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Front Cover
Members of the winning PLC 1st VIII rowing team at the 2013 Head of the River regatta.
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APOLOGY
The caption for the cover photo of the Winter 2013 edition of Blackwatch misidentified Year 2 student Estella Weir as Lucy Wilson, alongside Zoe Kestell. We sincerely apologise for this error.

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It's the cricket season and as I write I am reminded that there are still significantly less women in Australia than men earning an income from sport and that equality for women's sports in terms of media coverage, sponsorship and income still has a long way to go. However, the active participation of PLC students in sporting activities, together with a greater diversity of sports available, means that girls will continue to push the boundaries of what is possible both now and in the future.

PLC’s Sporting Excellence programme (see page 11) seeks to support our elite sportswomen to balance the rigours of training regimes with academic studies. We have young women training and competing in sports at national and state level in sports as diverse as kayaking, fencing, highland dancing, hockey, rowing, equestrian events, tennis and gymnastics. The 2012 Olympics saw three of our former students wearing national colours and we take seriously our role in supporting those who aspire to represent Australia.

However not all our students are bound for recognition as sportswomen. While we wish to support those that have sporting aspirations we also want to ensure that all students know and understand the importance of sport, or physical activity, as part of a healthy lifestyle both now and in the future.

Sport has always been part of an education at PLC. In our early days the sports offered were limited to those borrowed from a British sporting and educational tradition. Today, they reflect the lifestyle of modern Australians, our climate and geography and include such opportunities as sailing, surf lifesaving, water polo, rowing and soccer alongside the more traditional netball, tennis, athletics and hockey.

PLC has not experienced the decline in sport participation rates reflected in general population trends. In fact one of our greatest challenges is meeting the significant demand we have for students to be part of PLC teams and sporting competition. The social aspects of a sporting life, the teamwork, the skill development and leadership opportunities are aspects of playing sport that our students know and appreciate. Additionally, PLC girls are willing to give back to their sports with many volunteering to coach younger students or umpire games. Such a spirit sustains a culture of participation, service and healthy living.

Much has been achieved in sport at PLC across 2013. Our strategic plan for sport at PLC (see page 7) addresses an identified need to provide a greater balance between participation and competition and sets goals to achieve stronger results. We have outstanding Physical Education staff, many with international sporting credits to their names, to lead these initiatives (see page 13) and new initiatives have already regenerated a sporting culture in the Junior School. Our success in winning back-to-back Head of the River regattas in rowing leads the way. Despite a small campus, we have excellent sporting facilities that now include two sports centres and a sports terrace that will be completed in January with new tennis and netball courts.

I feel confident that the majority of girls leave PLC having experienced the positive intrinsic benefits of a sporting life.

BETH BLACKWOOD
Principal
Throughout 2013, we have watched our Foundation Scholarship recipients Clare Wray (Year 7), Jordenne Mills (Year 8) and Tabitha Malet (Year 9) flourish in a range of academic and co-curricular activities.

“My first year at PLC has offered me so many new experiences and I’ve learnt so many new skills. I’ve really enjoyed the electives on offer, particularly textiles where I made a fabric bag and had to learn to use the sewing machine. I’ve made so many friends at PLC and I can’t wait to start Year 8.” (Clare Wray)

Clare, Jordonne and Tabitha epitomise what the Foundation Scholarship programme aims to offer: the opportunity for a capable girl to benefit and develop from a PLC education who wouldn’t otherwise be able to attend the School due to financial circumstances. Hearing from the girls directly as they share their experiences and success, it is clear that the programme is supporting the benefits offered to the students.

The Foundation is committed to extending the Scholarship programme each year and we are pleased to be welcoming our next recipient, Halima Zaini, into Year 7 in February 2014. We look forward to being able to regularly share with you the achievements of our scholarship students and we thank you for the support extended to the programme in helping fund the scholarships.

Through the year, the School has been developing the final plans for the new Senior College. With initial phase works due to commence over the summer holidays of 2013/14, we have been planning the formalised support for the Senior College. I thank the following parents who form the Centenary Campaign Committee:

James Mactier – Chair of Campaign (Year 9)
Robyn Ahern – Chair of Foundation (Year 8 and 12)
Andrew McKenzie (Year 2 and 7)
Jane Whiddon (Year 7, 9 and 10)
Cathy Donaldson (Year 7, 10 and 12)
Ian Olson (Year 4 and 8)
Tony Grist (Year 9)

ROBYN AHERN
Chair of Foundation

UPDATE

The Foundation would like to extend an enormous thank you to the parent community for their support of the Voluntary Contribution programme. Introduced in 2006, the programme has now raised over $1 million, all of which is being directed towards projects designed to improve the built environment of the School.

All PLC facilities have been built from the generosity of our parent and alumni community in offering our current and future students exceptional facilities and opportunities. Thank you for your tremendous support to date and we hope you will continue to support future projects in 2014 and beyond.

A Lasting Legacy to PLC

McLarty Bequest Morning Tea

In 1999, the PLC Foundation received a generous bequest from the late (Katherine) Joan McLarty (1926). The gift came with the specific intention to create a permanent music fund with an emphasis on encouraging woodwind instruments.

Since 1999, a number of girls have benefited from the generosity of Joan’s gift, receiving music bursaries that cover the hire of the instrument and weekly individual musical tuition. Earlier this year, the Principal invited relatives of Joan, past student and parent Jane Anne McLarty (1964) and her daughter Fiona McLarty (1985) to join her for morning tea to meet with the current recipients of the McLarty Music Bequest Bursary, Elise Wilson (Year 12, oboe) and Cara Roux (Year 9, bassoon).

Jane Anne and Fiona shared with Elise and Cara memories of Joan’s love for all things musical and her particular passion for woodwind. The girls were then able to share with Joan’s family the direct benefit that the bursaries were making to them individually and to the School’s musical community by their involvement in various bands and orchestras. The girls both performed at the 2013 Senior Music Showcase and we were delighted that Fiona McLarty was able to accept the invitation to attend the Showcase and watch the girls perform with other current PLC music students and Old Collegian, Sara Macliver (1985).
Summers Society

Throughout 2013, we were delighted to welcome six new members into the Summer Society, joining our existing group of supporters who have notified the School of their intention to leave a legacy to PLC from the proceeds of a bequest or who have made a significant gift during their lifetime in the form of a living legacy.

To celebrate and recognise their valuable contributions to the work and future of the School, the Chair of Foundation, Robyn Ahern, a member of the Summers Society herself, hosted an afternoon tea at her home in August to meet with other Summers Society members and Principal Beth Blackwood. The afternoon provided the opportunity for members to meet and mingle and have the chance to speak with the Principal about School news and future plans.

Our current members are: Ms Robyn Ahern, Mrs Margaret Atkins OAM (Cusack 1947), Lady Jean Brodie-Hall AM (Slatyer 1933), Hon June Craig AM (Lynn 1947), Dr Patricia Kailis AM OBE, Mrs Rosalind Lilley (McClelland 1961), Mrs Denise Murray (Chapman 1966), Mrs Mimi Packer (Clough 1982), Mr Willy Packer (1976), Ms Jenny Rankin, Ms Helen Shilkin-Reinhold (Shilkin 1960), Mrs Sue Trahar, Mr Ian Trahar, Mrs Alison Turner, Dr Simon Turner, Miss Angela Vincent (1956) and Miss Judith Vincent (1956).

All gifts leave a valuable legacy to the School, whether from a living legacy made from a current gift or as one from a bequest, such as that from Joan McClarty.

If you would like further information on the Summers Society, please contact the PLC Foundation on +618 9242 6534 or at foundation@plc.wa.edu.au

From the Chaplain

The Importance of Failing

Ernest Shackleton’s three failed attempts to reach the South Pole have been the subject of renewed interest. Harvard Business School professor, Nancy Koehn, was so struck by the century-old exploration failure that she has written a case study and a book on the importance of failure and what we learn through it. Successes, she argues, often pass unreflected, whereas failures provide opportunities for insight, growth and doing things better. Through Shackleton, Professor Koehn’s students learn about persistence, resilience, adaptability and crisis management – all key themes in sport and in life.

After failing in attempts to reach the South Pole in 1905 and 1908, Robert Falcon Scott reached the Pole in 1912, thereby depriving Shackleton of the glory of discovering the South Pole. Undeterred however, Shackleton set out again in August 1914. In mid January 1915, his ship, ‘The Endurance’, got stuck in the ice. He and his crew survived there until November, when disaster struck. Overnight the ice swallowed up their ship. Shackleton’s whole focus now changed from a journey of discovery into a journey of survival. After more than two years on the ice, Shackleton somehow managed to get all 27 members of his crew back to England safely.

Shackleton’s uncanny ability to deal with troublesome personalities and to keep them working as a team has been drawn on by sports psychologists to help athletes address personal and team failures. Failing and coping with it is part of every new venture and if dealt with adequately can spur us to reassess and rethink. Success, on the other hand, is often glossed over and left unanalysed. Solution-focussed approaches concentrate on solving problems rather than only the problems themselves and view problems as springboards instead of potholes. Developing the mental toughness to deal with failure leads to better performance and to achieving goals.

REVEREND GARY VAN HEERDEN
Women of The Future – Annual Giving 2013

Each year, the PLC Foundation runs an annual appeal to raise valuable funds for the School to meet the needs of our current and future students.

The year 2013 saw the appeal focus on raising funds for the PLC Foundation Scholarship programme and we are delighted to announce that to date, the 2013 programme has raised $100,000 with donations coming from across the country and internationally. These generous gifts will help the PLC Foundation fund future scholarships for academically talented girls who would not otherwise be able to attend PLC due to financial circumstances.

In recognition and thanks, listed below are our 2013 supporters and we extend our appreciation to those who wish to remain anonymous.

If you would like to make a gift to the 2013 Women of the Future Annual Giving programme, please contact the PLC Foundation on +61 8 9424 6534 or at foundation@plc.wa.edu.au or go online to: www.plc.wa.edu.au/donation

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Sports

FEATURE

Sport at PLC

PLC’s extensive sporting programme is all about
• ensuring all girls value and participate in a healthy, active lifestyle
• experiencing consistent and sustainable success
• the pursuit of personal excellence and
• inspiring, challenging, uniting and motivating all PLC students.

Our sporting reputation for participation is formidable. We are respected for our students’ willingness to participate and be involved in a broad range of sporting opportunities. Wander through the school grounds at any time and invariably there is a group of students participating in some form of physical activity.

Head of the River success, World championship gold medals and Olympic selections have highlighted PLC’s sporting achievements by our current and former students over the past five years. Our many successes are a credit to all involved.

Students have the opportunity to be active throughout the year with a diverse choice of sports that includes tennis, volleyball, hockey, soccer, basketball, swimming, athletics, cross country, softball, water polo, netball and cricket. Additionally, our Outdoor Education team also offers recreational sports such as kayaking, paddle boarding, sailing, surfng, rock climbing and yoga.

One of PLC’s greatest achievements in the past five years has been the significant upgrade of sporting facilities at the School, including the building of the Swim and Recreation Centre and the near completion of the Sports Terrace offering tennis and netball courts behind the Junior School. These projects were undertaken in response to a parent survey in 2007 that identified sporting facilities as a major weakness. In addition, the last three years has seen a complete review of the sports uniform. In 2013, students are transitioning into the new sports uniform that is contemporary and promotes high performance in both PE and Sport.

The most imminent challenge for PLC is the current format of IGSSA and its limitations in meeting the large student demand for participation in teams. PLC student participation in sport does extend beyond the IGSSA competition and we have a significant number of students who are members of clubs in a range of sports competitions throughout the region. Within the Junior Schoo, we provide students the opportunity to represent PLC in local minkey, netball and basketball junior competitions. Our philosophy for electing not to enter Senior School PLC teams in local competitions has been based on research that indicates that girls in general are reluctant to join a new club or try a new sport once they turn 16. We encourage students to join clubs whilst in school as we believe that this fosters a sense of belonging that will ensure students continue to participate in competitive and/or social sport once they leave PLC.

PLC’s ability to encourage and foster participation in sport has exceeded our expectations. But the competition is intensifying and improving all the time. Many other IGSSA schools have replicated our high levels of participation, made strategic investments in specific sports and facilities and as a result have become strong competitors. In any area of human endeavor, there is one truism – past success is no guarantee of future performance.

To meet these new challenges the Physical and Health Education Department undertook a comprehensive review of the co-curricular sports programmes offered across the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools across 2012 resulting in the development of a five-year strategic direction document. Implementation of many of the strategies has begun across 2013 with the early indications being extremely positive. The strategic direction will form the framework for PLC Sport, being reviewed and updated annually in order to ensure a sports programme that is built for sustained success.

For this first year of the strategic direction, the focus has been on promoting and improving sports opportunities in the Junior School. A number of new initiatives have been introduced and the increased energy and enthusiasm towards sport in the Junior School from students, staff and parents has been overwhelmingly positive.

The development of performance targets in the IGSSA sports competitions has been well received by the students and PLC’s results across all sports in 2013 have been an improvement on 2012 results. PLC finished second in the overall IGSSA rankings, which takes into consideration all of the IGSSA sports places except rowing, in which PLC won the overall rowing pennant for the second year in a row.

Whilst the strategic direction aims to improve the areas of sport that PLC can control, there are a number of issues that remain out of our control. These mainly concern the current limitations of the IGSSA/IPSHEA structures in catering for PLC’s exceptional number of students who wish to be involved at all levels of competition.

The exceptional leadership of Head of Physical and Health Education (K – 12), Chantelle James and Head of Sport Annette Pearce, together with the talented team of staff within the Physical Education Department, means that PLC is well placed to achieve the targets set in the Strategic Plan.
The Physical Education programme in the Junior School has been revitalised over the last year. Working with the community, our Head of Physical Education, Director of Sport and PE teaching staff have worked to establish a clear vision and a comprehensive and diverse sporting programme for our students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The co-curricular programme has been extended and the girls can be seen cheerily waving goodbye to their parents as they arrive for early morning training for a wide variety of sporting endeavours from Run, Jump, Throw through to the more traditional summer and winter sports of tennis, netball, hockey, cross country and swimming. Classroom programmes, led by Tess Barritt and Kobie McGurk, have added further depth to the social, emotional and physical development of students.

Drawing from expertise in the community, we have been able to extend and enhance the girls’ skills development and enjoyment with participation and performance at its highest level.

The expertise and guidance of Lyn Foreman (former Australian athlete and coach, former WAIS Head Athletics Coach and current Australian Junior hurdles coach) was evident at the annual athletics carnival where many long-standing records were broken and all students were given opportunities to improve upon their personal best.

Paula Dick from Gymnastics WA, who was instrumental in setting up LaunchPad, has coached gym sports. This programme seeks to develop multiple domains of development including the physical, social, cognitive and emotional.

Inter-House cross-country was introduced this year, providing an opportunity for many students to develop endurance fitness. This multi-age approach, supported strongly by parental involvement in before-school training, saw all enjoy the fruits of their labour and also participate as a School community.

All students in Years 1 to 6 participated, running between 750m and 2km. The Year 5 and 6 teams also competed in the Primary School State Cross Country event for the first time with outstanding results: PLC Year 6 won the overall girls’ team schools event and Year 5 came second.

As a Pre-K to Year 12 School, we have been aligning our practices with the Middle and Senior Schools by introducing Champion and Runner-Up girls in athletics, swimming and cross-country. This has allowed all students to aspire to personal excellence and individual goal setting.

These sporting endeavours support the collaborative nature of learning, generating team and school spirit, and have given the girls confidence and inspiration and a sense of what they are capable of achieving. Kobie McGurk’s Hockeyroos sporting fraternity was also involved in contributing to the Junior School PE programme, working with students and acting as inspirational role models for the girls to connect with and aspire to.

Community support for the Junior School PE programme also extends to non-PE staff who assisted the girls by coaching within the co-curricular programme. Staff members have also modelled a commitment to health and well-being with a large number participating in everything from triathlons to boot camp. The PE programme is instrumental in supporting a transdisciplinary model of teaching and learning at PLC, where the knowledge of disciplines assists students in developing conceptual understandings. For example, the PE programme provided a vehicle for girls to explore the concept of conflict resolution and their responsibility in a team environment. Class teachers, together with our PE specialists, developed a Unit of Inquiry to initiate understanding and make connections across disciplines. Sport is alive and well in all areas of the Junior School.

HEATHER POPE
Head of Junior School
Off the back of a fantastic 2012 rowing year, the whole squad took on the 2013 motto of ‘bring it on’. Having won all regattas leading up to the Head of the River, not even the cancellation of the last regatta due to bad weather, Year 9s away from camp two weeks out, nor the rough water could deter this determined squad to falter, taking it all in their stroke.

With the buzz around, especially with the 1st VIII race, of whether MLC would be the dark horse to come out, there was no question from the onset of the race, even after a restart, that the PLC crew of Anita Ibbotson, Kate Mannolini, Kailey Creeger, Sophie Clyne, Amaani Alikhan, Keely Atchinson, Katelin Nelson, Kathryn Froend, and Emily Jonklaas (cox) was taking the race to all other crews leading from start to finish, winning in a time of 6.53.10.

History was made once again with all the hard work paying off for PLC taking out the titles of Head of the River, the 1st VIII race and the Perpetual Trophy for Schoolgirl Premiers for the 2013 season – the first time any school has won all three titles in one season.

The strength of the squad was evident not only from winning all regattas but also through the consistency pennants won.

With the slight changes that have been made in the programme, especially for our seniors to have the balance of schoolwork and training, PLC was again the only school to have a 3rd VIII. Having gone from strength to strength throughout the season racing in the Second VIII races, this crew came home strong finishing fourth in front of MLC and Penhros, with our PLC 2nd VIII winning.

ANNETTE PEARCE
Head of Sport
Involvement in physical education has always been a priority at PLC but the pursuit of sporting excellence has been a particular focus over the last year, initiated by Head of Sport, Annette Pearce and led by 2013 Sports Captain, Jessica Moore.

The goal was to maintain participation levels across the 13 sports offered while increasing the levels of competitiveness in Inter-School events. The aim was to collect 21 pennants across different sports. When the final tally came in at the end of the year, PLC smashed that target, accumulating 27 pennants!

Of course rowing was the highlight of the year with PLC making history by winning the Head of the River 1st VIII race for the second consecutive year, as well as a swathe of trophies for the Champion School and for winning the season overall. The School collected 12 pennants in rowing for all four regattas and the Head of the River event.

PLC also earned top honours late in the year for water polo – up from fourth place the previous year – with our Senior A and Junior B teams winning pennants.

Earlier in the year, the PLC swimming team finished third at the IGSSA swimming carnival. IGSSA records were set by the Year 10 medley relay team of Hadley Lindsey, Salwa Sadek, Emma Wittenoom and Olivia Moore who lowered the record set in 1996 from 2:11.27 to 2:10.38.

Other sport results included second place in volleyball and third for tennis, basketball, hockey and soccer.

Sports Captain, Jess, noted stronger strategic direction as one of the reasons for improved results this year.

“PLC teams have had more direction through the implementation of goal setting, which has helped to create a stronger team atmosphere.”

With the introduction of a new Strategic Plan for sport at PLC, the stage has been set for further improvements and personal challenges to be met.

Other new PLC sporting initiatives include:

- introduction in Term 4 of morning running groups for both Junior and Senior School students to encourage girls to build on their fitness base in an enjoyable environment;
- Friday morning volleyball skills development in preparation for trials and games in Term 1, 2014;
- introduction of cricket for Year 6s as an IGSSA sport in Term 1, 2014 (for a trial period).
Swimming Star: Student of Sporting Excellence Programme

Year 10 student Hadley Lindsay manages to balance 20-plus hours of swimming training each week with the demands of her schoolwork, all in an effort to realise her dreams of representing Australia.

The talented 15-year old is part of PLC’s Sporting Excellence Programme, which offers elite student athletes the extra support they need to succeed at both sport and school. Through the programme, participants receive mentoring and assistance in co-ordinating training, competition and travel commitments, balancing training commitments with homework requirements, and developing effective time-management skills. For example, the School allows Hadley to study five rather than six subjects, which gives her an extra study period to get her academic work done.

Hadley began to take swimming seriously when she was 12 years old. Previously she had been a competitive athlete but an Achilles injury forced her to consider other sporting options.

Initially, when her Mum took her to swimming classes, she “hated it”, but over time, her feelings changed. By the time she was 13, she had made it into six national events and finals for two of them.

In 2012, she took part in the National Short Course Open, where she made the semi-finals. Then last April, she made the finals of five of her six events at Nationals and managed a ‘tag time’, where she bettered a set time record, which earned her a funding bonus.

In October, she was invited to attend the Shanghai Friendship Games, where she joined WA’s fastest young swimmers to train with and compete against the Chinese, winning her two events (the 200m individual medley and 100m freestyle).

Next on Hadley’s agenda? The Nationals next April in Canberra. But ultimately, she’d like to make it on the international stage.

“I would love to make an Olympic team,” Hadley said. “We do 50km a week and 20 hours of training, plus meets most weekends – you get to the point where you would not want to put yourself through it if it was for nothing.”

In 2013, 15 students participated in PLC’s Sporting Excellence Programme. They competed in swimming, diving, netball, basketball, hockey, tennis, water polo, triathlon, pole vaulting, trampolining and fencing.

In the 2012 Olympic Games, PLC had three former students competing: Fiona Boyce (2004) in hockey, Hannah Vermeersch (2009) in rowing and Janine Murray (2007) in rhythmic gymnastics. Staff member Kobie McGurk was also a member of the Hockeyroos Olympic team.

Sport & Recreation Terrace Extends Sporting Opportunities

The Sport and Recreation Terrace behind the Junior School is well underway and looks set to be completed by the opening of the 2014 school year.

The new area replaces tennis courts and a playground with six multi-use courts for tennis, netball and basketball, as well as new playgrounds.

Once completed, most IGSSA team sports hosted by PLC will be able to be played on the School campus.

The Terrace sits adjacent to the Swim and Recreation Centre, which includes a heated swimming pool and multi-use indoor courts for basketball, netball, volleyball and general PE classes. Together they form an extensive Sports Pavilion used by students throughout the entire School.

These sporting facilities are in addition to the School oval and Hugh Baird Sports Centre in the Senior School.

Active play for the younger students has been a priority and source of inspiration when redesigning the grounds surrounding the Terrace. The landscaped gardens will encourage nature play and a sustainable, friendly environment.

Below the Sports and Recreation Terrace will be an underground carpark to help ease traffic congestion.
Outdoor Education: Good for Mind, Body & Soul

The Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA) is promoting a simple community-based campaign called ABC – Act, Belong, Commit. In simple terms, the ABC programme encourages people to try to become and stay as active as possible, to find a way to connect to others in their community and to commit to the future by giving things a go, challenging yourself and generally being involved in life.

The MHCA states that physical activity and exercise has been proven to reduce anxiety, depression, anger, fatigue and mood swings. Experts also believe that exercise releases chemicals in your brain that simply make you feel good. Regular exercise can boost your self-esteem, help you concentrate, sleep, look and feel better. The MHCA also argues that being part of a community provides emotional support and also helps to build networks. Self-esteem and confidence are enhanced when we discover qualities that make us a good friend, appreciated colleague or valued team member. The MHCA feels that commitment and goal setting helps a person discover more self value when they achieve their goals or fulfill their commitments.

Outdoor Education co-curricular options are offered on a term-by-term basis. Activities include surfing, stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking, sailing, indoor climbing, fitness training, scuba diving, yoga, pilates and the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. Every session is active in some way, everybody participating belongs to a group and they all have the opportunity to commit to their chosen activity for a term at a time.

LIAM SULLIVAN
Director of Outdoor Education

Rapid Rafting Lessons

Earlier this year, the PLC Outdoor Education department provided an opportunity for PLC parents to join their daughters on a rafting trip on the Murray River in Dwellingup. This trip not only demonstrated an example of the kind of activities that the girls participate in through PLC’s Outdoor Education Co-curricular Programme, but also gave both parents and girls the chance to get outside and spend some quality time together.

In September, after heavy rainfalls in the weeks prior, which filled the river, 11 girls and 11 parents signed up for the 2013 PLC Parent Daughter Rafting Day. After some initial hilarity of parents and daughters struggling over control of the raft, some sort of balance was reached in each boat.

A number of small rapids were encountered over the trip, which added excitement, humour and perhaps even some extra adventure to the journey, culminating with the final rapid of the day, Island Pool Rapid. This rapid, while not being particularly difficult, provided a ‘big rapid’ feel due to a higher volume of water flowing through the gaps in the rock and higher gradient between the top and bottom pool. This rapid was also easily accessible, meaning that after running the rapid once, the group could lift their craft out of the water and carry it back to the top (approximately 60 meters) to give it another try.

All feedback was positive, with parents and students commenting that they felt both challenged and supported at the same time.

Looking forward to 2014, the Outdoor Education Department has already tentatively booked a similar rafting trip in August. We are also looking at a parent-daughter abseil day early in the year.

JAY FREAP
Outdoor Education Specialist
Sport Staff Leading the Way

PLC attracts top sporting staff who have played and coached at an elite level. Here are some of the exceptional staff members who make up our Sport and Physical Education team.

ANNETTE PEARCE, HEAD OF SPORT

Hailing from New Zealand, Annette joined PLC as Head of Sport in 2012 after working over the previous decade in coaching and talent development roles for various New Zealand netball teams. She was the New Zealand Secondary Schools Head Coach and Talent Development Coach, as well as the New Zealand A and ANZ (Australian and New Zealand Franchise Contest) ‘Pulse’ Assistant Coach. In addition, Annette has done performance analysis for New Zealand’s national Silver Ferns team since 2005 and also for Singapore’s national team since 2010, attending the 2007 World Cup with the Silver Ferns and the 2011 World Cup for Singapore Netball. Annette recently attended the Nations Cup as the Singapore National Team’s performance analyst.

KOBIE MCGURK, PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Since 2005, Kobie has been a star player for the Hockeyroos, playing 189 games and scoring eight goals. She represented Australia at the Olympic Games at Beijing in 2008 and London in 2012, the Junior World Cup in 2005, the World Cup in Madrid in 2006 where her team won silver and in Argentina in 2010, and the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006 where they took gold. She also competed in several international Champions Trophy events, winning silver in 2005. Kobie made the Federation International Hockey (FIH) All-Star team in 2011 and was named Hockeyroos Player of the Year in 2012.

She recently retired from international duties, with the intention to continue to represent WA and play club hockey in Perth.

BOYD COOPER, PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Boyd is an elite badminton player who represented WA from 1992 and Australia from 1995, retiring in 2006. He was a WA Institute of Sport scholarship holder from 1995 to 2006. Over those years, he competed in various World Championships events, in both men’s and mixed teams.

In 2010, he was appointed consultant coach to the Australian Junior Team.

Boyd still plays club nights, mentoring players in both the state junior and senior teams.

CHANTELLE JAMES, HEAD OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Chantelle represented WA in softball at all levels in under-16, under-19 and the Western Flames Senior Team from 1992 to 2006 and was a WAIS scholarship holder for over five years.

Since then, she has moved into coaching roles. She was assistant coach for the Australian under-19 Women’s Softball Team at World Championships in 2011 and 2013. In 2014, she will take over as Head Coach of WA’s under-19 Women’s State Softball team and as Assistant Coach for the Western Flames State Softball team.
Introducing the 2014 Senior Prefecture

The Class of 2014 may well be the ‘half-year cohort’ but they plan on doing nothing by halves. Here we introduce the members of PLC’s Senior Prefecture for the coming year, who plan to lead by example and ‘take the shot’ (this year’s motto)!

They will be supported by other members of the Student Prefecture: House Captains Shireen Pandher (Baird), Alice Seymour (Carmichael), Grace Harris (Ferguson), Stella Brackenridge (McNeil), Lucy Stewart (Stewart) and Emilie Ong (Summers) and Student Prefect Nina Wise.

ANNABEL WATTS, HEAD PREFECT

I started my PLC journey at the beginning of Year 4. Now, I feel both humbled and honoured being elected as Head Prefect for the coming year.

I hope to bring compassion and enthusiasm to my role. I believe the position entails having a wholehearted approach to PLC school life and so it is through my role that I will also share my passion for participation.

I am involved in many co-curricular activities at School. I have participated in a variety of IGSSA sports, such as athletics, swimming, cross-country, netball, basketball and softball. I’m very committed to Stewart (the best) House and received my House Honours at the beginning of the year. I have been a member of the PLC Concert Band for four years and was in the PLC musical production in 2012. I am also involved in PLC’s Service learning initiatives and have been part of the Parents’ Auxiliary service projects since Year 7.

I have many memories from Inter-House and Inter-School sports carnivals. They stand as highlights of my time so far as they seem to sum up the caring and inclusive nature at the School.

I hope that people see me as friendly, approachable and reliable and I want to live up to this through my role.

I think a good PLC experience is a well-rounded one and therefore I want to encourage maximum participation in every area, from service to drama, sports to music and everything in between. I would love for all the girls to get involved and take every opportunity that comes their way this year.

ISOBE P A YNE, SPORTS CAPTAIN

I hope to bring to my role as prefect the ideas of participation and involvement in sport and of striving for excellence. Sport is such a rewarding activity and I hope that, by encouraging a love of sport, I can motivate other girls to have a go at some of the wide range of sports on offer here at PLC.

Being part of a sporting team gives you so much. I can certainly say that from experience playing sport and being part of a team definitely makes you feel better and gives you the chance to develop strong friendships. I want to encourage other girls at PLC to gain this experience.

Since starting at PLC in Year 7, I have been heavily involved in the sporting life of the School. I have taken part in a range of IGSSA sports including rowing, swimming, netball, cross-country and water polo. Winning the Head of the River Rowing Regatta two years in a row are some of my favourite memories at PLC so far.

Turn off your phone, pick up a racquet or jump in the pool and make the most out of the opportunities that PLC has to offer.

Catherine Berry, Deputy Head Prefect

I started at PLC at the beginning of Year 10 and was completely surprised to be nominated for the position of Deputy Head Prefect. I think it really reflects the welcoming and friendly atmosphere at PLC that I was given this amazing opportunity.

I am involved in a number of different things at School: debating, service activities, IGSSA sports and I was also a member of the Chorale.
In 2011, some modifications were made to the PLC school uniform and changes were made to the rules with respect to wearing berets and ties.

At that time the School gave an undertaking that these changes would be monitored across a reasonable time frame and that monitoring would include feedback from parents, staff, students and past students.

To meet this commitment, the School commissioned MMG Education to conduct online questionnaires tailored for each of our stakeholder groups that allowed individuals to table their views in a confidential manner.

Between 22 November and 20 December 2013, MMG invited members of our community to complete the online survey to seek feedback and opinions in relation to the uniform modifications and changes.

Thank you to those who participated and we look forward to sharing feedback with you soon. Should you have any questions in relation to this please contact PLC Community Relations at communityrelations@plc.wa.edu.au
School News

Personal Goal Setting Supports Middle School Students

The development of social and emotional resiliency facilitates academic success. In other words, having girls who feel happy and connected, known, cared for and valued, means they are equipped to learn, to achieve and to flourish.

Baseline data, collected in 2010 via a survey of all girls from Years 7 to 12, showed that only a very small percentage were regularly setting goals for themselves. There was also a significant number who were not taking control of their own learning but instead, were relying on others to follow up on concerns for them at least some of the time. This data, together with our quest for resilient, self-reliant girls was the catalyst that led to the development of a goal-setting programme that we call ‘PGs’.

Aspects of positive psychology, specifically the recognition and use of signature strengths, are incorporated into the programme. Strengths, which you choose to develop, are seen as different to talents, which you are born with. This emphasis, together with Growth Coaching International’s iSmart framework for goal setting underpin the PG programme.

As a precursor to piloting this programme in 2012, we conducted a resilience survey of all of our Year 8s, designed by psychologist and child health researcher Dr Monique Robinson (1995). This survey showed that our girls have higher levels of resilience than students of the same age in published studies and in all other measures, there were no issues of concern. The main point of difference, however, was that our girls showed a greater tendency towards an external locus of control – that is, the belief that others, fate, chance or luck, is responsible for determining their lives. While the differences were small and not statistically significant, they did indicate that perhaps a programme that encouraged students to take responsibility for their own actions and increased their motivation to achieve would be beneficial.

Growth Coaching International trained all Year 8 tutors and student participants in goal setting in 2012, prior to the commencement of our pilot programme. Tutors met with their girls one-on-one for coaching conversations three times throughout the year. The tutor coached the student to set a goal that was inspiring, specific, measurable, achievable, results driven and time bound (iSmart). The conversations took place in a relaxed setting, allowing the tutor to get to know their student more as an individual.

In the final analysis, when we extracted and examined the data for the girls in the two pilot tutor groups, there was a decrease in the percentage of girls presenting with an external locus of control. This would indicate that the personal goals pilot impacted positively on the girls’ sense of being in control of their learning. Anecdotally, both tutors and girls felt that the time spent in conversation with each other was valuable as it allowed tutors to really get to know their girls as people.

While it is too early to comment, we are hopeful that the Personal Goals programme has also impacted positively on levels of academic achievement. Irrespective of this, if feedback from the tutors involved is anything to go by, there is a resounding sense of satisfaction. What is very clear is that tutors have valued the opportunity to spend time one-on-one and feel that they know their girls so much better than they did before. That being the case, the programme looks to support our ideals of having girls who are resilient and who feel known, cared for and valued. The Personal Goals programme is equipping them with the skills to drive themselves toward their future.

It is with much anticipation that we look forward to the full rollout of the programme for Years 7 to 10 in 2014.
Pastoral Care at PLC

At PLC, pastoral care is considered central to the well being and success of all girls and, given that our aim is for each girl to feel known, cared for and valued, we are keen to develop and implement programmes that enable us to work towards these goals.

We were therefore delighted that PLC was nationally recognised as a MindMatters School by the Principals’ Australia Institute. Each year, MindMatters acknowledges schools for the work they do in strategically improving student mental health and well being. Head of Middle School, Sharon Anderson and Year 9 student Maddison Reid travelled as guests of the Principal’s Institute to Sydney in November to receive the recognition.

The MindMatters initiative is funded by the Federal Government. It provides professional development and resources to support Australian secondary schools in promoting mental health, social and emotional learning and resilience.

PLC’s relationship with MindMatters began in 2001 and their resources have been used since then as the organising framework and basis for mental health and well-being promotion and prevention. Strategies have become embedded into the School’s culture and a comprehensive well-being programme that draws on a number of different programmes is the result.

Programmes such as The Penn Resilience programme, Rock and Water and aspects of Positive Psychology research have been implemented across Middle and Senior Schools to support our students’ health and well-being. These programmes build on the ‘You Can Do It’ programme that was implemented in the Junior School this year.

MindMatters is a resource that supports our focus and includes activities to ‘break the ice’ and build teams in House Tutor Group, learning the skills of resilience in Year meetings, to activities conducted in Health Education lessons and in Middle School curriculum.

Monitoring the effectiveness of programmes is important and, to this end, the MindMatters resources are used as a starting point to develop surveys that are conducted on a cyclical basis. This constant review process enables us to adapt and develop programmes across the School to ensure we are meeting the needs of our girls.

MindMatters provides us with the organising framework for ongoing review and development as we strive to ensure that all PLC girls can lead healthy and purposeful lives.

Year 6 Students Cook up Recipes for Success

Year 6 students have produced a cookbook of healthy recipes to support indigenous children who do not have easy access to fresh produce.

PLC Junior School Community Leaders, Amelia Bates and Emily Veitch, along with Emily’s sister Isabel Veitch, came up with the idea of producing a fundraising cookbook after hearing about EON Foundation.

EON Foundation provides practical support to improve the health and well being of Aboriginal people in remote communities. Aboriginal children are more susceptible to life-threatening diseases due to poor health and diet.

The girls decided to combine their love of food and cooking with their desire to support a worthy cause.

“We find it so easy to get fruit and vegies but in remote places it is harder,” Emily said. “Someone spoke to us about EON Foundation and we thought it was a good cause so combined it with our love of food.”

In their cookbook, We love food! Healthy, nutritious and simply delicious, the girls came up with a selection of recipes for Superlicious Snacks, Epic Entrees, Marvelous Mains and Awesome Afters. The recipes are accompanied by beautiful photographs taken by a professional photographer and food stylist, both parents. They were also fortunate to receive sponsorship from local businesses to cover most of the costs of publication.

On Thursday 7 November, the girls sold a selection of tastings of food from their cookbook to Junior School students to add to their fundraising total. They hope to raise over $3,000 for EON Foundation.
PYP Exhibition: Where Are We in Place & Time?

In the final years of the Primary Years Programme (PYP), students participate in a culminating project, the PYP Exhibition. This requires that each student demonstrates engagement with the five essential elements of the programme: knowledge, concepts, skills, attitudes and action. It is a transdisciplinary inquiry conducted in the spirit of personal and shared responsibility, as well as a summative assessment activity that is a celebration as students move from the PYP into the Middle Years of schooling.

The exhibition represents a significant event in the life of a PYP school and student, synthesising the essential elements of the PYP and sharing them with the whole school community. It is an opportunity for students to exhibit the attributes of the learner profile that have been developing throughout their engagement with the PYP.

This year, Year 5 students framed their exhibition within the transdisciplinary theme of ‘Where We Are In Place and Time’, a theme exploring our “orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.”

Using this theme, students engaged in a collaborative, transdisciplinary inquiry process that involved identifying, investigating and offering solutions to real-life issues or problems.

Initially students identified an area of interest within the theme, inquiring into this from a historical perspective. Students applied a range of transdisciplinary skills to discover new understandings about people and events of the past and the issues and challenges faced or created by them.

A variety of results were seen with some students developing understandings about the life of significant individuals such as Anne Frank, Jane Goodall, Dawn Fraser, Vincent Van Gogh and Haile Gebreslassie, while others explored significant events in time such as migration and settlement throughout the world, medical and scientific innovation and discovery, sea and space exploration and the growth of knowledge.

Students then worked collaboratively to developed a shared Central Idea, which framed the 2013 PYP Exhibition: “Over time, humans have faced challenges and taken action to solve issues and change the world.”

Using their newly acquired knowledge, students connected the past to the present and future by identifying the challenges and issues within their research and its relevance to the present day. Students developed a set of conceptually driven questions to explore a range of issues from the continuing impact of introduced species to resilience in the face of conflict and equality for women in the workplace. This differentiated approach to learning provided opportunity for students to pursue areas of personal interest, utilising past knowledge as well as transferable skills and understandings, a core characteristic of the PYP Curriculum model.
MYP Personal Projects Inspire

The Personal Project is the major assessment of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP). In Year 10, students select their own project to undertake, which they have eight months to complete. It is a significant student-directed inquiry and provides the opportunity to produce a truly personal and creative work of their choice. The projects range in scale and focus, from artistic pursuits to personal challenges, charitable fundraisers and everything in between. The projects are then displayed in an exhibition, which is open to the public.

This year’s submissions continued the high standard and wide range of thoughtful projects. Here are a couple of examples.

Music to Our Ears

Alanna Curtis combined her love of art and music to create her own hand-carved electronic violin for her Personal Project.

Although Alanna plays the viola, not the violin, she thought it would be easier to design a violin. In reality, there was nothing easy about this project.

“My woodworking skills were atrocious at the start of the project and I could not find a mentor – there are very few people who make violins in Perth,” she said.

“The traditional violin requires lots of expensive tools and years of experience so instead I decided to design my own electric instrument.”

She found a book on the Internet on how to make an electric violin and went from there. It was a labour of love, taking her about 200 hours to complete.

“It is all very meticulous and precise – all measurements need to be exact so I was triple checking everything.”

To ensure it was a working instrument, she needed to drill holes in the back to allow the necessary sound vibrations.

Alanna came up with several designs and combined them to create the magnificent instrument pictured, made out of Queensland Maple wood.

Making Waves

Sachi Nevill has mounted hundreds of tiny blue and white origami paper cranes onto a canvas in a wave formation and embedded pearls to represent the history and landscape of her hometown of Broome for her Personal Project.

“I have a strong Aboriginal and Japanese heritage and wanted to do something I enjoy and merge both cultures,” Sachi said. “The sea is a representation of the deep connection with Broome and all of my heritage. The pearls identify the Broome pearling industry and the origami symbolises my Japanese roots.”

The piece was inspired in part by Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai’s famous piece The Great Wave off Kanagawa and former Broome artist Hiromi Ashlin.

Sachi said her grandfather came to Broome in 1955 at the age of 21 years to work in the pearling industry with Streeter & Male. He is the oldest living Japanese hard-hat pearl shell diver still alive in Broome today.

Sachi spent most of the last summer holidays folding paper cranes to use for her project and had lots of ideas of how to arrange them before settling on the wave design.

“I am glad I chose something that I loved,” Sachi said of her project. “I benefited a lot from it.”
1:1 laptop programme. This programme, currently commencing in Year 5, has been very successful and, for the last two years, PLC has been acknowledged as an Apple Distinguished School for innovation, leadership and educational excellence.

The new Australian Curriculum has defined a set of seven general capabilities. These capabilities are the essential skills for 21st Century learners; supporting them in being successful learners, confident and creative individuals who are active and informed citizens. Information and communication technology is one of these.

In 2014, PLC will extend the successful 1:1 programme to include students in Years 1-4 as we now have access to technology in the form of the iPad that is accessible to younger students.

Over the last three years, staff and students in the Junior School have been investigating how the iPad enhances the teaching and learning programme for students. This involved references to national and international iPad studies, visits to other schools that have been successfully implementing iPad programmes, participation in the UWA Pedagogical Application of Mobile Technologies for Teaching Literacy Research Project and access to and guidance from educational consultants.

As a learning tool, iPads are fast and automated, interactive and multimodal, they afford students the opportunity to transform the ways that they think and learn and give them greater control over how, where and when they learn. The tactile nature of the iPad gives students the ability to create without having to navigate a keyboard and mouse. The iPad and the Apps specifically created for younger students allows the device to transform the learning experience.

Having their own device will allow students to manage and retain their learning with the iPad becoming an electronic portfolio of their work. The students will be able to record their learning process, complete work at their own pace and use Apps appropriate to their learning needs.

Another important benefit of using the iPad is its role as part of a formative assessment strategy where teachers can view students' learning and understanding from the work they produce. Students will have the ability to represent their learning in a variety of ways; for example, younger students can record orally, empowering them to show their depth of understanding. When the device becomes individualised, it opens new avenues for parents to share the learning experience with their child.

The Junior School staff look forward to this exciting initiative and the potential that the iPads offer with regard to creating even more personalised, engaging, challenging and relevant learning experiences for students.
Once again, PLC French students have been recognised for their excellent language skills in the annual Alliance Française competition, with more PLC students in the top 10 than any other school.

Girls who are studying French in Years 10 to 12 sit exams organised by the Alliance Française in Perth. This year, we had some girls in Year 9 who took the Year 10 exam as an extension activity.

There are three parts to the exam: listening, reading and writing. The best 30 students in the State for each year group are invited to sit an oral examination. Unfortunately three of our students were unable to take up the opportunity to compete for a top 10 place as they had prior arrangements, including two girls who were participating in the French home-stay exchange visit.

The top 10 students were invited to the presentation ceremony at the Alliance Française headquarters in Nedlands. Claire Breidahl was named top student in the State for Year 10 and Matilda Malet (Year 9) was placed seventh, Nellie Seale tenth and Katarina Welborn was second in WA for background speakers. Top 30 placings for Year 10 were also awarded to Morgan Bowen, Mikaela Dunn, Elise Ejs and Eloise Wiffen (Year 9).

Abbey Mardon (Year 11) was second in the State for Stage 2 and Isobel Payne was placed in the top 30.

In Stage 3, Chloe Stimbre (Year 12) was named Best Background Speaker, while Portia MacDonald was placed fifth and Alex Malone seventh in WA for non-native speakers. Top 30 places were also awarded to Ellie Burton and Robin Stuart.

In the ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) exams taken in August by our Year 8 French students, nine students achieved High Distinction and 21 students achieved Distinction. The following students were awarded High Distinction: Imogen Atiken, Emily Bradley, Hannah Johns, Jane Lai, Lily McMeeken, Olivia Sewell, Mei Tokui, Isabel Byrne and Amelia Crossing.

Also, PLC was placed fourth out of 92 West Australian schools for French in the Language Perfect World Championships online competition, which took place in May. Our students won eight gold medal certificates, five silver medal certificates and 17 bronze medal certificates.

**Write-a-Book-in-a-Day is Child’s Play**

A nostalgic story of love and loss has won a team of Year 11 PLC students the WA Upper School category of the Write-a-Book-in-a-Day competition.

Emily Cooke, Annique Cockerill, Lena Hindenberg, Abbey Wackett, Kathryn Froend and Ellen Frodsham had 12 hours to write and illustrate a book, which was then donated to Princess Margaret Hospital.

Their entry, titled *Fifteen Words and Fifty-One Letters*, was about a young boy who found a mysterious box while exploring his grandfather’s attic and the long-lost memory that it evokes.

Judge Andrew Levett said it was “by far the best story of this category and the competition.”

The Write-a-Book-in-a-Day team was emailed a random setting, two human characters, a non-human character, an issue and five random words at 8.00am and had to deliver or email back their story of at least 4000 words by 8.00pm the same day.

The team was also required to raise funds for Princess Margaret Hospital. The PLC Year 11 team raised $300.

The PLC team divided themselves up as either writers (Kathryn and Annique) or illustrators (Emily, Lena, Abbey and Ellen). While the writers worked on the story, the illustrators focused on bringing it to life visually.

Team captain Ellen Frodsham said she would take part again next year.

“It was fun – but a bit stressful at the end,” she said. “But I would definitely recommend others to do it.”

For winning their category, the PLC team received a plaque and a $200 donation to the School Library.
2013 Service Tours: Through Giving We Receive

Immersion in an unfamiliar culture presents our students with the opportunity to serve people whose experiences and perspectives differ from their own. Our annual service immersion programmes in the Kimberley and Cambodia present deeply moving experiences as students come face to face with stark contrasts to their own realities. More importantly, they return appreciating the fortunate lives they live and the need for a clear sense of contribution and purpose.

In the July school holidays, Year 12 students were invited to take part in the Kimberley Immersion Tour. PLC continued a five-year tradition in conducting holiday vacation activities for the children of Mowanjum Community within the Shire of Derby. Our students were also very busy preparing the annual Mowanjum Festival, which celebrates the traditional song and dance culture of many of the Kimberley mobs that perform at this event. PLC students were privileged to sew the costumes featuring a screen printed Winjana Spirit symbol. The girls finished the festival preparation under the guidance of the elders, painting the children ready for dance.

The immersion included a quick jaunt up the Gibb River Road to follow the legend of Jundamurra before our last days at Jarlmadangah Community with time at the cultural and health centre.

In September, 55 PLC students, parents and staff departed for the annual Cambodia Service Immersion Tour. In 2013, they built 30 houses, working with the Mission of Charities and Transform Street Children centres. Embarking on this journey each year involves several months of preparation and seeking sponsorship to cover cost of housing materials.

Achievements in Cambodia to date include:

- 165 houses
- 120 wells
- School for 550 students
- Supplies of medical, schooling, clothing donations
- Financial donations to Mission of Charities

Making a difference to the lives of others has a big impact on the families that embark on these tours. As one student said: “This journey has given me confidence to help people and now I know how. I have realised how easy and available it is to go out and change people’s lives... We arrived to build new homes for so many yet we gained so much in our giving.”

Other cultural tours held in the latter half of 2013 were to France and Canberra.

In 2014, we look forward to returning to Mowanjum Community, Cambodia and Tanzania.
Art Exhibitions Show Student Talent

Art students showcased their creativity at two exhibitions in Terms 3 and 4: Part of Me and Diversity.

The PLC Senior School Visual Arts Exhibition, Part of Me, displayed the artworks of our talented emerging artists from Years 10, 11 and 12. Old Collegian and talented artist Sophia Vinten (2007) opened the exhibition on Friday 20 September. It was another successful arts event with innovative works made both individually and collaboratively by MYP, WACE and IB Diploma Students and depicted a culmination of each student’s artistic journey.

Artworks in Part of Me communicated ideas and points of view on a broad range of subject matter from social, political, cultural and environmental concerns through to richly painted sunburnt landscapes and expressive seascapes, quirky assemblage artworks, artworks exploring rituals, ceremony and collections, intricate etchings, outrageous wearable art, figurative and sculptural works, miniature horses and five life-size horse papier mache sculptures.

The PLC Middle School Visual Arts Exhibition, entitled Diversity, opened on Monday 11 November in the Gallery. The artworks explored a variety of concepts including identity, aesthetics, culture and diversity through a range of studio areas and mediums including ceramics, textiles, drawing, papier mache, sculpture and painting.

Emerging Artist’s Perspectives on Show

Talented Stage 3 Year 12 (2013) Visual Arts student Felicity Eustance’s impressive artwork Coexistence has been accepted into the Year 12 Perspectives 2013 Exhibition. It will be exhibited at the Art Gallery of Western Australia from 20 February to 13 April 2014.

Inspired by Artist Andy Quilty, Felicity’s expressive self-portrait biro on brown paper drawing, in her own words, “explores three ‘colours’ of gender – femininity, masculinity and androgyny, questioning whether the immense differentiation we make between men and women is actually of any benefit. Since birth, we are taught that we must act entirely in accordance with the characteristics surrounding our sex. Coexistence, however, argues that these ideas are simply behavioural expectations. Hence, the figures overlap each other and the connotations of each colour are subverted, transcending the expectation that we can only be one or the other.”

Year 12 Perspectives displays art by some of the best, brightest and most talented graduating high school artists in the State. An annual barometer of what our youth are thinking and feeling, it is also a rich celebration of the role the arts play in the development of individual identities.
Online Safety Learnt Through Loss

Year 9 students from PLC and Scotch College heard firsthand the potential pitfalls of online social networking when they attended a presentation by 2013 South Australian of the Year, Sonya Ryan, at PLC in August.

Sonya’s teenage daughter Carly was murdered by an online predator in 2007 and now Sonya dedicates her life to informing other teens and their parents of the dangers online and what they can do to protect themselves.

Sonya’s visit was initiated by Year 11 students Ellen Frodsham and Daniel Bloch, from Scotch College. The pair attended a presentation by Sonya earlier in the year as part of a student leadership conference and were so inspired by her story that they proposed bringing her important message to other students. They suggested Year 9s, who are familiar with the online world but perhaps naïve to the potential risks.

Sonya, who began the Carly Ryan Foundation to promote online safety, recommends these simple steps to protect yourself online:

- Remain as anonymous as possible – keep all private information private (set your Facebook profile to ‘private’);
- Don’t add strangers as ‘friends’ on your personal profile;
- Disable GPS location details on devices such as mobile phones and digital cameras, which insert the location details of where your photo was taken onto your picture;
- Disable Facebook ‘Places’ – anyone can find out where you are in live time;
- Use Skype or live webcam to ensure the person you are speaking to online is who they say they are;
- Never meet an online friend alone.

To find out more, go to [http://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/carlys_story](http://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/carlys_story).

PLC Family Donates Silver Staff to Pipe Band

A family with three daughters in the PLC Pipe Band has donated a magnificent new ‘staff’ for formal parades.

Eldest daughter Isobel Martin (Year 12, 2013) was the Pipe Major of the 2013 PLC Pipe Band, her sister Harriet (Year 9) is a piper and youngest sister Letitia (Year 7) is a piper and a member of Pipe Band 2. Mother Sally is also an Old Collegian (1984).

The family decided to donate the new staff as a gift to mark their family’s involvement with the School.

It is a bespoke piece with a sterling silver head, made by a long established company in the UK that specialises in regimental regalia. The staff is used by the Drum Major to convey commands or signals to the marching band.

Pipe Band Co-ordinator Kerry Jones said it was an extraordinary gift and would be proudly borne by the Drum Major.

“It is magnificent,” she said. “It is every Drum Major’s dream to carry this out on parade.”

Ms Jones also noted the generosity of the Kavanagh family, who donated the current staff in 2007. This staff has been used since then, including at major parades and events such as the Virginia International Tattoo in the United States earlier this year and will remain in use in conjunction with the new staff.
Full Spectrum of Talent in 2013 Dance Showcase

In June, the PLC Dance Department presented the 2013 Showcase, entitled Spectrum, which was the culmination of many months of work by the PLC dancers. Spectrum was a celebration of dance and colour, showcasing the talents of the Middle School Dance Collective, Year 11 Dance, Dance Company and the graduating Year 12 Class.

This year, the PLC Dance Company was privileged to work with choreographers Jayne Smeulders and Reed Luplau. Jayne studied ballet with Barbara Thomas and Terri Charlesworth before receiving a scholarship to the Hamburg Ballet School. She spent four years performing with the Nederlands Dans Theater before returning to Perth to dance with the West Australian Ballet Company as a leading artist.

Earlier this year, Reed Luplau visited from New York to choreograph a piece for our Year 12 students. We were very fortunate to work with Reed once again. A graduate of the Australian Ballet School and a former Principal Dancer with Sydney Dance Company and La Lubovitch Dance Theatre New York, Reed's international reputation as a dancer and choreographer is of the highest calibre.

In August, the PLC dancers presented two works entitled Without You I'm Nothing and Goshen at the annual IGSSA Dance Festival. Dance Company members were outstanding ambassadors for PLC, performing at the highest technical level and receiving outstanding feedback from the guest adjudicator Brooke Leeder. Ms Leeder commented on “strong technique, emotive and powerful works performed with a sense of pride”.

An Interactive Incursion with Opera Australia

Year 3 students have had the opportunity to experience live professional opera without leaving their classroom.

Late in Term 2, the students participated in an incursion presented by Opera Australia, Australia’s national opera company based at the Sydney Opera House. Delivered using the latest video conferencing technology introduced into the Junior School Library, the girls actively participated in a workshop designed to give them an opera experience just as if they were working with the artists in person.

Both presenters and students were able to see each other through the use of high-quality cameras with video and audio streamed in real time over the Internet. This allowed the presenters to speak and address individual questions and comments directly during the session.

As part of this introduction to opera, artists from the company discussed singing techniques, warm up and different voice types. Students also had the opportunity to learn about other aspects of opera including set and costume design. The girls were then treated to a live performance of excerpts from The Magic Flute, an opera composed by Mozart. The incursion concluded with many questions to the performers.

Despite the physical distance between the girls here in Perth and the performers working in Sydney, the quality of the technology allowed for a positive and interactive introduction to opera that could normally only be achieved through live performance. This direct interaction certainly reflects the possibilities such technology can provide in delivering learning experiences that students would not normally be exposed to.
The Last Dux of Ormiston: Jean Petherick (Hope 1917)

A letter arrived in October. At first glance, it was obviously special. The words, in the beautifully scripted hand of Helen Lancaster of York, offered three book prizes presented to her great aunt, Miss Jean Hope, while Jean was a student of Ormiston College.

Briefly, Ormiston Primary School and Kindergarten (Ormiston College from c1911) was founded by Miss Constance Wilson in 1907 at 140 Palmerston Street, Perth. In 1913, Ormiston moved over the road to 123 Palmerston Street, a stately home on larger grounds built by Edward Keane, past Lord Mayor of Perth. In 1915, the Presbyterian Church purchased Ormiston College as a going concern and it became Presbyterian Ladies’ College. Miss Wilson agreed to stay on as Acting Principal until the arrival of Miss Agnes Scorgie (Principal 1916-1920) in early 1916, making Miss Wilson our first unofficial Principal.

As many will be aware, Dr Susan Maushart is currently researching and writing the history of PLC for our centenary in 2015. One thing we had been unable to determine, despite thorough research, was the origin of PLC’s motto. With this letter, that was about to change.

The first book Helen offered, Wordsworth Poetical Works, was presented to Jean in 1910 for Mathematics. Her letter recorded that the bookplate said “Labore et Honore… Ormiston Primary School and Kindergarten, Perth.” The second, Poetical Works of Keats, was presented in 1913, also for Mathematics. That bookplate says “Labore et Honore… Ormiston College.” Here was evidence that our motto, embossed on these two books, originated from Ormiston College and dates at least as far back as 1910; in all likelihood to Ormiston’s first days in 1907.

The third book, Poetical Works of Adam Lindsay Gordon, was presented to Jean as Dux of Ormiston College, 1914. As PLC was established in 1915, this made Jean the last Dux of Ormiston.

I checked our Register and found Jean also came to PLC and further, that she was Dux in 1916, our second year. These books took on added significance as Jean was an Ormiston College girl and PLC foundation student.

I immediately called Helen and my enthusiasm increased when she said a hat band fell into her hand while she was holding one of the books. She described the Ormiston/early PLC colours (to 1933) of fawn, gold and pale blue and said it was plain, with no other markings. This was exciting, as PLC hatbands of a few years later have a shield with the letters P-L-C interlinked on them. This one, plain as it is, is more likely to date from Ormiston College days.
Helen hadn’t realised the significance to us of the items she was offering and my zeal took her a little by surprise. The next day, after she’d discussed our conversation with her daughter Kim Edwards, their family historian, she told me Kim had found a photo of Jean and her sister Win Thyer (Hope 1920) together as children from 1910, plus two photos of Ormiston College students from 1911 and 1915. Although I hadn’t seen the photos at that point, Helen and I shared our appreciation of how these old photos retain such depth and clarity and I am delighted to reproduce them here so others can appreciate them too.

Kim kindly brought the books and photos to Archives in October and we eagerly examined each item. On the back of the 1911 photo is clearly written ‘November 1911’ and below it, in letters so faded they’re impossible to read with the naked eye, ‘14 of these present in 1915, when Ormiston College becomes Presbyterian Ladies’ College.’ Looking closely at the photo again, I noticed some children with tiny marks on their collars and counting the students, found they totalled 15; 13 girls including Jean and Win, and two boys. Perhaps Jean didn’t count herself in the tally of 14. We can surmise, research and investigate, but may never know for sure how many, or which, Ormiston College students stayed on when it became PLC. Here though, were 15 Ormiston College/PLC students; the missing links between the two schools. Now to identify them. More research definitely required!

Prior to this, the number of items in our Collection dating back to Ormiston College was zero. The Ormiston College Collection has begun!

SHANNON LOVELADY
PLC Archivist
**Accessions**

**Christine Smith (Rutter 1965)**

**Judy Wolfe (Becher 1953)**
Judy’s blazer, hat badge, enamelled tie pin, Head Prefect’s tie pin and Lifesaving badges: Intermediate Star (1952), Royal Lifesaving Society Medal (1952), Bronze Cross (1953) and Award of Merit (1953).

**Pam Muller (Hewett 1963)**
Letter to PLC parents and guardians including new fees to be introduced from First Term 1956.

**Jan Hall (Telfer 1962)**
80 assorted photos from 1959-1963 featuring Jan and her friends around PLC, Festival Choirs, sporting teams, Prefects’ dances, 1961 and 1962 Leaving girls, Boarders’ tennis parties, Drama production *Noyes Fludde* and the Teachers versus A Team hockey match of 1961 and 1962; newspaper clipping of Red Cross Society debutante ball; photocopy of newspaper clipping featuring Jan as an entrant in The Weekend News Nurse 72 Quest; Jan’s reference written by Miss Eileen Dunston (Principal 1962-1967); Stewart House badge; enamelled tiepin; Head Prefect’s badge.

**Morwenna Vincent (1949)**
*Java Nightmare*, an Autobiography by Daphne Jackson, mother of Dr Jane Jackson (1949), a 1979 account of Daphne’s experiences in some of the women’s internment camps in West Java under the Japanese; *Presbyterian Ladies College: The Story of a School* by Noel Whiteford 1975; *As I Remember Them* by Noel Stewart 1987, featuring several female identities relevant to the PLC Community.

**Jenny Davies (Weldon 1956)**
Alaskan Odyssey by Bernard R Hubbard, presented to Jenny as the 1956 Major Prize for Practical Geography.

**Pat Bunny (Crossing 1951)**
*A Curious Cadetship for a Cockie* by Pat Bunny.

**Nola Cameron (Ward 1947)**
*Memories of Years Gone By: The Life of Nola Cameron (nee Ward)*, published by Nola in 2010.

**Pam Smith (1948)**
Pam’s invitation to the OCA Diamond Jubilee Celebration Dinner held 19 August 1975.

**Mary Knott (Clarke 1958) via Christine Foulkes-Taylor (Morgan 1958)**
Mary’s 1953-1956 Kookaburras; 1950-1956 Kookaburras that belonged to Mary’s sister, Margaret Herzfeld (Clarke 1956); Five black and white photos used in 1956 Kookaburra when Margaret was editor including sporting teams and the Opening of Carmichael Hall; Eight black and white photos used in the 1955 Kookaburra including Sporting teams, Festival Choir, Club Officials; interior of Physics/Chem Lab, First and Second Standard, Domestic Science class and Kindergarten children; 1976 Speech Night Programme.

**Robin Donaldson (Brazill-Smith 1957)**
Robin’s blazer pocket; reports from Third Term 1945 and Second Term 1946; invoices for fees for Second and Third Terms 1945 and First Term 1946; receipts for fees for Third Term 1945 and First Term 1946; photo of Junior School girls in winter uniform with berets c1949.

**Helen Keys (Venerys 1983)**
Helen’s 1983 Leavers’ jumper.

**Nancye Miles-Tweedie (current parent)**
The PLC Pipe Band US Tour 2013 commemorative book.
Devon Cuneo (Nankivell 1965)
PLC banner; two hat badges (one silver, one enameled); Devon’s debating and choir badges; Prefect’s tie pin.

Dale McDaniel (Cross 1963) and Katherine D’Silva (McDaniel 1989)
Dale’s Black Watch skirt; Katherine’s beret with badge; a pair of sports bloomers; a sports skirt; white tracksuit top.

Genevieve Simpson (2002)
Genevieve’s PLC sports bag; sports shorts; black tracksuit pants; sports cap; school skirt; blouse; two jumpers; two senior school ties; blazer; a PLC Music Tour Tasmania 1999 windcheater.

Alexandra Holloway (1982)
Hat badge once belonging to Alexandra’s sister, Tracey Holloway (1978).

Joan Cooper (Lodge 1943)
1939 and 1940 Kookaburras; 1940 programme for the Combined Girls’ Secondary Schools (forerunner to today’s IGSAA) 7th Annual Sports Meeting, held at Perth Oval.

Donor unknown (left on Archives’ doorstep late November 2013)
Pair of PLC bloomers; school skirt.

Jane Shackleton (Knowles 1953)
PLC prize book Sir Edwin Landseer R A by James A Manson presented to Jane’s mother Lily Knowles (Hocking, Head prefect 1925) for drawing in 1924.

Barbara Roe (Lutz 1956)
Photo of her class at a pyjama party c1955.

Peta Madalena, Archivist, Scotch College
Early Risers by Pat Bunny (Crossing 1951), bought in a book sale and donated to Archives.

Jill Holmes (McFarlane 1977)

Helen Lancaster and her daughter Kim Edwards
ThreeOrmiston College prize books presented to Helen’s aunt Jean Petherick (Hope 1917) while she was a student at Ormiston College: Wordsworth Poetical Works for Mathematics 1910, Poetical Works of Keats for Mathematics 1913 and Poetical Works of Adam Lindsay Gordon as Duke of Ormiston College 1914; two large photos of Ormiston College students in November 1911 and 1915; photo of Jean and her sister Win Thyer (Hope 1920) in 1910 while both were at Ormiston College; Ormiston College hatband in original colours of fawn, gold and pale blue. (See main article.)

Colette James (Wilmot 1969) (past OCA President and Alumni Relations Coordinator)
Minutes of the OCA meeting of 20 September 2005.

Dulcie Falle (Cooper 1941)
Dulcie’s Brownie teipin, 1933.

Jacqueline Ritchie (Eyres 1961)
Nine large photos of 1960-1961 sporting teams (proofs for those used in 1960 and 1961 Kookaburras); 28 photos of Jacqueline and her classmates and the school grounds c1960, including one of the first girls to swim in the new Vera Summers Swimming pool at its opening on 29 October 1960.

Jamelia Gubgub (1972)
PLC black tracksuit.

Digital Accessions
Trish Montgomery, Archivist, Perth College
Three references written for Mrs Sheila Tunwell (nee McLeod, Kindergarten staff 1946-1950) dated 1952, 1953 and 1955.

Jan Hall (Telfer 1962)
A letter from Miss Violet Major (staff 1940-1969) written to Jan at Christmas 1962.

Dulcie Falle (Cooper 1941)
Three images of Dulcie with the Brownie troupe, 1933.

Betty Trotter formerly Anderson (Gibbs 1939)
Photo of Betty with her sister Patricia Bell (Gibbs 1937) in the old PLC winter uniform, c1928.

A total of 356 digital images received from:
Judith Tweedie (Foreman 1949), 32 images spanning 1943-1949
Jennifer Moore (Goldby 1973), 30 spanning 1962-1973
Alison Powell (Sadler 1953), 22 spanning 1945-1951
Joan Anderson (Lynas 1948), 2 of Joan with her friends and classmates from 1946
Sandy Kenworthy (1953), 10 of Sandy and her friends at Rottnest in the early 1950s
Joan Linton (Melsom 1945), 3 images of Joan as a child
Melissa White (Turner 1983), 9 images
Jenny Freemantle (Busby 1983), 46 images
Jodie Busby (Buzza 1983), 24 images
Bronwen Hyde (1983), 7 images
Kathryn Jones (1983), 32 images
Helen Keys (Venerys 1983), 18 images
Beth Maclean (Green 1983), 22 images
Helen Martin (de Burgh 1983), 99 images
FROM THE PLC AUXILIARY

This year has been an exciting year for me as the new PLC Auxiliary President and a new parent to the School community in 2012, Term 4. One might ask whatever swayed me to put my hand up for Auxiliary President, being so new to PLC. It was the Year Representatives. The School informed them of our arrival and through their very welcoming contact and inclusive approach, I naturally began attending the 2013 Auxiliary meetings. There I found many welcoming people willing to share friendships, give support to the School, its students and the wider community of PLC. Endorsing this was the continual attendance of Ms Blackwood, giving us an up-to-date report of what was happening in and around the School and personally addressing all questions. This Auxiliary ticked all the boxes and now I am very honoured to be a part of it.

The 16th Open Garden Day – and my first – exceeded all of my expectations. Open Garden Day Co-ordinator, Janine Lauder, has again accomplished a mammoth task, for the second year running, overseeing this keenly anticipated event. It was my privilege to witness countless hard-working volunteers pulling together to make the day a resounding success. The gardens, Market Stalls, Music students, guests and Café were exceptional. This is the Auxiliary’s biggest fundraising event for the year and the funds contribute towards ‘extras’ that the School may be unable to fund through budget constraints. Sadly, this was Janine’s last year organising Open Garden Day. The Auxiliary thanks and acknowledges all her efforts. In conclusion, the overwhelming atmosphere of the day was of happiness. I believe this echoed the personality of Francesca Nelson (1980), in whose memory the day was dedicated.

This strong approach towards events for the School community is inspiring. It shows we have a solid and willing community ready to contribute. This is an outstanding quality, defined with the continued success of the Auxiliary Tennis mornings, Outdoor Cinema Evening, City-Country Lunch and Junior School Quiz Night. Together with Class Representatives who organise a huge range of get-togethers fostering friendships within the School community, the Auxiliary has much to offer new parents, parents from overseas and parents who have spent a significant number of years at the School. Whatever their circumstances, the Auxiliary actively supports a strong and healthy PLC community.

In 2013, the Auxiliary invited guest speakers from within the School to speak on their subject of expertise. Our first guest was Liz Langdon, Head of Boarding. Liz gave a very inspiring presentation about the life of the girls within the Boarding House. I give confirmation that our PLC boarders are in safe and nurturing hands with Liz. We then invited Jenny Playford, President of the Parents’ Committee. Jenny spoke on the role of the Parents’ Committee, covering subjects such as scholarships and the 2015 Centennial Sculpture development. Our next guests were Sharon Anderson, Head of Middle School, and Neesha Flint, Head of Senior School. They talked about pastoral care and the multi-pronged approach they have towards the girls’ welfare. It was commanding, while comforting to all, knowing that the School has highly qualified guardians acting on our behalf. Our last guest for the year was Jenny Hetherington, Director of Careers Development. Jenny spoke of shared guidance given to the girls and their parents, while surveying the wider picture of subject selection for Years 11 and 12.

The Auxiliary is a prevailing force in raising funds for the School. The distribution of the money in 2013 has been impressive. Junior School play equipment and water play equipment, dance costumes, wireless headsets for drama productions and school use, and the Boarding House upgrade to their common areas. All distribution of funds are discussed and voted on at the Auxiliary meetings, which is open to the PLC community.

The PLC Auxiliary is busy planning for the coming year. We are looking for volunteers; please consider supporting our School community by self-nominating. Undertaking the Auxiliary Presidency has been made easy as I am surrounded by an outstanding, tireless group of giving people. These people make up the PLC Auxiliary and the PLC community, of which I am now proud to be a part. I personally encourage you to be involved in 2014 monthly meetings. Come to the Boarders’ Sitting Room on Mondays at 8.30 am for tea and coffee before the meetings, which start at 9.00 am. Dates and events will be published in Links.

JANE CLARKE
PLC Auxiliary President
FROM THE PARENTS’ COMMITTEE

As I look back on the year’s achievements of the PLC Parents’ Committee, I am proud of the assistance we are able to provide to the School with your help. This assistance comes in many forms – from professional development grants for teachers to scholarships for girls, alpha merit prizes, the Valedictory dinner, sponsorship for Year 12 leadership, parent badges, Support Your Daughter evenings, and the Sundowner. But that’s not all! With the fee incentive draw, we have provided shelving for the Junior School Library Peppermint Tree Room, a compactus for the Music Department and a glass whiteboard. We have also started raising funds for the 2015 centenary sculpture, which is an exciting collaborative project between the Parents’ Committee, Parents’ Auxiliary and the whole School community.

In addition, we received a passionate pitch from two students (one from PLC and one from Scotch College) asking for a grant to be given to the Carly Ryan Foundation in order that founder Sonya Ryan could come and give a presentation to students. Sonya Ryan’s daughter Carly was murdered by an online predator and Sonya has established a foundation to alert young people to online risks (see more on page 24). The Parents’ Committee was proud to support this student-led initiative in collaboration with the Scotch College Parents’ Committee. We always appreciate ideas and suggestions from the PLC community. Feel free to attend a meeting, email us or contact any committee member with ideas.

Our scholarship candidates were again outstanding and I would like to congratulate all the girls who were shortlisted and the two girls who received scholarships for 2014: Grace Hounslow and Caitlyn Brennan. It was a very difficult decision this year.

On a social note, mark your diaries for the Valentine’s Day Sundowner on 14 February 2014. This promises to be a lovely prelude to your Valentine’s Day dinner and the sundowner is always a great evening to meet other members of the PLC community.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the PLC Parents’ Committee and remind parents that this is your committee and every parent is welcome at our 7.30 pm meetings once a month at Scorgie House. Our meetings involve many sub-committees within the Parents’ Committee, including Junior School, Scholarships, Boarding, Communication and the Sundowner. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to contribute to your Parents’ Committee in any way.

JENNY PLAYFORD
Parents’ Committee President
OCA has had a successful year with many events, both networking and fundraising for our bursaries.

The August movie event at the Windsor theatre The Way Way Back with an afternoon tea, was enjoyed by a full foyer of Old Collegians and friends. Diana O’Kane was the recipient of the Kailis pearl necklace raffle and Jim Boyd won two tickets to our Concert on the Green.

The Year 13 Sundowner was held in September and Devon Cuneo’s (1965) welcome to the girls as Old Collegians inspired 2012 Head Girl Bella Blakiston to join the committee and promote connections with the younger cohort of our community.

At the Year 12 Valedictory dinner, the class of 2013 was impressive. They chose to wear their ties and looked resplendent as a team. There were nine mothers from my Class of 1982 with graduating daughters among them. I welcomed the girls to the Old Collegians community and acknowledged their achievements and also that of their parents and families. I encouraged them to look to this community to inspire, surprise and support them.

The OCA held a morning tea to welcome the prefect leadership team of 2014 and their parents. I am excited by the potential of this team, led by Head Girl Annabel Watts. I shared an excerpt from Rachael Robertson’s book, Leading on the Edge: “Be restless. Create a life that seeks challenges, root out opportunities and jump in the deep end.” And in the context of authentic leadership, “people who stay true to their values, who really know themselves and understand those around them, create loyalty and inspire trust. They make great leaders.”

Every year the PLC OCA awards three bursaries covering one term’s school fees to a boarder in Year 9 and a student in both Years 10 and 11. Girls who apply are expected to participate in a range of activities, to have a commitment to personal excellence and community service and to have demonstrated in their everyday life an understanding of the School’s values. This year’s applicants, as always, were outstanding candidates and their exceptional calibre made the selection process very difficult. However, we are very happy to award the 2014 bursaries to three very worthy recipients: Maddy Reid (Year 9), Katarina Welborn (Year 10) and Annabel Watts (Year 11). Our congratulations go to these three girls. Please see www.plcoca.com.au for details.

The Venn Bar in the CBD was a fabulous space for our Networking Drinks in the city in November and saw a vibrant bunch of young and Old Girls with a few Scotch Old Boys in the mix. It was a great evening and there will be more.

We are planning the 2014 PLC OCA Art Exhibition and sale and are actively seeking those with a connection to the School to participate. This event will be held in celebration of Francesca Nelson (1980) and all that she contributed to past art exhibitions and Old Girl events.

Our beloved Cesca finished her battle when she went to heaven on 14 August. A wonderful woman, beloved friend and colleague, Cesca was a huge inspiration to all of us on committee. To see one small part of Cesca’s contributions to other people’s lives was to witness the swell of love and caring when she got sick. In her last weeks, she was surrounded by many friends and family and I realised that who she was and the way she lived her life made everyone feel special. As our Treasurer Rachel said, she was gorgeously inclusive.

At the AGM in August 2014, we will be seeking to incorporate the PLC OCA. Please read the enclosed notice about this. OCA wishes to continue fostering the relationships that already exist between our members and continue to explore ways to reconnect with all age groups. Please link in with the OCA Facebook page www.facebook.com/plcoca or the PLC community Facebook page www.facebook.com/plcperth and LinkedIn Group for Old Collegians to join http://tinyurl.com/d576jdw. We are actively seeking Old Collegians to join our team. The commitment is more of enthusiasm, resourcefulness and not so much one of time. The rewards are many: new friends, a connection with the School, new skills and an opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way.

We welcome your contribution as we plan for the Centennial of the School in 2015.

Enclosed is a notice about the AGM and a request for contributions to our team.

The PLC OCA committee thanks you for being part of our team in 2013.

Do more of what you love, find joy around and within you and enjoy the holidays!

DR SALLY COOK
President PLC OCA Association
Alumni

PLC Welcomes New Alumni Co-ordinator

PLC Alumni Co-ordinator, Colette James (Wilmot 1969) is sadly leaving us after deciding to retire from working life. Colette took on the role of Alumni Co-ordinator in 2010 after a 40-year career in the legal profession. During her time at PLC, Colette has enjoyed reconnecting with Old Collegians of all ages and taken great pride in extending popular events and developing new initiatives. These include the introduction of academic guest speakers, interstate and international reunions, the PYP mentoring programme and organising ‘special friends’ for the annual Junior School Grandparents’ Morning. We thank Colette for her hard work and commitment to PLC and wish her all the best.

Taking over from Colette is Matija Franetovich (1995), who has been working most recently in occupational medicine and was previously the Event Manager for the Rottenest Channel Swim. She will also be taking on the role of Bagpipe Tutor, following the retirement of longstanding staff member Ailsa Miller. Matija was a member of the PLC Pipe Band and then went on to join the Australian Army Pipes and Drums and is now the Drum Major. Her sister Aleasea Franetovich (1997) works as a teacher in the Junior School and her mother Genevieve Franetovich (1964) was also an Old Collegian. Her father Ned was a member of Council from 1994 to 2004 and since 2005 has worked on the Planning and Infrastructure Committee.

We welcome Matija back to PLC.

Alumni Survey and School Centenary

Our thanks and appreciation to those past students who responded to the PLC survey conducted by MMG Education earlier this year into the effectiveness of the School’s engagement processes with alumni.

The response was outstanding with nearly 1200 past students contributing. We were delighted by the strength of the PLC community, as reported by past students, and it is our aim through the Old Collegians’ Association and the School’s Community Relations department, to maintain this connectedness.

This survey was a critically important project for the School as we work to further improve engagement with our alumni and plan for our Centenary in 2015.

As a result of the survey, we will be focusing on the following areas to strengthen connections with past students:

- Development of tailored and segmented programmes for the different age groups of past students
- Development of programmes for past students living outside of Perth

• Delivery of improved value to past students in such areas as mentoring, career advice and counselling and networking

The results have also provided us with valuable information for the planning of events and activities to commemorate the School’s Centenary.

If you would like to discuss anything about the survey or PLC’s upcoming Centenary, please contact Community Relations at communityrelations@plc.wa.edu.au.

We thank you for the contribution you have made and hope that many of you will join us for the Centenary celebrations in 2015. Look out for further information in the next Blackwatch, on our website www.plc.wa.edu.au or via the PLC Community Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/plcperth
Networking Breakfast

The inaugural PLC-Scotch business breakfast was held on 25 July at Matilda Bay restaurant. In attendance were some 35 guests and host Principals, Beth Blackwood and Dr Alec O’Connell.

An enthusiastic welcome by Michael Silbert, President of the Old Scotch Collegians, was followed by presentations from the guest speakers. Susie Dukes (1982), Commissioner of Titles Landgate, gave an interesting account of the responsibilities of heading up Western Australia’s modernised Torrens System. She spoke at length about the growing problem of personal identity fraud and its effects on ourselves and our community. Thankfully, she also gave plenty of hints as to how it can be avoided.

Our second guest speaker was James Pearson, CEO WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry, whose journey through private, corporate and government areas has armed him with a great deal of knowledge across all sectors. James offered an insightful commentary and opinion on both sides of politics, particularly the problems in getting it right for the business sector here in WA.

After a vote of thanks by PLC Principal Beth Blackwood, guests were able to mingle and network over coffee before heading off to work.

If you would like to attend the next PLC-Scotch networking event in 2014, please contact the Alumni Co-ordinator at alumni@plc.wa.edu.au or on 9424 6520

PYP Mentoring Programme

Following the success of the PYP mentoring programme last year, we were very pleased that most of the mentors were able to participate again this year.

A briefing and morning tea was held in Term 2 and it was an opportunity to welcome several new mentors. Helen (Novakov 1961) and Barry Green, Chris Venables (McMillan 1963), Trish Miles (McLennan 1960) and Sandy Viol (White 1962) returned and Georgie Woods (2011), Kirsty Carre (Reynolds 1979), Miriam Borthwick (1976) and Sam Hall (current staff) joined this year.

The mentors worked with their group of students for the semester, culminating in an exhibition of the projects attended by parents and mentors.

The continuing success of the programme is reflected not only by the participation of our mentors but by the special relationships formed with students.

The projects this year were exceptional and support the value of the mentors both to the PYP programme, the students and to the Junior School.

A Very Special Mother-Daughter Valedictory Dinner

Eleven members of the Class of 1982 whose daughters graduated in 2013 had a very memorable evening at the Valedictory Service and Dinner on 14 October.

It was a night of celebrations and pride for both the mums, who have maintained strong friendships for over 30 years and the girls, who will soon join their mothers as past students of PLC.

Pic (L-R):

Katrina Burton (Fairweather 1982), and Eliza Burton (2013)
Katy Langdon (1982) and Rebecca Cole (2013)
Cathy Henderson (Weimer 1982) and Anna Henderson (2013)
Jenny Edgerton-Warburton (Nash 1982) and Mia Edgerton –Warburton (2013)
Mimi Packer (Clough 1982) and Annabella Packer (2013)
Sally Simpson (Evans 1982) and Annabelle Simpson (2013)
Melissa Foulkes (Stafford 1982) and Sophie Foulkes (2013)
Sarah Miller (Wright 1982) and Mikaela Miller (2013)
Caroline Rex (Bunny 1982) and Megan Rex (2013)
Absent: Genevieve Gibbs (1982) and Tess Parker (2013)
Linda Dunhill (Braddock 1982) and Tara Dunhill (2013)
Academic Guest Speakers

A Mother/Daughter Perspective

In August, a group of interested Senior students welcomed our academic guest speakers for 2013 to the Auditorium. Held on an annual basis and in support of career choices for our future alumni, a past student is invited to speak to the girls in respect to their profession. In 2013, we were delighted to have a mother and daughter duo in Katy Langdon (1982) and her daughter Sarah Cole (2010), who spoke on the same profession but from two different angles.

Katy gave the girls an informative and amusing account of what her career path into Medicine was like. She spoke also of the history of women in the profession and the impact a male-dominated university degree and her first years as a young doctor had both on her personally and on those other women around her. It was determination and resilience that led to her successful career.

Sarah knew she wanted to do Medicine by the time she reached Year 12. Sarah’s advice to the students was that whether it be Medicine or any other field, once you know what you want to do, find out as much as you can as it is important to get an insight into what is in store. She said mentors in the chosen field are vital and encouragement is very important.

Sarah also said it is important to enjoy your time at university and to get involved in everything you can, including volunteer work.

Although there are many differences today than when Katy was studying, especially in the area of technology, both women agreed that the camaraderie in Medicine was very strong.

It was an invaluable and enjoyable opportunity for the Senior students as they continue to pursue their own career choices.

PLC Old Girls Win Schools’ Golf Day

The 48th Combined Independent Girls’ Schools Golf Day for former pupils was hosted by St Mary’s and held on 29 July at Cottesloe Golf Club.

On the day, we were fortunate to field a full team of 12 pairs, enthusiastically clad in an assortment of PLC uniforms, both past and present.

On what proved to be a tough day on the course, where scores were fairly low, we were delighted to discover that we had won on a countback from MLC.

Our star players were Jane McNamara (1977) and partner Kerry Clarke (Lucy 1983), rookie pair Jane Metcalf (1988) and partner Caro Cunningham (Clements 1983), with the always steady Karie Liggins (Hungerford 1965) and Libby Hantke (Somervaille 1965) getting us over the line on the countback.

Well done Team PLC!
Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Morning

The Junior School’s annual Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day was held on 14 August. There were 12 alumni and even the husband of an Old Collegian who volunteered to step in for grandparents who were unable to attend.

Following a welcome by Head of Junior School, Heather Pope, they were introduced to their two students. Classrooms were a hive of activity, chatter and laughter as grandparents and special friends were shown to their desks to read and engage with the young students. Some were given a tour of their work around the corridors as well as projects that had been undertaken during the term.

A number of the past students stayed to do a second session after sharing a delicious morning tea provided by the parents.

If you would like to be included in the list of Special Friends for 2014, please contact the Alumni Co-ordinator on alumni@plc.wa.edu.au or 9424 6520

Founders’ Day

Founders’ Day 2013 was celebrated on Monday 19 August with 115 alumni attending the School Service before enjoying lunch in the Boarders’ Dining Room.

We were delighted to welcome our special guest Audrey James (Savage 1930), who celebrated her 100th birthday in March.

Following a welcome by the Principal, the guests were entertained by Alanna Curtis and Sachi Nevill (Year 10), who took us through the journey of their IB Middle Years Personal Project (see more page 19).

Founders’ Day continues to be a popular event and a lovely opportunity for old friends to catch up and enjoy the School’s founding together.
**CLASS OF 1953 60-YEAR REUNION**

With Gwen Manser (Morgan) at the helm, the committee for the class of 1953 was Lauris Grose (Mitchell), Jeannine Russell (McColl) and Muriel Gadson (Goodall).

The 60-year celebration was held on Friday 20 September.

As a normal school day, it was a lovely opportunity for staff and students to make the group of 22 classmates welcome. Class members came from as far as NSW and England. A tour of the School and Archives followed class photos on the steps of the Chapel.

The piece sung by the PLC Singers, *Time Enough to Give*, was a special moment for those gathered and following the service, the girls lingered to chat to them for a few minutes.

Pipe Major, Isobel Martin, piped the group from the Chapel to lunch, which was served in the Boarders’ Dining Room. They were joined by Beth Blackwood, who welcomed them ‘back to school’.

1953 Head Prefect, Judy Wolfe (Becher), who came from Sydney for the reunion, also spoke, reminding her classmates of life at PLC during their time.

It was a happy afternoon reconnecting with old friends sharing, stories, photos and many memories.

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**CLASS OF 1963 50-YEAR REUNION**

The Class of 1963 celebrated its 50-year reunion on Friday 6 September.

Preparations for the special day began early in the year with Sue Perryman (Somervaille), Rhonda Wallman (Herbert) and Chris Venables (McMillan) forming a committee. The day began with 30 classmates greeting each other on the steps of the Chapel for photos before a tour of the School and Archives.

A service in the Chapel, at which the PLC Chorale performed a special piece and joined in with the hymns was a special treat.

To the delight of the class, Tara McCully (Year 12) piped them across the road for lunch in the Boarders’ Dining Room where they were welcomed by Principal Beth Blackwood. The rest of the afternoon was spent sharing stories and memories of past years at PLC with lifelong friends.
### CLASS OF 1948 65-YEAR REUNION

In conjunction with Founders’ Day, the class of 1948 celebrated its 65-year reunion on Monday 19 August.

Special tables were set aside with balloons, commemorative placemats and a gift for the 21 classmates who attended. A number of them have maintained very close friendships since leaving PLC, often meeting up for coffee and other special occasions.

Fifteen members of the class met the next day for morning tea in Swanbourne to continue the celebrations.

### MELBOURNE REUNION

The Aria Bar and Lounge was once again the venue for the popular Melbourne reunion, which was held on Sunday 21 July.

Representing peer years from 1946 to 2003, 40 past students spent a leisurely couple of hours enjoying high tea and catching up with PLC friends and acquaintances.

Hosted by Principal Beth Blackwood and Director of Community Relations, Chavaune Francis, the guests were welcomed and brought up to date with current news and activities at PLC.

Whilst in Melbourne, Beth and Chavaune also took the opportunity to enjoy a private morning tea with Dr. Margaret Henderson (1932).
CLASS OF 1983 30-YEAR REUNION

September 14 was a cold, wet and miserable day until about 4.30 pm. Then Carmichael Hall lit up as the students from 1983 met to celebrate their 30-year reunion. The horrible weather was soon forgotten amongst hugs, laughter and squeals of delight at seeing old friends again.

The girls were invited to wear some or all of the uniform and we had some ties amongst us. Two girls, Libby Wilcox (Bryant) and Carolyn Cunningham (Clements) both arrived in full school uniform! We were delighted that a large group of 76 girls attended.

We were divided into two groups for a speedy tour of Archives and the Middle School. The group then met at the cafeteria and were led up to Scorgie House by PLC Pipers.

At Scorgie House, we were joined by former Principal Hazel Day and teachers Pauline O’Hara (Wright), Di McArthur and Di Robertson-Smith (Haustead). Current Principal Beth Blackwood also joined us for a champagne toast given by Kerry Clarke (Luck).

The group then moved to Cottesloe Golf Club, which had been transformed into a stylish and cosy cocktail lounge by Rebecca Grace to complete the evening with 80s music and a slide show of photos of our School years running all night.

Members of the Senior Choir from 1983 led us in the School hymn Land of our Birth and then Beth Maclean (Green) paid a very moving tribute to absent friends and dear friends no longer with us.

Our class group came from far and wide. Special mention to the girls that travelled from over east: Amanda Vince, Jane Sanders and Jo Denham from New South Wales and Carolyn Scott (Stannard) from Queensland. A great effort, especially for Amanda as she had left in Year 5!

Each girl took home a PLC Panama cupcake and excerpts from the Kookaburra 1983 to reminisce over.
CLASS OF 1973 40-YEAR REUNION

Forty-eight girls from the class of 1973 gathered on Saturday 26 October in front of Carmichael Hall.

There is something very comfortable about meeting up with classmates with whom we shared our formative years in high school: to reminisce and exchange stories of the highs and lows, successes and failures that go with 40 years after leaving PLC.

After the ‘team photo’, a quick tour of the School and drinks and canapes overlooking the oval, we enjoyed a very entertaining talk from Jenny Bowen who took us through world events from 1969 to 1973.

A toast to our year group and dinner in the cafeteria followed. With emails and phone numbers exchanged, we talked well into the night.

Some had come from afar.

CLASS OF 1993 20-YEAR REUNION

No-one could believe 20 years had really passed since we left PLC, but here we all were gathering again at Carmichael Hall, excited smiles and familiar faces all around. After lots of hellos and a class photo or three, we then had a whiz-around tour of the School – all commenting on how different it was since we departed yet stopping to reminisce at the steps we had walked up so many times, the quad and classrooms we had frequented all those years ago.

We then enjoyed a glass of sparkling wine and a toast with some welcoming words from Principal Beth Blackwood. Then onto Steve’s in Nedlands for a night of celebratory drinks, delicious food and non-stop talk and laughter.

Anna Boycott’s (Walden) grand entrance to a packed crowd at Steve’s playing Scotland the Brave on her PLC bagpipes was a reunion highlight! Seventy-six girls joined us from near and far for what was a fun and happy night with friendships rekindled and memories shared.
CLASS OF 2003 10-YEAR REUNION

The class of 2003 celebrated 10 years since graduating from PLC on Saturday 9 November.

Aptly, back in 2003, our graduation present was a copy of *Oh, The Places You'll Go* by Dr Suess and judging by the stories shared at the reunion, the book described our year group to a tee. As we all caught up on the last 10 years, stories were shared of experiences far and wide, countries visited, friends made and lessons learnt.

Approximately 40 girls attended the reunion for a tour of the School, photos and a toast to our class on the quad, with celebrations continuing in Cottesloe.

While many of the year group were not able to make it, well wishes were sent from as far as the UK, Hong Kong, Canada and Namibia. Of those girls that could make it, many travelled from the country and interstate.

YEAR 13 SUNDOWNER

The Year 13 Sundowner for the class of 2012 was held in the Hazel Day Drama Centre Foyer on Sunday 1 September.

It was pleasing to have approximately 50 girls return for this special event as so many of their classmates are travelling, studying or working overseas, interstate or in the country.

Beth Blackwood welcomed the girls “back to school”, joining them for canapés and ‘mocktails’ with a Gatsby theme. It was a lovely opportunity for them to catch up with each other as well as a number of teachers who also attended.
We wish her luck.

Georgia’s next goal is to make the under-23s team. We wish her luck.

Muriel Gadson (Goodall 1953)
Muriel spent many hours at the piano practising for her Associate exam AMusA, which she passed in 1954. She married and had four children. Muriel taught piano at PLC part-time for many years. Life today revolves around her friend John, mahjong, book club and five gorgeous grandchildren.

Mirrilynn Gollan (Johnston 1953)
After completing her Junior Certificate, Mirrilynn completed a secretarial course and then worked at the ANZ bank. She travelled to Europe for two years before returning to Perth. She married Michael in 1959 and they have three daughters and one grandchild. They remain in Bunbury and are now retired and travel as much as possible.

Patricia Hatch (Bailey 1953)
Patricia studied at UWA and Claremont Teachers’ College and taught at Merredin and John Curtin Senior High Schools. She married in 1963, and became stepmother to two adult children. She then had three daughters, Catherine Hatch (1981), Chrissie Hatch (1983) and Dorothy Hatch (1987) and a son. They lived outside Margaret River and she did occasional relief teaching at the local high school. Her husband retired in 1979 and Patricia was then employed at PLC as a house mistress in the Boarding House until 2002. She now lives in Swanbourne and takes an interest in her six grandchildren. She is also a step-great-grandmother to several youngsters.

Janet Hunt (Halliday 1953)
After leaving PLC, Janet gained a BSc and Dip Ed at UWA and became a Mathematics teacher. She married and lived in the UK for six years before returning to WA. Janet’s four daughters, Dr Jenny Hunt (1976), Sally Hunt (1981) Emma Hunt (1983) and Miranda Hunt (1987) all attended PLC. She also has a son and 10 grandchildren. Janet returned to teaching Mathematics and working in Mathematics curriculum for more than 30 years before retiring.

Sandra (Sandy) Kenworthy (1953)
Sandy attended Underwood Business College before working for eight years at the AMP Society. After living overseas for a year, she returned to work at the United States Consulate General for 30 years until her retirement in 1992. She had many interesting experiences at the Consulate, including meeting Gregory Peck and Victor Borge and once had an arrested landing on the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise.

Gwen Manser (Morgan 1953)
Gwen became a Home Economics teacher and taught both in the country and suburban Perth. She married in 1962 and lived in Cottesloe for five years before moving to Wembley Downs. She had three children, Narelle Manser-Smith (Manser 1988), Craig Manser (Scotch 1991) and Bruce, who sadly passed away. These days, Gwen is a Red Cross volunteer and enjoys mahjong, gardening, knitting and sewing, as well as keeping in touch with PLC and helping with her three young grandchildren.

Alison Powell (Sadler 1953)
Alison left PLC in 1951 and studied piano in Northam. She attained an Associate of Music Australia and taught piano in Goomalling and Northam. She married farmer Ray Powell and they have three children, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They moved from the farm to Northam in 1994 and have enjoyed overseas trips and cruises, as well as caravan trips. Alison takes great interest in all things musical and still plays the piano.

Barbara Saunders (1953)
Barbara worked in an office for 12 years before taking a two-year course at the Perth Bible College. This led to her accepting the position of State Secretary for the Postal Sunday School Movement (now known as PSSM Mailbox Club). Her involvement in this ministry for the next 30 years was most enjoyable and fulfilling until her retirement from a full-time position in 1997.

Jocelyn van Heyst (Gollan 1953)
Jocelyn played hockey and was a member of the 1956 all-Australian hockey team in Melbourne at the Olympic Games and interstate. She also played squash at state level and was a keen skier.

Jocelyn trained as a speech pathologist and worked with children for many years before retraining as an adult speech pathologist. She worked at St George Hospital in Sydney, becoming Rehabilitation in Charge of Speech Pathology until her retirement in 2011. She has continued to
attend seminars at the Brain Institute at NSW University and is also a counsellor at the Sydney Specialist Health Clinic. Jocelyn has travelled extensively in Australia and overseas, spending seven years in France. During this time she wrote articles on food, wine, fashion and travel for an Australian Magazine in Sydney. She has also handled the publicity and marketing for a family-owned vineyard and high-profile restaurant in Sydney, in which she had invested. In 1980, she was commissioned to write a book The Australian Gamekeeper Cookbook. She continues to play golf and tennis and enjoys swimming and walking. Her other interests include music, cuisine, bridge and films. She was also a guide for the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney and in 2013 became their ambassador. Jocelyn has been married for 55 years and has three children and eight grandchildren.

Dorothy (Judy) Wolfe (Becher 1953)

Judy obtained a Certificate of Radiography at Perth Technical College and worked as a radiographer for three years. She married in 1956 and worked as a swimming teacher with the WA Department of Education. She moved to Sydney in 1958 and taught at Abbotsleigh Church of England Girls’ School. Her eldest son was born in 1959.

Judith (Judy) Battaglia (Kirton 1963)

After leaving school, Judy did office work in Perth for three years before going on a working holiday to England for almost two years. She then spent a year in Sydney before settling back in Perth. In 1976, she married Renzo, an accountant with whom she worked. Renzo retired in 2003 and they have since had many lovely trips overseas, including visits to their relatives in Italy and the UK.

Jillian (Jill) Clifton (1963)

Jill qualified as a teacher and taught in a variety of fields from PE and Health to Computing and English as a Second Language, both in Australia and overseas. On returning from Oman in 2008, she worked as a field interviewer for the Australian Bureau of Statistics. In recent years, she has spent time on the Royal Fremantle golf course and is now Lady Vice Captain. She married later in life and has no children.

Beverley Copley (Matthews 1963)

Beverly married in 1966 and lived in Esperance for 20 years. She worked as a private secretary in the public service and also obtained a real estate licence. She has four daughters and 10 grandchildren.

Merome Darlington (1963)

Merome obtained a Bachelor of Arts at UWA and between 1966 and 1989 worked as a journalist at The West Australian newspaper, the Embassy of the Republic of Vietnam in London and trade union publications. She briefly owned a cafe before obtaining a diploma in Teaching English as a Foreign Language and has worked at Edith Cowan University and private colleges from 1993 to the present. She has one son and one granddaughter and her partner is Graeme Symone, artist and potter.

Anne Garrity (Bedells 1963)

After leaving PLC, Anne completed her nursing training at Royal Perth Hospital. She specialised in operating theatre nursing and has worked in hospitals in London and Perth. She retired in 2008 and has taken up golf and kayaking. She met her husband, Neville, in London and they have a son Peter, a daughter Lisa Garrity (1995) and three grandchildren.

Pamela (Pam) Goff (McDonald 1963)

In Year 12, Pam was asked by the School to draw an accurate version of the PLC badge and do the calligraphy in a gift Bible. After leaving School, she worked in drafting, travelled, married Peter and had two daughters, Marina Goff (1991) and Lisa Engelbrecht (Goff 1993) who attended PLC. She has lived in Cottesloe for over 40 years and is a member of the Christian community. She has two grandchildren.

Carol Hardie (Anderson 1963)

Carol attended Claremont Teachers’ College and then taught in Perth and Katanning. She spent a year in Europe before marrying in 1971 and having two children, Melanie Hardie (1990) and Jerome. She lived at ‘Wallinak’ in Broomhill from 1971 to 2001, when her son took over the property and she then retired to Cottesloe. She was involved in the wine industry until 2006.

Judith (Judy) Henry (Trotter 1963)

Judy has worked all her life in Perth, UK and Sydney and now owns a family business in Tamworth NSW. She has been married since 1974 and has a son and a daughter.

Dawne Horrex (McKeown 1963)

Dawne worked in radiography, which provided opportunity to travel. She is married with two daughters, both of whom attended PLC: Joanne Mellow (Horrex 1989) and Peta Horrex (1991).

Gabby Irvine (1963)

Gabby was an infection control nurse for 33 years. She is now divorced and has two sons and two granddaughters. She moved to New Zealand in 2009.

Tamia Jackson (Pearse 1963)

Tamia worked at the National Bank before marrying in 1966 and having two children. She spent two years in England before returning to Perth, where her daughter, Nevena Jackson (1989) attended PLC for two years. She then moved to Melbourne for 15 years but is now back in Perth. Her son Bradley lives in Melbourne and has twin boys.

Elizabeth Kelly (Weygers 1963)

Liz trained and worked as an occupational therapist, travelling around the world and working in three different countries. She then returned to work in Perth hospitals before marrying in 1994. Sadly, her husband passed away in 2006 and Liz is now retired.

Margaret (Maggie) Knewstub (Andrew 1963)

Maggie worked for the ANZ Bank and travelled to London before marrying and having two daughters. They returned to Australia in 1972 and Maggie was a stay-at-home mum who did volunteer work at her daughters’ primary school. She returned to work when her youngest daughter started at Murdoch University, working at Thumbprint for five years and then the Heart Foundation for two years. She retired due to ill health.

Judith (Judy) Lewis (Dunn 1963)

Judy worked as a secretary in the education field. She is married and has two sons and two grandchildren. They have just sold their country retreat property at Nannup and are planning to move to the Hills next year.

Pennie MacGregor (Lockwood 1963)

Pennie attended business school before working for a firm of architects and engineers. She then ran her own interior design business for several years and is now involved with the family business (Mrs Mac’s).

Cathryn (Cathie) Mackie (Budd 1963)

Cathie worked as a court typist before marrying in 1971 and having three children. They live on a cattle/crop farm in New Norcia, which exports eaten hay to Japan, Taiwan and Korea. Her hobbies include tennis, pilates, music, sewing and share trading.
Wendy MacLeod (Emmott 1963)
Wendy graduated as a registered general nurse in 1967. She worked in private medical practices as a registered nurse/secretary, eventually becoming Practice Manager of a specialist surgical practice. She has recently moved to become Executive Assistant to the Managing Director of a mining company. She married John in 1972 and they have two children. They both have an interest in horses and have attended major international equestrian events such as the Olympics and World Equestrian Games, travelling to Europe, America and Asia. They have also enjoyed cruises to Europe and are already planning their next trip to France in 2014.

Gillian Macmillan (Angel 1963)
Gillian nursed at PMH before marrying Ian Macmillan, a farmer, in 1969. She has three married daughters and seven grandchildren.

Frances Malloch (Ambrose 1963)
Frances qualified as an occupational therapist and practised for six months. She then worked in customer relations for 10 years and travelled to the UK several times. She married in 1980 and had two sons but separated in 1993 and divorced in 2003. ‘Lady friend’ to Don Werner (dec) for 10 years.

Suzanne (Sue) Perryman (Somervaille 1963)
Sue worked as a secretary to the manager of Air India before marrying in 1969 and having two children. She is now a grandmother of four.

Priscilla Piper (Robinson 1963)
Priscilla retired to Sawtell, NSW in 2008. She enjoys travelling and visiting her grandchildren in Queensland. She plays golf and mahjong, keeps fit with walking and exercise and volunteers for Australian wildlife conservation.

Jacqueline Wisdom (Samson 1963)
Jacqueline graduated and worked as a physiotherapist in Australia, UK and Germany before obtaining a certificate in orthotic-prosthetic care and management in WA. In 1974 she was the first physiotherapist to be employed by a Repatriation Artificial Limb and Appliance Centre and the first amputee physiotherapist at the Shenton Park campus of Royal Perth Hospital in 1989. In 1993 she was reclassified to Senior Amputee Physiotherapist and shared the newly created position of Complex Care Co-ordinator, Amputee Services at Royal Perth Hospital from 2010 until she retired in April 2013. She is married and has three children and four grandchildren. She enjoys spending time in Denmark and also chairs the Samson Family History Group incorporated to help preserve her family’s heritage.

Lorraine Ardagh (Biggin 1973)
Lorraine attended Churchlands Teachers’ College and taught at Coolgardie Primary School and St Mary’s in Kalgoorlie. She then married Paul and had daughter Rebecca Ardagh (1998) in 1981. They left Kalgoorlie and owned an industrial lunch bar in Osborne Park for 12 months before going into partnership with Lorraine’s parents on the farm in Kondinin. Christine Ardagh (2002) was born in 1985 and Jane Ardagh (2004) in 1987. They continue to operate as a sheep stud and grain growing farming enterprise. Lorraine also did some relief teaching and then taught Aboriginal Education at the local school until her retirement in 2002. She is a member of the local Anglican community and is involved in volunteering, sitting on councils and fundraising. She is also a committee member and editor of the local Kondinin magazine and a member of the Hospital Ladies’ Committee, which raises funds for medical equipment. Her interests include patchwork, mosaics and genealogy.

Kate Bennison (1973)
Kate’s love of travel has taken her into careers in retail and wholesale travel, as well as teaching travel and tourism. She feels lucky to have found pilots in her late 40s and started her own studio teaching privately. She has been renting a room in Cottesloe for the last 10 years and still loves her work. Her two beautiful daughters have given her three grandsons.

Jennifer (Jenny) Bowen (1973)
A long-distance romance led Jenny to Sydney, where she has lived for the past 30 years with her husband, Leo, and children Sarah and Tom. She is still juggling family commitments and work as a neonatal paediatrician and trying valiantly to stay active with regular walking and bike riding with friends.

Christine Brandenburg (Davies 1973)
Christine started her nursing career at Princess Margaret Hospital and has continued in various places since. She moved to community health nursing in Ravensthorpe in 1989 and completed Child Health and Health Service Management certificates, becoming Health Service Manager for three years. She married Alan in 1978 and they have two sons and a daughter, Linda Brandenburg (2000). They have both been involved in farming in Lake King, Ravensthorpe and Esperance. Christine continues to work, now with adolescents as a school-based community health nurse at Esperance SHS.

Annie Copeland (Shadbolt 1973)
Annie worked at Westpac before marrying Gary, a farmer, in 1974 and having four children. They are currently working at changing their farm from conventional to a more sustainable model and are hoping to be self-sufficient in the future. They have also been active in fighting the introduction of GM crops and food. Their two granddaughters live nearby.

Ann Delroy (White 1973)
Ann studied Anthropology, then later returned to study History and obtained a Masters at UWA. She has been working in the History Department at the WA Museum for many years but spent a brief period living and working in Melbourne before returning to Perth 10 years ago. She is married with two boys in their 20s.

Anna Earnshaw (White 1973)
Anna studied at Churchlands Teachers’ College and has worked for the Education Department ever since. For the past 16 years, she has been a kindergarten teacher at City Beach Primary School. She married in 1983 and has three sons.

Rebecca Edinger (Kenny 1973)
Rebecca obtained a Bachelor of Education and taught in Kalgoorlie. She now works with her husband and eldest son in their family winery business, Chalice Bridge Estate, in Margaret River. Her younger son is a solicitor in West Perth. Rebecca enjoys travelling, food and wine and exercise.

Helen Hemsley (Hay 1973)
Helen studied at UWA and ECU and is currently working as a social worker in Bunbury. She is married with three daughters and one granddaughter. She and her family have lived in South Africa and the Kimberley but are now at home in the South West.

Pamela (Pam) Hendry (1973)
Pam studied medicine at UWA before working in WA and the UK before settling back in Perth in 1986, where she has worked as a GP ever since. She is married with one son and two.
Susan (Sue) Howell (Matthews 1973)
Sue attended Churchlands Teachers’ College and earned a Bachelor’s degree in Education and a post-graduate in Religious Education. She married and had two daughters and then remarried in 1985 and moved to the United States. She has lives there for the past 24 years and has recently become a grandmother. She visits Perth when she can.

Jeneen Johnson (Sawyer 1973)
Graduating from Graylands Teachers’ College, Jeneen spent the next 15 years primary school teaching in country areas. She retired from teaching to bring up her three children who are now aged 21, 19 and 15. She and her husband work together in their business importing explosives for the mining industry and also breed, sell and race horses. They enjoy racing at Gloucester Park, the Eastern States and world travel.

Jenny Latham (Martin 1973)
Jenny attended business college, was a governess at a rural station and worked in the National Bank. She married a farmer from Ballidu in 1978 and had three daughters, Monique Hendry (Latham 1999), Sarah Latham (2000) and Kate Latham (2004). Jenny and her husband recently left the farm at Ballidu and are now semi-retired, sharing their time between Perth and Bindoon.

Wendy Meyers (Guest 1973)
Wendy obtained a Diploma of Teaching at Mount Lawley Teachers’ Training College and then undertook external studies to obtain a B.Ed in 1980. She became a primary school deputy principal in 1984. In 1991, she married and twin boys were born in 1993. One is now studying Astrophysics and the other Material Physics. Wendy enjoys time with family and friends, reading and travelling throughout Australia.

Ellen Moffat (Wutrich 1973)
Ellen completed her schooling at Esperance Senior High School and then had a variety of jobs including shearing, bar work and track work with racehorses. She trained as an assistant store manager with Coles in Victoria in the late 1970s and worked in many positions until 1990, when she returned to Esperance and married. She had three children (two biological) and continued to work part-time. In 2000, she obtained a diploma of Financial Counselling and worked in this field until 2011. She is now a permanent part-time carer in an aged-care facility. She also owns a property and runs a small cattle stud with Square Meaters cattle, which she shows most years at the Perth Royal Show.

Jennifer (Jenni) Moore (Goldby 1973)
Jenni studied Physiotherapy and continues to work in the area of paediatric neurology at PMH and in private practice. Her daughter, Ainsley Moore, graduated from PLC in 2009.

Jill Morgan (Newnham 1973)
Jill graduated with a B App Sc (Physiotherapy). She married Tony Morgan in 1978 and they have three children, Robert, Jacqui Morgan (2002) and Oliver. She works as a physiotherapist and medical practice manager, still loves playing tennis and has now taken up golf.

Terina Saunders (Jones 1973)
Terina obtained a Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy) and worked in Perth and London. Travel with her husband, Keith Saunders, included a stint living on the Abrolhos Islands and in Geraldton before settling in Darwin, where she has raised her two sons over the past 33 years. In 1991, Terina established an occupational therapy private practice, the first in Darwin, and is still operating Total Health and Rehab. In recognition of her achievements, she was awarded the NT Telstra Business Woman of the Year in 1999. In 2011, she was appointed by the Health Minister to the newly formed National Occupational Therapy Registration Board for a three-year appointment. Terina’s interests outside work and family over the last 10 years have included learning to scuba dive and becoming involved in volunteer research projects such as the Reef Life Survey and archaeological survey of the Cyclone Tracy wreck, the Booya, as well as diving holidays in tropical and island destinations.

Heather Sweeny-Chau (Harwood 1973)
Heather worked in secretarial positions before gaining a teacher’s diploma in secretarial studies. She married twice (once divorced, once widowed) and has five children – four sons in Perth and one daughter in Stockholm. She is currently working as a medical secretary for specialist rooms in West Perth.

Wendy Twilight (1973)
Wendy has worked for the Department of Education since 1977. She was married for 15 years and has five children. She has recently returned to her maiden name.

Sally Wilson (1973)
Sally has mainly been mothering and grandmothering. She finished an advanced diploma in Electronics in 2005 and has embarked on a university course. She has four daughters, ranging in age from 37 to 17 – three from her first marriage and one from her current marriage to John Drummond.

Deborah Worts (Lapsley 1973)
Deborah completed her nursing training at St. John of God Hospital and went on to marry and have four children, one of whom was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Deborah let her registration go due to family commitments and re-registered at Curtin in 2001. She has been working as a registered nurse at a little suburban hospital for the last 12 years. She has one granddaughter and another on the way.
Jacky Ynema (Rose 1973)
Jacky qualified as a veterinary nurse. She married and had three children but divorced in 2011. She still lives on a farm and now works as an equine hoof trimmer. She also agists a few horses and rides Australian stock horses.

Natalie Aitken (Shepherd 1983)
Natalie completed a Bachelor of Nursing at Curtin University and worked at various hospitals before commencing family life. She is happily married with four children and is involved in charity work for Parkerville Youth and Family Services.

Kate Akerman (1983)
Kate obtained a B.Sc at UWA and worked as a biochemist with the Wessex Health Authority in the UK. She was also an associate producer with the BBC Science and Features department. She then moved back to Perth and worked at the Film and Television Institute in Fremantle before obtaining a Dip Ed in Science and English at UWA. She has since worked as an education officer at the WA Museum and the State Library of WA. She married Joseph Cullity in 2002 and they have two daughters.

Kate Barnes (Purser 1983)
Kate completed a Bachelor of Science and then worked in the corporate world for over 15 years in various marketing and business development management roles. She then furthered her education with the Institute of Integrative Nutrition, a school in New York City, to start a holistic health coaching business. She feels fortunate to be pursuing her passion for health and well-being whilst helping others and her young family.

Kathleen Bonus (Kathy) (Lefroy 1983)
Kathy married Peter in 1986 and they have two children, Matt, who attended Wesley and Rachael Bonus (2010). They live and worked in country WA until 2004 but are now back in Perth.

Sarah Carter (1983)
Sarah graduated from UWA in 1987 (BPE, Dip Ed). She taught at Lockridge and Narrogin Senior High Schools until 1994, which included a teacher exchange in Belfast in 1993. Sarah moved to Northern Ireland in 1995 and completed diplomas in Sports Therapy & Nutritional Medicine and worked in these areas until owning and managing a hair & beauty salon for 7 years. She is now working as a diet and exercise consultant and developing Apps for businesses worldwide.

Kerry Clarke (Luck 1983)
Kerry completed a degree in Economics at UWA and currently owns and runs a small manufacturing and marketing business. She has had major knee surgery as a result of wear and tear from playing sports but is still able to play golf. She has also returned to coaching basketball at a state league level.

Donna Coughlan (Hill 1983)
Donna completed a B.Ed and diploma of Teaching and taught PE, Health, vocational education and Science. She also held head roles in several high schools and Servite College. She then became a mother to three sons with her husband, Keith, and they have all attended Scotch College. Donna is now a certified dog behaviourist and trainer and has her own business ‘Karma Pups’. She works with individual clients and a local rescue group, Desperate for Love Pound Rescue.

Wendy (Anne) Donovan (Leeming 1983)
Anne studied beauty therapy at college and worked in beauty salons in Carnamah and Perth. She left to travel in Africa and met her husband, who is British. They lived in Taiwan and Paris before moving back to the UK and now have two children. Anne is happily baking cakes under the business name Cakes & Grace.

Jody Fewster (Bond 1983)
Jody obtained a Bachelor of Commerce degree with a Management major at UWA and then first-class Honours in Marketing. In 1992 she completed her Masters of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School in Boston. She married the year after and lived in Sydney for the next eight years. After two years working at Telstra, she co-founded a management consultant company with senior executives of Australia’s largest companies to optimise their call centre operations. This business was sold to a US NASDAQ listed company in 1998. Jody returned to Perth in 2000 and she and her husband now have two sons. She is a licensed real estate agent and loves her full-time job with Acton Cottesloe. She has many charitable interests, including Toybank and raising funds for the Saranna Child Care Centre.

Philippa Garland (Pratt 1983)
Philippa studied nursing at Curtin University. She is currently working at Meditronica as a clinical sales specialist, specialising in insulin pumps for people with type 1 diabetes. She married John Garland in 1995 and they have two children. Her daughter, Hannah Garland, will be in Year 11 at PLC.

Anna Gubbay (1983)
Anna is a paediatrician working at Princess Margaret Hospital.

Sharon Hamilton (Willmott 1983)
After leaving PLC, Sharon spent a year on Rotary exchange in Thailand before returning to Perth to study nursing and then natural therapies in NSW. Her husband is from New Zealand and they spent a couple of years there. They have been back in WA for 17 years, living near Margaret River for seven years and in Busselton for the last 10 years. They have a son and a daughter.

Helen Martin (de Burgh 1983)
Helen lives on a citrus and sheep farm in Bindoon with her husband and three children. She left teaching in 2011 to concentrate on the farming business and is now involved with its marketing. Her daughters: Anna Martin and Gabbie Martin are boarders at PLC and will be in Year 9 in 2014.

Lisa Massey (Palmer 1983)
After obtaining a B.Sc (Honours) at UWA majoring in Zoology and Botany, Lisa worked as a consultant environmental scientist. She spent some time at home with children and now works part-time at Geocatch, the catchment management agency responsible for Geographe Bay. She is married to Michael, the local GP and they live in Busselton with their three teenagers who attend Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School.

Anna McGregor (Miles 1983)
Anna completed a Bachelor of PE at UWA, followed by a Dip Ed and a Graduate Diploma of Management. She taught at Collie and Mullewa Senior High Schools. In 1996 she married Iain McGregor and they farmed at Mullewa for 18 months before moving to a sheep station in the North Eastern Goldfields. They were there for 14 years and are now on a farm south of Dandaragan. Anna has three children, including Alice McGregor, who will enter Year 10 in 2014 and is boarding at PLC.

Amanda Perez (Willis 1983)
Amanda studied French and German at UWA before joining the WA Public Service Graduate Development Programme, where she met her husband. They travelled extensively and built a house before having their two children. She is the Director of Corporate Values and Equity at Curtin University, where she has worked for 21 years.
Anne Stroud (Seymour 1983)
Anne graduated from UWA with a BA (English Literature and Theatre). She has worked as a journalist on 6PR radio, Channel 7 and the ABC in Perth. She is owner of the TV production company Seymour Production and is a freelance journalist and presenter.

Dr Nicole Swan (Silbert 1983)
Nicole studied Veterinary Science at Murdoch. She married David, who is also a vet, in 1990 and they started Swans Veterinary Services in Esperance in 1992. It is now a six vet mixed practice. They have three daughters who all attended PLC as boarders: Emily Swan (2009), Anna Swan (2011) and Olivia Swan (2012).

Amanda Vince (Thomas 1983)
Amanda left PLC in 1976 when her family moved to NSW. She completed her schooling over there and then obtained a BA Hons in Geography at the University of NSW. She is currently an international flight attendant with Qantas and speaks Spanish as a result of a 12-month AFS intercultural exchange to Peru in 1985. She is a devoted wife to Dean and mother to Lucy and Hannah.

Sue Russell (1983)
Sue qualified as a registered nurse in 1987 and has since completed post-graduate studies in education. She is currently working as a nurse educator at Curtin and Murdoch Universities. She married in 1992.

Felicity (Flip) Shallcross (Williams 1983)
Flip is completing a Theology degree and tutoring at Notre Dame and Murdoch universities. She also works with hospital and prison chaplains at the Council of Churches WA and Royal Perth Hospital. She is part of many study, school, sporting, musical and faith communities, including the Anglican Church of the Resurrection in Swanbourne and is a regular visitor to the Benedictine Monastery at New Norcia.

Natalie Shields (Wilson 1983)
Natalie married Roger Shields in 1990 and together they ran their crayfishing licence, which included moving to the Abrolhos Islands each year for three months until 2002. Since then, they have leased their licence. They have five wonderful children, the youngest celebrating his 21st birthday this year. They hope to travel and do some voluntary work in South America next year.

Gina Stockwell (Pethick 1983)
Gina completed a diploma in Teaching and a graduate diploma of Office Management. She married Dean Stockwell and they lived in Sydney and Tokyo before returning to Perth. They have four children including Emilee Stockwell (2012) and Sophie Stockwell (2013).

Emily O'Leary (Keys 2003)
After graduating from PLC in 2003, Emily obtained a Bachelor of Laws (first Class Honours) and Bachelor of Arts from Notre Dame. She is currently practising as a lawyer in Perth. On 7 September, Emily married Matthew O'Leary at Aquinas College Chapel with a reception at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club. Emily and Matthew enjoyed a three-week honeymoon in Europe.

Samantha Tidy (1990)
Sam started writing formally when she began studying at UWA in 1991. Her first novel, Cappuccino Diva, was a bit of a ‘coming of age’ novel and she entered it in the T.A.G. Hungerford Award in 2000 and received Runner Up.

After a career as a high school English teacher, she moved to Melbourne, around the time of her first novel being published in 2003. She continued writing and discovered a knack for children’s stories, publishing two illustrated children’s books in 2006, commissioned by the Department of Children’s Services in NSW. These two books assist children to understand when a parent has mental illness. The books have become favourites among social workers and psychologists around Australia.

Samantha chose to continue her studies of writing at RMIT University in Melbourne, completing a Master of Arts in Creative Writing, penning The Happiness Jar as her project novel for that degree. She did however start this novel a couple of years before embarking on her Masters and continued working on The Happiness Jar afterwards – all up, it was 10 years of a labour of love! The Happiness Jar is available in bookstores and online.
Barbara Elaine Bickford (Gordon 1935)  
15 January 1918 – 17 July 2013

We note with sadness, the passing of Barbara Bickford (Gordon 1935), aged 95. Although here for just her final year of schooling, she and Merle Stanton (Levinson 1934, deceased 2003) left a legacy that lived on in the Kookaburra for decades in the form of the naïve drawings they created for each section.

Kathleen Dorinda ‘Peg’ Davies (Richardson 1941)  
8 October 1923 – 19 June 2013

Two of Peg’s pioneering forebears were significant WA pastoralists and landowners. A great-grandfather, John Wellard, bought the insolvent Thomas Peel farm ‘Serpentine’. Her grandfather Alexander Richardson came from Victoria with the Portland Squatting Company in 1865 and established Pyramid Station up north on the George River, eventually buying out the other partners at the age of just 21. He married John Wellard’s daughter Ellen in 1874 and in deference to her desire to live closer to civilisation, bought Serpentine Farm from her father and they soon moved there. Together they had 11 children, among them Peg’s father Rupert, an early student of Scotch College and later, a PLC debenture holder.

Rupert and Kathleen (nee Clifton) farmed cattle and sheep at ‘Riverlea’, Mardella, where Peg, from an early age, hand milked cows, worked with the sheep and in the shearing shed. She also regularly saved stranded sheep from drowning, picking them up from the riverbank ledges, sling them across the front of her horse and taking them home, one by one. Peg’s childhood was spent in close proximity to ‘Nixie’ Angeloni’s family on the other side of the Serpentine River at Lowlands. Nixie’s parents were Lennox Richardson, Rupert’s brother, and Daisy Clifton, Kathleen’s sister, so Peg and Nixie were first cousins twice over.

After years of tutelage from a governess and the constance of a hard working country life, Peg came to PLC in 1936 with Nixie, which held homesickness at bay. Things became a little confusing for staff and students the following year when their cousin Peggy Waterton (Richardson 1940) started at PLC and there were then two Peg(gy) Richardsons in the Boarding House of roughly the same age!

Peg, who was in Stewart House, enthusiastically engaged in all PLC had to offer. She was Form Captain of IVB 1937 and a 1938 Cot Fund Representative. She was on the swimming team in summer and the hockey team in winter, earning a place on the 1939 Hockey A Team coached by Kathleen Baird (1932). That same year, there was a violent mumps epidemic, which affected many girls in the Boarding House. The advent of WWII and departure of sons and farm workers coincided with both Peg’s parents facing health issues and rather than stay to complete her last two years of schooling as planned, Peg was recalled as she was needed to work at Riverlea and help teach her younger siblings, including Betty Shilkin (Richardson 1949, dec) and Julia Fawknner (Richardson 1953). It wasn’t all work, however. Peg was an accomplished pianist and during the war she continued her music education, regularly travelling to Perth by train for music and singing lessons.

In 1946, she married Owen Davies and together they farmed in Brunswick Junction. As she had been at Riverlea, Peg was very much involved in the day-to-day running of the farm, inside and outside the house. They ran a herd of about 50 beef cattle and each cow and calf had a name. In time, they...
had four children including two sons, Danny (dec) and Jamie (both Old Scotch Collegians) and two daughters, Bronwen Lightfoot (Davies 1967) and Gillian Davies (1970). They were brought up learning to ride horses, helping out with stock work, fencing and keeping the water supply going. Inside the home, there was the annual making of various preserves, with the children spending hours cutting up the fruit.

Outside the farm, Peg had many other interests, including tennis, badminton, lawn bowls and attending local dances. She was an active fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and St John Ambulance. She also kept herself up to date about her surroundings, interested in people and fully engaged in everything.

Peg took much pleasure in each and every one of her ever-increasing family, which now numbers 11 grandchildren including Buffy Davies (1993) and 12 great-grandchildren. She was especially pleased to hear of the arrival of great-grandson Danny only four days before she died and thrilled to hear that another great-grandchild is due at Christmas. Unfortunately Peg’s health took a sudden downturn and she was very ill in the last few months of her life. She passed away peacefully with her children by her side and would want to be remembered with happiness and joy.

Francesca Daphne Nelson
7 June 1963 – 14 August 2013

Francesca passed away peacefully on 14 August 2013 after a challenging battle with Sarcoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer.

Francesca leaves behind her loving partner Damian, parents Mason and Jill and devoted sister Lisa, brother-in-law Dickon and nieces, Olivia and Eliza.

Francesca Nelson

Francesca was born in Perth on 7 June 1963. She spent much of her early years in Singapore and returned to Perth with her parents to commence her schooling at PLC in Year 3. Francesca embraced her school years at PLC. She became involved in everything that School had to offer. It was during this time that Cesca developed a love of cooking and decided on a career in teaching.

On graduation in 1980, she attended Nedlands Teachers’ College and returned to PLC in 1984 to teach Home Economics.

Francesca loved PLC and PLC loved her. She approached her teaching with the same enthusiasm that she approached life. She engaged with her students. She shared her passion for everything creative and her students loved her for it. Cesca taught with energy and always with a bright, caring spirit. Cesca treated her students as her friends. She followed their progress post PLC and always took the time to let them know how proud she was of their achievements.

Cesca joined the OCA Committee in 1989, serving as Vice President and then President in 1990 and 1991 and remaining on the Committee until 1998.

In 1990, Francesca left teaching at PLC to establish her career in events management. She took on the role of Functions Manager at Mustard Catering in Perth and then joined Spotless as Corporate Manager, Special Events working both in Perth and Melbourne. She was also the Venue Manager for Melbourne’s iconic Federation Square. Cesca was to enjoy these roles for close to 20 years.

Francesca quickly became known in the corporate market for her organisation and creativity. She demonstrated an incredible eye for detail and her clients sought out her expertise to make their functions a success. Colour coordination, sizes, placement and design were her forte and because of her eye for detail, if she couldn’t do it she would be able to immediately find someone who could.

1. Drawings from Kookaburra
2. Peg Davies (Richardson 1941) in 1940
3. 1939 A Hockey Team
   Back, L-R: Florence Lissiman, Mavis Harling, Peg Richardson, Nancy Smith, June Feme, Rae Kelly, Mayree Finch, Helen Finch, Jenny Paskeove, Kay Lissiman.
4. Francesca Nelson
Obituaries

Jean Margaret Royal (Norman 1922)
27 November 1905 – 26 February 2012
Jean and her younger sister May Ross (Norman 1924) came to PLC as boarders from Geraldton in February 1921 aged 15 and 13 respectively. Jean was an exceptionally talented music student and took full advantage of the eight newly built Music rooms (known as The Cells in later years), each one containing just a piano and a chair. Each morning, Jean practiced piano for an hour. Jean sat her Advanced Grade and Rudiments of Music in 1921 and her LAB (Licentiate of the Associated Board) and Music Ornaments and Harmony in 1922. She and May both sat their Junior Certificates that year too; Jean passed five subjects and May, six.

After her return to Geraldton, Jean taught piano and was the organist at St John’s Presbyterian Church until 1926 when she went to Adelaide to continue her study of piano at the Elder Conservatorium. In 1928, she passed her AMuA, (Associate of Music of University of Adelaide) and LMuSA (Licentiate of Music, Australia) and returned to Perth at the end of that year. For the next four years, she taught piano at St Hilda’s Anglican Girls’ School, performed in many, many concerts and recitals and was broadcast regularly on national radio station 6WF.

On 22 September 1933, attended by May, she married Ross Royal at St Andrew’s Church, Perth. The happy couple left by the car for adelaide, where they stayed with friends and in 2009 she returned to perth at the end of that year. For the next four years, she taught piano at St Hilda’s Anglican Girls’ School, performed in many, many concerts and recitals and was broadcast regularly on national radio station 6WF.

Jean loved to travel and enjoyed many wonderful trips around Australia visiting her widely scattered family. Tasmania was a favourite holiday, as was a boat trip over the Great Barrier Reef, a tour of the south west of WA with her younger sister Peggy, a drive over the Snowy Mountains and a car trip to Queensland via Mt Gambier, Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. She also stayed with her niece in Sydney every year, happily going up and down the 45 steps to her apartment, even after she turned 100!

It is clear Jean’s musical talents were as profound as those for enjoying a long, happy, well-lived life. The most important things to her were faith, family, music and service and together, those elements wove an extraordinary life. After 66 happy years together, Jean’s beloved Ross died in 1999 aged 96. She outlived him by 13 years (remaining in her own home until she was 103) and died in February 2012, aged 106.

Some years ago, Jean gave a devotional talk from which the following is extracted:

“The apostle Paul tells us how we can have that inward peace. Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ we are relaxed. We are like the little bird that while the storm was raging, the sea beating against the rock in huge dashing waves, the lightning flashing and the thunder roaring, it was sound asleep in the crevice of the rock, its head serenely under its wing. That is peace, to be able to sleep in the storm. We can feel inward peace while the storm...”
rages, for we can find rest and peace in
the confusions and perplexities of this life.
It can only be experienced when we have
been reconciled to God, and when we have
harmony within, with our fellow man, and
especially with God."

Beverley Helen Wishaw (Palmer 1953)
21 September 1935 – 25 December 2012

Bev was born in Tresilian Hospital, in Thomas
Street Nedlands. She attended Dalkeith
Primary and started at PLC in Year 3, 1945
where, as a member of Ferguson House, she
was a very good, all-round student and was
named Form Captain in 1949. In 1951, she
represented PLC in inter-school tennis in the
four-member Mursell Cup Team.

The same year, Bev travelled to Melbourne,
Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra with 35 girls
and chaperones with the Young Australia
League, later working with the YAL.

She had a wide group of school friends and
often welcomed new students and invited
boarders home. Travelling to ‘Hillside’ sheep
station between Port Hedland and Marble
Bar to stay with school pal Judy Gillespie
(Monger 1951) was a highlight, as was
staying at Overton Lodge (Cottesloe Civic
Centre) with close school friend Ariane
Dickson (Faye 1953) and being presented
to Governor Sir Charles Gardiner as a
Debutante.

She maintained the friendships she made
during her school years all her life, and
together they formed a group called ‘The
Hens’, who met regularly for birthdays,
family picnics and holidays. The group
included Pam Parsons (Mckenzie), Di Lefroy
(Morgan), Anne Macliver (Bird), Ian Turner
(Nathan), Margot Lang (Richards), Margot
Wainwright (Piastowe), Lorna Bingeman
(Foreman), Wilma Blazey (Bolton), Jenny Rees
(Leedman), Lesley Chute (Kenworthy) and
Shirley Cruickshank (Sanders), all from the
1952 year group.

After leaving PLC, she attended Hartill-
Underwood Business College, joined
Burroughs Business Machines and was
trained on the State’s first automated
bookkeeping system.

Aged 18 in 1954, Bev travelled the world
with her parents.

This global exposure gave her great
compassion, a love of culture and a worldly,
enquiring mind. She enjoyed live music, was
an avid reader and loved her book, craft,
smocking and wine groups.

She swam through the jellyfish in Nedlands
and Claremont Baths and enjoyed the local
natural hot spring. She excelled at sport and
also enjoyed horse and bike riding, ballroom
dancing on ice and playing squash, reaching
the final of the Australian Junior Women’s
Squash Championships. She also played
pennant tennis and was one of the longest
playing members at Nedlands Tennis Club.
Dancing was another favourite pastime,
as was golf joining Cottesloe Golf Club in
1973. It was a game which appealed to Bev's
competitive spirit. She liked its rules and
sense of fair play. Bev was delighted to get
a hole-in-one and to play with the club as a
PLC old girl. She also loved Bridge and had a
great mind for figures.

On a business trip to Geraldton for
Burroughs, Bev met Len Wishaw who was
there with Dunlop and they married in 1958.
Rottneest became an important yearly holiday
destination for her young family and later,
the family beach house at Dunsborough.

In time, Bev and Len moved around the
corner from PLC, which was convenient for
her three daughters, Jane Wishaw (1977),
Dianne (Didie) Debenham (Wishaw 1980)
and Suzanne (Suzie) Wishaw (1986). Scotch
was also close by for son Peter.

In 1979, she became President of the Speech
and Hearing Centre and to celebrate WA’s
150th anniversary, arranged special guest
speakers including author and historian
Dame Mary Durack.

Bev’s family, many being long time members
of Royal Perth Yacht Club was part of a
committee that organised the World 12
metre ball, Americas Cup Cocktail Party and
the America’s Cup Ball at Elders Wool Stores
in Fremantle.

Her love of gardening saw her travel on
special interest garden, historical and
spiritual trips within Australia and overseas.
Bev had a spirit for adventure and positive
attitude. In 2011 she travelled to Norway
and Finland to see the Northern Lights whilst
riding husky-led sleighs at minus-35 degrees.
She then flew directly back to Coolber Pedy
at plus-35 degrees to join one of many trips
with the Royal Flying Doctor Service Flying
1000, of which she was a member.

Bev always got on with the task at hand
and applied her sharp, and lateral mind to
all she did. Len and Bev loved entertaining
and with her natural creative flair, attained
legendary status for her ability to produce
enough to feed a small army whenever
crowds descended. She had a beautiful
smile, bubbly personality and utilised her
great skill at telling jokes and writing ditties.
Her warm hospitality continued after Len
died in 1994 with her beachside New Year’s
Eve parties. She was compassionate and
had empathy and understanding for those
less fortunate. She loved and cherished her
family and friends and lived life to the full.
She was gracious and stoic during her very
brief illness and passed away on Christmas
Day 2012. She is deeply missed.
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