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Students from Pre-Primary perform the annual Nativity Play for family and friends in the Heather Barr Memorial Chapel.

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Message from the Principal

'Our early years are so significant in shaping our love of learning and what I would want for every child is that these formative years are full of the wonder and joy of learning.'



This edition of *Blackwatch* showcases the many learning opportunities available for our students in Pre-Kindergarten through to Year 6. I have always considered the fact that PLC is a Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 School a precious legacy as it gives us a privileged opportunity to watch young girls blossom into confident, compassionate and knowledgeable young women. We can best cater for the developmental changes across these formative years through our structure of sub-Schools and this edition focuses of our Early Learning Centre (Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2) and Primary School (Years 3 to 6).

I wonder what you remember of your primary years of education? Our early years are so significant in shaping our love of learning and what I would want for every child is that these formative years are full of the wonder and joy of learning.

My earliest personal memory is of stubbornly refusing to come down from the giddy heights of a jungle gym in Kindergarten for a more structured indoor activity. I like to think that an independent spirit, determination and sense of adventure were character traits already evident but my teachers may have had a different perspective! However, I do look back with fond memories of teachers who nurtured curiosity and imagination; led me to different worlds through the power of stories, drama and music while guiding the development of social skills and respect for others. Of course the mastery of times tables and spelling lists were also part of the daily routine. So some things have not changed!

The above, I believe, are still fundamental to learning in the early years. Numeracy and literacy remain foundation skills for lifelong learning while we seek to build on the awe and wonder that young learners bring to the School environment. While chalk and blackboards have been replaced by interactive whiteboards and the world is literally at our children's fingertips, nurturing curiosity, imagination and innovation is as significant for today's world as it was for yesterdays.

What is fundamentally different, however, is the desire to move away from the 'one size fits all' approach to teaching and learning to a differentiated approach that recognises the individual child, their unique gifts and interests, prior knowledge and learning styles.

We are indebted to Janet Wilmot, as former Head of Junior School (1998 to September 2010), for being instrumental in leading a differentiated teaching practice in the Junior School. A passionate educator, Janet challenged us all to imagine and practice an education in which every child is valued for the gifts they bring to School and where their rich set of intelligences is holistically nurtured.

Janet introduced the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (PYP) in 2003 as a curriculum that would best prepare



our young learners for the demands of the 21st Century. A local school with a global education is one of Janet's legacies. While she has moved on to new challenges in the national education arena we are grateful for the energy, passion and transformational vision that she brought to PLC Junior School for 12 years.

Leadership is at the forefront of our minds as we transition to a new Head of Junior School in 2011. While we eagerly await Heather Pope's commencement (see article page 9) we are also sad to farewell Cate Begbie who has been Acting Head of Junior School since Janet's resignation. It has been our privilege to have Cate's compassion, integrity, leadership and gift for educating children. We wish her every success as she puts her unique leadership stamp on Wesley College as Head of its Junior School.

Heather will be leading a team of committed professional staff in the PLC Junior School who continue to strive to create a stimulating, rigorous and nurturing learning environment for our Junior learners. Our staff is the key to leading our students on a rich and rewarding lifetime journey of learning. Just as I was privileged to have had inspiring teachers in my primary years I want the same for our students at PLC.

We are blessed to have teachers who echo the sentiments of Janet Wilmot and words of Cate Begbie: "I love children, I love education, I love walking in to school everyday. I love what I do. I don't see teaching as a job. I see it as a privilege".

Enjoy reading the opportunities that our committed staff has created for our students across 2010.

BETH BLACKWOOD

Principal

WACE RESULTS

Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) Results 2010

Each year, Year 12 students of PLC achieve consistently creditable results in the **Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE)** Examinations and in the INSTEP (VET) programme.

PLC is a non-selective school, providing open entry for prospective students, and these excellent results reflect the value that we add as a School.

Graduation

In 2010, 99.4% of Year 12 PLC students achieved secondary graduation through the Western Australian Certificate of Education with girls excelling in both academic and vocational courses. In the WACE Examinations:

- 5.7% achieved an ATAR of 99.00 or above which means they were in the top 1% of candidates in the state.
- 27.8% had an ATAR above 95.00 - the top 5% in the state.
- 51.9% had an ATAR above 90.00 - the top 10% of the state.

Awards and Achievements

General Exhibitions were awarded to our joint Dux of School, Bonnie de la Hunty and Sarah Cole and to Isabella Borshoff. We congratulate them on this exceptional achievement.

General Exhibitions are awarded to the 40 eligible students with the highest Curriculum Council award scores based on the average of five scaled scores with at least two from each of the humanities/social sciences list and the mathematics/science list.

Course Exhibitions were awarded to Sarah Clapin (Dance) and Isabella Borshoff (Literature).

A Course Exhibition may be awarded to the top eligible student obtaining the highest combined mark in a WACE course.

Certificates of Distinction

Certificates of Distinction were awarded to Hannah Tunstill (Biological Sciences); Bonnie de la Hunty (Chemistry); Sarah Clapin (Dance); Mariko Hunt and Grace Taylor (English); Eleni Bacopanos (Geography); Raena Kaur (Human Biological Science); Isabella Borshoff (Literature); Bonnie de la Hunty (Mathematics); Mariko Hunt and Philippa Martino (Media Production and Analysis); Katelyn Prendiville (Physical Education Studies).

A **Special Certificate of Distinction** was awarded to Eloisa Dickinson (Media Production and Analysis).

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

A special certificate of distinction is awarded to a student not eligible for the award of a certificate of distinction because the general criteria for eligibility have not been satisfied, but who has otherwise satisfied all the requirements for the award of a certificate of distinction. It is based on the WACE course score and will be awarded only to candidates within the top 0.5 per cent of those sitting the examination.



Isabella Borshoff

Sarah Cole

Bonnie de la Hunty

Certificates of Excellence

19 PLC students achieved Certificates of Excellence. These certificates are awarded to each eligible student who obtains at least 18 grades of 'A' in WACE course units or equivalents and achieved the WACE.

Certificates of Excellence were awarded to Prue Batchelor, Isabella Borshoff, Melissa Brumby, Sarah Clapin, Sarah Cole, Amy Cox, Molly Dale, Bonnie de la Hunty, Madeleine di Francesco, Daniella Harlan, Raena Kaur, Flora Lolev, Philippa Martino, Nicole Mumford, Sophie Pemberton, Nicole Platell, Kay-Lyn Tan, Grace Taylor and Hannah Tunstill.

Top Fifteen Performing Schools in the State

In 2010 PLC was listed amongst the top fifteen performing schools in 20 WACE subjects/courses of study.

This list recognise the strength of achievement of schools in a particular subject (at least 12 students must be enrolled). They are compiled from the percentage of students at each school who achieved a scaled mark of 75 or more (in WACE). Schools are then ranked accordingly.

WACE Courses

Accounting and Finance 3AB
 Biological Sciences 3AB
 Chemistry 3AB
 Dance 3AB
 Drama 3AB
 Economics 3AB
 English 3AB
 Food Science and Technology 2AB
 French 3AB
 Literature 3AB
 Materials, Design and Technology - Textiles 3AB
 Mathematics 3CD 3AB 2CD
 Mathematics Specialist 3CD
 Media Production and Analysis 3AB
 Modern History 3AB
 Politics and Law 3AB
 Psychology 3AB
 Visual Arts 3AB

Foundation REPORT

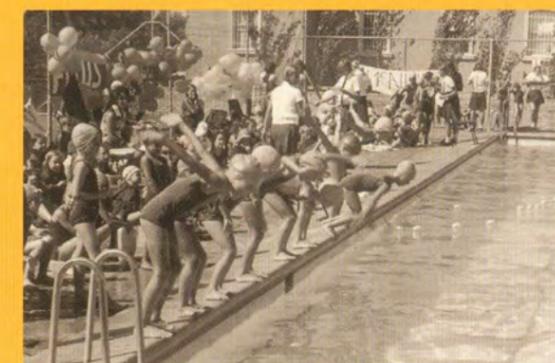
Annual Giving Programme 2010

PLC is extremely grateful for all the supporters of this year's Annual Giving programme.

This programme reaches out to the community every year, raising funds to assist in providing educational opportunities to the students of PLC. Large or small, all contributions are most welcome and highly valued.

The three areas for which the Annual Giving programme aimed to raise funds in 2010 were the PLC Foundation Building Fund, the PLC Foundation Scholarship Fund and the PLC Library Fund.

Those PLC Alumni and supporters who donated to the PLC Foundation Building Fund this year contributed to the *Generations: Enriching the Future campaign*, with proceeds supporting the purchase of retractable seating in the new Swim and Recreation Centre. This seating will provide an attractive and practical gift that will be used by spectators for performances, assemblies and indoor sporting matches.



You can still help by contributing to the Annual Giving programme. It is not too late. Please go to www.plc.wa.edu.au and visit Giving to PLC/Annual Giving or call Elaine Hislop on +61 8 9424 6534.

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to the Annual Giving donors of 2010 listed below, and to those who wished to remain anonymous. Thank you for your generosity.

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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

During 2010 more than 280 families made voluntary contributions to the school when paying fees. This commitment to the ongoing future of the capital development of the PLC campus is sincerely appreciated.

Our goal is to continue developing our Master Plan and Infrastructure to ensure that PLC will carry on providing educational excellence for

future generations. Developments include the current Swim and Recreation Centre that incorporates an indoor swimming pool and recreational space, and refurbishment of the Senior School. With the assistance of supporters such as those making the voluntary contribution, we will realise these objectives.

Thank you for your support to the ongoing progress of PLC.

Foundation Report

Generations: Enriching the Future

It is encouraging to see many in our PLC community supporting the campaign to raise funds for the PLC Swim and Recreation Centre. Our sincere appreciation goes to all the donors who have helped raise \$1.2 million towards the new Centre.

During the campaign, many people were surprised to learn that prior to the Building the Education Revolution programme that contributed \$2.5 million to the PLC Swim and Recreation Centre project, the Federal Government had never before given funding to PLC as an independent school for capital works.

The generous support of the PLC community, often spanning generations of girls, will make the new Swim and Recreation Centre a facility of which we can all be proud, and it will play a significant role in enriching the future of current PLC girls, and generations to come.

Thank you to the following families, and to those who wished to remain anonymous, who have shown their support and commitment to the school, and to every PLC student by making pledges and gifts to the *Generations: Enriching the Future* campaign.



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Wackett Family

The Summers Society

PLC's community has a long history of generosity. The benefits of many bequests that have been received over the years are evident to this day. The Summers Society, named and inspired by Dr Vera Summers, has been established to provide an opportunity for PLC to recognise and thank those who choose to contribute to the long-term future of the school.

The Society encourages graduates and supporters of PLC to continue the tradition of philanthropy that began with a bequest from Dr Summers, staff member of PLC from 1920 and Principal from 1934 to 1961.

Thank you to the members of the Summers Society who are ensuring that future generations of PLC students will continue to benefit from the modern and progressive school that so many others have enjoyed and benefitted from: Ms Robyn Ahern, Mrs Margaret Atkins OAM (Cusak 1947), Hon June Craig AM (Lynn 1947), Mrs Mimi Packer (Clough 1982), Ms Angela Vincent (1956), Miss Judith Vincent (1956), and our newest member, Mrs Denise Murray (Chapman 1966).

PLC greatly appreciates the supporters of the school, both philanthropic and personal, who assist in allowing the school to embrace opportunities and face challenges as a leading educator of young women.

If you are giving consideration to contributing to the long-term future of the school by providing a gift to PLC in your Will, please consider advising us of your intentions. This will provide us with the ability to plan for the future, and enable PLC to thank you, invite you to significant school functions, discuss projects that are of particular interest and welcome you to the Summers Society.

For information on how you can make a difference to PLC in the future by making a gift in your Will, please contact Development Co-ordinator Ellaine Hislop for a confidential discussion on +61 8 94246534 or email ehislop@plc.wa.edu.au



Kailis Raffle



Dr Maria Kailis (left) congratulates Dr Katy Langdon on winning the Kailis Essence necklace.

As a contribution to the *Generations: Enriching the Future* campaign, Kailis Jewellery generously donated a necklace from its Black Elixir range to be raffled. The Essence necklace featured a lustrous Australian South Sea pearl and was set with rose and brilliant cut diamonds in an 18ct white and black gold design.

The winner of the raffle, which was drawn at the Principal's Cocktail Party, was Old Collegian and current PLC parent, Dr Katy Langdon (1982).

The sale of tickets raised \$30,000 for the building of the PLC Swim and Recreation Centre.

Fundraising Institute Australia National Award

Presbyterian Ladies' College was proud to accept the accolade as Western Australian winner of the Capital Campaign and Major Gifts for its *Generations: Enriching the Future* campaign.

The title was awarded as part of the 2010 FIA National Awards for Excellence in Fundraising, which recognise the outstanding initiatives and innovative efforts of fundraisers, volunteers and organisations.

When presenting the award the judges commented on the outstanding campaign result achieved by PLC during a time of global financial uncertainty. The *Generations: Enriching the Future* campaign will now progress for consideration in the national awards.

This award is a fabulous recognition of the school's commitment to fundraising for capital campaigns, in addition to acknowledging the generosity of our donors and the liberal volunteers who contributed many hours of time and expertise to ensure the success of the campaign.

Junior SCHOOL



Pre-Primary Nativity

Pre-Primary students Zarina Munshi, Shay Boyle, Sophya Thomas, Libby Martin, Braxton Henri, Insiyah Riaz, Scarlette Murphy performed the annual Pre-Primary Nativity with their classmates.

The 2010 Pre-Primary Nativity, a long-standing tradition at PLC, was based on the book *Email: Jesus@Bethlehem* by Hilary Robinson, a modern day version of the Christmas story that considers how we might hear the news of his birth if Jesus were born today.

This celebration was linked to the class's Term 4 inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities, the central idea being that forms of communication are man-made.

The Nativity enabled Pre-Primary parents and grandparents to witness the children's development over the year, particularly in terms of confidence, music skills and their ability to collaborate with their peers.

The Pre-Primary students illustrated their understanding of modern forms of communications that utilise the media, including news reports and films and the internet.

Welcome Heather Pope; Head of Junior School

PLC warmly welcomed the appointment of Heather Pope as the new Head of Junior School, who commenced in January 2011.

An educator for more than 30 years, Heather began her teaching career in New Zealand and brings significant experience in early childhood, pre-primary and primary, as well as secondary education.

She possesses a strong international perspective, having lived and worked in Hong Kong for the past 10 years. Prior to joining PLC she held the position of Deputy Principal at Kowloon Junior School, an IB World School that follows the Primary Years Programme (PYP), and has an enrolment of 900 students across two Junior School campuses.

Heather has been committed to leading and managing staff to be reflective, professional and active in improving learning and teaching outcomes for every child, with a focus on numeracy and literacy competencies.

Additionally, she has experience having been seconded by the English Schools Foundation as a consultant across their schools guiding inclusive education for students with special needs, English as an additional language, and gifted and talented.

Heather brings to the role of Head of Junior School valuable leadership experience, wisdom and enthusiasm. She looks forward with enthusiasm and anticipation to new challenges and rewarding experiences at PLC.

BETH BLACKWOOD
Principal



It will be interesting to see how iPads can be utilised in our teaching and learning in the future.

Technology support for youngsters

"Tell me, and I will forget. Show me, and I may remember. Involve me and I will understand." Confucius 450 B.C.

1^o provides a personal support and training centre for students, staff and parents during the school day. 1^o staff provide technical and application support, with a clear purpose to offer help and support to all members of the PLC community for all information and learning technologies. It is the 'heart and soul' of technologies in the Junior School. While 1^o was initially implemented on the Middle and Senior School campus, coaches are available in the Athena Centre and often work directly in the classroom to support an integrated and hands-on approach to learning with technology.

In 2011, an Information and Learning Technology coach will be located in the Athena Centre several days a week, while 1^o coaches will be available. Furthermore, over lunch time every day a staff member will be available to fix technical problems for students and staff.

Teachers in the PLC Junior School utilise a large number of innovative technologies in their classrooms. For example daily teaching and learning can include SmartBoards, MacBooks, iPads, iPod Touches, digital cameras and camcorders, movies, podcasts, photo slideshows, and the creation of comic strips and flyers. What is more, in 2011 students will use iPads for research and creation. The 1^o team provides integral training and support to ensure such technologies are used to their fullest educational potential during the early years of students' development.

1^o in the Athena Centre will also serve as the foundation for the 21st Century Skills programme, which will rollout from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6 students during 2011. Combined with the one-on-one MacBook programme for Year 5 and 6 students and learning initiatives for students in Pre-Kindergarten to Year 4, the 21st Century Skills programme will nurture and scaffold students' technology skills to ensure they are ready to manage their own laptops and independently and safely use online research and social networking tools by the time they enter Middle School.

The overarching goal of 1^o is to provide students with skills and technology tools that are rigorous, relevant and challenging, preparing them for a global 21st Century and helping them reach their potential within the International Baccalaureate curriculum.



iPads: Nidia Kittyansub and Isabella Campbell are engrossed in the new technology

iPad trial in Junior School

During Book Week in August, Year 4 girls were fortunate to trial the latest release from Apple, the iPad.

An extremely exciting educational tool, the iPads allowed the students to create their own plays and record their voices as narrator or actor, surf the web, browse the extensive library of videos on YouTube, as well as interact with various other applications.

The serious side of the trial involved determining whether iPads aid the comprehension of written texts. For the trial, each student read a regular printed text, *The Story of the Grass, New Moon and the Possum* then read an interactive eBook of *Toy Story* utilising a narrator, animated clips from the motion picture and highlighted words to ensure the girls read at a good pace.

The results were pretty conclusive. Comprehension levels were far better for the eBook than the printed text. Furthermore, the girls were excited by the chance to learn by using the iPads.

It will be interesting to see how iPads can be utilised in our teaching and learning in the future.

WIL BAKER
Year 4 teacher

Junior School



2011 Junior School Leadership Team established

During this time of leadership change in the Junior School we are fortunate to have a team of professional and experienced staff who will continue to provide a caring and stimulating learning environment for our young learners.

The 2011 Junior School Leadership Team has been appointed to provide continuity, corporate knowledge and educational experience, as well as support for staff and our new Head of Junior School, Heather Pope.

The team members comprise:

- Meredith Beer as Junior School Head of Staff with responsibility for the day to day running of the Junior School, staffing and professional development.
- Jenny Rickwood as PYP Co-ordinator from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2 and Co-Director of the Athena Centre.
- Libby Renton as PYP Co-ordinator for Years 3 to 6 and fellow Co-Director of the Athena Centre.

The Junior School Leadership Team will help ensure a stable environment for students in the Junior School and provide consistency in leadership and the delivery of International Baccalaureate programme across the whole school from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12.



Eva and Elizabeth Marsh share a picture book at school.

PLC sisters dominate literature prize

Sisters Eva (Year 4) and Elizabeth Marsh (Year 1) took out both the poetry and prose categories for students in Years 1 to 4 in the Now and Then Literature Prize.

Children's writing is valued and all students are encouraged to express themselves from the earliest age through various forms of writing. They are taught different literary skills, the power of words and how they are used.

The girls' results in the Now and Then Literature Prize reflects the school's consistent success in public creative writing competitions. At PLC, the school's Learning Enrichment Centre staff support the literary talents of both Eva and Elizabeth.

Eva is a highly motivated and engaged student and a prolific reader. She enjoys expressing her ideas on paper through narrative writing. Eva recently achieved a distinction in the UNSW/ICAS writing test, which placed her in the top 10 per cent of Year 4 students in Western Australia.

Elizabeth loves writing stories that she shares with her classmates. She uses original, creative ideas and a broad vocabulary, which inspire other writers in her class.

Elizabeth wrote her poem *The Storm* following Perth's infamous hailstorm early in 2010, while Eva's story *Flashback* reflected on treasured, special times with her grandmother and their weekly trips to the local library.

Translating movement into music

Dr Joan Pope was invited to PLC after Junior School Music teacher Jill Ailsa participated in a professional development workshops based on the Dalcroze method of teaching music. Emile Jacques-Dalcroze developed this method, which connects music, movement, mind and body, in the late 1800s.

In her lessons with Early Learning students Dr Pope demonstrated how movement translates powerfully to improved music skills. She had students listen to the rhythms of music pieces and express what they heard through movement.

Dr Pope took the young students on a fascinating journey as she explored the theme of Equinox.

Pre Primary student Paige Symons, pictured performing a violin piece with Sophia Italiano (Year 1), participated in Dalcroze method music classes led by Dr Pope.



At PLC we believe we educate children for life.



Laying the foundations for lifelong learners

Junior School is the beginning of an outstanding and exciting learning journey that takes our students from young children to young women who strive to achieve personal excellence and who believe in their own ability to make an active contribution to the world in which they live.

The education of every child begins the day they are born. When children enter the first phase of their formal school years at PLC, they bring with them diverse personal experiences and varying knowledge and understandings. Children also bring with them their own unique gifts, personalities and individuality. Junior School staff aim to develop individual students and embrace the diversity and differences that exist across year groups.

During their early years of schooling children begin to develop confidence and a concept of themselves as learners. It is in the Junior School years that children also learn the basic numeracy and literacy skills that form the foundation of their future learning. As an International Baccalaureate world school, PLC celebrates the wonder and awe of our students', providing them with opportunities to explore individual areas of interest and supporting them to pursue their passions. The Primary Years Programme is a perfect vehicle to encourage our students to become critical thinkers, and to empower them to question and to seek answers.

PLC explicitly supports the inquiry-based approach to learning and teaching that is embedded in much of the draft Australian National Curriculum documentation, and Junior School students at PLC are taught literacy and numeracy skills in this way. This year, Junior School teachers will begin implementing some of the Australian National Curriculum documents, which have played an integral part in the 2011 planning and programming process.

In 2010 staff had the opportunity to begin interacting with the Mathematics and English documents, while this year they will review the History and Science documents, ready for implementation in 2012.

At PLC, we believe we educate children for life. We offer learning opportunities that extend beyond academic excellence to include the development of the whole child, incorporating their social, imaginative, creative, spiritual and physical selves. Confidence, self-esteem and resilience are fostered at school as they are of paramount importance.

The Junior School aims to provide a caring, safe and balanced environment in which our students feel supported and encouraged as they strive to achieve personal excellence. Teachers work to provide educational programmes that are stimulating, challenging, rigorous and engaging and we take pride in presenting our students with a wide and varied curriculum from Pre-Kindergarten through to Year 6.

Many adults clearly remember their Junior School years and value the many lessons they learnt during that time. Junior School years are undoubtedly significant in developing students who will become independent, enthusiastic and confident learners for life; students who believe that they can be anything they want to be and do anything they want to do.

CATE BEGBIE

Acting Head of Junior School, Term 4 2010

Junior School

Year 6 Primary Years Programme Exhibition

On Thursday 23 September 2010, Year 6 girls presented their PYP Exhibition to family, School and local community members, teachers from other Perth PYP schools and through the use of technology, students from Scotch College and an Esperance Primary School.

The Exhibition was an exciting and busy morning where the girls demonstrated their knowledge and learning by talking with guests and sharing their Exhibition Journals and their colourful and informative display boards.

The key purpose of the PYP Exhibition is for students to demonstrate how independent and responsible they can be with their learning while they engage in an in-depth, collaborative inquiry. This year's topics were wide ranging and provided the students a variety of real-life situations that inspired them to take relevant, authentic and significant action. Students investigated various topics under the central idea of *The world is what you make it*; causes of homelessness, home security for seniors, bullying, care for native animals, the history of PLC, childhood asthma, and a healthy foods cookbook to name a few.

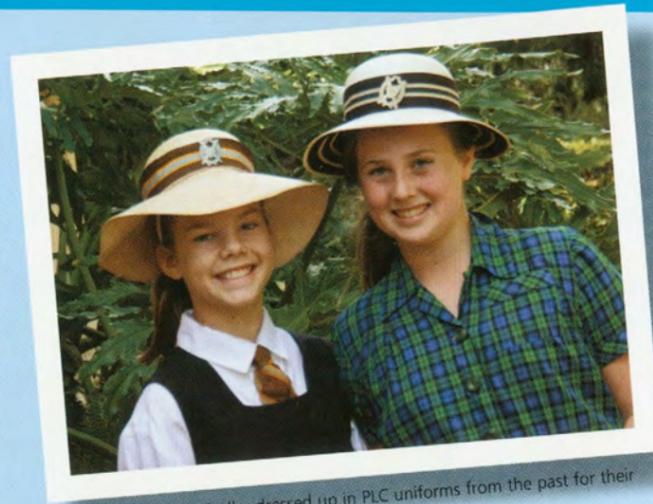
The process of getting the girls ready to take ownership of their learning through a student generated inquiry commences as soon as children start in our Junior School. PYP students acquire knowledge whilst applying and developing the vital skills of questioning, research, inquiry, self-management and communication.

The PLC Junior School has a unique way of preparing girls for the Exhibition. At the commencement of Year 6 the girls select an interest group or committee that they work with throughout the year to gain an insight into their areas of interest. This immersion supports the girls in their selection and understanding of real life issues and enables them to do more in-depth research as the year progresses.

Following their Exhibition, the girls shared their learning via Skype with PYP School Services Associate Regional Manager Mario Gauci. Mario was clearly impressed with the passion and depth of understanding demonstrated by the Year 6 girls.

MEREDITH BEER

Junior School Head of Staff



Alice Reilly and Jade Sadler dressed up in PLC uniforms from the past for their project titled *What PLC Means to Me*.



Quarantine: PYP project topics ranged from homelessness to care for native animals to quarantine in Western Australia.



Searching the Grass: Many students studied topics related to nature.

Students have been investigating how messages are expressed through music.

Music to the ears of hearing impaired

In the process of learning how 'Music is a means of Universal Communication', Year 4 girls have been investigating the cultural influences in musical genres, that messages are expressed through music and the science of sound transfer and reception. This raised the question amongst the students: "If music is a means of universal communication, how do people with hearing difficulties engage with and enjoy music?"

Representatives from the West Australian Institute for Deaf Education (WAIDE) visited Year 4 to explain the science of hearing loss, conduct a spelling test in which students heard words with reduced clarity, as some deaf people would hear them, and to teach students how people suffering from a hearing impairment can enjoy music in the 21st Century. For example, improvements in hearing aids and cochlear implants mean that iPods can be plugged directly into these aids to give the user audible and undistorted tunes.

In addition to this, the teacher and a translator from WAIDE taught the girls the Australian Sign Language (AUSLAN) signs to accompany the Beatles' song *Let it Be*. AUSLAN does not simply translate the words or phrases; it interprets the meanings behind them, allowing the girls to get a better understanding of the beautiful, haunting lyrics.

By the end of class the girls simultaneously sang and signed:



WAIDE teacher Jane Cox (right) and translator Lorraine Farrelly demonstrate AUSLAN before teaching the students basic signs.

"When I find myself in times of trouble, mother Mary comes to me, speaking words of wisdom, let it be.

And in my hour of darkness she is standing right in front of me, speaking words of wisdom, let it be". Paul McCartney, 1970

Walking School Bus powers on

Students proudly led the way to Freshwater Bay on 6 August 2010 as Western Australian Premier Colin Barnett joined them on the weekly Walking School Bus to catch up on school news.

The students were excited about the Premier's recognition of the School's long-term commitment to the initiative that enables younger students to walk from school with the assistance of parent volunteers.

PLC's commitment to the Walking School Bus recently saw long-term volunteers and student participants rewarded for their dedication to the group at a Junior School assembly by the Shire of Peppermint Grove and Department of Transport.

Volunteer escort Dr Jenny-Anne Hansen-Knarhoi, Year 6 students Sophia Hansen-Knarhoi and Isobel Cole and Ciara Taylor (Year 5) were recognised for their ongoing commitment to the afternoon activity through regular participation in the PLC Walking School Bus over the past six years.

The Walking School Bus is valued at PLC as it encourages a healthy lifestyle by combining social activity with incidental exercise, effectively improving student fitness, while simultaneously reducing traffic congestion around the campus.

The activity aligns well with the PLC ethos and our commitment to service and promoting a healthy lifestyle. The group of trained parents who volunteer to walk with the children are excellent role models and the children have fun whilst getting valuable exercise. The initiative also helps minimise the environmental impact of so many cars on the road.

Every Walking School Bus has a minimum of two parent volunteers who wear a fluorescent vest to enable children to easily identify them and make them more visible and safe on the streets.

The initiative is co-ordinated and encouraged by the Department of Transport through its TravelSmart Program.



Sophia Hansen-Knarhoi (Year 5) and Isobel Cole (Year 6) led the Premier on the Walking School Bus.

Junior School

Students raise \$10,000 for global community

Starving children in some of the world's poorest countries have been supported by Year 5 and 6 students who raised more than \$10,000 via World Vision's annual 40 Hour Famine.

Year 6 girls Phoebe Metcalf and Eva Annand rallied their teachers and friends to get behind the cause after their participation in a match box exercise conducted by World Vision to demonstrate issues affecting children in developing countries.

The exercise helped students understand some of the hardships associated with poverty and shortly after, the two students invited all girls in Years 5 and 6 to participate in the 40 Hour Famine to help alleviate the global food crisis.

Due to health and safety concerns related to children fasting for extended periods of time the girls researched alternative methods of conducting a 40 Hour Famine and decided to schedule a school week of famine that involved a day each dedicated to not utilising technology, electricity and furniture, and a rice and water diet.

Their organisation of the Famine enabled Phoebe and Eva to complement their learning on the issue of child poverty with a commitment to make a difference by raising funds for those in need and increasing awareness of global issues among their peers.

Phoebe said she was pleased to have developed a 40 Hour Famine programme that interested and challenged so many girls.

"The four days of the famine weren't too difficult. We were surprised to be so inconvenienced by the no-furniture day. It was very uncomfortable sitting on the floor in class and assembly and not being able to rest our things on tables, but I think the most difficult day for everyone was the rice and water diet because the ration was so small."

Eva said that although the initiative was time consuming, with lots of planning, reminders to return money and lunchtimes spent collecting and counting funds, she was happy to have helped raise so much money for people living in poverty.

"We gave each of the students a target of \$30 to raise but we ended up doubling that amount. We're really grateful for the support of Year 5 and 6 students and their families, and our teachers who helped organise the days and bank the money."

The fundraising efforts of Year 5 and 6 students, combined with those of PLC's older students, saw the school raise almost \$17,000 for World Vision via the 40 Hour Famine.

Phoebe Metcalf (left) checks the total amount raised by Junior School students during the 40 Hour Famine while Eva Annand displays the seeds of different food that will potentially be grown to help overcome the Global Food Crisis.



Piper's PLC garden feeds students

Year 2 students have enjoyed the fruits of student Piper Murphy's hard work as they tasted some of the vegetables grown onsite by Piper in their unit of inquiry, Field to Table.

Earlier this year after hearing about Stephanie Alexander's School Kitchen Garden programme, seven-year-old Piper wrote a letter to Deputy Head of Junior School Cate Begbie requesting a plot of ground on which to establish a vegetable garden. It read:

'Dear Ms Begbie, I would like a fruit and vegetable garden at the School. I have got this idea from Stephanie Alexander who was a guest on MasterChef. I would like to do this because it could teach children how to grow their own food, eat healthy and work in groups. Could you and PLC consider this programme please? From Piper Murphy'

After being granted a 3 metre by 3 metre plot on the proviso that the subsequent garden be sustainable, Piper worked with grounds staff to research appropriate plants for the garden, and she prepared a scaled drawing of her first crop. With help from school gardener Glen Hermans, Piper planted the different varieties and had since been responsible for looking after the plants.

Piper's request and resulting work illustrated the ways in which PLC aims to support student initiatives that could lead to the development of skills necessary to follow their passions, including the confidence to explore different avenues to express themselves and their learning.

The young student displayed the characteristics of a principled and caring inquirer who was thoughtful, knowledgeable and willing to take a risk. She communicated and articulated the action she wanted to take and was reflective in her aim for the garden to be sustainable. She was also open-minded and balanced in her expectations and approach.

Following several months of planting, watering and tending the plants Piper saw her dream of educating her peers about the benefits of growing their own food come to fruition with the creation of vegetable dishes made from the fruits of her first harvest.

Following a taste test in class, Piper said the vegetable most popular among Year 2 girls was carrots. She hoped other vegetables she was growing would be equally well liked, including Brussels sprouts, broad beans, silverbeet, bok choy, leek and spring onion.

School News



Celebration of Achievement

PLC is proud to celebrate the achievements of our six Indigenous students who graduated in 2010 with Western Australian Certificates of Education.

Head Prefect Kimberley Benjamin and peers Atteya Thomas, Rokiya Bin Swami, Ronita Bradshaw, Calyca Rogers and Hayley Rivers formed the 2010 cohort of Indigenous Leavers who have been exemplary in demonstrating to the entire PLC community the benefits of sharing their lives with Indigenous people.

Typically, these girls have proven to be fabulous and responsible role models with a fine sense of fun. They have applied themselves to their studies and have been motivated to achieve academic success. In turn they have been well supported by PLC staff who have shown enormous goodwill and pleasure in assisting the girls to reach their goals.

Atteya is aiming for entry into medicine at university and is very fortunate to have been mentored by Professor Fiona Stanley of the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research.

Kimberley has long dreamed of a career in the media and is planning to study media, film and television at Curtin University, and is considering post-graduate studies at WAAPA.

Talented dancer and member of the PLC Dance Company, Rokiya, successfully auditioned for the National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Development Association (NAISDA) Dance College in Sydney. While she would be thrilled to attend NAISDA, Rokiya is also considering undertaking a degree in Science at UWA.

Hayley was also accepted into NAISDA with a career in the performing arts in mind. Hayley has put her interest in Early Childhood teaching on hold to pursue this opportunity.

Having participated in the INSTEP vocational education stream at PLC during her senior school years, Ronita aims to commence a clerical traineeship with mining company HWE.

A recent life-changing exchange trip to Japan, where she assisted in teaching English to local students, led Calyca to work towards a career teaching English as a second language. This will enable her to combine a love of teaching with a natural proficiency in English.

The six girls strongly identify as a group; they support each other and play a valuable role in mentoring younger Aboriginal students at PLC. They are like siblings in an environment far from their family networks. Nevertheless they are as individual as any six girls could be and we wish each of them every success in their future.

School News

Skills and spirit of participation showcased on Arts Day

Arts Day once again bonded students throughout the school in their common pursuit of the arts, and simultaneously showcased the extraordinary talents and efforts of girls in an array of arts-related activities.

Initially instigated in 1973 at the suggestion of former Science teacher and Principal of Tranby College Joanne Bednall (Bower) who questioned why the school had House-based sports competitions and not arts, Arts Day has long been considered a very special day at PLC.

In the early years, the Arts Festival (as it was then called) displayed arts, crafts and performing arts (dance, drama and music), in addition to debating and public speaking. Today a broad spectrum of arts-related activities and events is featured from students spanning Years 1 to 12. In addition to the inaugural activities, Arts Day now showcases student work in photography, video, visual art, clothing and textile design, cookery, technology and materials, and creative writing.

Former Principal Hazel Day has fond memories of her involvement in, and witnessing the fruits of the girls' labour, on Arts Day, from her early role at PLC working in Speech and Drama to her later roles as Deputy Principal and Principal.

"When I retired from PLC I received many letters from ex students. One particularly stays in my mind. It contained a sentence that talked of 'the intangible lessons about pride, dedication, the will to succeed and to meet life's challenges head on' that the writer had learnt from her time at PLC. I think it is the extra curricular activities that help greatly to deliver these aspects of life at PLC," Mrs Day said.

Arts Day is not just good fun – it benefits girls in many ways. With an emphasis on participation and House spirit, and fostering awareness and love of the arts, the day offers students different learning environments that enable individuals with specific talents to proudly share them with their peers, staff and parents.

Furthermore, the planning and rehearsing of House Dance and ensemble performances enable students to develop teamwork and leadership skills and enhance their resilience.

"Activities like Arts Day provide girls with opportunities to develop self-confidence, to work with others to help their House do well, to learn from each other and to become a valued and valuable member of their communities," said Mrs Day.



Both students receive a full credit for completing the Exceleerate unit, should they choose to undertake their tertiary studies at Curtin University.

Students excel in Exceleerate Economics

PLC students participated with exceptional results in Curtin Business School's selective Exceleerate programme that provided outstanding Year 12 students the opportunity to complete an industry-based Economics unit at Curtin University while simultaneously completing WACE at school.

Molly Dale achieved a high distinction for the unit and was awarded the Economics Medal as the best-performing student, while Katie Roach achieved a distinction in the first year university unit.

The school was pleased to support the girls' applications for the co-curricular opportunity because of the considerable intellectual extension likely to result from the programme, including improved critical thinking, experience working in a team environment and effective public presentation skills.

In addition to consolidating and extending their knowledge of economics via Exceleerate's programme of lectures and tutorials, both Molly and Katie benefited from the friendly, competitive rivalry of their classmates from schools throughout the metropolitan area.

Participation in Exceleerate enabled both PLC students to apply their economics knowledge to real-world situations and access to extension materials, as well as giving the Leaving students the added benefit of an early introduction to university life with classes and lectures held at the university's Bentley campus.

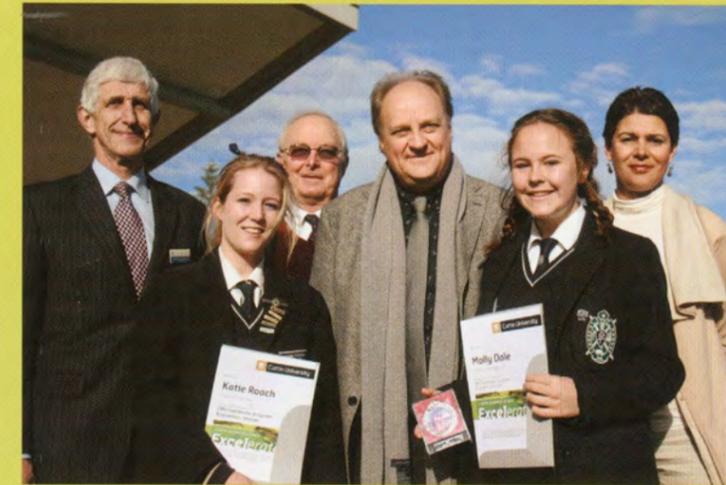
The semester-long unit of Macroeconomics at Curtin was based on the same topics, textbooks and exams as regular university students and complemented the WACE Economics unit undertaken by the girls at PLC.

Katie said the unit significantly improved her understanding of Economics schoolwork. "The overlap of our school and uni courses was really beneficial because we completed the Curtin exam before our Semester 1 school exam and were able to apply the feedback to our school assessment," she said.

Both students will receive a full credit for completing the unit should they choose to undertake their tertiary studies at Curtin University. This will give Katie a head start when she commences studies at Curtin in actuarial science, a discipline that applies mathematical and statistical methods to assess risks in the insurance and finance industries.

Molly's achievement of the prestigious Economics Medal opens up potential career opportunities; however, while she is interested in a career in business she remains uncertain about her future tertiary education focus.

Head of Curtin Business School's Exceleerate Economics programme Stephen Kemp recognised and honoured both students' achievements at a school assembly where he formally awarded Molly the Economics Medal and gave both girls' their certificates of graduation.



Curtin Business School's Stephen Kemp (centre) awards Katie Roach (right) and Molly Dale their certificates of graduation.

Success for Media students

Year 12 Media Production and Analysis students Sacha Barker, Georgia Franklin and Brittany Notley were recently nominated for the 2010 TAFE TEE Media Review Awards.



The awards were open to all 2010 Year 12 students and the awards night itself showcased the work of the top media students for the year. The girls' film, entitled *Mind's Eye*, was selected as one of four finalists in the state for the category of Best Short Fiction Film. The selection of the students' film as a finalist is to be highly commended and continues the tradition of PLC being a finalist in this category since the inaugural awards in 2007.

Additionally, 2009 Leavers Jade Bates, Ella Jackson, Eliza Kavanagh and Chloe Leaker recently had their TEE Media production nominated as a finalist in the national ATOM Awards in the category of Senior Secondary Short Fiction. This was also a huge accomplishment for PLC as just four films Australia-wide were selected.

Mind's Eye was a finalist in the Best Short Fiction Film category.



International Baccalaureate Diploma commences

Senior School students at PLC are now able to choose between WA Courses of Study, a vocational pathway or the International Baccalaureate Diploma for their final two years of secondary schooling.

This choice follows full authorisation for PLC to offer the IB Diploma programme. The Year 10 students of 2010 are the first cohort of students to be offered the alternative pathway for Years 11 and 12.

Authority was granted following a formal process that required professional training of staff teaching to the Diploma; documentation of school policies and courses relating to Diploma; and an authorisation visit that was led by the regional representative for IB, Greg Valentine.

The option of undertaking the Diploma has been introduced as a natural extension of the Primary Years and Middle Years programmes already offered at PLC with shared philosophies, terminology, Learner Profiles and IB mission.

The Diploma continues the global focus of education in the Primary and Middle Years programmes by educating our students to be internationally minded; a trait they will require whether they go on to live and work in Perth or overseas.

What is more, the Diploma complements the school's holistic philosophy in that it requires students to not only be stimulated academically but to also challenge themselves beyond the classroom through Creativity, Action and Service (CAS). It also offers an opportunity for students to pursue an area of personal interest through the Extended Essay.

The Diploma is considered to provide academic balance in that it requires a breadth of study across six subjects that cover experience in languages, humanities, experimental sciences and mathematics, in addition to an arts subject.



The Theory of Knowledge course challenges students to ask, "How do we know what we know?" It aims to develop a student's critical capacity to analyse, make connections, consider possibilities and understand that all individual and cultural perspectives may have strengths and weaknesses. In helping the girls to understand the nature of knowledge, this course has relevance to all subjects in the Diploma and is a sound foundation for lifelong learning.

Additionally, the IB Diploma is recognised by leading universities as setting a standard for the academic challenge needed in preparation for university success.

Year 11 students who selected the Diploma option commenced their studies in Term 4, 2010.

PLC and Scotch trial shared classes

Both PLC and Scotch College now teach to the International Baccalaureate programme and are considering synchronising their timetables to enable increased choices and opportunities in the number of subjects offered to students. The first subject to see combined classes was Spanish, which has been available as an IB Diploma subject at Scotch since 2009 and is now available for the first time to PLC students completing Year 11 in 2011.

Students participating in the meshed Spanish class continue to benefit from the known advantages of single sex education, while experiencing additional co-educational opportunities.

By learning in the combined classes, our students are provided with a new experience that involves collaborating and learning with students of another gender. This will effectively present a meaningful and productive transition to tertiary education.



Head of Senior School Neesha Flint prepares to take Year 11 students Samantha Starr, Abigail Sim, Eva Krumer and Andie Sones to Scotch College for a shared Spanish class.

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Staff research published in international academic journal

Physical Education teacher Matthew Donaldson's research on swimming performance and the influence of task complexity among children with and without development coordination disorders has been published in the *International Journal of Aquatic Research and Education*.

Matthew collaborated with University of Western Australia researchers Professor Brian Blanksby and N Paul Heard to determine whether children with a marked impairment in the development of motor coordination, or Development Coordination Disorder (DCD), affected children's ability and rate of learning swimming tasks such as freestyle and basic precursor skills.

The research confirmed the learning and performance of tasks by children with DCD was associated most with task repetition and vision. This suggests that swimming teaching methods and instruction should be specific, simple and interspersed with hand signals.

Knowledge of the research results that children with DCD learn more slowly is expected to enable teachers, parents and the children themselves to have realistic expectations in the water, and for class sizes for such children to be smaller.

The conclusion of the research was that a supportive learning environment for children with motor learning difficulties would enable them to achieve the important swimming skill competencies and reduce their drop-out rates in learn to swim programmes, ensuring they have appropriate opportunities to for active and healthy lifestyles.

Matthew hopes the research findings will inform more effective swimming instruction for children with development coordination disorder.

At PLC, Matthew has assisted in the coordination of the Sportslink, a program that provides children with movement difficulties an opportunity to develop their social skills, fitness and promotes transition into community sport. He is coordinating the swimming program at PLC and is keen to develop student's capacities across all age groups and abilities.

Ms Blackwood and former Scotch College Headmaster Reverend Syme consider the two-way collaboration to be a wise use of resources as well as a means of increasing subject options for students. The partnership is likely to see future aligning of timetables to facilitate further opportunities for students of both WACE and Diploma.

PLC and Scotch currently enjoy a shared Apple technology platform that enables the community to be in touch anywhere and anytime, independent of their campus. Furthermore, the schools share an iTunes U site - an innovative method of sharing educational information and content with current and prospective students.

Other recent collaborations between the schools have involved Year 12 students participating in combined academic revision classes in preparation for their final year exams, and ongoing connections in sport, music and art.

While the school leaders celebrate collaboration between the schools to improve educational opportunities for students, they remain committed to maintaining their independence and single sex status.



Alisha Maclean proudly displays the pennant won by the PLC Junior Debating team.

Debating success for PLC

Students ideal for debating are often described by others with adjectives such as chatterbox, comedian, argumentative, talkative, erudite, persuasive, entertaining, story-teller and humorous.

The 2010 Western Australian Debating League competition was a terrific season for PLC with Year 9 student Alisha Maclean a part of the PLC Junior team which won the Division Pennant in the WA Debating League. PLC competed in the competition against students who represented a cross-section of the metropolitan State and Independent schools.

Nine PLC teams participated across the categories of Novice, Juniors and Seniors, with all teams demonstrating excellent intellect, humour and teamwork.

Alisha's PLC Junior 1 teammates were fellow Year 9 students Rebecca Cole and Lucy Yang.

In addition to their participation in the WADL competition many of the PLC debating team also competed successfully in the AHISA Debating competition that ran over five weeks among Independent Schools. Junior Team 1 and Senior PLC 2 comprising Molly Dale, Tobie-Anna Durk, Sarah Cole and Bonnie de la Hunty, performed particularly well and achieved a high ranking in the competition. Molly Dale successfully gained a place in the State 2010 team for the National Debating competition.

2011 Student Prefecture

From the Head Prefect

When I first walked onto the grounds of Presbyterian Ladies' College, tartan clad and nervous as any new girl on her first day, I never imagined that I would be where I am today. The only thing running through my mind was the constant stream of new faces and names that had blurred into one long, confusing motion-strip. And three and a half years later, I can safely say that now I can place every one of those faces to a name, and vice versa. This school has given me so much in the years I have been here; friends, education and great experiences, and now I've been given the honour of being Head Prefect.

In this role I am determined to give back to the school at least some of what I have learned in my past and what I plan to learn in my future. Before I moved to Australia, I lived in Singapore, attending one of the top IB schools in the world, United World College of South East Asia. UWC was the epitome of internationalism and cultural awareness. Students came from all corners of the world; from Canada, Czech Republic, Kenya and Australia. So I plan to continue where our 2010 Head Prefect Kimba left off, and expand the breadth of her work in cultural awareness. I want to show PLC the world beyond Australia, and to incite the desire in PLC students to explore it. Understanding comes from awareness, and awareness comes from experience.

We live in a world where we are so often comfortable in the confines of our rooms, browsing the net and watching documentaries on a screen instead of actually facing it in real life. We have all the means to be out there, yet we often choose not to. The limit does not exist, unless we place it there ourselves. By understanding this, and getting out into the real world, I know I can grow and have grown from my experiences. If you ask me my nationality, the real answer is that I'm international; I am Australian, Sri Lankan, Singaporean, Czech, and every other nationality that I have had the pleasure to come across.

And international students are what every PLC student can be, and what I want to help them become. Whether or not Senior students are undertaking an IB course or a WACE course, if you do your best and have the determination, initiative, bravery and heart to be an international citizen, you can. When we meet each other, no matter what our background, when we realise that really, all we are is flesh, blood, bone and 70 per cent water, that's when real awareness and equality will finally be a reality.

DINU KUMARASINGHE

Head Prefect



Hannah Goldfinch (right) and Dinu Kumarasinghe celebrate their induction as prefects with Dinu's mother Dr Priyanthi Kumarasinghe.

The 2011 student prefecture, led by Head Prefect Dinu Kumarasinghe, comprises the following Year 12 students:

Deputy Head Prefect	Caroline Smirk
Senior Boarder	Erin Pope
Arts Captain	Abbey Donaldson
Service Captain	Hannah Goldfinch
Sports Captain	Jessica Pleydell-Bouverie
Baird House Captain	Ellen D'Cruz
Carmichael House Captain	Laura Hejleh
Ferguson House Captain	Pia Chaffey
McNeil House Captain	Rosie Bahen-Wright
Stewart House Captain	Mia Carlton
Summers House Captain	Georgia Thomas
Student Prefect	Alice Dormer

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Trifecta of prizes for student historian



Year 10 student Alexandra Bailey was understandably proud of her Middle Years Programme Personal Project that focused on working to improve the public's understanding of the effects of war, particularly the contribution and sacrifice of individuals.

Having completed her Personal Project, Alexandra modified her essay and entered her work into the National History Challenge, resulting in a trifecta of awards and national recognition. Her display was awarded the Best Museum Display and Best Overall Year 9/10 Entrant, in addition to Alexandra claiming the title of Young Historian of the Year, WA.

Prior to creating her display, Alexandra researched the effects of war focusing on the achievements of a relatively unknown soldier, Private Benjamin O'Meara, who was buried at her local cemetery Karakatta. Private O'Meara had been awarded a Victorian Cross and on his return to Australia, spent the remainder of his life in Claremont Asylum.

Utilising her new knowledge with the guidance of her mentor, her father Jon Bailey, Alexandra created picture boards and a magnificent and accurate diorama that reflected military model techniques including media, colouring, formatting, presentation and size.

Alexandra realised her display for the Exhibition needed to be meaningful and sturdy to travel well from audience to audience. With this in mind she built a diorama of a battlefield housed within an artillery box, and incorporated tangible links via the inclusion of World War I relics.

The diorama was displayed at Parliament House, Canberra where it was viewed by Members of Parliament and the many successful students, invited guests and historians who attended the presentation of prizes on 23 November.

Alexandra was flown to the presentation ceremony where she accepted \$900 prize money, medallions and certificates across the three categories.

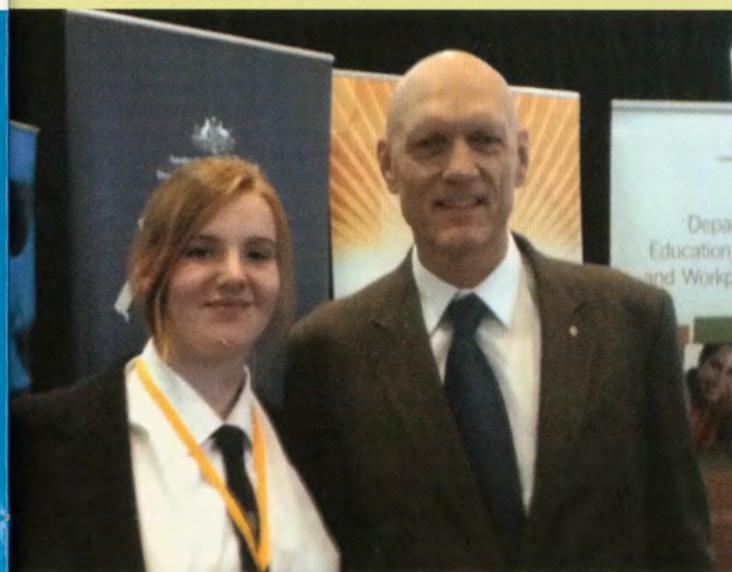
Alexandra said it took courage to put her work forward to be judged and she was amazed to receive recognition for her efforts, particularly because she felt so passionate about the subject of her entry.

"The most valuable concept I learnt via the project was the way in which personal connections to an event bring it to life. I focused on the powerful story of Private Martin O'Meara because I thought his story of valour, contrasted by his subsequent insanity, would capture people's imagination," Alexandra said.

"I gained a good understanding of the power of visual displays and this knowledge really helped define my display."

Alexandra continues her studies in History and Military history, in which she has a particular interest, in Senior School at PLC.

Since her success in the National History Awards was published in the *Post* newspaper, Alex has been invited to be the keynote speaker at the Karakatta Club's ANZAC Day lunch in 2011.



Top: A diorama featuring a typical World War 1 scene illustrates the detail of Alexandra's research.

Alexandra is photographed with Federal Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, Peter Garrett at the National Award Ceremony.

Swan song for long-time music teacher



Long-time PLC voice teacher Maribeth Williamson was farewelled by the school following a career spanning 29 years.

Originally from the United States, Maribeth attended Indiana University School of Speech and Drama and began her career in Perth at the Playhouse Theatre. After returning to the United States briefly to further her vocal studies in 1981, a contract with

the Western Australian Opera Company brought her back to Perth. While performing as soloist with the Perth Oratory Choir, Maribeth was invited to teach Voice at PLC by the Principal, Miss Heather Barr.

"As an extension to individual lessons, we introduced an ensemble class which soon became known as the PLC Chorale. The enthusiasm and vocal excellence of the founding choristers set the benchmark which has continued to attract, challenge and inspire vocal students over the years."

As a balanced performing unit, Chorale was invited to join with many colleges, providing the soprano and alto voices for numerous musicals and oratorios. These included *Oh What a Lovely War* with Scotch College, *Oliver* and *Pirates of Penzance* with Aquinas, *Mikado* and Vivaldi's *Gloria* with Trinity, as well as Mozart's *Vespers* with Guildford Grammar School, among many others. The combined colleges ensemble with Trinity College choristers has enjoyed an unbroken association for 20 years.

"In 2001 the Trinity/PLC Chorale attended an international music festival at the Sydney Opera House and was awarded gold," Maribeth said. Two more tours have followed, to the Welsh Eisteddfod in 2003, and to Beijing in 2009.

There have been many old Collegians who have sought to continue singing after leaving PLC. Students receiving international acclaim are early Chorale members, Sara MacLIVER, Kathryn McCusker, Caitlyn Hulcup, and more recently, Katya Webb. Many outstanding vocalists have gone into the area of teaching, including Philippa Tan (1996), the current Head of Music Curriculum at PLC, who takes up the reins as Maribeth departs.

"Whether or not our students decide on a career in music or not, the joy of participation at school provides the patrons of tomorrow. Music is a gift we carry throughout our lives. It is truly food for the soul. At PLC, we encourage students to foster the art of singing through personal example and generosity to others within the ensemble. It is a recipe for success," Maribeth said.

"I have loved my 29 year association with PLC and wish colleagues and students, both past and present, every success for 2011 and beyond."

In her retirement Maribeth looks forward to grandmother duties and singing lessons with her 11-year-old granddaughter, Violet.

Students published in poetry anthology

Eight PLC students have been published in the annual *Primo Lux* student poetry anthology, with two poems by the same student selected for publication.

Head of Senior School English Roland Leach encourages students to submit their work for the anthology, which this year featured 55 poems by students throughout the State.

The poems by PLC students covered a diverse range of subjects including farm life, grandmothers and school, in addition to more obscure subjects such as soggy fruitcake and the process of waking up.

Edited by Veronica Lake and with a foreword by the Chair of the Literature Board of Australia Council for the Arts, Dennis Haskell, *Primo Lux* is considered the prime anthology of student poetry.

PLC has long held a reputation for the development of talented student writers, as illustrated by 2010 Leaver Nicole Mumford in her poem:

7.45 in the Maths Corridor

There are ghosts in the maths corridor.
It is while the school awakes from its slumber,
Gently stirring to the scuffing of heels
And whirring of leaf-blowers,
When the ghosts are most alive.

You can hear them sigh in the hollow corridor,
The clicking of locks,
The footsteps on the damp, dank carpet.
They haunt the few living things,
Engaged with computers and music,
While they wait for the others to arrive.

One by one the girls trudge up the stairs.
Soon the corridor will be abuzz
With laughter and squeals,
Gossip and expletives.

The chorus of clanging locker doors
Disrupts the frequencies upon which the ghosts feed,
And thus, they are chased away
By the gaggles of girls that travel
Along the blue-carpeted path.

But the laughter is displaced.
It is asphyxiated.
Classrooms are occupied,
Lockers emptied.

And so the ghosts come out to play again:
They escape the air vents as they open,
Make your lunch go soggy
And lick your neck during exams.

You can hear them breathing when you are alone.



Kailie transported a table she made in Stage 1 Materials course back to its place of origin on her family's Kojaneerup property.

Firewood recycled to create custom furniture

Year 11 student Kaili Bradshaw recently transported a table she made in Stage 1 CD Materials Course back to its place of origin on the family's south Kojaneerup property. Kaili designed the table for her family's homestead porch where they have a drink and watch the sun rise or set over the property.

The timber Kaili used to create the table legs were initially old fence posts that she salvaged from the shearing shed. The wood was discoloured grey and featured split holes, and was destined for the fireplace until Kaili salvaged the wood and undertook the significant task of machining back the posts.

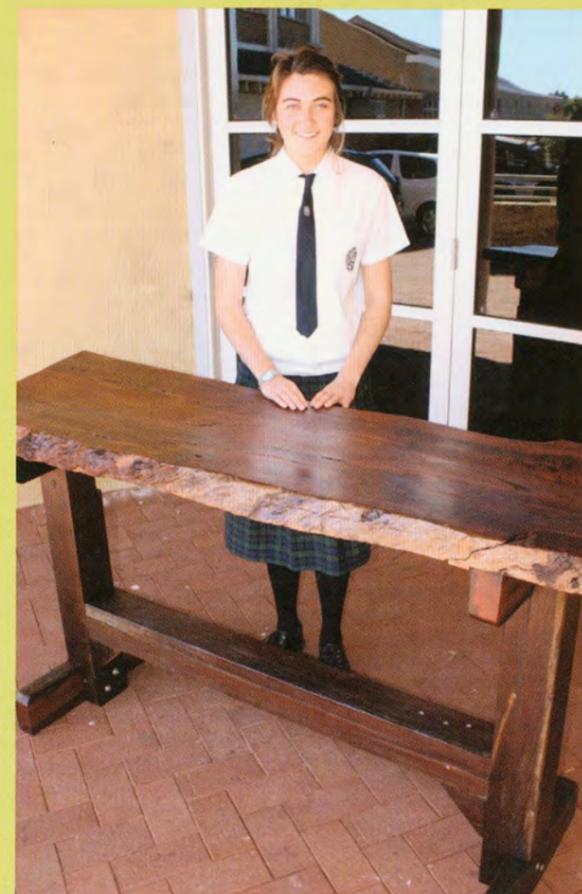
Patience was required as she worked on the twisted table slab, sanding it back to a rustic finish and completing it with an exterior varnish to create a piece of furniture ideally suited to its final resting place.

The jarrah table, which was created over just eight weeks, is an attractive and practical illustration of Kaili's mastery of woodwork techniques.

Kaili said her joy in making things out of wood was partly due to living on a farm where plenty of wood was readily available.

"I really enjoy woodwork because I like designing and then creating things, and I believe wooden furniture and objects look great. I find woodwork really fun and the practical aspect of the subject provides a nice change to the classroom learning that is done in most other subjects," she said.

"I also love the fact that I can create a nice piece of furniture at school and take it home and use it. For example the table I made now sits on the porch outside my house and provides something that friends and family can gather around."



'Magnifique' achievement by students

Year 10 PLC students dominated the recent Alliance Française examinations in Western Australia, taking out five of the top 10 places.

PLC Head of Languages, Janet Weston, said the girls' achievements illustrated the school's commitment to teaching languages other than English as a way of helping girls develop an interest in, and understanding and respect of, other people and their cultures.

"At PLC we believe learning languages other than English helps students develop critical thinking as well as analytical and problem solving skills," Mrs Weston said.

"French is one of three languages currently available to our girls and is taught from Pre-primary to Year 12. The other languages offered at PLC are Japanese and Spanish and in 2011, Mandarin will be available for the first time to Year 5 students," she said.

As many as 180 PLC French students sat the Alliance Française exam in August which comprised listening, reading and writing sections. The top 30 students in each year level from Years 10 to 12 in Western Australia, including 11 PLC students, were then invited to undertake an oral exam.

The Year 10 students who were recognised by the Alliance Française for their outstanding results included Marissa Loh (third place), Eleanor Norman (fourth), Merry Li (fifth), Kate Franklyn (sixth) and Arielle Tay (ninth).

Other PLC students to be placed in the top 10 in the State included Year 11 student Cazza Dunham and 2010 Leaver Isabella Borshoff.

PLC students awarded in literature contest

Year 7 student Amelia Murray continued her run of success in *The West Australian Young Writers' Contest* by taking out first prize in the Years 7 to 8 Poetry category.

PLC has been at the forefront of creative writing in the State for many years. The school sponsored the publication of *Brillig*, a nationwide journal that ran to 12 editions from 1995 to 2001, and many students have been published in the annual journal *Primo Lux*.

Amelia said she had entered the Young Writers' Contest since she was in Year 1 and experienced much success, including wins in both prose and poetry categories. She has been interested in creative writing ever since her Year 1 teacher noticed her interest and encouraged her to continue writing.

"I enjoy writing because there are no rules and no right or wrong. I also like being able to weave in personal experiences and determine the direction of my writing," she said.

Amelia's talent for creative writing has also been recognised at PLC and extended via one-on-one mentoring sessions with Head of Senior School English, Roland Leach.

Amelia wrote the poem *Why Iron?* after her grandmother witnessed the young boarder play after-school netball in what she perceived to be an un-ironed sports skirt. This led to a family discussion about the need to be well groomed.

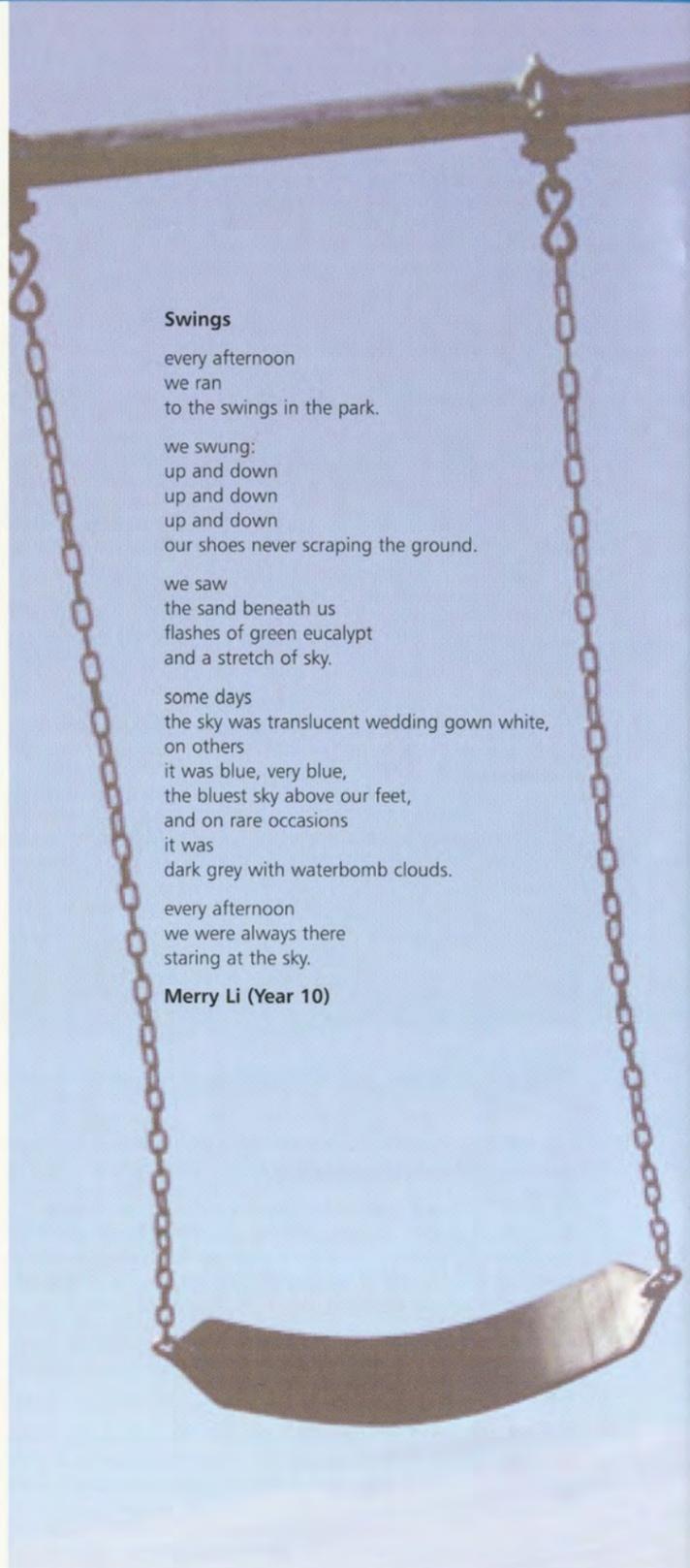
PLC featured nine finalists in the Young Writers' Contest and took out many of the prizes.

PLC prize winners in the Young Writers' Contest included the following students:

Mia Separovic (Year 5), Fourth in Year 5/6 Prose
 Amelia Murray (Year 7), Won Year 7/8 Poetry
 Merry Li (Year 10), Runner-Up in Year 9/10 Poetry
 Sarah Cole (Year 12), Runner Up in Year 11/12 Poetry and Runner Up in Year 11/12 Prose
 Nicola Hard (Year 12), Third in Year 11/12 Poetry
 Nicole Mumford (Year 12) and Hannah Tunstill were finalists in the Year 11/12 Poetry while
 Molly Dale (Year 12) was a finalist in the Year 11/12 Prose category

The girls' success is highlighted when taking into account the fact that more than 4,000 entries were received in the contest, with just 10 entries selected for the final round in each of the six year groups.

Amelia's success in the Young Writers' Contest followed her win in the Now and Then Literature Prize, which Year 12 student Sarah Cole also won (poetry category).



Swings

every afternoon
 we ran
 to the swings in the park.
 we swung:
 up and down
 up and down
 up and down
 our shoes never scraping the ground.

we saw
 the sand beneath us
 flashes of green eucalypt
 and a stretch of sky.

some days
 the sky was translucent wedding gown white,
 on others
 it was blue, very blue,
 the bluest sky above our feet,
 and on rare occasions
 it was
 dark grey with waterbomb clouds.

every afternoon
 we were always there
 staring at the sky.

Merry Li (Year 10)

All students are encouraged to express themselves through various forms of writing.

Contemporary choreographer pushes the boundaries



During Term 3 Dance and Drama students were introduced to an exciting new performance piece by New York-based Australian dancer and choreographer Rebecca McCormac.

Rebecca currently dances with two companies in New York; Tapfusion and Dance Works and is an Honours graduate of the WA Academy of Performing Arts. She has been dancing in the Big Apple for the past four years.

Director of Theatre Arts Fiona Tholet invited Rebecca to choreograph a co-curricular work for students from Years 9 to 11 as a means of further exposing them to working with high-class dance professionals.

Rebecca led a contemporary class followed by a collaborative workshop, and taught the choreography for a piece centred on

the concept of travelling without really moving; travelling to a destination that keeps moving further away the closer you get to it. In other words, trying to break through the boundary.

The weekend dance workshop effectively encouraged and enabled the school's performers to expand their repertoire, work with an exciting new talent and experience a different style of contemporary dance. The workshop concluded with a showing for family and friends.

The initiative coincided with Rebecca undertaking a week-long artist in residency at the school. During this period she worked with Year 9 to 12 students in the curriculum Dance programme to further develop their understanding of contemporary dance technique and generate new performance pieces.

She also worked with Senior School Drama students to further their knowledge of movement as it relates to the creation of characters and the communication of sub text.

The incursion by Rebecca illustrates the school's commitment to provide students with opportunities that help them achieve their academic and performance potential.



Above: Year 10 students Rebecca Lynch (sitting) and Sam Starr perform their new dance piece based on the concept of travelling.

Right: New York based dance choreographer Rebecca McCormac.

Bliss on a cake slice

Book author, current parent and Old Collegian Kirsty Carre (Reynolds 1979) joined students in the kitchen and shared her passion for organic food and old-fashioned customer service, in addition to baking a delectable flourless chocolate cake.

Kirsty was asked to share a recipe with the Year 10 girls that was spectacular and beyond the realms of their usual repertoire. Each student cooked her own cake complete with a chocolate collar.

Kirsty co-authored a beautifully photographed large format book featuring her recipes and local produce, *Essence: Discover Flavours from the West Australian Coast*. She believes that food brings about strong emotions, and working with people dedicated to creating good food is immensely satisfying and enjoyable.

Kirsty's produce is well known by Open Garden Day shoppers as the muesli brand she launched as a healthy breakfast is sold at the Open Garden Day market. In addition to keeping up with the demand for her muesli, Kirsty runs Eziway in Swanbourne, a community supermarket that stocks healthy, ready-made food and organic options.



Kirsty Jenkins, Claudia Haberland, Amy Stewart, Amelia Jeffries, Rachael Farquhar, Kate McElhinney, Dylann Cranswick, Ella Green, Ellen Kennedy, Ruby Van Beem, Hannah Dunkley, Mimi Crompton, Bridget Richardson, Eloise Taylor, Greta Mack, Daisy Atkins pose with Kirsty Carre and her masterpiece before creating their own.

Learning civics and citizenship in Canberra

Year 9 students studying civics and citizenship were provided the opportunity to travel to the heart of the country's democracy, Canberra, to experience what our nation's capital has to offer.

The tour to the Australian Capital Territory encouraged students to develop an awareness of the rights and responsibility of individuals within Australian communities and consider the benefits of a democratic society.

Emma Krantz reflected that, "Each individual member of the community has unique wants and needs, and active participation in politics allows these to be addressed the most effective way possible."

Over the course of the trip the students were able to discover the various ways in which citizens can participate within the political system and influence the decisions that are made in the interest of improving Australian society.

Adelaide Crossing said that on the tour she learnt about the voting system, the history of the democracy in Australia and how people could be involved in the political system.

Activities designed to help students understand the importance of education and the ways in which Australia's democratic system works, as well as being informed on current and past political issues, were helpful to Alma Jovanovic who said, "With knowledge I can make more informed choices about the political system in Australia; voting responsibly and not repeating history."

Emma was particularly moved by the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra as an illustration of the importance of democratic institutions and Australian citizens' rights to free speech and free assembly. She wrote:

A mass of tent and
Banners surround
Old Parliament House
Reminding the politicians of the
Injustice of the theft of the aborigines' land.
Greatly powerful, our leaders can not escape the sight. Still
Indigenous strife doesn't cease
Nevertheless, they protest
Acting for a better future. Their
Land ruled by us.

They have more right to this land than us yet they
Eternally fight for the democratic right and freedoms our
Nation is so proud of.
They are still not treated as equals.

Even though it saddens me, the sight inspires me to do
More. Only action will
Break the glass between their lives and ours. Only
Action will make museum artifacts real tools.
Success will come, but it will not be adequate. The only
Sweetness will be bitter when we end the war that should have ended
Yesterday



PLC and Scotch students pose in front of Parliament House: Kimberley Shephard, Mia Egerton-Warburton, Kate Forrester, Adelaide Crossing, Josh Taylor, Natasha Thompson, Sophie Maitland and Emily Jonklaas.



The annual Comfort Packs appeal raises awareness of the critical circumstances faces by some people in our society.

Combining creativity and care

PLC families this provided a year's worth of comfort packs for women in crisis as a result of domestic violence, homelessness, mental health issues or substance abuse.

The annual appeal is part of the school's ongoing service learning partnership with UnitingCare West, and this year saw families donate goods including personal items such as toiletries, in addition to manchester, clothing and notebooks, for women seeking support at Wyn Carr House.

During Term 3, the school community was invited to donate items such as deodorant, toothbrushes, shampoo, sanitary items and clothing. Students then divided the goods evenly to create individual comfort packs for women seeking refuge.

The response from students, families and staff was overwhelmingly positive, with the school providing almost 100 packs.

From a community and service learning perspective, the appeal successfully raises awareness of some of the critical circumstances faced by people within our society, while providing an avenue for students to demonstrate compassion and kindness.

While donated items are traditionally packed in re-usable PLC tote bags, this year the activity was integrated into the curriculum, with Year 8 Art students designing and printing calico bags for use as comfort packs.



Year 8 students show off their unique bag designs and a sample of some of the comfort bags created for women in crisis care.

Imogen Dawson, Sally Sinclair, Emilie Ong and Lucy Stewart, Aimée Balfe, Nikki Russell, Lexie Hynes, Paige Lynch, Morgan Witham, Mimi Robson, Anneke Rose and Kesha Bedford.

Long-standing school leader retires

As a new Principal at PLC in 1997 I could not have been more fortunate than to have had Jenny Rankin as Deputy Principal. When I look back at my early days of leadership I recognise how important she was as my compass for PLC traditions, values, ethos and culture. Her experience, wisdom and intellectual strength were matched with professionalism and an attitude that teaching was a vocation not just a job. Her loyalty to PLC, its students and staff, has been unwavering across her 24 years of service to the school.

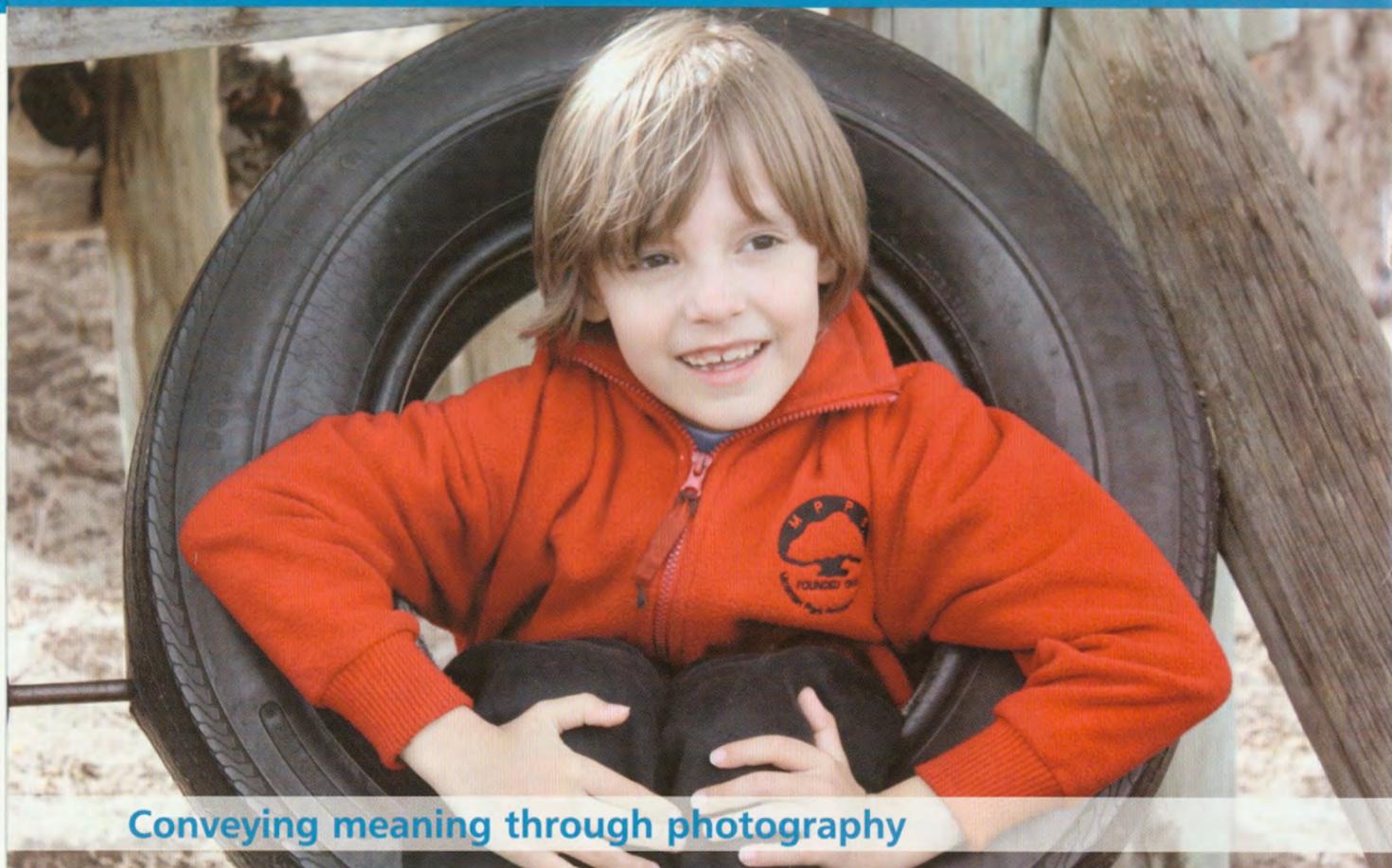
Jenny was appointed by Principal, Heather Barr to the role of Head of English Department in 1987. At that time she had 20 years of professional experience teaching both English and Literature at local Perth schools as well as overseas. She holds a Masters degree from Cornell University, United States, and across the years has maintained a love of learning and extensive knowledge of Literature. It was under Jenny's leadership that PLC's reputation for, and history of, outstanding TEE results for English and Literature was established. Her expertise was recognised by the Secondary Education Authority for whom she acted as a consultant for many years in the curriculum area of English and Communication.

Jenny moved to the position of Head of Staff and Deputy Principal under Hazel Day in 1994 and held this role until 2005. Her attention to detail, organisation skills and work ethic ensured the smooth running of a dynamic and complex organisation. Furthermore, Jenny's sensitivity to the needs of others and countless small, but significant, acts of kindness helped create an amiable and caring school environment.

Since stepping down from her role as Deputy Principal Jenny has continued to work on a part-time basis as Communications Consultant for school publications and documents.

We have been privileged to have Jenny's influence and leadership at PLC. She leads by example in her respect for others, quiet wisdom and appreciation of the important values in life. She represents what we would want for our students in being compassionate, knowledgeable and interested in the world around her. She remains a valued member of the PLC community who we wish fulfilment in their retirement.

BETH BLACKWOOD
Principal



Conveying meaning through photography

Tessa Poot captured Casper in the school playground.

For the third consecutive year, Year 2 students at Mosman Park Primary School have received a stunning photograph of themselves gifted by Year 10 PLC students who collaborated with their young buddies to consolidate their learning in Media.

Over five sessions the Year 10 girls engaged with younger students to better understand how photographic techniques effectively convey meaning. The aim of the collaboration was for PLC students to learn about the contribution of photography in the wider community and demonstrate their understanding of how to capture the essence of someone's personality through a series of photojournalistic images.

Having studied photojournalism and the need for such images to be timely, objective and show a narrative, the photographers spent time developing a relationship with their buddy and then worked to convey the essence of that student's personality.

The project was particularly effective in encouraging PLC students to focus beyond themselves and engage with community service, a cornerstone of the International Baccalaureate programme.

Year 10 student Zoe Akindele-Obe said she developed a number of interview questions to help her build a special relationship with her buddy, and enable the creation of a unique and meaningful photographic journal.

"To get to know my buddy Myrel I first used casual interview techniques. We then talked about the positives of primary school life and living in Perth, and spent time exploring her school and its activities. This involved playing on the monkey bars and having running races," Zoe said.

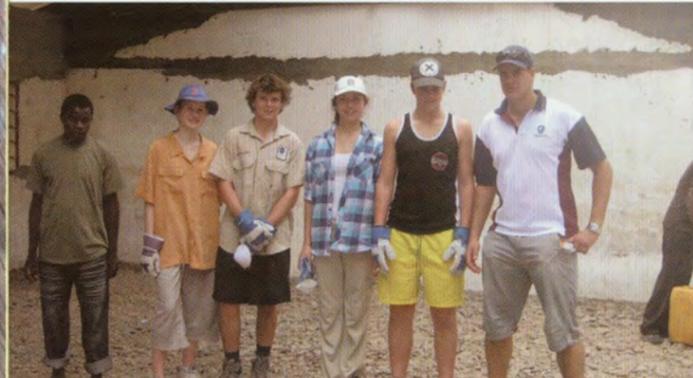
"As the week progressed I brought out my camera and attempted to capture Myrel's spirit in my photos. I loved interacting, learning and playing with my buddy and the fact that I was creating a friendship at the same time as a school media project really made this an enjoyable type of community service. I also enjoyed the unpredictability of the work."

Tessa Poot was buddied with Casper who was initially very shy until Tessa realised he had a passion for video games. "Once he got talking about them he came to life and had hundreds of stories to tell.

The project confirmed that learning is often more effective and long-lasting when it is seen to have a purpose.

The media project is one of four annual PLC collaborations with students from Mosman Park Primary School and Mosman Park School of the Deaf.

The classroom renovation paid tribute to the generosity of PLC and Scotch community members who contributed to fundraising activities for the project



Intercultural Service Learning Experience For Students

Twelve students from both Presbyterian Ladies' College and Scotch College travelled to Tanzania where they spent their winter school holidays building classrooms, distributing educational resources and donating funds to schools in underprivileged areas of the African nation.

Principal Beth Blackwood and five other staff members from the schools joined students on the three-week service learning tour. Over the previous 12 months the participating students had raised \$18,000 via a variety of fundraising methods to purchase materials in readiness for the commencement of restoration work in the small village of Matipwili.

Once they arrived in the village, students and staff laboured alongside local tradesmen and secondary school students on assigned tasks to renovate three classrooms and a staff office at the local school. While the work was physically demanding, completion of the project was immensely satisfying. In addition to delivering improved educational learning and teaching facilities, the renovation paid tribute to the generosity of PLC and Scotch community members who contributed to fundraising activities for the project.

The travelling students experienced traditional customs and utilised newly acquired Swahili language skills, in addition to singing a traditional song as part of their cultural greeting.

Village children keen to play and practise their English were welcome distractions for the tour members who benefited by better understanding and appreciating the local culture. Tours such as the bi-ennial trip to Tanzania are useful in exposing students to a different experience of the world around them, particularly regarding the place of women in a more traditional society than ours, and helping them discover their ability to make a difference to the lives of others.

Through working and playing with villagers, the students gained a perspective of how fortunate they are in terms of personal wealth, and discovered there is not necessarily a connection between wealth and happiness.

In addition to the service aspect of the tour, the students stayed at the International School in Moshi, part of the global family of International schools to which both PLC and Scotch belong, as well as visited primary schools to provide educational resources. A visit to Umoja Primary School enabled PLC to strengthen its existing relationship with the school.

In an effort to appreciate and understand Tanzania's natural environment, the students set out on a challenging four-day climb of Africa's third highest mountain, Mt Meru. A safari tour also enabled them to see other national attractions of the nation.

Kimberley Warrand and Jessica Armstrong celebrate climbing to the peak of Mt Meru.

Kimberley Warrand, Dylan Warner, Mia Carlton, Oliver Mills and staff member Matthew Donaldson worked together with local high school students to build a schoolroom at Matipwili.

Kimberley Warrand keeps a lookout for wild animals on safari. Friendly village children flank Amelia Spackman.

Striking images displayed in photographic essays

Year 11 Media and Analysis students completed a photo essay to demonstrate their understanding of the concept of photojournalism.

Students planned and produced an essay of eight to 12 photos for publication in a medium of their choice that represented a local issue, cultural group, person/occupation, public event, or sub-culture from a particular viewpoint.

Girls applied their knowledge of codes and conventions, style, narrative structure and editing skills to construct a particular point of view in their images. They also aimed to demonstrate effective composition and photographic techniques and apply practical skills to the theory learnt in class.

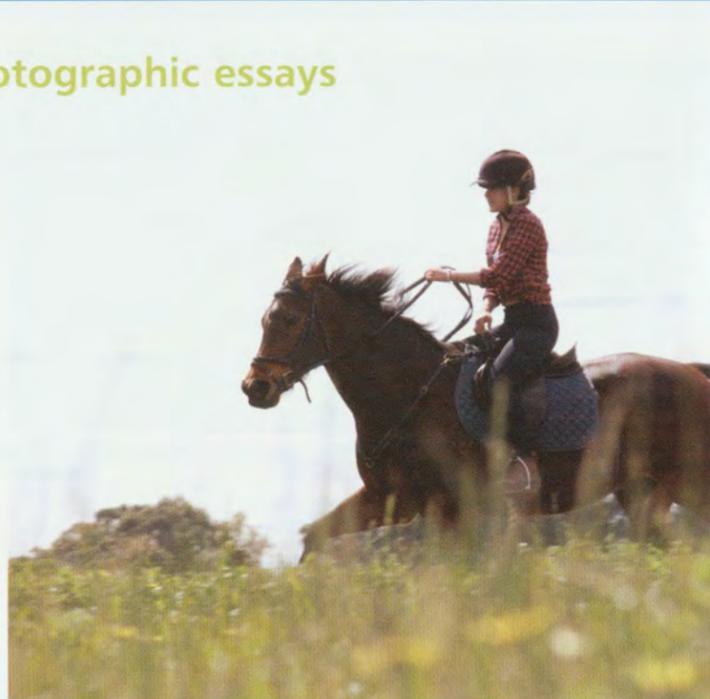
After conducting an interview and creating their photographic essays, the Senior School students presented their images in a creative manner and accompanied them with reflective materials.

Photos:

Below: Caroline Smirk demonstrated the casual, tranquil vibe of the beach lifestyle enjoyed by so many people in Perth.

Top right: Emily Grinshaw evoked the freedom and fellowship she feels when horse riding.

Below right: Megan Cameron illustrated the rich, luxe bent typical of fashion photography.



Service learning in Cambodia

During September and October, 2010, two groups of Year 10 students, parents and teachers travelled to Cambodia to undertake a three-day orientation and house-building project in a village outside the capital, Phnom Penh.

The house building was done in conjunction with a non-denominational Christian Aid Organisation called Tabitha Foundation that was established to provide aid to the rural poor of Cambodia.

The groups also visited the Mission of Charity Orphanage, Free the Bear Foundation and other villages to donate supplies, resources, water filters and to give their time.

The generous support of members of the school and wider communities helped the groups achieve the building of 30 houses at a cost of \$1500 each and the funding of 20 water wells at \$200 each.

The PLC Christian ethos is about being there for others and responding to their needs. Often we limit ourselves to relationships in which we feel comfortable and safe, but there is so much to be gained from experiences that take us beyond our comfort zone. People with different abilities and experiences can share insight with us and help shape our viewpoint on life.

Such people can also help us understand some of the difficult questions in life, such as why is there suffering in the world or what makes life worthwhile, or what it takes for someone to be respected and dignified.

Time spent in Cambodia proved to be an immensely moving experience and a powerful education for our students and since their return to their homes and school, they have felt empowered by the difference they have made and the vast contrast of their fortunate lives in Australia.

It is important for our students to reflect upon the difference they can make and learn from touching the lives of others. Service has much to give and teach.



Participating student Jo Akehurst said house building was one of the most enlightening days of her life.

"When handing over the houses, as well as a gift, the [Cambodian] people were all so thankful. The joy felt is something you can only achieve by working hard for other people."

Above left: Cambodian children delighted in the simple wonder of bubbles PLC girls took to play with.

Above right: Daisy Atkins and her father John pose with a local Cambodian family.

Below: Sophie Mills helps a child write numbers in English.





Student wellbeing supported

PLC provides a system of pastoral care that enables every student to have a sense of belonging and access to support, with three registered psychologists across Junior, Middle and Senior Schools who help ensure the holistic care and emotional wellbeing of all students. As a result, most students accept school counsellors as a valuable resource and a vital part of school life.

Old Collegian Monique Robinson (1995), who has a PhD and Masters degree in Clinical Psychology, is filling the role of Senior School counsellor while Dionne Pole is on maternity leave. Dr Robinson believes she is fortunate to enjoy a contract that sees her counsel four days a week at PLC and concurrently conduct research at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research; an arrangement that enables her to maintain a broad range of professional networks in Perth among the medical, psychological and psychiatric fraternity.

"Psychological problems in students can lead to underperformance, inability to work and focus, and inattentive and chronic behaviour. At PLC there is a counsellor for every age group to help students deal with any issues, ensuring continuity of care throughout students' school years from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12," she said.

"We're proud that PLC has a system which ensures few students slip through the cracks. When we're not able to resolve a student's problems promptly it is vital that we refer her to a GP, psychologist or specialist for treatment," Dr Robinson said.

Monique was recently recognised for her research into the effects of stress and invited to present her paper at the Marcé Society conference in Pittsburgh, United States, focusing on women's mental health. From there, she presented a seminar at Columbia University in New York before returning to school with new ideas and an international network of professionals in the field of women's mental health; an area highly relevant to her work with PLC students.

"I was thrilled to present my work in the US, particularly to the Columbia group who have similar research interests to me. Many of the conference sessions were relevant to my work with adolescent girls at PLC, particularly new research related to the link between hormones and mood disorders from Prof David Rubinow, who is a fascinating presenter. In my role, it is vital to have a solid understanding of women's health issues," Dr Robinson said.

A travel research grant from the Friends of the Institute assisted the counsellor to travel to the United States and present her paper titled *Prenatal Stress and Child Behavioural Problems: Influence of the number, type and timing of stressful life events*. Dr Robinson's research conducted for the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research concluded that experiencing stressful events during pregnancy was a significant risk factor for the development of behavioural problems in children.

FROM THE PARENTS' COMMITTEE

The Parents' Committee continued to support events conducted for the PLC community during Terms 3 and 4 of 2010, including the Valedictory Dinner on 21 October.

Our Scholarship Subcommittee undertook the difficult task of selecting winners from what was once again a range of immensely talented and accomplished applicants. The Parents' Committee Scholarships award tuition fees for one term to one student entering Year 9 and one entering Year 11. The Scholarships aim to reward students who best demonstrate the values that underpin the school's holistic approach to education, meaning that academic achievement is not in itself a prerequisite for success. The primary emphasis is on endeavour across activities including academic, sporting, artistic, and musical, community service and philanthropy. Parents on this subcommittee consider it to be one of the most rewarding of the Committee roles. The students never fail to impress with their organisational skills, commitment to a huge range of activities, and confidence and eloquence at interview. The worthy winners of the 2010 Parents' Committee Scholarships were Annabel Watts (Year 8) and Hannah Bougher (Year 10).

Next year will see us actively promoting to both parents and students an increased awareness of the Scholarships and the benefits of the application process.

The Fees Incentive Draw continues to allow us to make a material contribution to the PLC community. Funds raised in Terms 3 and 4, and throughout the 2011 school year, will be applied to the purchase of artificial turf around the new Swim and Recreation Centre.

The Parents' Committee Annual General Meeting was held on 17 September. Special thanks go to retiring committee members Julie Bradley and Ashok Desai for their service to the Committee and the wider PLC community. Thanks also to Mala Dharmananda for her time as Committee Secretary and to Suze Leitão for volunteering to take over the role. I share my appreciation for the new blood that has enabled us to take an almost full Committee into 2011. The fact that many of these newcomers are Junior School parents is fantastic, as it guarantees a healthy future for the Committee for many years to come.

I thank Principal Beth Blackwood, Director of Community Relations Chavaune Francis, and the members of the Parents' Committee for their contributions of expertise, time and effort. The support of Community Relations Co-ordinator Chloe Rothery and now Dionne Tindale; Director of Finance and Administration Sam Kronja; Director of Operations Bob Niven; Accountant Wendy Castles; and Functions and Cafeteria Manager Elaine Masterson are also much appreciated.



Annabel Watts

Hannah Bougher

The Parents' Committee could not provide its services for the PLC community without volunteers. Our Committee comprises parents with a wide range of skills who wish to contribute to the school community but are only available outside normal working hours. The roles we undertake are rarely onerous but like any volunteer group, we depend on new blood. All parents are welcome to attend our monthly meetings, each of which is noted in the school calendar and in *Links* newsletter. Should you wish to raise any issue for consideration by the Parents' Committee, or express an interest in joining, please email parentscommittee@plc.wa.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming new and continuing parents at our annual Sundowner scheduled for Friday 11 February 2011 in the Senior School Quadrangle.

TONY LOFTHOUSE
Parents' Committee President

FROM THE PLC AUXILIARY

I have been President of the PLC Auxiliary for the past two years and in that time have been fortunate to be supported by the members of two outstanding Executive Committees and a really wonderful array of other office bearers and year representatives. I feel that, together, we have achieved quite a few milestones over that time.

At the beginning of 2009, we introduced the first **PLC Outdoor Cinema Evening**, when we showed *Get Smart*, and followed up that success by showing *Mamma Mia!* this year. I am pleased to report that planning is already underway for next year's event, which will be held on Friday 18 March with a sausage sizzle and stalls selling ice creams, cool drinks, gourmet hampers and glow products. All members of the PLC Community are invited to attend this free family event.

We have continued the popular **City Country Lunch** tradition that is held on the Thursday before the Term 1 Boarders' long weekend. However this year we modified the format to a finger food lunch in the Boarders' Sitting Room instead of holding the function as a sit down lunch at a local restaurant. This meant it was easier for parents to mix and enabled us to keep the price significantly lower than it had been for some years.

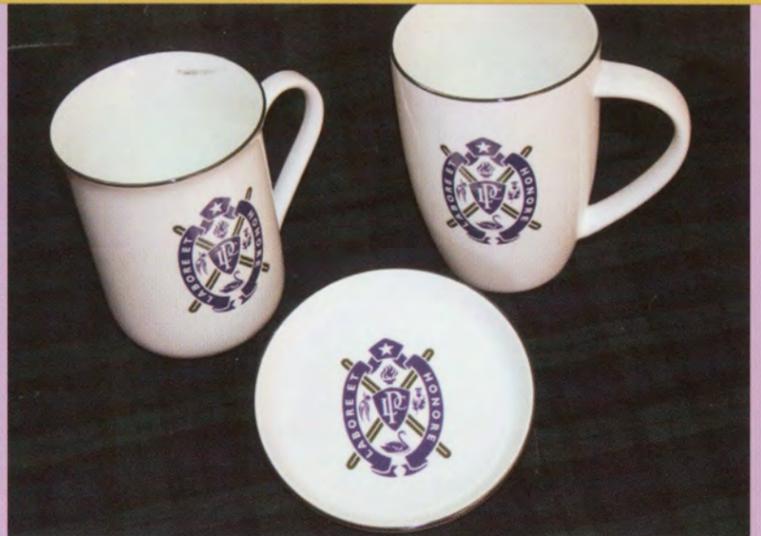
In Term 2, 2009 we held our first cooking demonstration and book sale, when natural food cook and author **Jude Blereau** showed a packed Drama Centre how to make some of her most popular dishes. A morning tea was held afterwards and copies of Jude's books were sold. The \$2,000 raised from that event was used to support some of the many service projects that students have undertaken.

Throughout 2009 and 2010 we have provided tea and coffee on the morning of Auxiliary Meetings, from 8.30 am onwards. This appears to have encouraged many more parents to attend the two 9.00 am meetings that are held each term. The meetings were also followed by morning tea, which enabled further networking among participating parents.

This year we introduced another new event to our calendar, the **Auxiliary Tennis Morning**. It was held at the Peppermint Grove Tennis Club and included coaching, games, match play and morning tea. We were delighted by the success of the inaugural tennis gathering and have added it to our 2011 calendar.

In 2010, we introduced Guidelines and a Form for a Proposal Seeking Financial Support from the Auxiliary. This form is now found on the school website under the Auxiliary tab, and enables members of the community to apply for, or to suggest a use for, some of the funds raised by the Auxiliary each year. The form has been used by a number of parents who have successfully applied for Auxiliary funding to support an area of the school that is close to their hearts!

In Term 3 this year we introduced two types of **PLC mugs** with matching ceramic coasters, all of which are shown in the photograph on page 43. Due to their availability at Auxiliary meetings and Open Garden Day, the first order has already sold out. A second order of mugs and coasters has been placed. They are available for purchase by emailing the Auxiliary at auxiliary@plc.wa.edu.au



Another exciting initiative introduced this year is the **Auxiliary Community Electronic Notice Board**, abbreviated to ACE Notice Board. All parents and older students can submit an advertisement to the Auxiliary's Notice Board Co-ordinator, and when approved, the adverts will be placed on ACE. The Notice Board typically advertises second hand books, sporting equipment and musical instruments, in addition to services provided by students, such as babysitting and tutoring. Notification of Auxiliary events will also be placed on ACE, and parents wishing to communicate with others regarding networking proposals, such as a morning walking group, are also invited to use the facility. To view the guidelines and instructions for ACE, go to the Auxiliary tab on the PLC website.

Once again, members of the Auxiliary ran a very successful **Open Garden Day** in October. The weather was perfect and we had beautiful gardens to visit, in addition to many inspiring craft stalls and delicious food at the Café. This event is the principal Auxiliary fundraiser of the year and once again, thanks to the hard work of so many parents, we were able to add significantly to the funds raised by the Auxiliary and applied for the benefit of the whole school.

The Junior School Disco held on Friday 29 October was also a huge success. This year's Purple Power theme inspired all of the children to splash on a touch or more of purple and have a fantastic night! More than 200 students and siblings attended and had a fabulous time over the two hours of dancing and entertainment.

Auxiliary members did a wonderful job planning and transforming the Sports Centre in October for the Valedictory Dinner for Year 12s and their parents. It was a beautiful send-off for the girls and their families, made even more special by the wonderful attention to detail by this year's dedicated team of Auxiliary members.

In Term 4 we trialled a new and regular opportunity for parents to catch up by introducing the **Auxiliary Morning Tea After Assemblies** that are held fortnightly on Friday mornings when the Junior, Middle and Senior School Assemblies are held on the same day. The morning teas have so far been extremely popular and will be run in 2011.

As always, the Auxiliary has been greatly enhanced by the participation and hard work of enthusiastic Year representatives who organise class-specific events throughout the year, from pizza evenings to sports mornings and from father/daughter breakfasts to morning teas. These functions help parents to forge vital links with other parents in their daughters' year groups. I thank all of the Year reps for their dedication to assisting with this task.

I am delighted to report that we have Auxiliary reps for all 15 Year groups in 2011 and that 20 of the other 21 Auxiliary positions have also been filled. At the time of writing, we still have no nominations for President, so next year's committee may be required to brainstorm some innovative approaches!

Our first meeting of 2011 will be held on Monday 14 February in the Boarders' Sitting Room. As usual, tea and coffee will be available from 8.30 am onwards. The meeting will begin at 9.00 am and will be followed by morning tea. All members of the PLC Community are welcome to attend our meetings. Parking is available at Star of the Sea.

We encourage you to email any enquiries, comments or suggestions to the Auxiliary at auxiliary@plc.wa.edu.au

Thank you to all the inspirational people I have had the pleasure of working with over during my years on Auxiliary, especially those who have given me such marvellous support during the past two years as President. We have made a great team and achieved a lot whilst having fun! I will miss working with you all.

On behalf of the Auxiliary, I wish all members of the PLC community a happy and fulfilling year.

ANNIE DUNCAN

Auxiliary President, 2010

Old Collegians' Association

FROM THE OLD COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION

Our annual Quiz Night is an event open to the wider school community and provides important funding of the bursaries that we provide for PLC students. The 2010 event was held on Friday 18 June, and, as in past years, was a very popular function. With the generous support of Kailis jewellery and the donation of prizes from the PLC and wider local communities, we were able to raise almost \$5000. Congratulations to Philippa Cook who won the major prize of the evening; a stunning piece of Kailis jewellery. Our 2011 Quiz Night, to be held on Friday 29 July, is sure to be another great evening, so pencil this date in your diaries now.

The Year 13 Brunch was held on Sunday 8 August 2010 in the school Cafeteria. During the year following graduation many Leavers are away from home studying or travelling, so we were very pleased when a large group of young ladies from the Class of 2009 attended their Year 13 Brunch.

Head of Staff Chris Robinson, Head of Senior School Neesha Flint, and teachers John Fry, Nicole Dorrington, Gwynn Hodges and Greg Moran joined the former students. Following a welcome by Alumni Co-ordinator Colette James the school's most recent Old Collegians were addressed by Ra Stewart who represented the Old Collegians' Association and Neesha Flint who welcomed them on behalf of staff back to school.

The Brunch was a perfect opportunity for former classmates to renew friendships and catch up informally with their former teachers.



2009 graduates Eleanor Edwards, Asha Rokich and Elouise Eftos caught up with each other and their former teachers at the Year 13 Brunch hosted by the Old Collegians' Association



Kirsten Shadbolt (2004) dresses PLC Year 13 models for the fashion parade at the AGM



AGM and Fashion Parade: Old Collegians enjoy the fashion parade at the Old Collegians' Association AGM.

The Old Collegians' Association AGM was held on Sunday 15 August at Mosmans and it couldn't have been a better excuse for a group of ladies to do lunch; a gorgeous sunny day on the river, beautiful food, wine, fashion and jewellery were enjoyed by all. The formalities were over very quickly and a group of five Year 13s modeled stunning designs by Kirsten Shadbolt (2004) for her label Paper Sky, complemented by beautiful jewellery from Kailis. I thoroughly recommend and encourage fellow Old Collegians to book a table at next year's Annual General Meeting, as it was a lot of fun and a great opportunity to catch up with friends in a relaxed environment.

The AGM also saw the retirement of our fabulous President of the past four years, Jenny Freemantle (Busby 1983) and her Vice President, Ra Stewart (1982). Jenny, Ra and their team have been instrumental in fostering alumni relationships within the greater PLC community, reviewing the Old Collegians' Association Constitution and generally improving systems for event planning and communications to enable future committees to be fully briefed on procedures and protocols. Both ladies have remained on the committee and been a great support to me during the early months of my role as President. I thank retiring committee members Kathy

Bonus (Lefroy 1983), Vicki Rakich (Beresford 1982) and Leo Nye (Nurse 1983) for their hard work ensuring all Old Collegians are well represented by the Old Collegians' Association and that the OCA continues to thrive, innovate and above all, be a resource to the wider school community.

At the Valedictory Dinner on 21 October the OCA continued its tradition of presenting the year's Leavers with a beautiful silver bracelet, engraved with their year of valedictory. After the service and formal proceedings, talented students among class of 2010 entertained us with music and a DVD presentation of the highlights of their PLC school years.



Kia and Prefects: Kia Bradbeer (left) presents the 2011 Prefects with a gift from Kailis for their contribution to the PLC community.

On 27 October the OCA hosted an informal morning tea for the 2011 Prefects and their parents in the school Library. It was a great opportunity for the OCA committee to meet the incoming student leaders, congratulate them on their appointment and welcome them as future OCA members. Old Collegian Kia Bradbeer (2002) presented each Prefect with a generous gift of a beautiful mother of pearl pen from Kailis.

I look forward to an exciting new year of OCA activities in 2011.

FRANCESCA NELSON
Old Collegians' Association President

Francesca Nelson (1980) Old Collegians' Association President

The Old Collegians' Association warmly welcomes its new President, Francesca Nelson.

Francesca has a background in catering and catering management, including Mustard Catering and Vans, Cottesloe. She also worked in Singapore establishing a popular café.

Cesca spent 10 years managing major venues in Melbourne including Zinc at Federation Square, the Arts Centre and Leonda before being lured back to Peth in 2009 to successfully re-establish Steve's in Nedlands. Cesca is now working as a freelance hospitality and events management consultant.

The twin daughters of Cesca's sister Annalisa Oxenburgh (Nelson 1983), Eliza and Olivia, attend Kindergarten at PLC.



Francesca Nelson and outgoing President Jenny Freemantle catch up at the AGM and fashion show.

Call for Expressions of Interest from artists

Old Collegians are invited to submit an expression of interest for consideration to exhibit artworks at the PLC Old Collegians' Art Exhibition scheduled for Friday 27 to Sunday 29 May 2011.

The inaugural exhibition in 2010 was a huge success and we look forward to exhibiting further works by established and emerging artists among Old Collegians this year.

Please send your expression of interest and personal details to exhibition co-ordinator Shannon Lovelady by email at slovelady@plc.wa.edu.au or call +61 8 9424 6476.

Reunions

1950 – 60 YEAR REUNION

It hardly seems 10 years since the class of 1950 gathered for its last major reunion.

A group meets once a year on the first Monday in September, but on 17 August 2010 36 'old girls' gathered at school for what was quite a full day.

First Alumni Co-ordinator Colette James (Wilmot 1969) took us on a guided tour of the school and highlighted recent additions (to be honest, it was all new to us), followed by some time in Archives with Shannon Lovelady (Martin 1983). There was so much excited chatter on our arrival that Colette had difficulty keeping everyone moving on the tour.

Reverend Elke Riekmann conducted a Service in the Chapel and the Middle School Choir helped us with the singing. Many of the group commented on how good it was to see Elke back as Chaplain, even if only temporarily.

It was most pleasing that many of the class who now live outside Western Australia were able to attend. Wendy Field travelled farthest, from England. Joan Goad (Hiller) came from New Zealand,

Philippa Davern (Haesler) from Sydney, Alayne Warden (Reid) from Wodonga, Margaret Lowe (Kirkwood) from Canberra and Betty Riddell (Esselmont) and Elizabeth Bower (Dean) came from Adelaide.

One of the highlights for me was the continuous slide show, produced by Shannon Lovelady, featuring photos taken during our time at school and Beth Gamble's (Viner) son Kim kindly gave his time and took lots of photos during lunch. He then added those photos to the display making a delightful collection of 'then' and 'now'.

Our thanks to the Dining Room staff and the girls who served our delicious lunch and everyone at PLC who helped make our reunion such a successful and happy day.

MARGARET LOWE (KIRKWOOD)



1955 – 55 YEAR REUNION

The 55 Year Reunion of the Class of 1955 was celebrated on 19 August 2010 with 10 of the Old Collegians from our class joining the school at the Founders` Day Service. We also enjoyed a delightful lunch. It was great to welcome Gerri Ahmad (Lowe), who had travelled from Singapore. Despite a spell in hospital while in Perth, Gerri arrived at the reunion lunch just hours after being discharged. What great PLC spirit! Her old classmates were so important she didn't want to miss her school reunion. We were, of course, all thrilled to see her.

A dinner was also held to celebrate our 55th reunion and this function was greatly enjoyed by 20 of us old friends. Some amusing photos were taken, particularly when Jeanette Dunkley was preparing to read out a special poem that Susan Glasfurd OAM had composed for the gathering. As Sue couldn't be at the dinner she deputed Jeanette to read it and record the reading. Unfortunately, difficulties occurred with the tape recorder. Jeanette and a helpful waiter tried to solve the problem and discovered that the restaurant's power point was faulty, so Jeanette had to proceed reading without a recording.

Our 55 Year Reunion was a great success and we look forward to future get-togethers. Many of us meet informally every three months for lunch. For any classmates who would like to join us, please contact me by email at margotstretch@bigpond.com

MARGOT STRETCH (BROWN)



1. Margot Stretch (Brown), Jenny Hasselle (Mayrhofer), Rae Griffin (Burrton) and Jan Miller (Bremner) catch up on news.



2. Penny Hoffman (Ward) and Elaine Johnston (MacKintosh) chat over drinks.



3. Barbara Venn and Jeanette Dunkley catch up over dinner.

CLASS OF 1968 CATCH-UPS

Inspired by an idea from Barb Ladyman and Di Locke, a group of 1968 Leavers gathered together on 5 October 2010 for what is set to become a regular event. Those who caught up at the Captain Stirling Hotel had a wonderful time, although it was tinged with sadness as we remembered those who were no longer with us.

Proposed celebration events for 2011 are:

- Life is Grand at 60, Lunch on Sunday 3 April at the home of Sally Luttrell in Cottesloe. Bring a plate of nibbles, your favourite drink and a gift to the value of \$10.00 for a lucky birthday dip.
- Friday 8 July at the Captain Stirling Hotel, 5.30 pm
- Friday 7 October at the Captain Stirling Hotel, 5.30 pm

Unfortunately not all members of the year group received notice of the catch-up due to many Old Collegians not having advised the school of their current email addresses and many others with previous engagements.

Please update your email address by contacting Alumni Co-ordinator Colette James at school at alumni@plc.wa.edu.au to enable our class list to be updated and ensure everyone is advised of coming events.

ROSEMARY LUKIN (1968)



Sally Luttrell (Andrews), Barb Lee (Ladyman) and Merelyn Goodwin (Mead) catch up during October 2010.

Reunions



1970 – 40 YEAR REUNION

The venue for our reunion on Sunday 24 October, 2010 was the Mosman Park Bowling Club with the back drop being spectacular views of the Swan River and City- a perfect setting for what was a very successful day.

After much hard work by the committee comprising myself, Pauline Hastie (Home), Kathy Caddy (Kirton), Ann Osborne (McIlroy) and Vicki Larkins, we managed to track down 43 girls. About 20 girls started the day with a tour of the school that caused some chaos as the alarm was set off along the way.

We enjoyed a great day reminiscing and perusing the memorabilia, most of which was provided by Ann, and there was much laughter when recounting some of the 'naughty' stories, especially those escapades the boarders got up to.

Caro Kennewell (Baker) flew in from NSW and many former boarders also travelled long distances to the reunion. A couple of the girls had never attended a reunion so there was a lot of catching up to do. For some the births of grandchildren marked this reunion and I guess the next in 10 years time will be marked by retirement.

Everyone who attended was pleased they had made the effort and commented that they would not miss the 50 Year reunion.

SALLY CLOHESSY (PATERSON)

Reunions



30 Year Reunion



Class of 2000



OLD GIRLS' INTER-SCHOOL GOLF DAY

The 45th combined IGSSA Golf Day was hosted by Iona on 11 October 2010 at Hartfield Country Club.

PLC fielded a team of eight pairs which included Bev Copley (Matthews 1963), Libby Robertson (Moffat 1958), Jo Anne Gibbs (Eyles 1957), Teeny Hill (Law 1959), Kate Divitini (Giles 1974), Nanette O'Driscoll (Smith 1968), Karen Liggins (Hungerford 1965), Libby Hantke (Somerville 1965), Judy Healy (Anderson 1971), Leonie Cooke (1971), Dee Atkinson (1966), Andrea Reynolds (Hamersley 1981), Helen Dawson (Grant 1966), Carol Hardie (Anderson 1963), Jane McNamara (1977) and Jane Kingsnorth (Ferguson 1969).

It was a great day of golf and fellowship, with St Hilda's winning the tournament and PLC finishing modestly in sixth place. For the second consecutive year Libby Hantke and Karen Liggins (pictured) were our most successful pair.

Old Collegians interested in being included in the mailing list for future golf events can contact Jane Kingsnorth on 9384 8483.



Esme Park (Sutherland 1945)

Esme is a busy author whose first book *Global Women* recorded her trip to Bangladesh for the Hunger Project. She recently published her first novel *Who Steals the Fire*, which is an historical, fictional romance set in Northern Scotland. It is based on the possible story of Henry Sutherland during the 19th Century clearances. Henry arrived in Ballarat in time for the gold rush and founded the Sutherland connection here.

Esme and her husband Humphery run a pastoral property in the Bullsbrook Hills. Esme's granddaughter, Katherine Park (2005), and two nieces continue her strong and continuing link to PLC.

NEWS OF OLD COLLEGIANS

June Lobry de Bruyn (Demel 1942)

June and husband Alex are living at Hilton Aged Care where they moved after 50 in their family home in Nedlands.

Doreen Bathgate (McNeil 1945)

Doreen was once asked to select a suitable horse to be ridden by another young woman, Queen Elizabeth II, during her visit to WA in 1954. Doreen has a keen interest in horses and for many years rode to the hunt in Bullsbrook, retiring from this just seven years ago. Doreen trained as a nurse at PMH and worked at Hollywood Hospital. She is married and has three children, nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren, with another on the way!

Marjorie Coleman (Paine 1945)

Though she no longer teaches, Marjorie is still involved in textile art and continues to exhibit her work.

Rayma Hemingway (1945)

Rayma lived away from Perth for 30 years, working in a public relations related role and travelling extensively. She is now living in Perth and enjoying catching up with old friends.

Lesley van Staveren (Bunce 1945)

In October 2009 Lesley was presented with a certificate from the Anglican Mothers' Union in recognition of 50 years of membership and celebrated with a special luncheon. Lesley resides in a nursing home.

Beryl White (Jaffer 1945)

Beryl retired in 2009 and is very involved with the Country Women's Association and playing bowls. She had a knee operation in 2009 and is awaiting a second operation.

Lorrie Woodland (Parrott 1945)

When her husband Bill was transferred to Papua New Guinea for his work in the oil industry, Lorrie retired as State Nursing Superintendent of Occupational Health and Safety, but subsequently returned to work in that field. The couple now enjoys travelling, with long trips by road throughout WA planned for the future.

Jennifer 'Jenny' Blain (Flintoff 1950)

Jenny is currently blogging for the ABC Arts Gateways website.

Kathleen (Beth) Blight (Turner 1950)

After 40 years of farming in the Corrogin district and raising two children, Beth and her husband retired and travelled around Australia, finally settling in Emu Point, Albany. Beth teaches porcelain art and is involved with the Church Guild.

Bettine Chapman (Birdseye 1950)

For the past 15 years, Bettine has been an official guide at Government House. She is involved on committees and is the ladies' captain for her tennis club.

Dawn Chivers (Reid 1950)

Since retiring from her work as a recreation officer in both Geraldton and Wanneroo, Dawn is a 'lady of leisure' who enjoys many activities, including club 4-wheel driving and camping.

Jennifer Cook (Ledger 1950)

After more than 35 years working in administration at Curtin, Jennifer is now retired and enjoys travelling with her husband, particularly to Thailand; they have visited the country approximately 20 times!

Philippa Davern (Haesler 1950)

Philippa recently retired from running a vineyard in the Hunter Valley. She now spends her time learning Italian, playing the piano, and walking her dog. Philippa also enjoys helping disadvantaged children with their literacy skills at the Exodus Tutorial Centre.

Wendy Field (1950)

Wendy has lived in the United Kingdom, Singapore and Italy, working as a secretary and as a translator in the Vatican. In 1985 she completed three years of full-time study in London for a degree in music and has since taught class music and piano.

Janet Meszaros (Watson 1950)

Janet completed her PhD as a mature-aged student. She has four children and six grandchildren, and recently visited Africa with her youngest son and his family. Janet belongs to a 'tales of times past' association that sends teams of speakers to schools to relate what life was like in their youth.

Marion Milton (James 1950)

Marion and her husband are active in their Church, and have recently become great grandparents to Harvey.

Judith Pinnell (Langton 1950)

Judith studied at Southampton School of Art in the United Kingdom where she lived for many years. She is now based in Perth and continuing her textile work, which has taken to India several times and to Mongolia. Judith exhibits her work in Australia and overseas and has published books including *Take Silk: A Guide to Silk Paper for the Creative Fibre Artist* and *Silk 'Paper' Creations for the Fibre Artist* (both Milner Craft Series).

Bet Riddell (Esslemont 1950)

Bet's daughter and grandchildren live with her, which means there is always 'plenty of action'. She also volunteers for the Red Cross.

Deirdre Sanders (Schorer 1950)

Deirdre attended business college before working for the ABC, marrying and having four children. The family lived in Darwin for 21 years, before Deirdre retired and travelled extensively. Deirdre enjoys cake decorating, china painting and decorative landscape painting.

Rosemary Cook (Brayshaw 1962)

Rosemary nursed for eight years. She has been living 'up north' since 1968, but is soon moving to Popanyinning.

Rae Griffin (Burton 1955)

In 1959 Rae graduated in nursing from PMH before marrying an RAAF pilot and living in Malaysia and Qatar. The couple had three children and Rae now has four grandchildren. Rae enjoys volunteering with the Cancer Council, classical music and travelling.

Judith Hall (Wilson 1955)

Judith matriculated as mature-aged student and has been teaching English for 15 years. She is especially interested in student welfare and students with learning difficulties, and is currently an acting student welfare officer.

Janet 'Jan' Miller (Bremner 1955)

Jan attended business college then worked at the Bank of NSW (Westpac). She has a daughter, **Kirsty Carmody (Miller 1978)**, and a son Mark. Janet later worked with children with speech and learning difficulties. She and her husband have enjoyed travels to Britain, Europe and America.

Marguerita 'Margot' Stretch AM (Brown 1955)

Margot is a homemaker, physiotherapist, farmer and volunteer worker for several organisations, but primarily with the Red Cross, for which she received an AM for services in rural, State and national spheres. She currently serves on two national boards.

Shelley Flavel (1968)

Shelley worked in hospitality in Bunbury and Geraldton, then worked for 14 years as a qualified horticulturalist. She is now semi-retired and lives happily in the Swan Valley, riding horses and enjoying the company of her two daughters and four grandchildren.

Joanne Wild (Roberts 1969)

Joanne is involved with community art, including workshops at the Junction 2010 Conference in Launceston, Tasmania, and currently sits on the board of Tasmanian Regional Arts.

Lynette Bodycoat (Chappel 1970)

In 1990 Lynette and husband Greg Bodycoat (ex-Scotch) left their farm in Carnamah. They now divide their time between Perth and Mandurah. After many years teaching English, Lynette is now planning her retirement. Lynette's daughters are **Nicole Bodycoat (1992)** and **Fiona Bolger (Bodycoat 1994)**.

Kathleen Digwood (1970)

After completing an Honours degree in history and politics, Kathleen worked in Edinburgh and Sydney before returning to Perth. She has been employed in a variety of administrative and advocacy roles, including chief of staff for a state government minister. Kathleen is currently managing the 'complaints of unlawful discrimination' section of the Equal Opportunity Commission. Her husband is a professor at Murdoch and they have two daughters who are both completing law/arts degrees.

Jillian Egerton-Warburton (Pugh 1970)

After completing teacher training, Jillian taught in Norseman and Albany before marrying Frankland River farmer Colin Egerton-Warburton in 1978. Their farm is the historical 'Yereminup', which was first settled in 1856. They have three children; Grant, **Diana Edgerton-Warburton (1997)** and Jonathon, who are all farming.

Jennifer Etherington (Nott 1970)

Jennifer did a Bachelor of Arts at UWA before teaching secondary school, marrying and having two children, who are now adults. She now lives in Dunsborough and is busy working as a marriage celebrant, having performed the marriages of many PLC Old Collegians and their children. Jennifer also enjoys golf, gardening, travel, food and wine.

Jillian Green (Rae 1970)

In 1981, Jillian married Ian Green and had three children; Ben (24), Katie (22) and Tim (18). Jillian has retired from a long career in occupational therapy, and over the last four years has volunteered on three paediatric medical missions to repair cleft lips/palates in both Tanzania (Interplast) and the Philippines (Operation Rainbow).

Helen Hancock (Luckett 1970)

After graduating from teacher training in 1973, Helen taught at Broomehill Primary until 1998, gaining her Bachelor of Education in 1984. In 1975 she married farmer Francis and they had two sons and a daughter. In 1998 they sold the farm and moved to Perth, then Albany. They recently bought a 100-acre hobby farm in Mount Barker and are planning house renovations and farm development.

Priscilla (Caroline) 'Caro' Kennewell (Baker 1970)

Caro returned to the United Kingdom in 1970 and embarked on a nursing career that spanned 23 years. She returned to Australia in 1984, married in 1986, and has four stepsons and nine step-grandchildren! After subsequent careers in beauty therapy and reflexology, Caro is now an authorised civil celebrant living in NSW.

Julia Levinson (Miles 1970)

Julia studied and worked in Italy. Her work in the airline industry was followed by a career in tourism that led her back to study. She is now an executive officer in the plantation forestry industry and has just re-located to Melbourne to pursue this career.

Catherine Nathan (Forte 1970)

In 1999 Catherine moved from Perth to Albany where she is now an assistant in special needs at Great Southern Grammar. She has two children, Kendall (who married last December) and Matthew.

Rosemary Noll (Thompson 1970)

Rosemary married Bob Noll in 1975. After his brief stint working in the Middle East and on the land back in Australia, Bob studied medicine. During his first year of studies the couple's twin girls **Sarah (1997)** and **Edwina (1997)** were born and their son Andrew arrived in Bob's fifth year of medicine! After his graduation the family set off to the United Kingdom where Bob completed a year of anaesthetics training. The family eventually settled in Albany where Bob worked in general practice. Rosemary studied beauty therapy and her interests include natural medicine and gardening. The birth of twin grandchildren is imminent!

Anne Plowman (Giles 1970)

Anne met Brian Plowman in Canada and subsequently transferred from her studies in physiotherapy at WAIT (now Curtin) to the University of Alberta in Canada, where they married in 1974. Anne pursued a career in physiotherapy and in 1983 the

couple relocated to Perth where Anne is currently working as a local area coordinator in the northern suburbs for the Disability Services Commission. In 1984 Brian joined the inaugural staff at St Stephen's School in Duncraig where he is now deputy principal and where all three of their children attended. Anne and Brian often visit family in Canada and hope to do so even more in retirement.

Lee-Anne Randall (Williams 1970)

Lee-Anne married Neil Randall (ex-Scotch) and they have three sons; Sam, Ben and Jon Randall (all ex-Scotch) who are all involved in the family business, 'The Paddo' (Paddington Ale House), in Mount Hawthorn. Following a 26-year career with Centrelink, Lee-Anne has been working as the accounts manager at Coco's Restaurant in South Perth for the past nine years.

Janice 'Jan' Zacher (Wilkins 1970)

After a career as a telephonist, Jan married farmer Dennis Zacher in 1978. The couple's son Simon was born in 1980 and daughter Karina in 1982, and Jan subsequently became an active volunteer at the children's school. In the CWA, Jan held the various positions of president, secretary and treasurer of her local branch, then divisional president. In 2000 she started her current full-time position as library officer at Kojonup District High School, and she continues to volunteer for the local newspaper and tourist centre. Jan and Dennis enjoy travel and have recently become proud grandparents.

Beverley 'Bev' Stanes (Tuckwell 1970)

After completing a Bachelor of Science at UWA, Bev trained as a secondary teacher and taught at Kulin District High School where she eventually became principal. In 1988 she went on teaching exchange to Canada. Bev's career has also involved 18 months as principal consultant to Narrogin District Education Office. Bev is currently the principal at Katanning Senior High School. In 1974 Bev married Bruce Stanes and they have four children. Sons Leigh, Kim and Christian are ex-Scotch, and are engineers in partnership in the engineering company Structural Focus. **Erin (2007)** is studying medicine at UWA.

Jenny Serich (Rogers 1972)

Jenny is proud to have been selected for represent Australia in the Over 55s Hockey team.

Penny Bryant (1980)

After a number of years working for a mining company, Penny returned to full-time study in 2001 and is now living and working in Broome as a certified accountant for a regional Aboriginal medical service.

Elizabeth Campion (Herzfel 1980)

After completing a Bachelor of Education in 1987, Elizabeth taught mathematics at Willetton Senior High School (1984-1988), St Marks Anglican Community School (1989-1982) and Trinity College (1997-1998). In 1980 she married Andrew at Guildford Grammar School Chapel and in 1994 Andrew started Campion Design Group, with Elizabeth working part-time on the group's administration. They have a son Michael (Scotch 2010) and a daughter Sarah (PLC Year 11, 2011).

Samantha Carey (Strugnell 1980)

Samantha studied journalism then worked for Air India for a few years before marrying. She is now a busy mother to six children.

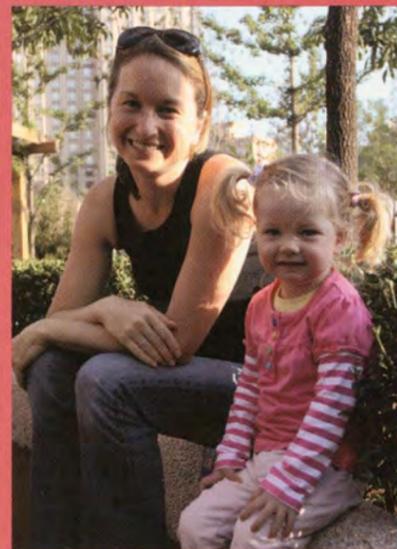
Alison 'Ali' Carlton (Bean 1980)

Ali married Dean Carlton in 1993 in Perth. She has just completed a graduate diploma in information and library studies and is currently working part-time at the WA Parliamentary Library. Ali gratefully remembers former PLC staff member Barry Wicks and Year 10 guitar lessons; she continues to play. Ali also plays the mandolin in a local group and with the WA Mandolin Orchestra. Ali has a son and two daughters **Mia (PLC Year 12, 2011)** and **Erin (PLC Year 9, 2011)**.

Jane Honeycombe (Ledger 1986)

Jane married David Honeycombe in May at St Peter's Anglican Church in Watsons Bay, Sydney followed by a reception at Catalina, Rose Bay. There was a distinct PLC flavour to the day; Jane's bridesmaids included her sister **Sue Hobson (Ledger 1981)** who is currently a member of the PLC Foundation Board, **Jodie Clayton (Love 1986)** and her four nieces including student **Rebecca Hobson (Year 8, 2011)** were flower girls. Jane's six nephews, who all played a part on the day, were either Scotch Old Collegians or current students at Scotch.

Other guests included **Sharon Drage (Bradshaw 1986)**, **Susie Johnston (Herzfeld 1986)**, **Lindy Baldwin (Sardelic 1986)**, **Felicity Nicholson (1986)**, **Emma Hondros (Hawkins 1986)**, **Kirsten Hay (1986)** and **Kathryn McCusker (1986)**.



Ruth Stone OAM (1990)

After leaving school Ruth completed an Honours Degree in Asian Studies and Politics at Murdoch, which included a year studying at an Indonesian University. In 1998 she moved to Canberra to join the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DEFAT) Graduate Programme.

Ruth later completed a Masters Degree in Foreign Affairs and Trade through Monash University.

In 2002 Ruth was sent to Bali in the immediate aftermath of the Bali bombings to provide situation reports on the crisis, for which she received a Medal of the Order of Australia. During this time she was posted to the Australian Embassy in Jakarta and in 2003 she returned to Bali to organise the Government's memorial service for the first anniversary of the bombing. Ruth said this was the most

personally rewarding work opportunity of her career.

In 2004 whilst working in Canberra Ruth met Nick (also a DEFAT officer) whom she married in 2006. Nick was subsequently posted to Beijing where the couple has been based for almost four years. During this time Ruth has covered political reporting at the Australian Embassy and was later the World Health Organisation's communications director for China. In 2008 Ruth welcomed her beautiful daughter, Ava Lily.

Ruth and her husband have been posted to Geneva and will move there in March 2011 where Ruth will commence work as Australia's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva. She and her family love to travel and over the next three years they hope to see more of Europe.



Dr Jo Cambridge (1970)

Jo is currently living in London and working as a senior lecturer in rheumatology (rheumatoid arthritis, Lupus) and researching a relatively new treatment, cell depletion therapy, that she and her colleague Professor Jo Edwards introduced 10 years ago for these and other autoimmune diseases. Cell depletion therapy is now standard treatment and has changed the way most people now think about autoimmune conditions. Jo has formed collaborative links with a large drug company and clinical doctors from Spain and Portugal. Whilst enjoying her work she is very busy juggling her professional life, being mother to her 11-year-old son and campaigning against intensive farming practices and live exports.

Matija Franetovich (1995)

Having been taught to play the bagpipes at school and considering the lifelong memories and friendships gained from the activity, it made sense to Matija Franetovich to keep playing the instrument after leaving school. With the encouragement of Peter Jones, she went to weekly practice sessions with the Australian Army Pipe Band and enlisted two months later.

That was almost 15 years ago and Matija still loves to play her pipes with the band and enjoy the challenges of her new role as Drum Major.

Highlights of her time in the army include:

- 2005 Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Sydney.
- 2006 Australian Army in Concert Tour that travelled the country performing with stars such as Marina Prior, Tom Burlinson and Ronda Burchmore
- In 2009 becoming the first woman to lead the entire 13th Brigade Army Regiment down St Georges Terrace, Perth on ANZAC Day.

The Australian Army Pipe Band rehearses on Monday evenings from 7.00 pm. All past and present PLC pipers and drummers are welcome. For further details, contact Pipe Major Verne Jones on verne.jones@defence.gov.au



Kate Opie (Trudgian 1997), Jacqui White (Mullineux 1996) and Matija Franetovich (1995).

Jessica Reid (1998)

Volunteer's life saving campaign awarded

A media and communications campaign implemented by Jessica has contributed to saving 700 cats for Cat Haven and won her the title of Emerging PR Practitioner of the Year and Best Low Cost/Pro Bono campaign in WA. She subsequently won the Best Low Cost/Pro Bono campaign in Australia.

The national industry body, the Public Relations Institute of Australia (PRIA), presented the State awards, and Jessica travelled to Darwin to receive her National award.

Jessica contributes as a volunteer at Cat Haven in addition to working full time in emergency services. Her achievement comes with less than two years experience in the industry.

In addition to saving lives, the campaign achieved record-breaking adoption rates and disseminated messages to the public about the responsibilities of pet ownership.

Jessica attained the awards with no budget or media team.

"It's fantastic to have had this acknowledgment so early in my career, as well as profile the great work of Cat Haven," she said.



Jessica and her cat Pixie.

Shantha Cokis (Dharmalingam 1980)

Shantha studied psychology at UWA then a Masters in interdisciplinary studies at UNSW. She worked in policy and community development in Perth and Sydney, before embarking on a career in fashion, subsequently establishing the store Periscope in King Street, Perth. Shantha has been married for 20 years and has two teenaged daughters.

Linda Cooke (Hockey 1980)

After completing an agriculture degree and travelling, in the late 1980s Linda worked at the International Wool Secretariat in London. She subsequently trained staff at Australian Women in Agriculture (AWiA) in Fremantle, and then worked in economics roles based in the central Wheatbelt for the Department of Agriculture before moving to farm consultancy. In 1985 Linda married Grant Cooke and they have three daughters, Kate (13), Isla (11) and Lucy (9). They live on the family farm in the Northam area.

Jillian 'Jill' Dare (1980)

Jill runs her own consulting and leadership development organisation and, having practiced yoga for the past 20 years, is undertaking a yoga teacher training course. She is married with two sons, aged 13 and 11 respectively. Jill's other passions are long lunches with girl friends, daily swims in the ocean and walks with her dog.

Dianne 'Didie' Debenham (Wishaw 1980)

Fourteen years ago Didie returned to Perth with her husband and three children. She currently enjoys working in a school canteen.

Diana Diamond (McLellan 1980)

Diana is a public relations consultant and is married with three children; James and Robert (current Scotch students) and Pamela (PLC Year 9, 2011).

Sara Flavelle (1980)

Sara worked 'up north' on sheep stations and gravity survey teams, and then in Melbourne for costing agents, fashion houses and rock 'n roll promoters. Eventually she took up a role in the newsroom at Channel 7. In 1988 Sara returned to Perth and worked as a journalist at TWN7 and 6IX, then 96FM and ABC Radio National. Currently she is a postgraduate scholarship officer at UWA. Her daughter is Irene Rogers (2010) and her son Alan Rogers (Scotch 2008) is currently studying engineering at Melbourne University.

Karen Fleischer (1980)

After studying law at UWA, Karen worked in London for three years before returning to Perth to join a large law firm. She was then General Counsel to an ASX listed agricultural company until 2010. Currently Karen is legal consultant to a United States-based forestry company with interests in Australia, and is President of the WA Regional Council of Redkite, an Australia-wide charity providing financial, emotional and educational support to children with cancer, and their families.

Janine Hughes (Braddock 1980)

After completing a degree in English with a major in journalism at Curtin, Janine worked mainly as a sub editor and journalist for agricultural publications such as *Farm Weekly*. For the past six years she has lectured part-time at Curtin and runs her own public relations company. Janine has been married for 23 years and has four children.

Julie Ibbitson (Chester 1980)

Julie completed nursing at PMH and worked in real estate part-time for five years. She currently works the night shift at PMH and is married with three children.

Julie Gibbs (1980)

In 1991 Julie married Belgian national Georges Bernard Huybens and they moved to Singapore, then Perth and Germany, before returning to Singapore in 2002. Having completed a nursing diploma, in 2000 Julie gained a nursing degree before undertaking postgraduate studies in counselling with the Australian College of Applied Psychology. Since 2004, she has worked as a college counsellor at the United College of South East Asia, which has 3000 students comprising 65 nationalities. Julie and Georges have two daughters, Charlotte and Mathilde.

Andrea Gillett (1980)

For the past 18 years Andrea has been nursing in intensive care at PMH, specialising in cardiac care and bereavement. In 1997, in the PLC Chapel, she married David Mitchell and they have two children, Jessica (PLC Year 8, 2012) and Simon. The family enjoys travelling around Australia in their campervan and Andrea says that, unlike her school days, she is now very fit and enjoys playing tennis.

Suzanne Halsall (Blechynden 1980)

After working in Queensland and on the family farm in Beverley, Suzanne started a photographic business in 1985 and married photographer Andrew in 1988. Suzanne is now a full-time artist and plans to study in 2011 with a view to teach art in the future. They have four children; Adam (19), Ben (16), Danielle (15) and Kendal (13).

Ktima Heathcote (Duguid 1980)

After completing a Bachelor of Arts in literature and journalism at WAIT (now Curtin), Ktima was a journalist for tabloids and women's magazines in Sydney and London. In 2003 she returned to Australia as a sub-editor on Brisbane's *Courier Mail* and a lecturer/tutor in journalism at Queensland University of Technology. Ktima now lives in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, where she has set up Barkly Writers Ink and a literary program for local writers. Ktima adores her stepdaughter and has rekindled a passion for art via drawing and sculpture.

Georgina Jones (Olden 1980)

Georgina studied Physical Education before completing a Master of Education at UWA. After marrying and having two daughters she completed a diploma in reflexology and currently works as a therapy assistant and self-employed reflexologist.

Belinda Kelsall (1980)

Belinda now owns a film production company, producing dramas, documentaries and TV commercials. She is currently working on a TV series and has several other productions in development.

Lynnette Kohler (1980)

Lynnette studied interior design at Leederville TAFE followed by a Bachelor of Arts in visual arts, textile design and photography at ECU. She now has a design business in Leederville. In 1995 Lynette married artist Adrian Baldsing and they have a daughter, Lola.

Roshana Lewis (1980)

After travelling to Europe and 'wasting a few years', Roshana returned to study and in 1990 completed a degree in architecture. She then became an art dealer and re-opened Lister Gallery. Roshana is on the board of the Perth Institute of Contemporary Art and she frequently travels. Roshana has two daughters, Isabel Calder (2009) and Catherine Calder (PLC Year 7, 2011).

Jane Mozley (Evans 1980)

After a few years travelling, Jane ended up in London where she worked as a travel consultant and met her husband, Mark. They settled in Perth and are the proud parents of Nicholas (16) and Sarah (14). In 2002 Jane completed a Diploma for Education Assistants at ECU and has found her niche in life working at Floreat Park Pre-Primary School and at a kindergarten in Karrinyup.

Carolyn Newman (1980)

After working in England, Europe, the Middle East, Sydney, Rottneest Island and Claremont, in 2003 Carolyn moved south to manage the cellar door at Rosabrook Margaret River Wines where she spent three years learning all about the South West wine industry. Since 2006 Carolyn has lived in Busselton, working in financial administration in the education sector. She has recently returned from a short working holiday on a cattle station in the Pilbara.

Lula O'Keeffe (Ventouras 1980)

Lula studied primary teaching and speech and drama, travelled to Europe for eight months and subsequently spent five years working in retail fashion, which involved a significant amount of travelling. For the last 16 years she has been working as a travel consultant. Lula is married with two boys. She continues to work part-time.

Bethwyn 'Beth' O'Neil (Chrystal 1980)

After studying occupational therapy at Curtin, Beth studied vocal jazz at WAAPA. She married in 1994 and moved with her husband to Denmark, WA, where she established a community choir and rallied to preserve the ancient forests. In 2002 the couple moved back to Perth with their two boys, and from 2003 to 2008 Beth worked as an occupational therapy tutor and lecturer at Curtin. Beth will soon be among the inaugural cohort of graduates in the Bachelor of Applied Science in Midwifery. She is available to deliver the grandchildren of her PLC contemporaries.

Rochelle Overington (Carrie 1980)

After attending Claremont Teachers' College, Rochelle moved to Derby and worked with Australia Post, then transferred back to Perth where she continued to work with Australia Post until 1991. In 2002 she joined dance fitness company Aero Dance as an instructor. Rochelle married Brad in 1989 at the Cottesloe Civic Centre and they have two boys; the eldest is studying animation at TAFE and Travis is aiming to study engineering at UWA.

Sarah Davey (Davis 2000)

Sarah married Ray Davey under a peppermint tree in the beautiful garden of Ray's family property in Margaret River on 30 January 2010. The wedding reception was held at Leeuwin Estate Winery.

Sarah and Ray's guests included several Old Collegians including her bridesmaids and very good friends Amy Dry (2000), Jenna Van Niekerk (2000), and Alex Humphry (2000).



Elizabeth Newnham (2000)

Elizabeth completed her PhD at UWA last year and was invited to work at Harvard University in Boston with former child soldiers from Sierra Leone to determine the factors that impact on psychological adjustment following violent trauma.

In recognition of her work, the American Australian Association and Morgan Stanley recently recognised Elizabeth by awarding her the prestigious Morgan Stanley Paediatrics Fellowship at a benefit dinner in New York. Rupert Murdoch and Malcolm Binks (Chairman of the Education Fund) presented the award and Elizabeth was congratulated with a kiss on the cheek from Hugh Jackman.

Elizabeth is enjoying living in Boston and said it was exciting to be working with such an impressive research team at Harvard.

"I am currently working with leaders in child health and human rights to identify the specific risk and protective factors in children affected by violence. By identifying those children at greatest risk, we will be able to effectively provide humanitarian assistance and psychological treatments in post-conflict settings.

"Violence affects children all over the world. Whether it is in a war zone, in Sierra Leone, or a suburb in Australia, millions of children are vulnerable to trauma. In order to help those children, it is vital that we investigate the psychological impacts of violence, and develop effective treatments. Improving child health is the key to sustainable development," Elizabeth said.



"It is my goal to develop an innovative programme of paediatric mental healthcare applicable for treating trauma-affected children in an Australian environment. The Fellowship will not only advance critical research, but also the application of world class ideas and the development of collaborative partnerships between the United States and Australia."

Sally Repton (Nottage 1980)

After completing a Bachelor of Commerce, Sally worked in human resources in the banking sector before completing postgraduate studies at Curtin. Sally moved to the Wheatbelt where she became a regional coordinator at CY O'Conner College of TAFE and subsequently a regional training and development manager in the WA Country Health Service. Sally is married with three children and lives on a farm in Tammin.

Shelley Rose (1980)

After training in catering and hotel management, Shelley worked in hospitality and farming in country towns, and in the Kimberley region of WA and New Zealand. For the past 15 years she has been running a bed and breakfast establishment in Mosman Park.

Sally Rossen (Field 1980)

After studying architecture at UWA, Sally worked in Perth for the State government, mainly designing public schools, then lived and worked in London before returning to Perth. Sally is married with three children including Lucy (PLC Year 8, 2011) and Mollie (PLC Year 8, 2014) and works casually as a consultant architect.

Donna Shepherd (1980)

After completing a degree in arts and English at Curtin, Donna undertook a Masters degree in intercultural and international management in Vermont, United States. She has since worked as a film director/producer and freelancer, and is currently a non-executive director for World Vision Australia and International. Donna is married with three stepchildren and two grandchildren.

Susan Smith (Porteous 1980)

Susan completed physical education studies at UWA followed by a Diploma in Education in primary teaching from ECU. She taught in several State schools and at Christ Church Grammar School before marrying and moving to Canberra for nine years. Since returning to Perth, Susan has taught physical education part-time at Hollywood Primary School. She has two daughters.

Susan Thompson (Carter 1980)

Susan completed nursing studies at WAIT (now Curtin), followed by midwifery at St John of God Hospital, Subiaco. In 1987 she married David (Scotch 1979) and experienced farm life and work at Katanning Hospital. Currently Susan is working with the Aboriginal health programme A Smart Start, which is targeted at families with children aged up to four years. Susan has three children; a son Harrison (Scotch 2007), and PLC boarders Isabelle (2010) and Natasha (Year 10, 2011). The family recently moved to a new farm 30 kilometres east of Katanning.

Victoria Torrance (Newton 1980)

After studying music at both UWA and WAAPA and performing in Perth, in 1990 Victoria relocated to London and worked as a jazz and pop singer. She had a Top 10 hit in the United Kingdom with the group Strike and toured with them around the United Kingdom, Europe, Japan and Brazil. In 2006 she married a Scotsman, Russell, and at the end of 2007 they relocated to Perth. Victoria currently lectures in jazz and contemporary vocals at WAAPA and regularly performs in Perth, Melbourne and Kuala Lumpur.

Tessa McOnie (2008)

Portraying the magic of Indigenous Australians

The first solo art exhibition by recent PLC graduate Tessa McOnie (2008) received an overwhelming response, with all exhibited charcoal drawings and oil paint works sold.

To the Core, presented by Linton and Kay Contemporary in Subiaco, depicted members of the Kupungari Aboriginal Community that Tessa met in 2008 during PLC's Kimberley service learning trip where she attended the Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre (KALACC) Festival.

Her artworks contest the perception of dysfunctional Aboriginal families portrayed in the media by revealing an intimate learning experience about herself, the traditional owners of Australia, and what it means to be family.

Tessa said the trip was illuminating because the Indigenous people she met lived their daily lives and saw things completely differently from anyone else she knew.

"Kids in the Kimberley look after each other and learn from their own experiences. They seem to govern themselves with little guidance from their parents, yet the community structure is obviously very important and the Elders are the undeniable voice of reason," Tessa said.

"I never saw a child cry and I found that amazing. The trip really taught me how family works and I tried to reflect that in my art," she said.

With several awards credited to her, Tessa is considered a rising star on the Perth art scene, having already demonstrated technical skill, sensitivity and artistic insight that belie her young age.

Since her exhibition Tessa has been working on about 40 commissions, including some very large pieces. The majority of the works are portraits that Tessa paints after meeting the subjects to understand how to best portray them. In general, Tessa spends the equivalent of about fulltime week painting each portrait.

"I find that every subject has something unique about him or her; a kind of sparkle which I try to capture in paint," she said.

"I'm forever learning and changing as an artist and that keeps me motivated," she said.



Last year Tessa had an arrangement with Scotch College that saw her work with students as the school's artist in residence. She was also provided her own studio space. More recently, she has been working from a North Fremantle studio completing commissioned works and creating pieces for her second solo exhibition.

"I'm currently working on paintings for my 2011 exhibition which will feature portraits of Indigenous people with animals, as an extension of my work in *To the Core*. I aim to show the unique bond between Indigenous Australians and animals that most people haven't seen," she said.

Tessa's lucky break with Linton and Kay Contemporary studio resulted from a painting she exhibited in the bi-ennial Art at Perth College collective as an emerging artist. The studio was impressed with her work and subsequently got in touch to establish collaboration.

"This year I'm aiming to enter my paintings in art exhibitions in the local community as well as larger competitions such as the Albany and Metro art awards and the Black Swan and Archibald portrait prizes. It would be a major coup if my work was accepted into the larger awards," Tessa said.

"With the help of the gallery, I will be starting work on an Archibald Prize entry featuring one of Australia's top Indigenous

painters, Tommy Watson. I will meet him at his home in Alice Springs and take photos and sketches over a couple of days. It's an honour to be invited to paint Tommy; his work is captivating and I am so grateful for the opportunity."

Tessa said the support of her parents as she bypassed a university degree and ventured on a career as a professional artist had been a huge influence, and as a result she believes it is vital for her to be independent and do things her own way.

"I have always been creative and I kept busy doing art through school as well as attending night classes at art school. I never saw myself doing anything else and my parents remember me saying when I was very young that I wanted to be an artist when I grew up.

"My skills have developed under the instruction of teachers at the Claremont School of Art, particularly Drewfus Gates who emphasised the importance of colour in painting, Richard Marito who helped me understand shape and physical structure and d'Hang Yamon who developed my ability to convey tone and atmospheric change," Tessa said.

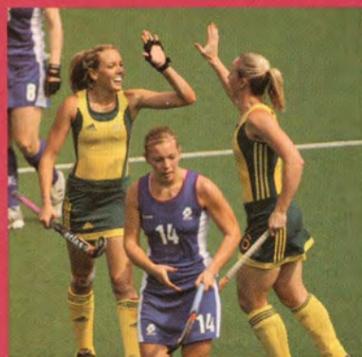
"In the long term I want my art to push the boundaries, become international and help the environment. Essentially, I want to leave the earth having helped it."

Tessa contemplates her painting entitled Daisy.



Bella Robson (2009)

2009 Leaver Bella Robson, who was part of the school's Sporting Excellence Programme while at PLC, recently competed at the Australian Dressage Championships in Sydney. She will commence her university studies in March prior to heading to Germany for dressage competition and attending university in Holland for the remainder of the year.



**Fiona Boyce (2004)
Commonwealth Games Gold
Medallist, Delhi 2010**

Fiona represented Australia at the Commonwealth Games this year as a member of the gold winning women's Hockey team. Fiona said she would never forget her time in Delhi. Despite having three older brothers who represented Australia in hockey, she is the first member of the family to win a Commonwealth gold medal.

On her return to Australia Fiona enjoyed a welcome five-week break from training to enable her to catch up on her studies before resuming training in December. She is in her final year of a Law/Commerce degree at Notre Dame University.

Saibra Twigg (Gomme 1980)

Saibra is mother to three and was a nurse in palliative care until she bought a travel agency several years ago.

Dimity Wehr (Malloch 1980)

After moving from Esperance earlier this year, Dimity now lives in Fremantle and works in the Office of Assessment Teaching and Learning at Curtin. She enjoys painting and yoga.

Alison Willis (Evans 1980)

Alison's family moved to Sydney where she completed studies in economics at Macquarie University, and then qualified as a chartered accountant. She was transferred to the United Kingdom where she worked on-and-off for 14 years. In 1993 Alison married James and in 2001 they moved back to Sydney, where Alison now works part-time. Alison and her husband have two children; Emma (11) and Henry (9).

Peata Wishart (Burgess 1980)

Peata studied pharmacy, then worked and travelled. She now owns a pharmacy in a busy medical centre in Perth and has a 15 year-old son.

Jane Chambers (Evans 1987)

Jane travelled, nursed in the alcohol and drug area, married and has three boys. After 12 years of full-time parenting, her nursing registration has been reinstated. She aims to work part-time while juggling children, animals and sport.

Shae Kuehlmann (1990)

Since graduating from PLC, Shae has been travelling and living abroad. She moved to Germany and completed Year 13 at Ritzerfeld Gymnasium before returning to Australia to study a Bachelor of Arts majoring in commerce at Curtin. She then moved to Sydney to undertake a degree in performing arts at The Actors' Centre. Shae is currently working in film and television in Las Angeles, California, and writing her first feature film *Welcome to Sunland*, which will be filmed early in 2011. In 2010 Shae performed a show at the Edinburgh Festival, Scotland.

Marnie Downer (1987)

Marnie spent 10 years working in the Middle East and Asia before returning to Perth in 2005 to study naturopathy. She has a practice in Mount Lawley.

Candice Chong (1996)

After graduating in international business from Curtin, Candice has been living in Singapore for the past nine years and currently has a project management role with a digital marketing agency.

Sarah Kirkby (Miles 1996)

In 2007 Sarah married William Kirkby in Margaret River and they now live on a 10,000 acre farm in Moree, NSW. Their daughter Rose was born in 2008 and a second child was due any day at the time of writing. Sarah owns a fashion boutique in her local town and manages the farm's accounts. She likes to travel as often as possible and still keeps in touch with her friends from PLC.

Kelly Nunn (Webster 1997)

Kelly graduated from Curtin University with a Bachelor of Science in environmental health. After living and working all over Australia, she is now based in Wickham. Kelly has a son Toby (2) and baby daughter Tahlia.

Natasha McInnes (1999)

Natasha has just announced her engagement to Thomas Huxtable. She is living in South Australia and plans to marry in September, 2011.

Laura Young (2007)

Laura is in her final semester studying communications, majoring in broadcasting and journalism, at ECU. She has volunteered as a presenter on Sport FM 91.3 as part of the Drive Show team.

Rebecca 'Bec' Crommelin (2009)

Bec is studying communications and commerce at UWA and working part-time.

Frances 'Fran' Foulkes-Taylor (2009)

Fran spent the early part of 2010 as a governess on Mundrabella Station on the Nullabor. She was then based in the United Kingdom and worked and travelled through Europe. In 2011 she commenced studies at Curtin University.

Ailsa McKechnie (2009)

Ailsa took a gap year and spent six months attending high school in the United States on student exchange. She has returned to Perth and is currently working.

Ainsley Moore (2009)

Ainsley is working towards a Bachelor of Arts in performance studies at Curtin.

Natasha Pringle (2009)

Natasha is studying for a Bachelor of Health Sciences at Curtin.

Alice Riddle (2009)

Since leaving PLC, Alice commenced studies in fashion design at Curtin.

Georgie Siggers (2009)

Georgie took a gap year to work full-time, thus ensuring that she could move to Melbourne in 2011 to study at the Whitehouse Fashion Institute of Design.

Matilda Sebire (2009)

After travelling via Canada, Greece and Spain, Matilda commenced studies in anthropology, film and visual culture at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.

Portia Smallbone (2009)

Portia is studying medicine at UWA and teaches dance classes at night. She is auditioning for STEPS.

Lauren Smith (2009)

Lauren is currently studying medicine at UWA.

Hannah Steens (2009)

Hannah has undertaken a Bachelor of Arts at Curtin majoring in fashion, and is working at Ricarda clothing store in Dalkeith.

Marina Takahashi (2009)

Marina is studying law and politics at Nagoya University, Japan. She plays tennis tournaments representing her university. Marina hopes one day to return to Perth.

Amy Woods (2009)

Amy undertook a one-year Rotary exchange to Switzerland; an experience that she loved and that involved extensive travel to Italy, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Liechtenstein, Germany, Holland, France and Spain. Amy now speaks fluent German. After experiencing a white Christmas in St Moritz, Amy returns to Perth mid-January, 2011.

**Janine Murray (2007)
Commonwealth Games Gold
Medallist, Delhi 2010**

Following her exciting win in the Rhythmic Gymnastics team competition at the Commonwealth Games in October, Janine has her sights set firmly on the London Olympics in 2012. In addition to winning the team event for Australia, Janine finished seventh in the all-round section, and fifth and sixth in the ribbon and ball categories.

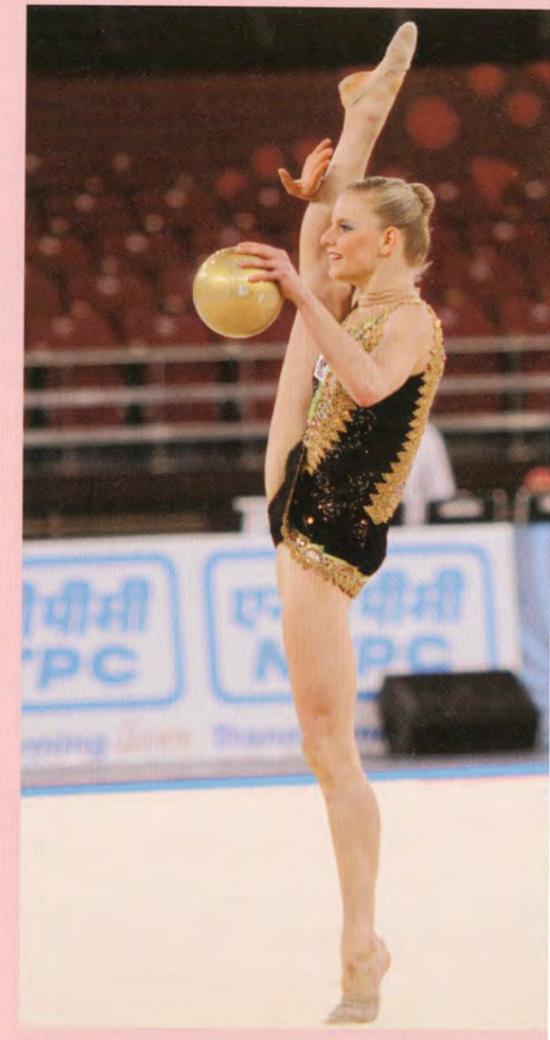
The Delhi Games has been a major focus of Janine's over the last four year, particularly considering she missed out on selection for the previous Commonwealth Games held in Melbourne.

Janine trains at the Rhythmic Gymnastics High Performance Centre; countless hours of dedication have certainly paid off. Janine said the experience of winning at the Games was overwhelming and it was amazing to take part in such a high-level competition.

On her return to Australia Janine took a well-earned break and in 2011 she will train for the World Championships to be held in Montpellier, France and the World University Games in China.

Janine continues to study Sport and Exercise Science part time at UWA and hopes to graduate at the end of 2011.

Janine performs her Ball routine in Delhi.



Obituaries

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of the following members of the PLC community:

Alison Mary Micklejohn Cairns (1935)
23 September 1918 – 14 June 2010

Vaire Dora Campbell (Allison 1949)
16 August 1932 – 12 July 2010

Vanessa Barbara Coates (Goldsmith 1968)
1 May 1951 – 11 July 2010

Ailsa Annie Elsegood (Newman 1943)
28 March 1926 – 29 April 2010

Rosalie McLeod Fitzhardinge (Crosthwaite 1933)
22 April 1914 – 22 November 2010

(Obituary next issue)

Maida Margaret Gorham formerly Porter (Moss 1940)
16 October 1922 – 29 July 2010

Mary Cockburn Graham (Salmon 1925)
15 October 1908 – 22 May 2007

Rachel Cockburn Griffiths (Salmon 1924)
29 January 1907 – 25 March 2008

Elizabeth Anne Hawdon (1971)
19 November 1964 – 11 July 2010

Jennifer Rosma Hiskins (Corbett 1954)
17 April 1937 – 6 July 2010

Barbara Ann Jahn (Hankin 1953)
4 January 1936 – 4 February 2009

Elizabeth 'Beth' Ashton Lee formerly Hill (Hunter 1934)
4 October 1917 – 12 August 2010

Dr Audrey Little (Junior Branch Teacher 1948-1953)
18 May 1916 – 19 October 2010

Ruth Cornelius (Mawley 1937)
13 December 1920 – 26 October 2009

Jane Heywood Rayson (Haslam 1939)
11 December 1925 – 25 August 2010

Dorothy Joyce Read-Smith (Watt 1939)
1 January 1922 – 24 June 2008

Audrey Anne Scott (Sadleir 1935)
13 August 1918 – 10 June 2010

Joan Margaret Smith (Howie 1937)
25 October 1920 – 29 March 2008

Kathryn June Thompson (Abbott 1980)
7 April 1963 – 4 November 2004

Ruth Isabella Thomson (Bowman 1936)
23 December 1919 – 7 March 2010

Johanna 'Jopie' Cornelia van Baaren (1946)
15 March 1928 – 21 August 2010

Obituaries deferred from previous issue include:

Margarita 'Rita' Artelaris (Kanakis 1952)
Pamela Constance Cusack (Currie 1946)

Dorothy 'Doff' McNaught (Bold 1932)
Suzanne Pierre-Humbert (Plaiستowe 1952)



1. Rita Artelaris (Kanakis 1952) on her last visit to Ithaca, Greece, 2009.

Margarita 'Rita' Artelaris (Kanakis 1952) 15 May 1935 – 27 February 2010

Rita, who was born and lived in Cottesloe all her life, came to PLC in 1944 from North Cottesloe Primary School. She had a happy childhood with her brother Peter and parents Dimitri and Clementine Kanakis and had many wonderful memories of family times spent picnicking on the Swan River and Cottesloe Beach.

After leaving PLC Rita enjoyed working as a secretary for radio station 6PR. She later married the love of her life, Tony Artelaris, who was born on the mythical Greek Island of Ithaca, where Rita's parents were also born. Their happy marriage of 50 years was blessed with three children; Stathi, Margot and Dimitri.

Rita and Tony owned and worked in their successful business, Cottesloe Fish Supply, in Napoleon Street, Cottesloe for more than 40 years. They bought the business from Tony's father who had run it for the 40 years prior. Although now gone, the business is one of a handful of well-remembered Napoleon Street icons.

A devoted grandmother, Rita adored her three grandchildren through Margot; Bianca (2002), Palassi (Scotch College) and Andonia Kailis (2009), and she always enjoyed and found great pride in attending her granddaughters' events at PLC, including all of Andonia's drama performances and Arts Day, 2009. Her grandchildren's friends knew Rita as a fantastic and talented cook. Her other interests included sewing, playing piano, reading, gardening, attending the theatre and movies. Exercise and fitness were high priorities and she followed a healthy Mediterranean diet. She also travelled extensively throughout her life and visited

the island of Ithaca many times with her beloved family. In 2009 she made one last trip to Ithaca with her daughter Margot.

Over the years Rita attended many Old Collegian reunions and made the effort to attend her class get-together at Kings Park towards the end of 2009. Soon after Tony's death Rita developed non-smokers' lung cancer. She remained relatively well until just before Christmas 2009 and was only hospitalized at Hollywood two days before she passed away. She fought her illness with courage and dignity, with the support of her loving family. A gentle, gracious lady now at rest.

Alison 'Sally' Mary Micklejohn Cairns (1935)

23 September 1918 – 14 June 2010

Alison, or Sally as friends knew her, was the youngest of six children and attended PLC in 1934 and 1935. She walked to school each day from Nyleeta, her family home in Central Avenue, Swanbourne, with other girls who lived nearby including Coral Thomas (Pascoe 1937), Glenice Gordon (Pascoe 1939), Nancy McKenzie (Hardie 1935), Joyce Hardey (McKee 1936) and Billie Hosken (Hancock 1937). Sally was popular amongst her school friends and became lifelong friends with Verna Rowbotham (Ross 1937), Joyce and Coral, who maintained their weekly visits throughout Alison's life.

After school, Sally trained and worked as a secretary and in 1938 served on the Old Collegians' Association Committee. In 1941 she took up singing lessons and was living a vibrant life. On 20 February 1942, aged 23, she awoke with a nasty dose of the 'flu. By the following morning she was paralysed

from the waist down and diagnosed with poliomyelitis. It was thought she'd caught it from one of the thousands of unscreened evacuees fleeing Singapore, which had fallen the week before. What followed was eight months in the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Shenton Park.

In an effort to keep her spine straight, orthopaedic surgeons encased Sally in a horizontal steel splint that left only her head and arms free. She lived in that splint for two years. Gradually, with the help of a live-in nurse, grim determination, an indomitable sense of humour and an overwhelmingly positive attitude, her strength increased to the point where she could stand with the aid of a walking frame and sit in an armchair, something she never again took for granted. With intensive physiotherapy and exercise, Sally progressed to the point where she was only in the splint at night and could walk short distances with the aid of elbow crutches. Eventually she was able to walk her dog the several miles to North Street beach at Cottesloe and back.

During Sally's early recuperation she remembered the joy singing gave her and promised herself she would start lessons again within five years, a target she beat by six months. She entered the 1946 Music Teachers' Association annual music festival's mezzo-soprano solo and champion solo section, winning both and receiving excellent reports. Later, she gave weekly solo broadcasts on the ABC's Memory Time and Concert Hour. Sally was also a soloist with the WA Symphony Orchestra and a member of the UWA Choral Society.

Never having let polio define or inhibit her, for 10 years Sally ran the local Girl Guide Company, which she found enormously rewarding. She enjoyed her membership of



1948 Sub Leaving A

Back, L-R: Clare Koster, Margaret Brown, Wendy Ayton, Elizabeth Wilson, Merle Kell, Lynn Buttsworth, Morwenna Vincent?, Wendy Hutchings, Margaret Miller.
Front: Jenny Flintoff, Sue Mills, Vaire Allison, Patsy Sloane, Patricia Bond, Elizabeth Coleman-Doscas

the Myola Club in Claremont and later took up pottery, watercolour painting and pastel drawing, having discovered she was quite artistic. In 1994 Sally reluctantly moved from Nyleeta, the home in which she was born 75 years before (now listed with the National Trust), to an apartment in St Louis Estate. Throughout her life Sally maintained a wide circle of friends and regularly attended services at St Aidan's in Claremont until confined to a wheelchair and her unit in later years.

In 2005 she said, "All in all, I've had a wonderful life enhanced, strangely enough, by my experiences due to contracting polio." Indeed, she lived a remarkable life and died aged 91, having outlived all of her siblings.

Vaire Dora Campbell (Allison 1949) 16 August 1932 – 12 July 2010

We were saddened to hear of Vaire's passing following several years of declining health. Prior to 2007 she was a regular attendee at PLC events, most often brought along by Margaret Smith (Rowsell 1949), whom she met at PLC Kindergarten, aged six, when she commenced at the school in 1938. The pair went right through PLC together until their Leaving in 1949 and remained the best of friends throughout their lives.

In 1956 Vaire married Geoffrey Campbell and in time they had three children; Susan, Graham and Rodney. The marriage subsequently dissolved and Vaire was left to raise them alone. She was further devastated when Susan died suddenly at Swanbourne in 1986 aged 22.

In 1993 Vaire retired from her position at Beatty Park as the office secretary for the WA branch of Australian Swimming, a

position she had held for 23 years, and the administration acknowledged that swimming had lost a devoted, dedicated soul. In 2000 Vaire's dedication was rewarded when she was nominated for, and among the first to receive, an Australian Sports Medal (part of the Order of Australia) for her contribution to swimming through the provision of support services.

After Vaire's retirement Margaret and her husband Les Smith invited her to a spiritual healing service, which marked a major change in her life; Vaire became interested in spiritual healing and eventually became a Reverend for the Highgate Spiritualist Church.

In recent years Vaire's health markedly declined, greatly impacting her mobility and she was unable to walk even the shortest distances without the aid of calipers and a walking frame. Most recently she suffered with cardiac problems, for which she underwent several serious operations. Vaire slowly recovered from each surgery, but soon after the last, caught a dreadful cold which was too much for her fragile health. She passed away aged 77.

Obituaries



Vanessa Barbara Coates (Goldsmith 1968)
1 May 1951 – 11 July 2010

An only child, Vanessa was schooled in Melbourne and Perth before beginning at PLC in 1962. She excelled at school, was awarded Dux many times and in her final year, was on the *Kookaburra* magazine committee and a Prefect. Old Collegians from that time remember a warm, friendly, popular girl, particularly among the boarders who she often invited home to give them a break from the Boarding House.

After school Vanessa followed in the footsteps of her father and grandfather and began a cadetship at the *Daily News*. This required part time study at UWA and it was there she met Peter Coates. After a year spent exploring Europe together, they married in 1973. The births of their two older daughters, Sarah and Emily, followed before Peter's work took the family to Bogor, Indonesia. There, Vanessa became the resident tour guide, volunteered at the local orphanage and discovered golf and Bridge. Youngest daughter Jo was born on a return trip to Perth before the family resumed their Indonesian adventure.

Returning to WA in the early 1980s, Vanessa built her family dream home in Applecross and resumed her journalism work at the *Daily News*. She worked on the television pages, which included programme reviews and celebrity interviews with people like Daryl Somers, Kylie Minogue, John Farnham and the entire cast of *Home and Away*. To her daughters, it seemed Vanessa had the most exciting job in the world! In 1989 she accepted the position of Director of Development and Marketing at Penrhos College, where her daughters later finished their schooling. In 2005 Vanessa moved



1 Vanessa Coates (Goldsmith 1968)
2 Australian Student Christian Movement (or ASCM) Camp, Waterman Bay, 1946.
L-R: Helen Pearson, Graeme Fletcher, Pam Currie, Judy Oliver.

to Christ Church Grammar School and she retired in 2007.

Vanessa's natural talent as an interior designer was put to good use during the building and decorating of several beautiful homes throughout her life with Peter and beyond, in locations such as Applecross, Dunsborough and Yallingup. Usually immaculate and always glamorous, Vanessa spent hours planting hundreds of trees to create beautiful gardens, with her trademark red lipstick and pearls in place. In 2005, Vanessa relocated to Applecross where she spent her final years playing golf at Royal Perth Golf Club and Bridge with the Melville club.

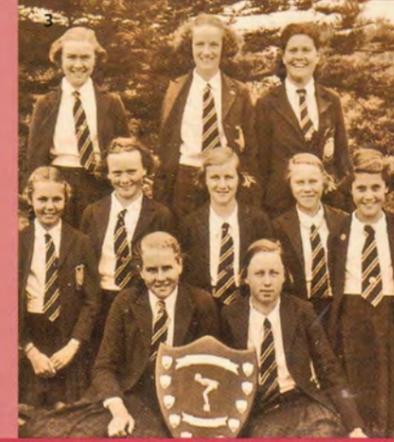
Vanessa's death at 59 from a heart attack was unexpected. Her daughters, who are struggling with the sudden loss of their loving mother, remember a woman who wanted nothing more than for her daughters to succeed in life and who instinctively guided all three in the right direction for their chosen careers. They remember her crazy assortment of beloved pets; from her first; a bobtail lizard, to a monkey called Humphrey, five Siamese cats, a golden retriever and many others, although she never managed to buy the alpacas she dreamed of owning. Lastly, they remember her backwards belly laughs, which sounded so funny that others helplessly joined in. Vanessa is also remembered for her overwhelming joy at becoming a grandmother in November 2009. Vanessa remains forever in their hearts.

Pamela Constance Cusack (Currie 1946)
25 January 1930 – 21 June 2010

An only child, Pam came to PLC in 1943 from North Cottesloe Primary School. She was a keen participant in sports and academics, and in 1945 she was on the basketball team as well as a Prefect. She was an outstanding athlete, representing the school many times at Inter-School Athletics. Pam was also an excellent Prefect; her children often heard stories from her school friends of how deeply she affected their lives at school. Whether they were new to PLC, lonely or homesick, Pam reached out to them, took them under her wing and helped smooth their transition to Senior School. She was always encouraging and supportive, and cherished the lifelong friends she developed during these years.

In 1946 Pam was McNeil House Captain and Head Prefect, which set the bar for her daughters **Jenny Elphick (Cusack 1968)** and **Judy Riddell (Cusack 1969)** and granddaughters **Pippa Elphick (1996)** and **Libby Elphick (1998)**. All four were also Captains during their time; Jenny, Judy and Libby of McNeil House, and Pippa of McNeil Sports.

After leaving school, Pam trained as a nurse but it wasn't long before she met and fell in love with John Cusack, son of **Mrs Olive 'Dosh' Cusack (Deputy Principal 1941-1962)** and they married in 1950. The couple first lived in a small house on the Warwick Park farm in Moora where their two daughters were born. The coolest place was the laundry's concrete floor and on hot days this was where each baby napped. On one occasion however, a large brown snake had the same idea!



3. Swimming Team, 1937 (featuring both Maida and Nancy Moss):
Back, L-R: Maxine Love, Elaine Holland, Maida Moss
Middle: Flavia Pestalozzi, Patricia Wheeler, Mary Allan, Norma Baty, Nancy Moss
Front: Peggy Maguire, Joan Baty

In time the family acquired a property at Dandaragan and began clearing the land and building a home. They named it *Tambrey* for Tambrey Station near Roebourne, where John was born, and in 1954 they moved into what would be their first and last family home. Their third child Tim was born in 1956. Pam never shied away from hard work and each year John cleared another paddock for Pam who continued planting and tending the gardens, which today almost hide the house.

City-girl Pam fully embraced all it meant to live in the country. She joined sporting clubs and was actively involved with the Red Cross and CWA in Moora and Dandaragan. She also attended Dandaragan Church where her loud and enthusiastic singing was sometimes a cause of embarrassment for her children; however her enjoyment was undeniable. When the time came to send her children to boarding school, Pam was their strongest supporter. Their friends were always welcome to the farm on school holidays and nothing was too much trouble to ensure her guests' comfort and enjoyment. Pam relished the excuse for a chat, something for which she was well known. She also loved Scrabble and Bridge and spending time with her friends. Later, when she was finally able, she had some adventures travelling with her great friend **Jan Wallman (Martin 1946)**.

In the late 1990s Pam began to develop Alzheimer's disease, which inevitably progressed. Her sweet nature remained, however, and she was always interested in the young ones and life around her. Access to her memories was sporadic but when prompted by a sudden, unexpected question from PLC Archivist Shannon Lovelady, Pam would always answer quickly and correctly before asking sweetly, a heartbeat later,

"Sorry dear, what was it you needed to know?"

Although her health deteriorated, John lacked the heart to put Pam into care and she remained at *Tambrey* until February 2010. For the last five months of her life Pam was at Hollywood Age Care Home where she died peacefully, aged 80. Pam was a devoted wife of 60 years, loving mother of three, grandmother of eight, great grandmother of one and great friend to many.

Maida Margaret Gorham formerly Porter (Moss 1939)
16 October 1922 – 29 July 2010

Maida was born in Harvey but grew up with her sister **Nancy Hordacre (Moss 1941)** and brothers Frank and Clem on the banks of the Swan River in Bicton where their father Cecil was supervisor of the Animal Quarantine Station. Cecil was a WWI veteran with the 10th Light Horse Regiment, served during the Gallipoli campaign and received a Military Medal in France. He supplemented his supervisor's income by catching and selling river cobbler in his spare time, eventually earning enough money to buy land fronting Blackwall Reach Parade, where he built a home for his wife, Marion, and raised a family.

Maida showed early promise during her education at Richmond Primary School. As Dr Summers was a friend of the family's, she suggested Maida sit for a scholarship to PLC. She subsequently won an academic scholarship and commenced at PLC in 1934. Maida happily immersed herself in the various sporting and academic opportunities available and the early promise she'd shown came to fruition. Gifted in both sport and academics, Maida was Dux of Sub Leaving

Form VIA in 1938, Captain of Netball in 1938 and 1939, Carmichael House Captain for both 1938 and 1939, and Head Prefect in 1939.

After leaving PLC, Maida undertook teachers' training and her first posting was at Ongerup where she taught 18 children ranging in age from six to 16. She later accepted a scholarship to study physical education at Melbourne University and on graduating she returned to WA to teach in this field. Around this time, Maida entered an early forerunner of the Miss Australia competition raising funds for War Veterans. She represented Fremantle and was a finalist. Maida also represented the State in surf lifesaving and swimming (breaststroke) and later took up golf, playing at Cottesloe.

In 1947 Maida married Lyall Porter, who was heavily involved with training and driving the many pacers his family owned and raced at Richmond Raceway. Living in Bicton near her childhood home, Maida and Lyall had a son, Max, and three daughters; **Nanette Thomas formerly Poynton (Porter 1966)**, **Jenny Bourke (Porter 1969)** and **Lynne Porter (1972)**. Her granddaughters **Natasha Murrhiy (Poynton 1992)** and **Amy Brunson (Poynton 1995)** were also educated at PLC.

Maida married again in 1976 to widower Eddie Gorham. Theirs was a happy union and inclusive of all eight children from both marriages. Maida and Eddie enjoyed renovating houses and gardens and as a result, moved house many times within Cottesloe.

For most of her life, Maida was extremely social and involved with her friends and PLC, but in recent years she became increasingly frail and withdrawn. Unfailingly polite and

Obituaries



1. Jenny Hiskins (Corbett 1954) in 1949
2. Elizabeth Lee formerly Hill (Hunter 1934) in the Army Nurse Corps during WWII

charming, her final years of life were spent mainly in the company of her family with occasional coffee mornings with close friends. Lunch with her daughters at John Street Café every Wednesday and Saturday were routine.

In July 2010, aged 87, Maida developed pneumonia and died peacefully a short time later. Maida is remembered as a gifted and inspiring individual, a wonderful friend and companion, and a loving wife, mother, stepmother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Jennifer Rosma Hiskins (Corbett 1954) 17 April 1937 – 6 July 2010

Jenny was the only child of **Beryl Corbett (Rosman 1921)**, an intellectual, and extraordinarily successful all-rounder. A Prefect for two years, with distinctions for seven Junior subjects, and pockets as *Kookaburra* editor and Captain of the Tennis team, in addition to being National Junior Tennis Champion, WA Open Golfing Champion and more, Beryl was one of the most memorable personalities from PLC's early days.

Like her mother, Jenny boarded at PLC for five years beginning in 1949. Unlike her mother, she was quietly intelligent, subject to bullying and didn't enjoy boarding. Consequently she did not involve herself in many co-curricular clubs or activities while at school. She made a few close friends, but friendships were not easy for Jenny and they generally didn't last. Despite this, Jenny kept the pocket of her school blazer carefully pressed between the pages of a book all her life (see Recent Accessions, Archives).

University was not a choice offered to Jenny after leaving school. She had wanted to be

a doctor but instead, she did the next best thing and excelled at nursing.

In 1964 she married Bertram 'Bernie' Hiskins. Their son Andrew (Hale School) was born the same year and Leanne (St Mary's) 13 months later. Jenny enjoyed playing squash and when the children were younger she scored for Andrew's cricket team at Hale. She also volunteered at Princess Margaret and Sir Charles Gairdner Hospitals.

Jenny preferred her own company and did not like to socialise. In later life she suffered dreadfully with arthritis and diabetes. On Sunday 4 July 2010 she suffered a fatal heart attack and died two days later.

Elizabeth 'Beth' Ashton Lee formerly Hill (Hunter 1934) 4 October 1917 – 12 August 2010

Beth was born in Northam a few minutes before her twin Malcolm, always known as Mac. Their older sister Jean died from diphtheria when the twins were almost two and as a consequence the two remaining children were very close throughout their lives.

A tomboy, Beth had a wonderful time growing up in Northam before she and Mac went to Perth for senior schooling; Beth at PLC and Mac at Scotch College. Beth went on to complete her nurses' training at the Children's Hospital (now PMH), beginning a lifelong involvement with the hospital, where she later volunteered until well into her 80s.

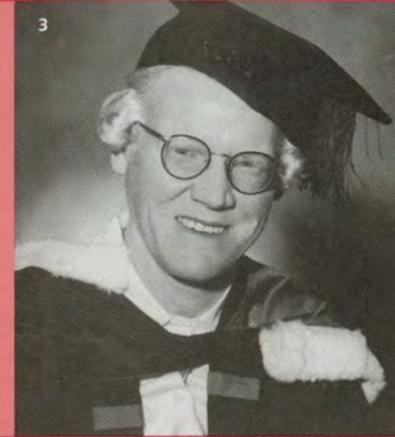
Beth enlisted in WWII and nursed at Hollywood Hospital as a lieutenant. On a trip home to Northam on one of her weekends off, she was introduced to Australian Army Captain Johnny Hill, the love of her life.

Johnny and Mac then went away to war and for three years Beth did not know if either was alive, as they were both taken as prisoners of war. Johnny returned in November 1945 and the couple married 10 days later. Remaining in the army, Johnny was transferred to Queensland; however Beth was not yet released to go. Sadly, he drowned in an army accident shortly before Beth was to join him.

In 1948 Beth married Ken Lee, who had taken some time convincing her to take another chance on love. They built a home and settled in Bunbury where their two children, Malcolm and **Jocelyn Wilson (Lee 1969)** were born in 1949 and 1952 respectively. Beth was a loving mother and talented cook whose Pavlovas and apple pies were legendary. Ken and Beth were also keen gardeners and grew every imaginable vegetable and Beth's favourite, pink roses, on their large block.

Ken was transferred to Perth in 1959 and the family moved to Dalkeith where they kept chickens in their carefully tended garden. After his primary schooling at Dalkeith, Beth's son Malcolm went to Scotch College and Jocelyn to PLC. Beth loved to be involved with her children and worked in the Dalkeith Primary School's library for many years before moving on to the canteens at both Scotch and PLC.

Sadly, Beth was widowed for a second time in 1971, aged 53. She never remarried, saying two husbands in a lifetime was enough. She continued to live in her Dalkeith home until both children were married and she then moved to a Nedlands villa where she remained until September 2009. Beth reveled in the arrival of grandchildren, five in total, and was immensely proud that Jocelyn's younger daughter **Megan**



3. Dr Audrey Little
4. Dorothy McNaught (Bold 1932)

McCloy (Wilson 1999) was a PLC Pipe Band drummer and her older daughter **Kathy Barton (Wilson 1996)** completed paediatric training at PMH, which Beth always considered 'her' hospital.

Beth suffered a last, devastating shock when her son Malcolm died suddenly in March 2009 and after a short stint in Hollywood Hospital, she chose to move to the RSL Menora Gardens aged care facility. A lady to the end, she went to dinner every night in her pearls and drank a glass of red wine every evening, including her last. Her family is grateful for the care she received during her nine months at Menora Gardens.

A long life, tinged with sadness, but well lived.

Dr Audrey Little BA, DCEP, MA, DipEd, PhD (Kindergarten teacher, Junior Branch, 1948-1953) 18 May 1916 – 19 October 2010

Many Junior Branch Old Collegians will remember Dr Audrey Little who taught Kindergarten on the Victoria Avenue campus for its duration from 1948 to 1953.

Educated at Cottesloe Primary and Perth Girls' High School in East Perth, Audrey was an albino and legally blind all her life. In light of this, her academic achievements subsequent to undertaking wartime kindergarten teachers' training are impressive. During lectures at UWA she walked a constant path from her chair to the blackboard where she stood as close as six inches to painstakingly take notes, and she studied with the aid of an enormous magnifying glass.

Dr Little was appointed to UWA in January 1954. A scholarship to Berkeley University took her to California in 1962 where she studied the intellectual development of infants, publishing her thesis in 1966. She considered the years at Berkeley the happiest of her life. Dr Little returned to UWA and in 1975 was appointed Director of the Child Study Centre (School of Psychology) where she established the Exceptional Children's Program and authored five child psychology books. She retired in December 1981.

Dr Little enjoyed a long and distinguished career in a field she loved and taught many children over the years. Some Nedlands Primary School children were brought to her for testing and observation, among them PLC staff member Jenny Rankin. "No doubt," she said, "they were noting our language acquisition and other such things. I can clearly remember being aware of the 'magic window' knowing they could see us."

Dr Little was a long term resident of Mosman Park's Riversea Hostel until a fall from her bed in 2008 necessitated a move to Melvista Nursing Home, Dalkeith. Although she had some dementia, Dr Little was capable of making up her own mind and did this in the days before she died by declining to eat or drink. She passed away peacefully aged 94.

Dorothy 'Doff' McNaught (Bold 1932) 19 October 1915 – 14 December 2009

Dorothy was the middle child and only daughter of Nellie and William Bold, Perth City Council's longest serving Town Clerk after whom Bold Park is named. The Bolds lived in a rambling, two-storey home in Queenslea Drive, Claremont. Doff started at PLC in February 1926 and every day she walked up the hill to PLC accompanied by her older cousins who lived nearby; **Barbara Jeffrey (1930)**, **Rae Renzow (Grieve 1930)** and **Katie Warnock (Grieve 1928)**. While at PLC aged 14, Dorothy passed her Junior Certificate and AMusA exams.

In 1931 Dorothy learned shorthand and typing at Underwood's Secretarial College, later working in the Perth office of the Commonwealth Bank and enjoying her life as a single girl in the 1930s. Actively involved in the Perth social scene, Dorothy stayed in touch with PLC through the Old Collegians' Association, performing occasional musical items for various OCA events. Her father played the organ at St Aidan's Church in Claremont every Sunday and the church played a very important part in the lives and social activities of all Bold family members.

In the late 1930s, Dorothy met Ken McNaught, a chemist with Shell who had recently arrived from the Eastern States. They married at Christ Church in September 1939, just a few days after the start of World War II, with **Joan McAulay (Hicks 1931)** as Dorothy's matron of honour. The couple lived in Nedlands throughout the war years, during which their first two children, John and Helen, were born. After the war Shell transferred the family back to Ken's home state of Queensland. Dorothy didn't enjoy her first years there, isolated from her family and friends in Perth. The situation improved



1. Suzanne Pierre-Humbert

when the family moved to a newly built house in Indooroopilly and John and Helen started school. This coincided with the birth of their youngest child, Bruce. In the early 1950s the family moved back to Perth and into a big, old Cottesloe house.

About this time, Dorothy became the proud owner of her first car, an old grey Morris Minor. This greatly increased her independence and mobility, but she found the car was often reluctant to start! The standard solution was to roll-start the car down Marmion Street, at which Dorothy became quite adept.

Dorothy provided a wonderfully caring environment for her children, with strong moral and ethical values. Youngest son Bruce fondly remembers when, as a small boy walking home from North Cottesloe Primary School, his mother would meet him with a chocolate milk drink and biscuits fresh from the oven. He said, "A mother's bond with her children is something very special, and Mum gave her children everything and more."

Dorothy enjoyed good physical health for most of her long and active life, throughout which she was actively involved in many voluntary and community activities, particularly the Church Guild. In later years she also joined the Cottesloe Bowling Club and was active on committees and as a player for many years. Dorothy was an excellent Bridge player, possibly due to her impressive quantitative skills and ability to remember numbers, faculties she retained until her last days.

In later years Ken and Dorothy moved to St Louis Estate in Claremont. Widowed in 2007 after 67 happy years of marriage, Dorothy lost a little of her will to live. She eventually

moved to Melvista Nursing Home where she died aged 94.

**Suzanne Pierre-Humbert (Plaiستowe 1952)
21 June 1935 – 15 February 2010**

Suzanne started at PLC as a boarder during the war in 1942, aged just six. It could have been a daunting experience but fortunately her cousin, **Molly Paterson (Allen 1947)**, was a few years her senior and also a boarder, and smoothed the way for Suzanne. She also had the company of her other cousins **Margot Wainwright (Plaiستowe 1951)**, **Elizabeth Green (Plaiستowe 1947)**, **Jenny Vermeer (Allen 1950)** and **Jill Van Brakel (Allen 1954, deceased)**.

After the war the family moved directly opposite PLC to 19 McNeil Street where Sue's bedroom overlooked the Boarding House. Her younger sisters **Jacquey Booth (Plaiستowe 1964)** and **Terry Gardiner (Plaiستowe 1966)** spent all their school years at PLC and her brother Hugh Plaiستowe attended the Kindergarten. Sue finished her time at PLC as a day student and went on to business college before joining the Bank of NSW as a ledger machinist and comptometrist.

Sue was a party girl and enjoyed the social whirl. Maurice Pierre-Humbert soon caught her eye and before long they married, built their family home in the new suburb of Alfred Cove and raised a family comprising Michelle, Leanne and Timothy. During this time Sue worked as bookkeeper and business manager to support Maurie's Alfred Cove pharmacy. She was also an active member of the Friends of Royal Perth

Hospital and played tennis for over 30 years, in addition to being a long time member of a Mahjong group.

Sue's experience in Maurie's business led to other employment after the pharmacy was sold and she worked as bookkeeper/office manager for several organisations until her retirement in the mid 1980s. Around this time she was delighted to discover she had a half brother, Robert Vittenberg, who lives in Dampier, and this led to many happy trips to the Pilbara to catch up on lost time.

Maurie died in 2003 ending 47 years of marriage. Not long after this Sue was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. At the age of 74 her health rapidly declined. Sue is survived by her three children, seven grandchildren and her siblings.



2. Wendy Jago (left) and Jopie van Baaren (right) sell drinks at the 1944 School sports carnival.

**Johanna 'Jopie' Cornelia van Baaren (1945)
15 March 1928 – 21 August 2010**

Jopie was evacuated from Temanggoeng, Java during WWII in 1940, with her younger sister **Marie Roodenberg (van Baaren 1946)**, see obituary Blackwatch Summer 2009) and younger brother Philip (Scotch).

Jopie had an open, extroverted personality and throughout her life she enjoyed popularity and being the centre of attention. During the years that Jopie and Marie were at PLC they seemed to be at the core of much mischief and there are reports that if more than a few minutes lapsed without a sighting of either of the girls, it was enough to prompt a thorough search of the grounds by harried staff. "Has anyone see the van Baarens?" was a frequent refrain, particularly from Dr Summers. School holidays were spent with families who generously hosted all three van Baarens and Jopie enjoyed many happy holidays with the D'Arcys at Landor Station, Meekatharra, the Leakes at Cardonia, Kellerberrin and the Sutherland family at Glen View, Nokanning.

After the war, in 1946, the van Baarens returned to Rotterdam, Holland. There, Jopie attended Modevakschool (Fashion School) where she learned pattern making and sewing. Thereafter she was able to make dresses, gowns and other clothes in the latest fashions. In 1949 Jopie married Pieter 'Pim' van Tuyl, her childhood friend from Java. Their first two children, Peter and Jenny, were born in Rotterdam before the family returned to Indonesia for several years where Pim worked as a pilot for Garuda Airlines. The couple's third child, Ronald, was born in Jakarta prior to the family relocating back to Holland in 1957 after Indonesian independence. The birth of two

more daughters, Linda and Joyce, followed. Sadly, Peter died from multiple sclerosis in 1980, and Jopie's marriage ended in 1986 when Pim decided to live in the warmer climate of Malaga, Spain, and Jopie wanted to stay near her children and grandchildren in Holland.

Jopie's son Ronald said his mother "spent some of the happiest years of her girlhood at PLC, 'Place for Lost Cats' as she used to call it. For us, this enthusiasm has always been quite remarkable. Their parents were prisoners of the Japanese in Indonesia during those years and they had no news of them 'til their return at the end of the war. Nevertheless Jopie had the time of her life at your PLC. Jopie was always talking about those great Australian years. She was proud of her singing and her German (the two subjects she was good at) and she has always been contented and grateful. I think that this contentment and gratitude are the two qualities I appreciated the most in my mother."

Due to various health issues, Jopie lived in care for many years. Most unusually in Holland, she was in possession of a Presbyterian Bible and attended weekly chapel in her nursing home. She was diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2010 and as her health declined, she told her children "I think I will feel it, somehow or other, when you occasionally place some flowers on my grave."

Jopie's surviving four children were with her when she died. May her sociable, gregarious spirit rest in peace.

News from Archives

SHANNON LOVELADY, ARCHIVIST



Charlotte Fairweather's great grandmother, Dorothy Yeo (Forbes 1928), in original PLC uniform, 1928.



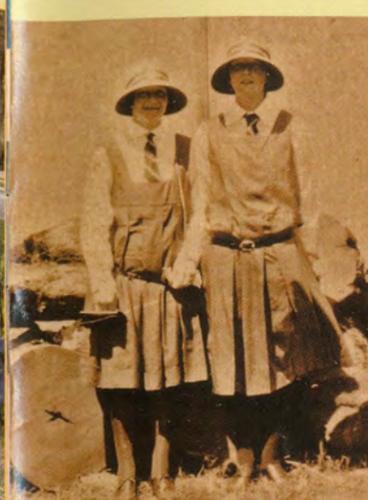
Some of the Year 1 letters stored safely in Archives until 2021.



Letters safely delivered, it's back to class!



Year 6 students Alice Reilly (left), dressed in an original-style PLC School uniform (1916-1933) and Jade Sadler (right), dressed in the 1950s Black Watch summer dress.



Nan Roberts (1927) on right, with friend, both in original PLC uniform.



Offspring of 60 years, second and third generation PLC students in 1975.

School Pledge

Thank you to the many Old Collegians who brought to our attention complete version of the School Pledge. The version published in the previous *Blackwatch* was missing the third sentence, which reads: "I will endeavour to be always loyal to the staff, and to all my school fellows."

Certificate of Appreciation

PLC Archives has received a Certificate of Appreciation for the school's contribution to the Northbridge History Project. This involved providing information about and a photograph of Ormiston House in Palmerston Street, North Perth, the original location of PLC from 1916 to 1918.

Archives in and around the school

Year 1

In Terms 2 and 3, 2010 teachers Carey Bouwer and Leniette Zalsman led their Year 1 class in an Inquiry into museums and archives. I visited the Year 1 class to explain the purpose of Archives. Some items I took with me were family trees of the girls who had past family members at PLC; photos of PLC girls from the early days, one of whom was **Charlotte Fairweather's (Year 1, 2010)** great grandmother **Dorothy Yeo (Forbes 1928)**; an old PLC uniform similar to that worn by Dorothy in her 1928 photo (see photos); and a 1966 reference written by Miss Eileen Dunston for **Alison Carroll (Coates 1966)**, the grandmother of **Katie Mahony (Year 1, 2010)**. We finished the visit with a loud and talkative heritage walk past Summers House, Junior School, Finlayson House where they admired the stonework and visible old roof structure, and Scorgie House where they saw and spoke with Registrar Rosemary Lukin (1968), before going inside to see the entrance arch and Carmichael Hall. Along the way I showed them photos of how the buildings looked many years ago and the girls observed many changes that had occurred over time.

The class subsequently visited Archives several times, learning about the conditions that affect the integrity of stored items such as light, insects, dust, mould, damp, humidity and temperature extremes, as well as how items can deteriorate over time.

At their final visit, the girls decided to write a letter to be returned to their future Year 12 (2021) selves, safely stored in Archives in the meantime. On 10 October, 2010 the girls delivered their beautifully decorated letters with much excitement. Their names were recorded as each letter was presented and we then checked that the letters were free of dirt, packaged them appropriately and put them all in an archival quality envelope. Enclosing farewell kisses blown by all the girls, the envelope was added to the inventory and safely stored in the compactus, where it will wait until 2021.

Year 6

Throughout September, Archives regularly hosted three Year 6 girls keen to research the history of PLC for their Primary Years Programme Exhibition. **Jade Sadler**, **Alice Reilly** and **Madison Pillinger** consulted old issues of *Kookaburra*, the school's Photographic Collection (digital and actual) and the *History of PLC* booklet written for Year 8 Humanities classes. One week, Jade and Alice were allowed to dress very carefully in precious, old PLC uniforms. Alice wore an original-style navy pinafore and blouse, with tie and hatband in the original colours of tan, pale blue and gold from the 1916 to 1933 era while Jade wore **Jane Thompson's (Stimson 1958)** Black Watch summer dress introduced and worn for only a few years during the 1950s.

Each week the students asked myriad questions of Archives volunteer **Muffie Rogers (Prater 1948)**, among them, on learning the old navy pinafores were used as sports uniforms after 1934, "How on earth would you play tennis in this?", to which Muffie quickly replied "Quite easily! I won many matches dressed just like that." The girls should be proud of their resulting project *What Does PLC Mean to Me?*, which was exhibited with all other Year 6

PYP projects in the Junior School on Thursday 23 September 2010.

What Does PLC Mean to Me? was subsequently entered into the Statewide Our School in History competition, which PLC won. The prize was a concert at the school by 2009 Australian Idol winner Stan Walker, and was broadcast live on 92.9's Breakfast Show on Monday 22 November 2010.

The girls' entry, in addition to parts of the History of PLC booklet, can be viewed online at <http://www.ourpageinhistory.org>. Follow the prompts to Our School in History and View Theme Groups.

Wanted - original of 1975 photo

In celebration of PLC's 60th birthday in 1975, a photograph was taken in the Greek amphitheatre immediately north of Carmichael Hall (now gardens) entitled 'Offspring of 60 years'. It features 143 students from Kindergarten to Year 12 who represented the second and third generations of their families at PLC. Archives seeks an **original** of this photo as the photo reproduced in the 1975 issue of *Kookaburra* is not clear enough to enlarge or identify more than the front few rows of students.

The Scotch boy in the centre of the front row is Richard Evans, son of Max (Old Scotch Collegian) and **Barbara Evans (Baty 1951)**. Barbara contacted Archives recently and reminded us that Richard and seven other boys attended Year 1 at PLC that year as Year 1 at Scotch College was full.

If you were in, or can identify anyone else in this photograph, please contact Archives. Every face counts!

Old issues of Kookaburra on offer while stocks last

Archives has excess stock of *Kookaburra* issues from 1981 to 1998 and 2007 (no 1985 or 1990). If you would like a copy of one or more of these issues, please contact Archives.



Lisa, Baz and Sam recognise Madison Pillinger, Jade Sadler and Alice Reilly live on 92.9 as the winners of the Our School in History competition.



Kerry Rollo (Reilly 1956) and travelling companion Philippa Duke-Yonge with their Sunbeam Alpine in the Rocky Mountains, Canada.



Mrs Olive Cusack played in the Staff vs School hockey match, 1942.

Recent Acquisitions

Bruce McNaught, son of Doff McNaught (Bold 1932)

1925 Prospectus; 1928 and 1929 issues of *Kookaburra*; 1928 photo of the Senior School girls on the tennis courts at Scorgie House.

Philippa Duke-Yonge

The chance to scan four photos and an article about an early 1960s tour undertaken by Philippa and **Kerry Rollo (Reilly 1956)** throughout Europe, the United States and Canada in a Sunbeam Alpine (see photo).

Pat McKail (Hamilton 1944)

Two black and white photos taken on the afternoon of the Staff vs School hockey match, 1942: One of Mrs Olive Cusack who began working at PLC the previous year (see photo), and the other of Mrs Pinnick 'armed' for the match.

Leanne Bengtsson

Blazer pocket that belonged to Leanne's mother, **Jenny Hiskins (Corbett 1954 - see Obituaries)**, carefully kept throughout Jenny's life between the pages of a book; three black and white photos of Jenny as a student at PLC: two c1949 aged 13 in both summer and winter uniform and one c1953 aged 16 in winter uniform; Jenny's enameled tiepin (visible in two of the three photos); innards of Jenny's autograph book, featuring signatures of many PLC staff, boarders and day girls from 1949 and 1950.

Jean Jensen (Small 1945)

A selection of six of the 29 craft, candlewicking, embossing, stitchery, sand and fabric painting books Jean has published in the past 20 years.

Anne Kyle (Jago 1948)

Five black and white photos from 1945 and 1946: Mrs Olive Cusack, Miss Violet Major, A Team Basketball, ASCM Camp at Waterman Bay and the gym display on Snowden Oval.

Geraldene Lowe Ahmad (Lowe 1955)

Textbooks used during Geraldene's time at PLC including: *Cassell's French-English*, *English-French Pocket Dictionary* previously used by Geraldene's mother, **Claire Lowe (Luth 1923)**; *The New Hudson Shakespeare*, previously used by **Erminie Eastman (Rose 1933)**, **Nita Martin (McFarlane 1947)**, **Jocelyn Ludemann (Davy 1952)** and **Jenny Clements (George 1955)**; *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson, previously used by **June Mylius (Gill 1948)**, **Jocelyn Kardash (Read 1949)**, **Judy Wolfe (Becher 1953)** and **Adele Glauert (Lang 1954)**; *The Nun's Priest's Tale* from Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* previously used by **Jean Leary (Hayman 1948)** and **Shirley Martin (Cary 1949)**; *Tennyson Poetry and Prose*, including two pages of Geraldene's Leaving Form notes; *Never the Twain Shall Meet* by Peter B Kyne.

Sylvia Brandenburg (Leeke 1951)

PLC Band's Melbourne tour windcheater which once belonged to **Jane Brandenburg (1979)**.

Peta Madalena, Scotch College Archivist

Authorised digital copy of *Simple Annals* by Old Scotch Collegian and Rhodes Scholar Douglas Reginald Gawler. Douglas Gawler's PLC related descendants include **Susette Stenhouse formerly Morison nee Gawler (past staff 1970-1982)**, **Deb Morison (1975)** and **Fiona Zani (Gawler 1976)**.

Stuart Creswell

The Schoolmaster's House: The story of a Threlkeld, Cumbria, house and its people, given to PLC Archives in thanks for research undertaken for the author relating to the first residents of the Schoolmaster's House, who were the parents of Edith Whiteley. Edith came to WA to marry Scotch College science teacher Ernest Whitaker in 1923. Their daughter **Rosamund Jefferis (Whitaker 1941)**, was born in 1924. Sadly, Ernest was killed in a train accident while crossing at Napier Street, Cottesloe in November 1927. In February 1928 Edith began working at PLC, becoming First Mistress (Deputy Principal) while Vera Summers was studying at the Sorbonne. Edith was appointed Principal of Kobeelya in 1931 before opening the Academic Coaching Bureau in the centre of Perth in 1934, in partnership with **Janet Dawson (nee Phemister, PLC Principal 1928-1933)**.

Alison Sloper (Thomas 1960)

Kookaburra issues 1954-1960; Alison's school reports from 1954-1960 inclusive; Annual Speech Day programmes from 1954, 1956, 1959 and 1960; 1955 Intermediate Swimming Certificate; 1955 letter to Alison's father advising she had won a 1956 Carmichael Scholarship; the chance to scan Alison's Junior (1958) and Matriculation (1960) certificates; Alison's mothercraft book which illustrates beautiful examples of her school work.

Ian Bull (former Boarding House staff member)

Framed photo collage of Ian's late wife, **Gwen Bull (staff 1972-1996)**, with Boarders in and around the Boarding House and grounds c1990s.

Thanks to Archives volunteers

Muffie Rogers (Prater 1948) who has searched the records for any mention of Spanish Influenza in 1918-1919 as the result of an enquiry from Murdoch Honours student Ruth Johnston. Muffie identified many girls in 1940s albums, providing background and context to those photos.

Current parent **Christine Thorpe (Georgina and Emma Thorpe, Year 5, 2011)** has completed data entry of the Accession Register; amalgamated and effectively streamlined storage of *Kookaburra*; is completing a set of *Kookaburra* issues from 1917-1969 for Part 2 of the digitisation project; and compiled a second reference set for Archives.

Year 9 Boarders **Kelly Irving** and **Megan Rex** who photocopied and referenced all obituaries that appeared in *Blackwatch* from 2000-2008.

Year 9 Boarders **Lucy Alcock**, **Mia Egerton-Warburton**, **Natasha Thompson** and **Gabi Ah-Won**, who recorded and packed part of the Textile Collection into textile boxes.

Previous Archivist **Di Allan** and former teacher **Coralie Gadsdon**, who have worked together to rationalise recent photos, continued the packing of the Textile Collection, pinpointed PLC's historic participation in both the Slazenger Cup and Sandover Shield tennis competitions and other tasks.

Bev Barry (Wilson 1948) who has been accessioning and packing the Video Collection and assisting to identify photos from the 1940s. **Dr Veronica Davenport (Uren 1959)** has recovered from recent back surgery and is planning to return in 2011.

Dates for Your Diary

JANUARY

MONDAY 31 JANUARY OCA WELCOME LUNCH

FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY TERM 1 COMMENCES
THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY OCA MEETING
FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY PARENTS' COMMITTEE SUNDOWNER
MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY AUXILIARY MEETING

MARCH

TUESDAY 1 MARCH PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY 4 MARCH MID-TERM BREAK
MONDAY 7 MARCH MID-TERM BREAK
FRIDAY 18 MARCH AUXILIARY OUTDOOR CINEMA
MONDAY 21 MARCH AUXILIARY MEETING
FRIDAY 25 MARCH PLC OPEN DAY, 9.00 AM - 12.00 PM
OCA GIRLS' COCKTAIL PARTY
TUESDAY 29 MARCH PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL

TUESDAY 12 APRIL OCA MEETING
FRIDAY 15 APRIL EASTER SERVICE
FINAL DAY OF TERM 1

MAY

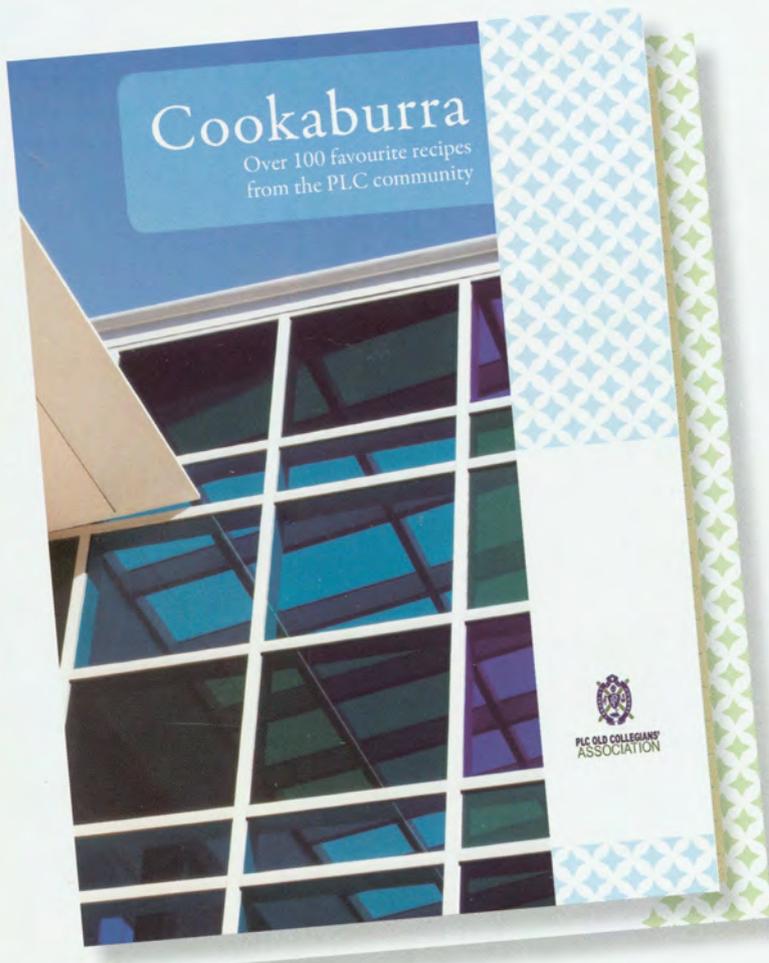
TUESDAY 3 MAY TERM 2 COMMENCES
ANZAC SERVICE 8.30 AM
TUESDAY 10 MAY OCA MEETING
FRIDAY 13 MAY AUXILIARY TENNIS MORNING
SUNDAY 15 MAY ARGYLE CLUB SUNDOWNER
MONDAY 23 MAY AUXILIARY MEETING
TUESDAY 24 MAY PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY 27 MAY OCA ART EXHIBITION

JUNE

TUESDAY 7 JUNE OCA MEETING
FRIDAY 10 JUNE ARGYLE CLUB QUIZ NIGHT
TUESDAY 21 JUNE PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 27 JUNE AUXILIARY MEETING

JULY

TUESDAY 5 JULY OCA MEETING
FRIDAY 8 JULY LAST DAY OF TERM 2
BOARDERS' MARKET



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Expiry Date: _____

Year: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Signature: _____

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Contact number: _____

PLC OPEN DAY 2011

OPENING OUR DOORS FOR OPEN MINDS



 **PLC OLD COLLEGIANS' ASSOCIATION**

Art Exhibition & Sale

27-29 May 2011

Friday - 6pm to 9pm
Saturday & Sunday 12pm - 4pm

Middle School Gallery
Presbyterian Ladies' College
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7-10pm

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