 years in Broome. She is married with two children, and is currently living in Perth.

Charlene (Charlie) Cantwell (Bell 1991)

Charlie completed a Certificate in Hospitality in 1992. She waitressed and worked for the ANZ Bank and Commonwealth Bank over the following seven years, then spent five years working at Lanier selling copiers to schools. Charlie is currently a stay-at-home mum with two children.

Elizabeth (Libby) Bower (Dowsett 1991)

Libby completed a Bachelor of Education at Edith Cowan University. She is currently teaching part-time at Dunsborough Primary School. Libby taught in North West of WA and London, where she met her husband. They have three daughters.

Amanda (Mandy) Smith (Hamersley 1991)

Mandy worked for Westpac for three years while doing some travelling overseas, where she met her husband. They moved to NSW and have two children. Mandy was involved with the horse sport of polocrosse and represented NSW at State events. Mandy and her husband run a cattle property and are breeding and selling horses.

Natasha Del Borrello (Hyde 1991)

After leaving PLC, Natasha spent one year on exchange in Japan then returned to Perth to study Japanese and Environmental Science at Murdoch University. Natasha also spent an additional 18 months in Japan at Tsukuba University as part of her Murdoch Japanese Degree. Following graduation, she worked in environmental assessments and policy in several government departments. Natasha was married in 2007 in Margaret River and had two PLC classmates, Jennifer Crone (1991) and Alison Cox (Mills 1991), as her bridesmaids. Natasha has two children and is thoroughly enjoying being a full-time mum.

Sarah James Wallace (Kelly 1991)

After leaving School, Sarah completed a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws at UWA. She moved to Geraldton to do her articles and married Murray James-Wallace, a GP. Sarah is a full-time mum to four children and also does volunteer roles on boards.

Amanda Tuite (Evans 1991)

Amanda completed a B Arts (Media, Communication and Culture) wit First Class Honours. She then did a PhD (Cultural and Media Studies) in 2000 at Murdoch University. She is currently a lecturer and Unit Co-ordinator of Mass Communication at Curtin College, Curtin University. Amanda is married and has two girls and had Clair Monaghan (Barr 1991) as her Matron of Honour at her wedding.

Trisha Adamson (Johns 1991)

Trisha left PLC and completed a Diploma in Art and Design (fashion illustration). She spent four years as a media buyer and then moved into the marketing industry. She is currently working at the RAC as Senior Manager, Product and Marketing for finance business. She completed a Masters degree in Business in 2008. In 2007, she married Paul Adamson and started an Occupational Health Business in 2009.
Ashleigh Allen (White 1991)
After leaving PLC, Ashleigh attended Business College before travelling and working in Europe. She worked in Perth for a couple of years and then moved to San Francisco, where she lived with her husband, Simon, for the next 14 years. She had two daughters and also worked in the wine and spirits industry. The family returned to Perth in 2011 and Ashleigh is working for a WA distillery.

Elspeth Burke (Wilson 1991)
Elspeth went on exchange to Ecuador for one year in 1992, graduated from UWA with a Bachelor of Arts in 1997, and lived and studied twice in Indonesia. She also travelled through Mexico, South America, Asia and Europe. She has worked for Federal and State governments since 1998 and completed a Masters in Applied Economics in 2005. She married Denzil Burke in 2007 and they now have two young children.

Marisa Chapman (1991)
Marisa is currently on maternity leave from Western Power, where she worked as their Media and Government Communications Manager. Her daughter was born in October 2010 and Marisa is enjoying the time off!

Carly Donovan (Morrison 1991)
Carly has lived in Sydney for almost 15 years with her husband Ciaran. They have three beautiful boys. They like to get home for a family Christmas every year, spending time in Perth and Margaret River.

Nicole Giblett (1991)
In a somewhat haphazard approach to tertiary education, travel and work in her first post-school decade, Nic was left with mixed degrees in literature, horticulture and wine science, and an enduring love of books, Europe, gardens, wine and cheese. She met her partner Paul Good (Scotch 1992) in 1999, and they have lived and worked in almost every region in WA, predominantly in journalism, finishing full circle in her hometown of Manjimup and family horticultural business Newton Brothers Orchards. Her sister Lucinda (PLC 1998) lives on the adjoining farm and they share an interest in the future sustainability of food production, both in their business and wider community. Nic and Paul have two children. She keeps in close contact with many PLC girls and over the years has had the honour of being asked to be bridesmaid to three 1991 leavers: Lisa Bradford (Jones), Fiona Murray (Gardiner) and Amanda Johnson (Beeck).

Siobhan Way (1989)
Siobhan Way (1989) is carrying on her artistic family legacy with her own jewellery line. Her signature pared-back aesthetic employs hand-sourced, special cut stones in limited-edition designs, and has garnered an avid following both here and abroad.

A passion for gemstones and a love of travel have taken Siobhan to many far-flung and exotic locations. Her collections reflect design adventures that stretch from the remote Australian outback in search of black jade and fossil wood to ancient Burma and Thailand for gemstones such as jade, sapphires, topaz and white diamonds.

Jewellery was certainly not on Siobhan’s radar when she left school. After studying Marketing at Curtin University, Siobhan worked in Brisbane and made jewellery on the side as a hobby. Then in 2000, she had a bad car accident that brought her back to Perth. While recuperating, she dedicated a lot more time to her jewellery.

This slowly developed into a business and in 2007 she launched her first fine jewellery collection. In 2010, she completed a two-year Gemmology Diploma and is now a qualified Gemmologist.

Claire Gordon (1991)
Claire graduated from Hollywood Senior High School in 1991 and then Curtin University in 1995 with distinctions in a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Art. She went on to further studies in Interior and Graphic Design, graduating from WASADM Graphic Design in 2003. She has been Creative Director of her own graphic design studio, Considerate Design, since 2009.

Amelia McLarty (1991)
Amelia obtained a Bachelor of Business (Agriculture) at Muresk and graduated with honours. From 1991 to 1999, she was the Community Landcare Co-ordinator at Wongan Hills and from 1999 to the present has been the Development Officer at the Department of Agriculture and Food. She is married to Peter Bostock, an Agronomist and State Agronomy Manager for Landmark. They have two children, a boy and a girl. They are currently living in Wongan Hills.

Siobhan’s creative juices certainly seem to be in the blood: her maternal grandmother was a silversmith, her mother Margaret Way (1957) was an art consultant and her father is an architect. Siobhan’s sister Mischa Way (1986) has been a large force in establishing the business, looking after much of the marketing from Sydney. Sadly, their mother Margaret passed away suddenly last year. Siobhan’s jewellery can be viewed on her website at www.siobhanway.com

Liane Tollis (Lovel 1991)
Liane completed a physiotherapy degree at Curtin Uni and worked as a physiotherapist in Perth for 18 months. She then worked in New Orleans for two years and London for two-and-a-half years, travelling extensively during her four-and-a-half years overseas. When she returned to Australia in 2001, she moved to Brisbane and worked as a pharmaceutical representative with CSL for five years. She married Steve Tollis in 2005 and they have two children. She has been a stay-at-home mum since having kids. Liane and family have lived on the Sunshine Coast hinterland for the last two years. They have 10 acres on which to grow their own fruit and vegies using permaculture principles.

Michelle Telfer (1992)
After leaving PLC, Michelle completed a medical degree at UWA and relocated to Melbourne where she specialised in paediatrics. She is now married to Angus Grant and has two young children.

Renee Willmott (1994)
Renee, her husband Jim and their three children have left Australia to live in Kirkland Lake Canada for five years.
Fiona Lester (2001)
Fiona completed a Diploma of Agribusiness at Marcs Oldham College at Geelong in Victoria. She is currently working in the family farming business in Manypeaks and living in Albany.

Marina Magill (Mauersberg 2001)
Marina completed a Bachelor of Economics and Diploma of Financial Planning. She is now a financial advisor and is studying for a Certified Financial Planning Diploma. She married in December 2010.

Taryn Sparrowhawk (2001)
Taryn studied nursing at Curtin University before returning home to Esperance, where she completed a post-graduate diploma in Midwifery. She has a son, born in July 2011.

Chloe Thomas (2003)
Chloe currently lives in British Columbia, Canada and is the Sales and Events Manager at Nicklaus North Golf Course, one of the premier golf courses in North America. In her free time, she enjoys skiing, running and cycling.

Stacey Forrester (2003)
Stacey completed a BSc (Physiotherapy) at Curtin University and graduated in 2007. In 2008, she spent the year backpacking around the world, learning German and working in Canada. She has since moved back to her hometown of Geraldton to be closer to her family and is working at the Disability Services Commission.

Jennifer Ley (2004)
Jennifer is a Year 7 English teacher at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School.

Kate Reid (2004)
Kate graduated as a veterinarian from Murdoch University in 2010. She is now working as a vet in Sarina, northern Queensland, in a mixed animal, rural practice.

Leila Williams (2004)
Leila obtained a Bachelor of Science degree at Melbourne University. She is currently working at Peter Mac Cancer Research undergoing a Masters in Science in Melbourne.

Megan Slater (2007)
Megan is currently studying primary teaching at Notre Dame, at both Fremantle and Broome campuses. She has enjoyed a 10-week teaching prac at Woodbury Boston Primary School in Torbay Hill and is looking forward to her final prac in Kalgoorlie or a remote school.
Obituaries

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of the following Old Collegians:

Judith Allnutt (Pestalozzi 1936)
31 May 1919 – 6 December 2011

June Beatrice Warren Bedells (Baker 1941)
24 June 1924 – 9 November 2011

Ena Doris Bradley (Ham 1937)
7 November 1920 – 3 July 2011

Sheila Muriel Cooper (Stockdale 1939)
7 November 1922 – 22 December 2010

Joan Alwynne Molyneux Dickson (1937)
19 December 1920 – 3 August 2011

Professor Ruth Durack (1967)
16 March 1951 – 4 July 2011

Pippa Joanne Eyres (1998)
26 January 1981 – 14 September 2011

Dr Isobel Mary Fisher (Holder 1940)
10 September 1923 – 23 November 2010

Elizabeth ’Betty’ Dorothy Greig (Graham 1940)
15 September 1923 – 23 July 2011

Camilla Margaret Hayman (Mather 1996)
11 May 1978 – 14 December 2011

Saide Olivia Hill (Jury 1941)
27 March 1924 – 16 September 2011

Iris Lillian Kelly (Hick 1929)
2 November 1912 – 6 September 2011

Joan Last (Thyne 1941)
12 November 1924 – 31 May 2011

Kathleen Margaret Ley (Wickham 1930)
16 May 1913 – 22 September 2011

Alice Mary Longhurst (Richardson 1929)
20 December 1912 – 1 December 2007

Louise Lukin (1954)
5 January 1937 – 25 September 2011

Catherine Marjorie McConnaughty (Hudson 1947)
6 November 1930 – 31 July 2007

Elaine May May (Henson 1943)
24 September 1926 – 26 December 2006

Muriel Neville ’Nev’ Memberry (Page 1938)
1 December 1921 – 16 June 2010

Peggy Bertha Osborn (Hirsch 1936)
27 October 1919 – 3 July 2011

Penelope Jill Øwstegaard (Norwood 1954)
6 May 1937 – 27 August 2011

Josephine ’Josie’ Beatty Philippe (Thompson 1935)
20 August 1918 – 7 June 2011

Eunice Isabel Redpath (Hedley 1933)
15 April 1916 – 29 November 2010

Louise ’Pixie’ Coralie Campbell Robertson (1934)
31 October 1917 – 7 February 2011

Stephanie Seward Robson (Seward 1981)
30 October 1964 – 17 November 2011

Una Laurie Verdun Sides (Pascoe 1933)
1 March 1916 – 27 July 2011

Sally Snowball (1979)
3 November 1962 – 4 January 2010

Lady Valerie Irene Stanton-Hicks (Hubbard 1937)
8 March 1920 – 3 November 2011

Yvonne Carma Laura Ives Thomas (1935)
12 August 1916 – 11 February 2011

Florence Viola Tonkin (Mocken 1942)
10 November 1925 – 17 November 2011

Edith Mabel Watts MBE (Ratcliff 1939)
3 December 1922 – 1 September 2008

Betty Eileen Wilford (Sellers 1945)
11 November 1928 – 6 June 2011

June Beatrice Warren Bedells (Baker 1941)
24 June 1924 – 9 November 2011

June and her older sister Audrey Cooper (Baker 1939) began their early schooling at St Mary’s in West Perth but both came to PLC in 1936. It was here that June met her dearest lifelong friends, Lalage Thomason (Bateman 1941, deceased) and Winsome Stone (Haining 1941). Rather than lessons, June was more interested in sports and she was a frequent and enthusiastic participant in all. She received pocket colours and honours for tennis, basketball, gymnastics and lifesaving, as well as the art award, champion swimmer’s cup and deportment prize. One of her memories of her days at PLC was commemorating the 200th student with a prayer.

After leaving PLC, June worked as a radiographer in St George’s Terrace. In those days, occupational health and safety was not a major consideration and the safety equipment provided was heavy and cumbersome. June became ill with anaemia and eventually had to leave work to recover; her prescribed treatment being a pint of cream per week and a quarter pound of chocolate every day in order to regain weight.

Her parents did not allow the girls to ride bikes nor drive a car as it was ‘not the done thing’, so June often rode a horse through Kings Park or at Narrogin Inn in Armadale with Audrey. She loved horse riding and took every chance to do so while she did voluntary work both in Perth and on stations up north. She knitted for troops overseas and volunteered at the Silver Bullet Dining Room in Central Arcade.

From the age of 10, June had been making her own clothes and it was one of her
After the war, she met Jack Bedells, a dashing army lieutenant, and despite a number of other suitors, June married Jack in December 1949 at Christ Church, Claremont. They built their home in Joyce Street, Dalkeith, just in time for the arrival of their daughter, Robin Shepherd (Bedells 1967) in November 1950. Their second daughter, Jennine Frost (Bedells 1971), was born in 1954 and youngest daughter, Margaret ‘Midge’ Ormsby (Bedells 1972), in 1955.

Always one to keep busy, as the girls grew she used her effective organisational skills wherever required. She was President of the Dalkeith Kindergarten and when her girls came to PLC, she was the Lady President of the Parents’ Association. She committed many years to PLC on the Fete Committee and organised the swapping and sale of second-hand uniforms. Aside from school-based activities, she was branch secretary of the Asthma Foundation, did charity work at the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation, and for several years until last summer, drove around the Claremont district delivering Meals on Wheels.

June and Jack enjoyed travelling more as their girls grew up, left home and began their own families. Jack died not long after the arrival of their first grandchild in 1981, but June continued with enough pride for the arrival of their second daughter, Margaret, in 1991. Their third daughter, Jennine, was born in 1994.

June and Jack enjoyed travelling more as their girls grew up, left home and began their own families. Jack died not long after the arrival of their first grandchild in 1981, but June continued with enough pride for the arrival of their second daughter, Margaret, in 1991. Their third daughter, Jennine, was born in 1994.

Always fit and energetic, June enjoyed a healthy, active life, beginning many mornings with a lengthy early morning swim at North Cottesloe. Despite Jack’s protests that women weren’t strong enough to play a good game of golf, she took up playing at Cottesloe and later Neelands Golf Club, closer to home. She became an avid player, won many competitions, and was Women’s President. She was also a member of Rottnest Golf Club and took regular golfing holidays on the island, during one of which there was a secret planting of a young pine named ‘Junipine’ on her favourite green. She was a member of Kings Park Tennis Club for 12 years and played weekly, and in 2003, Bridge was added to her favourite games of Mahjong and Solo. She really enjoyed the companionship of the other players, the mental stimulation of the game and the gossip shared.

Her courage and strength in her struggle with lymphoma were remarkable. She was not one to go quietly into old age and her spirit remained younger than her body. In her 80s, she expressed a desire to go roller-blading, rode an elephant while on holiday on Koh Samui, and drove a jet-ski in Geographe Bay, squealing with delight and wanting to go faster next time! Even as she grew increasingly frail, June firmly believed in the adage ‘use it or lose it’ and if she stayed home she’d only get older, which she thought would be boring! She enjoyed attending as many PLC functions as possible.

Eventually, her longing for home and love of family saw June grasp the opportunity to return to Perth in 2004 to become the inaugural Director of the Urban Design and Planning at The University of Western Australia, where she continued to work until her retirement in 2009.
Centre of WA, a joint collaboration between UWA, Curtin University and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure. Under her direction, the Centre undertook planning projects for the Towns of Port Hedland, Claremont and Kwinana, Port of Bunbury, City of Fremantle and Medina Township.

Ruth endured her final year with lung cancer with pragmatic acceptance of the consequence of smoking. She will be missed for her brilliant mind, her humour and sharp wit, her dedication to her work, the encouragement she gave to her students and her demand for excellence in everything for which she was responsible. She was fiercely courageous and independent to the last days, leaving explicit written instructions that there was to be no funeral. She wrote: ‘The only words to be spoken over these old bones are: “Ring out the bells that still can ring. Forget your perfect offering; There is a crack, a crack in everything - That’s how the light gets in.”’

Penelope Jill Østergaard (Norwood 1954) 6 May 1937 – 27 August 2011

Penny was the only child of Arthur and Edith Norwood. Her early years were spent in Kalgoorlie where Arthur was manager at the Perseverance mine. Later the family moved to Dalkeith where Penny’s primary schooling was at Nedlands State School before starting at PLC in 1949.

Penny was bright, clever and with her mop of blonde curls, as Fay Woodrow (Hamling 1954) remembers, was just like Shirley Temple. She enjoyed tennis, basketball and lifesaving at school; ice-skating and horse riding were weekend sports along with tennis and later, golf.

Her Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry and Microbiology from UWA (which also included a year at Melbourne University) was conferred in 1959 and the following year, she left Australia to begin a PhD at Cambridge University.

Her plans changed however, when early in 1962 she met Knud Østergaard, a newly appointed Professor of Chemical Engineering from Copenhagen who had come to Cambridge for a six-week course. After a whirlwind courtship, they married in Copenhagen in April the same year.

Penny tackled, and mastered, the difficult Danish language with characteristic enthusiasm, but transferring her studies proved too difficult especially after their son Paul was born in February 1964. The following year found the family in Boston USA with Knud on sabbatical at MIT, and daughter Rebecca was born in December 1965.

While the family were in Australia on another sabbatical in 1974, Penny’s father died suddenly. Penny could not settle back into Denmark after the year in Australia, and she and the children returned to Perth in 1976. Penny found work in the Microbiology laboratory at PMH, but in the 1980s, developed health problems. In time, sadly she was unable to live independently and spent her last years in Hollywood Senior Citizens’ Village.

Her children remember a wonderful childhood and “a mum who was clever, fun, adventurous, tolerant, loving and beautiful. She had a rebellious streak and a great sense of humour. We were brought up with a strong sense of ethics and respect for others around us.”

Her friends remember a girl who was always beautifully dressed and politely spoken.

She was clever, but never lauded it over her classmates, never put others down. She embraced life enthusiastically and fearlessly, be it new cultures, countries, languages or cuisine.

She leaves behind Paul and Rebecca, four grandsons, Jack, Max, Orlando and Thomas (Kindergarten 2009), and two granddaughters, Anna Kathrina (Year 1, 2011) and Felicity Østergaard (Year 2, 2011).

Louise ‘Pixie’ Coralie Campbell Robertson (1934) 31 October 1917 – 7 February 2011

Pixie came from South Australia and started at PLC in 1930 under Miss Janet Phemister. She matriculated here in 1936 and then studied Science at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, followed by Specialised Nursing and Hospital Technology. Pixie topped the State in her final exam for Psychiatric Nursing in 1942 and from 1943 to 1945 she was matron at the Travancore Centre for Disturbed Children. She then spent two years in charge of the Intravenous Solutions Laboratory at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, followed by two years in a similar position at the Brisbane General Hospital.

In 1951, Pixie commenced training in biochemistry at the Repatriation Hospital in Melbourne, followed by further training in haematology, bacteriology and biochemistry. She then became a foundation member of the education committee to plan the formal education of medical technologists. For five years from 1955, she was in charge of the Solutions and Bacteriology Laboratories for the Red Cross Transfusion Service, which...
Obituaries

Lady Valerie Irene Stanton-Hicks (Hubbard 1937)
8 March 1920 – 3 November 2011

Valerie came to PLC Kindergarten from 1925 to 1927 and returned for her Junior year in 1935, having attended Cottesloe and Claremont State Schools in the intervening years. While at PLC, she was a Brownie and then a Guide with the 2nd Cottesloe Guide Company. She loved Guides but mirthfully admitted when Archivist Shannon Lovelady met with Valerie and her sister Marjorie Blackman (Hubbard 1945) in 2010 that her later discovery of boys proved a bit distracting. At that time, Valerie and Marjorie shared a string of evocative childhood memories: of the phone number at their McNeil Street home being F1104, of the iceman coming with ice wrapped in four layers of newspaper and the big claw that picked up each block, the baker with his baskets of bread, the milkman with milk straight from the pail (Valerie said it never tasted the same later, when it was pasteurised), the butcher with his cart of fresh meat and the grocer who, on occasion, also brought their family a twisted cornucopia with boiled lollies interwoven into it.

Valerie loved the piano, having been taught by her aunt Mavis Nyman (PLC music teacher 1926-1929) and then, when she came to PLC, by Dorothy Hutchinson (PLC music teacher 1920-1965). Most days consisted of five hours’ practice; three in the morning before breakfast and school, and another two in the evening. She never complained as she enjoyed the practice, but the neighbours did object to being woken so early! At 14 and with a beautiful voice, she took up singing and in 1935, her Junior Year, she attained her AMusA.

After leaving school, Valerie taught piano and attended McKay’s Business College in St George’s Terrace. A series of office and retail jobs followed until July 1941, when Valerie enlisted in the Women’s Auxiliary Air Force and was posted first to Melbourne, where she was met by Jean Weber (PLC sports mistress 1932-1938). Then she was transferred back to Perth where she worked in the Medical Section, receiving back the wounded and incapacitated soldiers from Europe, something she found very distressing at times. While at this posting, she met the Matron of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, who suggested Valerie was well suited to nursing and encouraged her to train at the Royal Melbourne, which she did towards the end of the war.

After studies at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music in both piano and voice, Valerie briefly returned to Perth where, in 1948 at her father’s Peppermint Grove home, Valerie married Sir Cedric Stanton-Hicks. He was a professor of physiology and pharmacology at the Adelaide Medical School. They lived at Woodley in Glen Osmond, built in 1844 by Osmond Gilles. It was Cedric’s family home and he’d bought it on his arrival in Adelaide in 1927 and restored it. Woodley was a magnificent home on eight acres with an orchard, stables and lots of gardens to care for. Valerie later completed her mature age matriculation, studied at Adelaide’s Conservatorium of Music and gained a BA English (Hons) from Adelaide University. She then taught physiology and general science at Woodlands Church of England Girls’ Grammar School in Glenelg. She also studied art and sang with the ABC for many years.

Valerie was widowed in 1976. She sold Woodley the following year and eventually was followed by a year as assistant in the London University Medical School’s Biochemistry Laboratory.

From 1963 to 1982, Pixie was supervisor of the Sterilising Department at the Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne, and in 1971 she became a member of a team that made annual visits to country hospitals throughout Victoria to inspect facilities and advise on sterilisation. She lectured and was an examiner for ‘Methods and Management of Sterilization in Hospitals’ and in 1971, was made a Life Governor of the Royal Children’s Hospital. She served as Treasurer of the Australian Medical Technologists Association, and Secretary of the Sterilisation and Disinfection Society of Victoria, of which she was made a Life Member in 1982.

In 1973 and 1974, in addition to her work with the Royal Children’s Hospital, Pixie worked for the World Health Organization advising on sterilisation and disinfection at the Medical Teaching University in Baghdad. Somewhere in between all this, Pixie also found time to be an active member of Soroptimist International.

Throughout her life, Pixie indulged her invertebrate love of travel to out-of-the-way places. She went up the Amazon in an open wooden boat, sailed up the Nile, flew to Peru’s Lake Titicaca in an ancient plane (during which part of her seat fell into the aisle causing nary a stir), and made three visits to Antarctica, once on the icebreaker ‘Lindblad Explorer’ and twice by plane. She had an immense collection of photographs taken on her worldly travels.

Pixie did not marry and spent her retirement living happily in South Yarra, Melbourne, where she died quietly, aged 93.

After leaving school, Valerie taught piano and attended McKay’s Business College in St George’s Terrace. A series of office and retail jobs followed until July 1941, when Valerie enlisted in the Women’s Auxiliary Air Force and was posted first to Melbourne, where she was met by Jean Weber (PLC sports mistress 1932-1938). Then she was transferred back to Perth where she worked in the Medical Section, receiving back the wounded and incapacitated soldiers from Europe, something she found very distressing at times. While at this posting, she met the Matron of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, who suggested Valerie was well suited to nursing and encouraged her to train at the Royal Melbourne, which she did towards the end of the war.

After studies at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music in both piano and voice, Valerie briefly returned to Perth where, in 1948 at her father’s Peppermint Grove home, Valerie married Sir Cedric Stanton-Hicks. He was a professor of physiology and pharmacology at the Adelaide Medical School. They lived at Woodley in Glen Osmond, built in 1844 by Osmond Gilles. It was Cedric’s family home and he’d bought it on his arrival in Adelaide in 1927 and restored it. Woodley was a magnificent home on eight acres with an orchard, stables and lots of gardens to care for. Valerie later completed her mature age matriculation, studied at Adelaide’s Conservatorium of Music and gained a BA English (Hons) from Adelaide University. She then taught physiology and general science at Woodlands Church of England Girls’ Grammar School in Glenelg. She also studied art and sang with the ABC for many years.

Valerie was widowed in 1976. She sold Woodley the following year and eventually
returned to live in WA in 1981, having been away for 40 years. In 1985, she wrote 'O G', the colonial Treasurer: an historical biography of Osmond Gilles, First Treasurer of South Australia. She followed this with another book, a play, three books of poetry and numerous exhibitions of her art and sculpture at the West Swan Gallery at Henley Brook, which she also owned and ran. After a diagnosis of Parkinson’s disease, Valerie moved to Alfred Carson Lodge, across the road from her home, in April 2010, as she thought it would be best to move while she was still healthy and able. Her condition was stable however, and after six months and no deterioration, she moved back home, her Parkinson’s diagnosis reversed. Complications from two falls, however, saw her in rehabilitation for six weeks until she made the decision to have her pacemaker turned off and to move into palliative care, where she died peacefully aged 91.

Margaret Beverley Way (North 1957) 16 August 1940 – 5 October 2011

Margaret was a Dalkeith girl and went to the small, private Park School on Victoria Avenue until it was purchased by PLC and run as Junior Branch in 1948. She later transferred to Senior School at PLC and left in Sub-Leaving 1956. She excelled at sport and was swimming champion several times. She made close friends while at PLC, including Deidre Teasdale (Simpson 1956, deceased), Jan Dennis (Leaman 1957), Dianne Snell (Ledger 1956), Patricia Oldham (1957), Robin Donaldson (Brazill-Smith 1957) and Annette Parker (1957).

Margaret loved and was always at home in the ocean, particularly at North Cottesloe. A social girl, she also loved the many balls, dances and parties she attended and it was at a Red Cross Ball in the late 1950s when her future husband, Darryl Way, saw her and likened her to Aphrodite descended.

In 1961, Margaret and Tish headed off to London, which at that time was on the threshold of the ‘Swinging Sixties’. They readily embraced everything it had to offer: film, theatre, literature, architecture, painting, sculpture, fashion and music. They later travelled the continent, driving around in a Volkswagen Beetle they bought in Germany.

Visiting Florence changed Margaret, who until then had been adventurous, fun loving and filled with energy but lacking direction. A visit to the Uffizi Gallery, she later said, was like a light switch being turned on. She instinctively responded to the extraordinary works she saw there and as she did in most things, immersed herself passionately in art from that moment on.

Returning to London where there was a growing contingent of PLC Old Girls, Margaret occasionally met up with Darryl but it wasn’t until late 1963, with Margaret’s departure for home imminent, that they spoke about a shared future. After writing to Darryl every week once home, Margaret returned to London in November 1964. She and Darryl were married at the Hampstead Registry Office in December the same year and in 1965 they returned to Perth.

Margaret suffered from toxemia with her first pregnancy and sadly the baby was lost at 30 weeks. Despite the grave risk of hypertension, Margaret was determined to have a family, and their daughters Mischa Way (1986) and Siobhan Way (1989) were born in 1969 and 1972 respectively. They were brought up with dogs, guinea pigs, silk worms and mulberry trees, first at South Perth and then at Pennell Road, Claremont. They were visually bombarded with prints of Miró, Kandinsky, Klee and Picasso on their nursery walls. Later Margaret took up silk screening and both house and children were enveloped with her designs. She became a guide for the Art Gallery of WA and served a term as President before completing her mature age matriculation and enrolling at UWA. She achieved her BA Fine Arts (Hons) and with that, believed Dr Summers might finally forgive her academic record at PLC.

Her love of art and travel were indulged as often as possible. She and Darryl bought many paintings they could afford and a few they couldn’t. They travelled to Europe and the US and visited every art gallery along the way. The Gallery of NSW was always her first port of call on frequent trips to Sydney and she was a Foundation Member at the establishment of the Museum of Contemporary Art there. She was also on the Mark Howlett Foundation and sat on the Murdoch University Art Board.

Margaret believed there was always time for more. Their most recent travel to Southern France and Spain was both exhausting and exhilarating: Darryl was exhausted, Margaret was exhilarated!

Having lived every moment of her life to the absolute fullest, she passed away very suddenly from a thoracic aortic aneurism aged 71.
### Dates for Your Diary

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MARCH</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 1 March</td>
<td>AUXILIARY CITY COUNTRY LUNCH</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 2 March</td>
<td>MID-TERM BREAK</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 5 March</td>
<td>LABOUR DAY MID-TERM BREAK</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 9 March</td>
<td>PLC AT WAGIN WOOLORAMA</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 10 March</td>
<td>PLC AT WAGIN WOOLORAMA</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 13 March</td>
<td>OCA MEETING PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 16 March</td>
<td>OUTDOOR CINEMA EVENING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 19 March</td>
<td>LONDON REUNION</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 24 March</td>
<td>TANZANIA TOUR GALA NIGHT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday 25 March</td>
<td>PLC PROMS CONCERT AT THE QUARRY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 26 March</td>
<td>AUXILIARY MEETING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 29 March</td>
<td>OCA WINE &amp; CHEESE NIGHT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>APRIL</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 4 April</td>
<td>FOUNDATION AGM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 5 April</td>
<td>TERM 1 CONCLUDES EASTER SERVICE</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 6 April</td>
<td>GOOD FRIDAY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 9 April</td>
<td>EASTER MONDAY</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 25 April</td>
<td>ANZAC DAY OPEN DAY (2.00 PM – 4.00 PM) FRIENDS OF BOARDING MEETING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 26 April</td>
<td>TERM 2 COMMENCES</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 30 April</td>
<td>AUXILIARY MEETING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MAY</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 1 May</td>
<td>OCA MEETING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 3 May</td>
<td>AUXILIARY TENNIS MORNING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 5 May</td>
<td>PLC AT NORTH WEST EXPO, BROOME</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday 6 May</td>
<td>PLC AT NORTH WEST EXPO, BROOME</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 8 May</td>
<td>PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 22 May</td>
<td>OCA MEETING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 25 May</td>
<td>OCA ART EXHIBITION OPENING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday 26 May</td>
<td>OCA ART EXHIBITION MELBOURNE REUNION</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 28 May</td>
<td>AUXILIARY MEETING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 29 May</td>
<td>SYDNEY REUNION</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>JUNE</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Friday 1 June</td>
<td>MID-TERM BREAK</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 4 June</td>
<td>FOUNDATION DAY MID-TERM BREAK</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 12 June</td>
<td>OCA MEETING PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 22 June</td>
<td>ARGYLE CLUB QUIZ NIGHT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 25 June</td>
<td>AUXILIARY MEETING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>JULY</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 3 July</td>
<td>PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday 6 July</td>
<td>TERM 2 CONCLUDES</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>