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Mia Evans hugs Bronte O'Grady after PLC's Head of the River victory.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to PLC's second Century of educating inspiring young women. Last year we celebrated all that PLC has been and has become during its 100 years. We now look to the future with anticipation and excitement.

Speech Night 2015 was an extraordinary production that exemplified the quality eminent in *This Little World* that is PLC, Perth. It was a night of celebration touched with a hint of sadness as the School said farewell to longstanding Principal Beth Blackwood. Ms Blackwood's contribution over 18 years of dedicated service has built upon the seven Principals who have capably served before her. Our School is much richer for her visionary influence during this time.

Moving a high-performing school such as PLC forward is like asking the question 'How do we make Cathy Freeman run faster?'. Clearly we have much to be proud of: our girls are courageous, confident and capable in all they do. The 2015 results were testament to the capability of our students and the dedicated staff who have supported them (more information on results can be found on page 7).

Our new Senior School complex is taking shape and we anticipate it will be ready for classes on 22 February. This state-of-the-art facility supports a variety of learning styles and allows girls the opportunity to work in both formal and informal spaces.

We all perform better, are happier and feel more connected when we feel a sense of wellness. This will be further enriched at PLC with the introduction of our Wellness Centre, which has now entered concept development stage. We will keep you updated throughout the year on progress. In Term 1 we welcome Laura Allison as our new Director of Wellbeing who will work to ensure we continue at a whole-school level to strengthen our student wellbeing programmes and their links to student outcomes (find out more about Laura on page 6).

Important milestones, such as our Centenary Year, are junctures in time that encourage us to reflect on the past and look to the future. Our values of integrity, learning, community and effort have served us well and continue to provide us with guidance regarding what represents an outstanding education for girls. I am committed to providing for each PLC girl an education that promotes self-directed, lifelong learning. Equally important in a world where we continue to read of the challenges for women in the workforce, is the development of resilience and courage. For me these go hand in hand; through fostering a strengths-based education, our young women of the future will understand their unique qualities and how they can utilise these to confidently navigate what Sheryl Sandberg, in her book *Lean In*, refers to as the "jungle gym, not the ladder" of life and career development.

My introduction into 'this little world' has been overwhelmingly supportive and positive. Thank you to each person who has made my first term here such a memorable and enjoyable one. I feel both humbled and privileged to have been selected as the next custodian of PLC and look forward with excitement to what the future might hold.

DR KATE HADWEN
Principal





Farewell Beth

We pay tribute to our immediate Past Principal, Beth Blackwood and celebrate her many contributions to PLC across her 18 years of leading our community.

Beth Blackwood was appointed Principal of PLC in 1997 and her achievements have been considerable. PLC is now acknowledged as a leader in teaching and learning, including the use of technology and the global orientation of our curriculum. Our partnership with Scotch College has flourished to provide expanded opportunities for students and teachers. Co-curricular activities including community service learning are incorporated into strategies for building resilience in students. Beth's commitment to reconciliation has led to increased knowledge and awareness between non-indigenous and indigenous students within our community.

Our physical school environment has continued to improve with significant new buildings, including the imminent opening of the new Senior School. This complements the other major capital improvements Beth has overseen, including the Junior School building; the Middle School, Science, Technology and Arts Centre, and the Swim and Recreation Centre.

Beyond her strategic vision, Beth maintained her connection to the students and School community. Always one to lead by example, Beth famously shaved her hair in solidarity with students in 2005 in support of cancer research and always embraced opportunities to dress up and have fun on Arts Day.

Beth has achieved all of these tangible outcomes and many more while living the values of the Uniting Church, building a culture of personal excellence, innovation and diversity and demonstrating qualities of leadership, openness, feminism, equanimity and tremendous care and respect for all students.

We are fortunate to have had such a respected educational leader and role model for our girls and her leadership stands us in good stead for the next 100 years and beyond.

Thank you Beth!





Chaplains report

'To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven'.

Ecclesiastes 3:1.

The definitive musical version of Ecclesiastes by The Byrds has enshrined these words. Final assemblies, valedictory services, speech nights, farewelling past principals and the welcoming of a new reminds us of beginnings and endings and that indeed, in the words of Ecclesiastes, *'there is a time to every purpose under heaven...a time to sow and a time to reap...a time to be born and a time to die...'*.

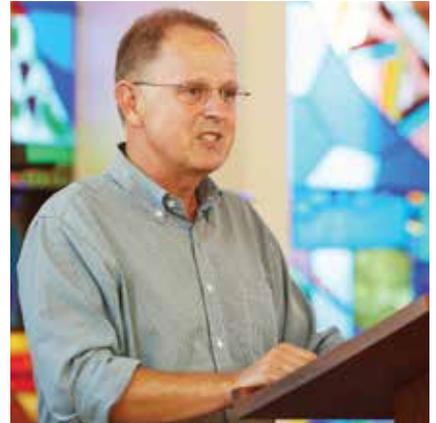
Life is all about endings and beginnings. Just as surely as we bid farewell to the Year 12s, we prepare to welcome the Year 7s who begin on their journey. We say farewell to those who have passed away and we celebrate the births of those who will begin their life's journey. And there is a time for everything under heaven.

Life is all about change, yet at some level we fight it. Change threatens the perceived predictability and stability of our lives, the

notion that we can control things. And yet as we look back on our lives, many would acknowledge that life has not panned out as we expected. Accepting the reality that things probably won't always be the same, that fluctuating periods of light and darkness, certainty and doubt are part of the journey may increase our receptiveness and openness to the possibilities that change brings.

And always the Divine comes to meet with us in the unexpected, in the midst of the ordinary, beckoning us beyond. In all the change, may we have a sense of God's presence, knowing that all our concerns are dear to God.

Lord, I do not know where I am going or what you would have me do next, but I trust that you have a purpose for everything you do and that you are leading me to where you would like me to be.



I ask that you would give me the fortitude to follow you and the grace to trust you even though I do not know the way or what the future holds.

Send your Holy Spirit to guide and accompany me on the journey that you would have me follow so that my life may give greater glory to you always. Amen.

(St Ignatius)

REV GARY VAN HEERDEN

Well well well...

Please meet PLC's inaugural Director of Wellbeing, Laura Allison. She cannot wait to meet you!



Laura is excited to be leading the development of our new Wellbeing Centre however, the major focus of her role will be leading strategies to develop positive mental health in

our students, staff and parent community.

"I have a real passion to prevent or reduce the severity of mental health issues in children and adolescence and strongly believe that we should be working towards

fostering wellbeing for everyone including school staff and parents," Laura said. "Given the synergy between wellbeing and learning, I am certainly hoping to work with teachers to embed wellbeing into their classroom practice and also engage with parents to support them to foster wellbeing in their own homes."

Laura won the 2015 School Psychologist of the Year Award awarded by the School Psychologists Association of WA and comes to us from a similar role at Sacred Heart College. She has worked in education for over 10 years, after working

in the prison and court systems. She is also the mother of two teenage boys.

"My hope is that together we can continue to build the flourishing school community at PLC by further developing a world-class, innovative, best practice model of wellbeing in education," she said. "Building a culture where wellbeing becomes part of the fabric of the College at an organisational level and ensuring every individual member of the PLC community is able to be the best version of themselves they can be."

PLC 2015 Results at a Glance

WACE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

 **6%**
ATAR greater than 99
(Top 1% WA)

 **29%**
ATAR greater than 95
(Top 5% WA)

 **49.3%**
ATAR greater than 90

 **3 General Exhibitions**
*Claire Breidahl, Morgan Bowen,
 Penelope Hollingdale*

 **1 Special General Exhibition**
*Layneisha Sgro as top achieving Aboriginal or
 Torres Strait Islander student*

 **4 Certificates of Distinction**

 **8 Certificates of Commendation**

 **Total number of WACE students eligible for ATAR 13,680**

IB DIPLOMA STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS:

 **100%**
Awarded Diploma

 **36% of students achieved 40-43 points** (Top 5% in the world, 98.30-99.75 > ATAR)

 **28% of students achieved 35-39 points** (Top 20% in the world, 93.25-97.55 > ATAR)

 **36% of students achieved 30-34 points** (World average to top 25%, 83.85-92.05 > ATAR)

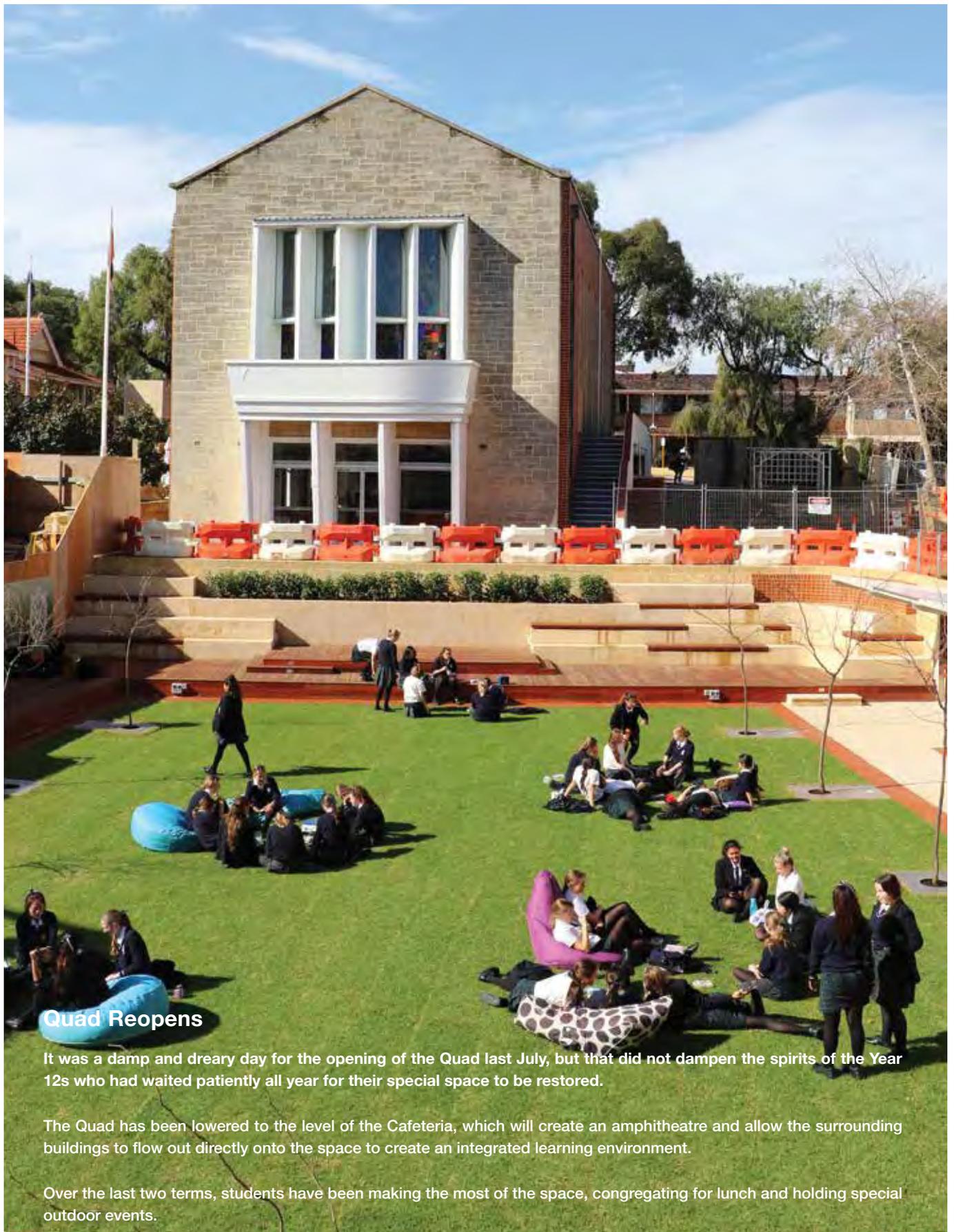
 **2 students achieved 43** (Top 1% in the world, 99.85 ATAR)

 **8 students achieved A for their Extended Essay**

 **5 students achieved A for Theory of Knowledge**

 **Total students sitting Diploma worldwide 150,000**





Quad Reopens

It was a damp and dreary day for the opening of the Quad last July, but that did not dampen the spirits of the Year 12s who had waited patiently all year for their special space to be restored.

The Quad has been lowered to the level of the Cafeteria, which will create an amphitheatre and allow the surrounding buildings to flow out directly onto the space to create an integrated learning environment.

Over the last two terms, students have been making the most of the space, congregating for lunch and holding special outdoor events.



Introducing the 2016 Student Prefecture

Phoebe Johnson, Head Prefect



I am so excited and honoured to have been voted Head Prefect for 2016 – I have the biggest shoes to fill. I will try to act in this new role to the best of my ability.

Something I am aiming to bring to this role is to enable a larger variety of students to share the PLC community together. I would love to break some of the barriers between year groups. I don't think it should matter whether you are undergoing Year 7 or Year 12, I feel PLC offers ample opportunities for people to get to know one another and share together – and this is, in my opinion, one of the greatest things about PLC. I know that if I finish the year without getting to know as many of the girls as I would like to, I will be disappointed.

Amelia Mantle, Deputy Head Prefect



It was a wonderful surprise finding out I was elected for the role of Deputy Head Prefect. I'm very excited to have this opportunity and am really looking forward to taking on the responsibilities and challenges to fulfill this role.

I hope to bring an enthusiastic and inclusive attitude to the role. I would particularly like to encourage students to expand their personal boundaries by participating in as many school activities as possible.

Madison Noble, Senior Boarder



I started at PLC in Year 8 as a boarder from Kulin, which is three hours east of Perth. I had previously attended Kulin District High School, which was a very small school of only 120

students. I was excited to attend a highly respected school like PLC where I would have more than 120 girls in my year!

I am very involved in the Boarding House lifestyle as I am there all the time and enjoy the fun and amazing activities the Boarding House puts on for all the girls.

I feel extremely honoured and thrilled to have been voted as Senior Boarder for 2016. I hope to bring a sense of passion and involvement for all girls in the Boarding House. I want everyone to be a part of the close Boarding House family and build lifelong friendships.

Carla Martin, Arts Captain



I am involved in the *Kookaburra Committee*, photographing for the end-of-year book; I was in each of the Jigsaw pieces for dance and drama in the Middle School years; starting Senior School, I was involved in the musical of *Hairspray*, *Mother Courage*

and the Year 11 curriculum production of *Girl Interrupted*. The performances I can't be in, I love to offer my help backstage or front of house where needed.

I hope I can encourage all students to participate in the numerous arts activities around the School. The arts, from public speaking all the way through the Dance Company and everything in between, are activities that help build confidence in yourself and towards others. From such involvement, you branch out from your regular circle of friends and you bond with such a wide range of people you would have never otherwise met. With such a wide range of opportunities to choose from, I hope to inspire the students to join in and express themselves in many different ways.

Emily Ford, Service Captain



At PLC, I have really been encouraged to participate in many aspects of the School, but where I find the most meaning is in the service events that PLC offers.

I have been very fortunate to have gone on the Cambodia service tour in 2014 and Kimberley tour in 2015. I enjoyed both of those immensely and I want to share everything I have learnt and experienced to ensure that students can also learn their own lessons from the service activities they engage in. I have also participated in Rotary Climb for a Smile, Relay for Life, Live Below the Line and really anything that I can give a helping hand to.

I hope to ensure that everyone at PLC tries something exciting, fun, different and maybe even a bit out of their comfort zone, whether it be something they always do or something new. I hope to do this through positivity and compassion and to lead by example. I want to bring service at PLC through to the new Century of the School with creativity and innovation. I hope to uphold our annual service events that everyone knows and loves and also to support opportunities at PLC with the attitudes and beliefs that make up a person committed to giving to others.

Matilda Morfesse, Sports Captain



I have been involved in a wide range of sports across my years at PLC. I have been in the IGSSA swimming, cross country and athletics team each year since Year 7 and also play volleyball, netball and basketball. I was the Water Polo Captain for 2015 and a proud rower! I have rowed since Year 9 and also had the privilege of travelling to Sydney for the international rowing regatta last year. Rowing has not only taught me what it means to be part of a team, most importantly it has taught me discipline and organisation.

Being involved in a team sport is ultimately the most rewarding thing a student can choose to participate in. Not only do you learn important skills such as co-operation, dedication, communication, reliability, trust and honesty but you also learn how to compete. When we get out into the workforce we are going to have to learn how to compete for opportunities.

I hope to bring a real passion, team spirit and pride to my role. I'm very passionate about sport and the sporting culture at PLC so I'm hoping my enthusiasm will wear off on some of the other girls. I'm also hoping to encourage participation and increase our competitiveness to dominate the IGSSA sport competition, whether it be in the pool, on the river, on the court or on the field.

Clea Sanders, Academic Captain



As Academic Captain is still a very new position, I hope to be able to grow and promote the role of academic achievement in the School community.

Apart from being an IB student, throughout my time at PLC I have participated in many academic activities, such as Da Vinci Decathlon, Tournament of Minds,

OzCLO, the National Chemistry Quiz and the Alliance Française exam. I am heavily involved in debating and public speaking as well as service, organising the School's Pantene Beautiful Lengths (hair donations) fundraiser and have been a part of School productions like *Hairspray* and *Girl Interrupted*.

We don't have that much time left at PLC, so although we should work hard throughout the year, we need to make sure that we make the most of Year 12 and all of the opportunities it offers!

Lucy Banks, Junior/Middle School Captain



As I have grown in this School, I have made many new friendships with girls both within my House and outside and with girls throughout the other years, making PLC a lot of fun, especially over camps and service tours, such as the Kimberley Tour.

There are limited opportunities for interactions between the younger and older girls (which I hope to change). I hope to connect the Senior and Middle Schools as one and make this School even more communal than it already is. I hope to make the new and younger girls feel welcome as well as feeling like they can come to us when they are unsure about things.

I am involved in the sport and service aspects of the School and hope to promote connections through these programmes.

2016 House Captains



Greta Bell Baird



Phoebe Metcalf Carmichael



Lauren Sutherland Ferguson



Eliza Reilly McNeil



Daniela Mwipatayi Ross



Hayley McAlpine Stewart



Tessa Evans Summers

School Officials

Deputy Senior Boarder: Madison Reid

Chorale Captain: Olivia Lowson

Dance Captain: Harriet Mactier

Debating/Public Speaking Captain:

Tabitha Malet

Drama Captain: Brodie Cunnold

Drum Major: Gigi Parker

Environmental Captain: Emily Bennett

Kookaburra Editors:

Eliza Perkins & Lilli McKenzie

Pipe Major: Harriet Martin

Reconciliation Captains:

Madeleine Woolgar & Lyndell Bradshaw

Stage Band Captain: Aude Mangharam

Civics and Social Justice Captain:

Katherine Descant

Visual Arts Captain: Eloise Bolt

Vocal Ensemble Captain: Isobel Cole

Media Captain: Amy Johnston

Orchestra Captain: Nicki Armstrong

Wind Ensemble Captain: Jessica Taylor



'Regnum Diatoma' by Eleanore Lammers-Lewis

Year 12 Student Gains Perspective

2015 Year 12 student Eleanore Lammers-Lewis has had one of her artworks selected for inclusion in the *Year 12 Perspectives* exhibition at the Art Gallery of Western Australia.

At 178 cm by 210 cm, Eleanore's prints will probably make up the largest work in the exhibition. According to her art teacher, the selectors chose her work without deliberation. The piece explores the beauty of the most basic form of our natural environment.

Eleanore studied Art as part of her IB Diploma at Scotch College.

Year 12 Perspectives is an annual exhibition by some of the best, brightest and most talented graduating high school artists in the State. Students must submit their work and are selected by a panel of judges to take part.

Year 12 Perspectives opens from March to June at the Art Gallery of Western Australia.

Launch of the Blackwatch Sports Club in 2016

In response to feedback from families wanting more sporting opportunities for all students, PLC will be launching the Blackwatch Sports Club in Term 1.

Limitations on the number of students that can take part in the IGSSA competitions have been an issue for some time. In response, PLC has come up with a solution to offer more options for our students.

In Term 1, we will make available new sporting opportunities for all girls in Years 7 and 8, including dance, touch football, walking and cheerleading.

It is our intention to also roll this programme out to girls in Years 9 to 12 as soon as possible.

Our expectation will be that girls attend all training and games for their allocated sport. The trial process will be completed early in the term, with those girls who are not selected into IGSSA tennis or volleyball teams or not wishing to be involved in cricket or swimming being given an opportunity to train and participate in a non-IGSSA team or in another physical activity of their choice. They will be scheduled to participate in training, games and activities either in-house or against other schools throughout the course of the term.

We look forward to our students embracing these opportunities for health, fitness, camaraderie and enjoyment.





PLC Sport on a Winner

PLC sportswomen are a force to be reckoned with and the IGSSA interschool competition results prove it once again.

For the third year in a row, PLC has finished second overall in the IGSSA competition against all the major independent girls' schools. This is an especially noteworthy result considering the overall placings do not include rowing – which we won!

Another outstanding result was being named Champion School in Term 4 for water polo, with both the Senior B and Junior B teams winning their grades.

PLC softball finished second overall with the Senior A, B and C teams coming out

victorious and the D team coming second by one point. The Junior E and F teams also won their grades.

In basketball, PLC also came second with Junior C winning their grade.

In soccer, PLC came fourth with Junior A winning their grade.

Another outstanding performance was by Daniela Mwipatayi (Year 11) in athletics, breaking the senior shotput record with a throw of 11.98m.

At the end of Term 2, PLC won the Head of the River race and regatta, as well as the School Girls' Premier Trophy as top rowing school for the fourth year in a row. This win was especially sweet after being pipped at the post in the First VIII race last year.

Congratulations to all girls for their sportsmanship, commitment and competitiveness.



Actress Wins Short Film Prize

Year 12 student Olivia De Jonge is best known for her work in front of the camera but walked away with a prize for her work behind the camera at the recent Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA).

Olivia's film, *My Future*, won the award for Best Editing at the ceremony in Queensland, where she was joined by her Year 12 Media peers, India Stewart and Sarah Ghossein, who were also named as finalists for their film, *Milk*. The two films were among 200 entered in the competition and shortlisted down to 30 and then 15 nationwide.

PLC was one of only two WA schools that made the cut and was also nominated for BUFTA's Best School prize.

Olivia's film was also selected for screening at Flickerfest film festival in Bondi on 16 January.

Olivia is better known for her acting work, recently appearing in the new M. Night Shyamalan movie *The Visit* and on Australian television screens in ABC series *The Hiding*. In January, she will start work on a new movie set in Sydney, titled *Safe Neighbourhood*.

"We were all surprised to be named as finalists in BUFTA," Olivia said. "My film is a poetic documentary about the anxieties of growing up in today's society. It provides a myriad of advice for the youth of today, including not focusing completely on school and taking everything that comes your way."

Milk on the other hand is a dark comedy about a young boy suffering from a milk addiction, starring Scotch College student Charlie Tesser.

To view the films, go to the BUFTA website at www.bufta.com.au.



India Hosts The Project

Year 12 student India Bailey became the youngest co-host ever on TV show *The Project* after winning a national competition in September.

As a long-time fan of the popular current affairs programme, India applied for the 'Your Chair' competition and was the WA winner awarded a seat at *The Project* desk alongside regular hosts Carrie Bickmore, Waleed Aly and Peter Helliar. Her episode was filmed live and went to air on 9 September.

India and the panel discussed everything from Australia's refugee commitment to the Queen's record reign and AFL champion Buddy Franklin's struggle with mental health issues.

"I have loved and watched *The Project* since it first came on air and couldn't think of anything more exciting than actually being on that desk!" India said.

Inspired and boosted by her guest stint, India plans to pursue a career in media and will study a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Politics and International Relations as well as Media and Communications.



From PLC to Paris: Students Call for Change

PLC students were front and centre in letting the Australian Government know the concerns of youth about climate change in the lead up to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris in December.

On Sunday 29 November, PLC students led the Futures (youth) section of the Climate March in Perth, joining thousands of people in the city and hundreds of thousands around the country and the world calling for action on global warming.

They were invited by march organisers to play a central role following a climate change forum held at School, organised by Year 11 students in September.

Chaired by Kimberly Benjamin (2010) of Reconciliation WA, the PLC>>>Perth Climate Change Forum invited a panel of experts to speak on the social, environmental and health aspects of climate change.

Following the panel, workshops were led by Year 11 students, encouraging the girls to engage with the speakers, form their own conclusions and apply their knowledge of climate change to consider prospective courses of action.

Year 11 students Danielle Tan and Phoebe Metcalf, who proposed the forum, then summarised the recommendations in

a report they submitted to the office of Deputy Prime Minister and local Member for Curtin, Julie Bishop.

They recommended solutions including a greater focus on renewable energy, better public transport and more education on climate change.

Phoebe said she hoped Ms Bishop would take on board student feedback.

“As students we are a part of this, but in particular we are the people who will be most affected by the proposals we put forward as we are the next generation.”



Thinking Outside the Box

Congratulations to Year 8 student Tian Kaelin who was awarded the 2015 3D Printing Design Award for her wonderful prototype container.

As part of her Materials class, Tian had the opportunity to create designs using the 3D printers available in the library.

International da Vinci Tour

Some of PLC's gifted and talented students made their mark on the world in the Term 3 school holidays when they were placed second in the international da Vinci Decathlon in Italy.

The competition invites teams from around the world to compete in a range of trivia and cryptic brainteasers.

Having previously won the State Decathlon and competed at national level, PLC was invited to participate in the international decathlon in Florence in September and October. Six schools from Perth, Sydney and Scotland travelled together through Italy, Paris and London and other schools from overseas competed online.

Eighteen PLC students from Years 7 to 10 made up two teams; one Junior and one Senior. Our Junior team – made up of Middle School students Clara Chen, Georgia Rieck, Tahlia Hanikeri, Gaby McDonald, Lucy Jarrett, Lucie O'Sullivan, Neha Bolla, Halimah Zaini and Imogen Maher – walked away as runners up.

The da Vinci competition was combined with the Race Around the Renaissance, another competition where the students in their teams answered cryptic clues about artefacts at cultural sites they visited in Italy, Paris and London.



PLC Girls Campaign to End Violence Against Women

PLC students joined campaigners around the world in November and December to advocate for an end to violence against women.

A week-long programme of student-led events was organised to tie in with the United Nations' 'Orange the World' campaign to end violence against women and girls.

Principal Kate Hadwen officially launched the campaign at Assembly on Friday 27 November with a presentation on the latest confronting statistics on violence against women in Australia. Students were advised to bring their mobile phones and to upload relevant emergency contact numbers for young people. Civics and Social Justice Captain, Katherine Descant, encouraged the audience to view the *Hitting Home* documentary aired by the ABC to put the issue in context.

Following on from this, Year 12 Politics and Law students organised a rapid one-week appeal for the Wyn Carr refuge for women seeking refuge from domestic and family violence, under the banner 'Put Your Confidence On'. Students requested donations of smart casual attire to provide clothing and footwear that women at the refuge could potentially wear to job interviews, apply for bank loans and so forth. The response was overwhelming

and by the end of the week the collection boxes were overflowing.

Wednesday 2 December marked the inaugural PLC Speaker's Corner. At lunchtime on the Quad, students and staff from across the Middle and Senior Schools stood up with microphone in hand and presented a range of views and experiences and highlighted actions to potentially address in regard to domestic violence against women.

Year 12 Media students got behind the 'No More' campaign, creating a series of photographs with their responses, such as 'No More excuses', 'No More it won't happen again', 'No More she was asking for it'. These images were then displayed on digital media throughout the School over the course of the week.

Media Captain, Amy Johnston said student involvement in the campaign had really made the issue hit home.

Teaching staff supported the campaign by integrating information into units of study throughout the Middle and Senior Schools.

Praise for Primary Years Programme

The quality of the Junior School's Primary Years Programme has been recognised by the International Baccalaureate (IB) Organisation in an evaluation last year.

The School was commended for:

- A strong understanding of a constructivist, inquiry-based approach
- A culture of open communication
- The sharing of responsibility for pedagogical leadership
- A commitment to providing increased time, support and resources to the role of the PYP Co-ordinator
- The physical and virtual learning environments, facilities, resources and specialised equipment
- The innovative ways to promote collaborative planning and reflection
- A systematic approach to the integration of the subject-specific sequences
- The ways in teaching and learning addresses the competencies, learning needs and styles of students
- The ways in which teaching and learning engages students in reflecting on how, what and why they are learning

When meeting with the IB Evaluation team, one student captured what the Junior School works to achieve every day: "Before PLC I was given work but I wasn't sure why. Now I know what I am doing, how I'm going to do it and why".





Naomi Robinson and Conor Barton with Triple J Breakfast Show hosts Matt and Alex after the announcement

Naomi Robinson Unearthed in National Music Competition

Year 12 student Naomi Robinson and the other half of her band, Mosquito Coast, were named winners of Triple J radio's Unearthed High competition in August after a nationwide search for unsigned student artists.

During PLC Arts Day, Naomi was surprised by the hosts of the Triple J morning show to announce the win live, to thunderous applause from the assembled PLC audience.

Naomi and bandmate Conor Barton's song, 'Call my Name', was chosen from 1280 entries and was one of five finalists.

Triple J Unearthed Music Director, Dave Ruby Howe, said: "Mosquito Coast squeezed 'Call My Name' into Unearthed High mere days before the competition closed but since then those charming, breezy hooks have been stuck to the ears of Triple J listeners and presenters alike. Just as 'Call My Name' is filled with

a magnetic spirit, discovering Mosquito Coast has been a true joy and we couldn't be prouder to call them our Unearthed High champs for 2015."

As part of their prize, Naomi and Conor were flown to Sydney to record a new song at Triple J studios. They were also able to choose a mentor to work with over the next year and they chose The Jezabels.

Naomi wants to focus on producing more music and doing some live shows this year.

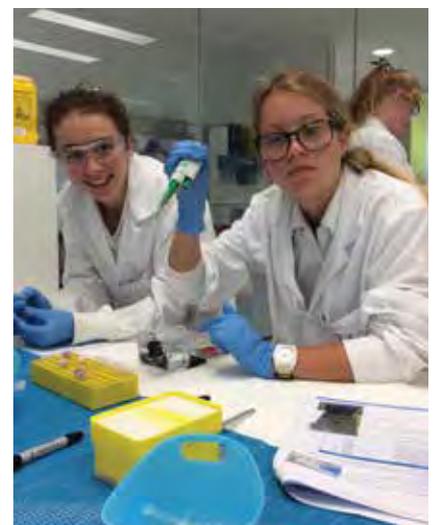
Hands-on STEM Experience

Year 11 Biology students visited the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research in Term 4 to gain some hands-on experience into scientific research.

Students worked with human DNA, focusing on the mutant gene that with associated exposure to ultraviolet radiation may lead to melanoma, the most common cause of cancer in 15-39 year olds.

"I really enjoyed being able to put our school work into practice and to see its uses in the real world," said student Emily Bennett. "I was able to use the equipment we had only ever seen in textbooks and further my understanding of processes such as PCR and Gel Electrophoresis. The excursion allowed us to see first hand what amazing research we could contribute to in the future."

They also enjoyed a visit from Clint Heel, former WA Young Person of the Year (2011), founder and CEO of Melanoma WA and melanoma survivor.





Year 12 Psychology class supports students

Year 12 Psychology students have recommended coping strategies aimed to de-mystify issues that affect students and foster effective, realistic ways to address them.

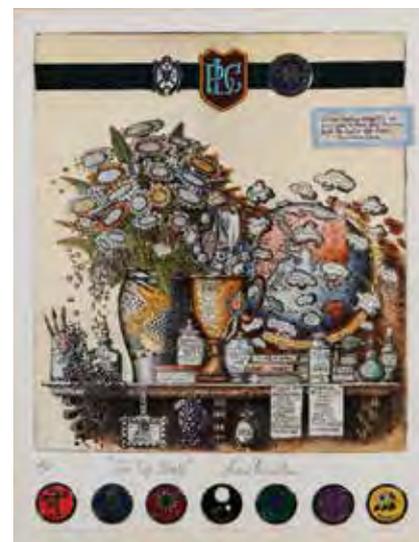
The group looked into sleep disorders, bullying and drug and alcohol abuse and identified the most effective well-being strategies they had identified both amongst their peers and current research. These included:

- A permanent Peace and Tranquility room for students to be able to meditate when undergoing times of stress;
- A Service and Wellbeing Co-ordinator role in each House to assist with bonding of the Middle and Senior school students;
- A page on Student Connect (PLC intranet) with meditation techniques, apps and tips for reducing stress (e.g. less time on technology in order to help them with sleep and stress particularly during the examination period).

The students were invited to present their findings at a Senior School Assembly. The presentation happened to coincide with RUOK Day?, which was a fantastic opportunity to open a dialogue about adolescent issues and support networks. This spawned the inaugural PLC 'RUOK?

Day'. Year 12 Psychology students brainstormed what else they could do for the day, making badges, hanging up posters and gathering the Year 12s at lunch to give thanks to the people who had supported them, forming a smiley face on the Quad. In addition, they took it upon themselves to write hundreds of positive affirmations on sticky notes and placed these on the lockers of all the students throughout the Middle and Senior Schools.

"Taking part in this research has been effective in challenging ourselves as students to think comprehensively about the widespread issues teenagers face," Katarina Welborn and Alice Ford said. "It has given us the opportunity to put something back into the PLC community... This task allowed all Year 12 Psych students to engage in school life and not just examine the problems that are present but proactively think about solutions."



Top Shelf Memorabilia

We would like to extend a big thank you to all artists who designed memorabilia items to commemorate our Centenary year.

The PLC Centenary etching by Leon Pericles, named 'The Top Shelf' (pictured), was released in October and a limited quantity is still available for order. The cost is \$1100 framed or \$950 unframed. There are three framing options available.

The inspiration behind the piece was the School as the supporting shelf. Elements included in the etching are the globe for quest and adventure; the champion's trophy representing sport; the thistle and subject matters on books; House badges representing tradition; the old PLC crest and the PLC100 commemorative pin.

Special thanks also to our heritage map artist Mary Yates, book author Susan Maushart and jewellery designer Siobhan Way, who designed and donated a special pendant for prizes at a number of Centenary events.

For inquiries on any of our memorabilia, please contact Community Relations at 9424 6581.



PLC Birthday Party

While Old Collegians were marking Founders' Day with a special service, students were celebrating the School's birthday with separate parties.

Wearing PLC100 party hats, students in the Junior School and Middle/Senior Schools enjoyed party food, face painting, photo booths, animal farms, bouncy castles, 'silent discos' and other fun activities.

Despite inclement weather warnings, once again Mother Nature was kind to us and the rain held off until almost the end of the school day.



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Centenary Sculpture

The Centenary Sculpture has been revealed and named over the last semester and has already become an icon at School, being dressed up by leavers, sports fans and for other special occasions.

Artist Ayad Alqaragholti's masterpiece was unveiled in August during Arts Day. Nestled in a flowerbed to the south of Scorgie House, the sculpture is a symbolic and interactive piece for the enjoyment of our community.

All students were invited to submit a name for the sculpture. Three entries were shortlisted and the students then had the opportunity to vote on their favourite. With over 550 votes received, the winning name was 'Peridot'. Year 5 student Shreeya Moodley chose this name because it is the birthstone for August, the month PLC celebrates its birthday. The meaning behind the name Peridot gemstone is to increase confidence and assertiveness balanced by patience and clarity of thought. It is also known for prosperity and happiness.

We extend our thanks to the Parents' Committee and Parents@PLC for donating this wonderful sculpture.

Shreeya Moodley, centre, named the Centenary Sculpture 'Peridot'



PLC100 Mini Musical

Mckenzie Eastman (Drama Captain 2015) and Lucy Rossen (Arts Captain 2015), along with everything else happening in Year 12, thought they'd have a go at writing a musical. The show was about a new girl on her first day at PLC and how she is introduced to all the activities PLC has to offer. Approximately 50 girls from Years 7 to 12 participated in a truly student-driven creative project, shown to packed crowds on 28 August. Congratulations girls!

Centenary Concert Fills the House

The Centenary Concert was a full house at the Perth Concert Hall in September as the School community came together for a wonderful afternoon of music and participation.

Preceding the concert, a massed Pipe Band comprising current and former Pipe Band members and staff welcomed the audience outside for an iconic PLC entrée to the show.

As the crowd headed indoors, over 400 musicians from Pre-Primary to Year 12 took to the stage, presenting a range of ensemble and combined performances. Highlights included special collaborative performances from all of the School's Suzuki string players and choirs as well as combined ensembles with both Scotch and Trinity Colleges.

Staff, parents and Old Collegians were also invited to join the choir singing the new Centenary song, *Labore et Honore*, composed by Paul Jarman (see full words to right/left/opposite page). Bringing a tear to many an eye, this wonderful song reflected the pride and solidarity that we share as members of the PLC community and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

There was also a special performance by soprano Sara MacIver (1985) and Year 12 student Laura Rogers.

The event was a delightful showcase of the talent and sense of community here at PLC.



PLC Centenary Song

LABORE ET HONORE By Paul Jarman

*Hear the sound of our call piping in the dawn
Stirring us to rise, awakening our pride, gathering us all.
Through the peppermint grove our senses come alive
As we prepare to grow, inspired by all that we can learn,
All that we could know, and all we can become
Standing side by side, knowing we belong, our dreams are born
Mother, daughter, child every story shines
What we love about this time, no need to define, it's written in our smile
Everybody plays a part, a sister and a friend
Someone to count on when you need a helping hand
To hold you up high, to care and understand
Standing side by side, knowing we belong, our dreams will rise.
Labore et Honore, Inspire, take the lead
To live by work and honour in all we dream to be
Labore et Honore, the pride of PLC
Standing side by side, knowing we belong, blue, white and green
Throw your hat in the ring, seizing every day
Women standing tall, reaching to the world, we can pave the way
Whatever you achieve, the journeys you seek
Know that you'll always be a part of history here
The teachers you revered, the memories dear
Standing side by side, knowing we belong, our dreams will shine
Labore et Honore, Inspire, take the lead
To live by work and honour in all we dream to be
Labore et Honore, the pride of PLC
Standing side by side, knowing we belong, blue, white and green
When I hear the pipes and drums it's a feeling in my heart
All among the Blackwatch band of girls in panamas
These are the best years of our life and we'll remember them with pride
Standing side by side, knowing we belong, blue white and green.
Labore et Honore, Inspire, take the lead
To live by work and honour in all we dream to be
Labore et Honore, the pride of PLC
Standing side by side, knowing we belong, blue, white and green
Labore et Honore, Inspire, take the lead
To live by work and honour in all we dream to be
Labore et Honore, the pride of PLC
Standing side by side, knowing we belong, blue, white and green
Labore et Honore, in all we dream to be
Labore et Honore, the pride of PLC*



Governor Kerry Sanderson at the Founder's Day service

Founders' Day Service

On 19 August 1915, a meeting was convened by the Right Rev George Nisbet Dods to establish what later became known as Presbyterian Ladies' College, Perth.

One hundred years on and our official Centenary anniversary was recognised on 19 August 2015 with a Founders' Day service and launch of the PLC history book, *This Little World*.

Old Collegians who had left PLC more than 50 years ago joined former House Captains, book author Susan Maushart and Governor Kerry Sanderson, who unveiled a plaque commemorating the occasion. They also admired and cut the amazing seven-tier birthday cake, created by Winnie Lee (1991) and current parent Glenda Crawford, which celebrated our seven House factions and was adorned with photos showing some historic PLC milestones across the years.

Also 65th and 70th reunions were held on Founder's Day and the 60th reunion the day before, tying in with attendance at the service.



A Junior House classroom of the 1950s, unchanged from when Joan Fox (Menzies 1942) was at PLC.

Visitors to Archives

In September, Robert Fox, the son of Joan Fox (Menzies 1942) and his children Douglas and Hayley made a flying visit to PLC on their way home to Singapore.

Joan was here from 1937 and is well remembered by girls from her era. She was a day girl and (for a short time) a boarder, a superb athlete and involved in everything on offer. In 1941 she was a Prefect and Carmichael House Captain and in her final year of 1942 she was Head Prefect and Carmichael House Captain once more.

As Robert and the children's time was limited, we walked through Finlayson House, known as Junior House in Joan's days. This is where Joan had classes as a little one and, for the short time during which she boarded, slept.

Joan is now 90 and lives in NSW. The last time she visited was in 2006. Although her school days are long behind her, she loved her years here.

Also in September, Susan Howard (Arlidge 1972) came from New Zealand to visit her daughter, Sally. While here, she visited Archives and viewed, with granddaughter Ida Beccard (Pre-Kindy) on her lap, the many photos we have of Susan's mother Ardyn Arlidge (Craze, Head Prefect 1937) and her aunts Roma Gornall (Craze 1932) and Beryl Craig (Craze 1940), including three of Roma just received from her daughter, Sarah Gornall.

Heritage Trail – Then and Now

In October, the result of over a year of research and marvelous creativity was launched with PLC's Centenary Heritage Trail, the second map completed for us by talented local artist Mary Yates.

Bound by Stirling Highway to the Swan River in one direction and McNeil to Forrest Street in the other, it covers our entire campus. Numbered landmarks on the map correspond to information about them on the back, covering our historic buildings like Scorgie, Finlayson and Summers Houses; Hesse Mount (known as Baird House); Ormiston College and Junior Branch (representations); Snowden Oval and Carmichael Hall. It is also a useful map of the present campus, including the Junior School, Music and 1 Degree Centres, the Heather Barr Memorial Chapel within Carmichael Hall, Robertson (Boarding) House, the Hazel Day Drama, Vera Summers Swim and Recreation and Hugh Baird Sports Centres, and the one landmark that's been here for longer than we have, our pine tree.

Beginning in 2013, Mary and Archivist Shannon Lovelady delved deeply into the darkest corners of the furthest box in our Archives for interesting snippets she could include. There wasn't room for everything but the result is a wonderful map crammed with many fascinating historical nuggets. One is a dairy cow offered to the School in

1919 for the discounted price of £15 (about \$1100 today). Council initially thought it was a great idea and went looking for volunteers to milk it, if it came. All the boarders from country dairy farms then feigned ignorance as to how to milk one! The cow does feature in Mary's illustration, saying whimsically, "I'm not coming."

Sometimes correction of our perception of how things were came from interested onlookers visiting Archives at the same time as Mary, with her working copies. One day, some 1950s boarders were visiting Archives the same day and looked with interest at the draft, which featured an old boarding cubicle, in which Mary had added a teddy bear on the bed. One of the visitors emphatically tapped her finger on the teddy and said, "We weren't allowed toys!" Rather than remove the teddy, Mary's quirky sense of humour incorporated the fact that there were no toys allowed in the Boarding House in those days!

Similarly, with Ross and Dods Houses proposed for introduction in 2014, Mary had allowed spacing for the eight PLC Houses planned. Alas, the girls thought

Dods sounded too much like 'duds' and so the establishment of Dods House did not eventuate.

Our Heritage Trail is designed to be a light-hearted, self-guided walk for new students, parents and staff, as well as those well familiar with the School who will enjoy revisiting and learning more about our history. They're also free! Pick one up from Reception or Community Relations.



Local artist Mary Yates with the work in progress that is now our wonderful Heritage Trail.



Archivist Shannon Lovelady has been mentoring Year 3 student Eirwyn Siford, furthering her interest in WWI. Together they researched several of Eirwyn's relatives who served in the Great War; some came home, some did not. On Remembrance Day her sister Livya (right Year 2) showed them the memorial poppy she'd made in class.



The Salvage at St Andrew's

St Andrew's on St George's Terrace was the first Presbyterian Church in WA. The site of the original church, built in 1882, was a little further north than the current church which was built in 1906.

It was in the vestry of the 'new' church, on 19 August 1915, Rev George Nisbet Dods, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in WA and Minister of St Andrew's, gathered the group of men who resolved to establish a Presbyterian school for girls. Those men were PLC's founders.

To mark the occasion of the School being established, and with oak trees representing knowledge and learning, an acorn was planted by the founders on the south west corner of the site in 1915, directly opposite the front doors of Government House. A small, undernourished oak tree still stands there today, overshadowed by a larger tree on the corner for most of its youth.

While the tree's provenance was long forgotten and its significance to PLC unrecognised since the 1940s, the church itself remained pivotal to our School. Even after St Andrew's became a Uniting Church, and PLC a Uniting Church School in 1977, our annual Founders' Day services

were held there. Generations of girls will remember feeling the music reverberate clear through to our bones as the organ thundered through the hymns.

But in 2009 engineers reported the intricately timbered roof was at risk of imminent collapse and, as a danger to the congregation, St Andrew's was immediately and unceremoniously closed to services.

In the ensuing six years, the congregation tried to raise funds for the roof's restoration, but that was not to eventuate. After a few years in limbo, the Uniting Church of Australia placed the property on the market. It was sold in early November to Global Premium Hotels, the hotel arm of Fragrance Group, a Singaporean developer.

St Andrew's is heritage listed with the National Trust and therefore must be retained with any new development, but it will be adapted for a new future

use in the planned 41-storey, mixed-use development, which will include 280 residential units.

I was in touch with the Chair of St Andrew's Council, Alan MacKenzie, over the perilous position of our 100 year old oak tree, in the face of development. The fate of the oak tree is still unsettled and will be the subject of a future article when an outcome is known. The property was sold with a very short settlement and, a few days before, Alan advised the final service at St Andrew's would be held on Sunday 25 October. Dr Kate Hadwen was at that service representing PLC and offered to help salvage some of the items that would otherwise be lost.

The following week Facilities Manager Chris Holloway and I went to St Andrew's and planned for the removal of some historic items pertinent to PLC's long history. The magnificent tessellated tiles trod by parishioners for nearly 110 years



1. The entrance of St Andrew's, blocked by scaffolding since 2009.
2. The Elders' chairs.
3. The plaque on the back of the Elders' chair donated by Dr Alan and Mrs Millicent Barr.
4. The backstamp of the Calyx Porcelain and Paint Company (1921-1931)

are now dusty, the front doors barred with the scaffolding that extends through the centre of the church, supporting the ostensibly precarious roof.

Among the assortment of items we managed to salvage was the original Hamlin (Boston) organ; foot-pedalled, small, old, and very beautiful, it still plays its gusty notes, and it's hard to imagine the noise filling the lofty spaces of St Andrew's. There was two collection plates with rims smoothly polished from the passing from hand to hand over the decades, some foundation and memorial plaques, a parish desk, hymn and music books.

There are also a small number of pews and pew sections, the lectern, and seventeen timber elders' chairs upholstered in blue leather, each with a dedication plaque on the back marking the date and donor. One was gifted to St Andrew's by Dr Alan and Mrs Millicent Barr (PLC staff 1925), in memory of Mrs Barr's mother, Marion

Webster Marshall. Alan and Millicent were the parents of Miss Heather Barr (PLC Principal 1968-1989); Marion, her grandmother. Another was gifted by PLC founder and Director of Education James Klein in memory of his wife May who died in 1953.

In the kitchen at McNess Centre, behind the church, was an assortment of beautiful old crockery, leading to a research task in dating these pieces. Some are almost 100 years old and stamped with the crests of St Andrew's, its sister church Ross Memorial in West Perth, and the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union. Some were made by the Calyx Porcelain and Paint Company (1921-1931) and Brisbane & Wunderlich Ltd factory (from 1938) in Jolimont. It then became Bristile Ware which produced Perth's famous Wembley Ware from 1946 to 1961.

The magnificent pulpit has been dismantled and placed into storage with the Uniting

Church. The main baptismal font, which was carved by inmates at Fremantle Prison in 1892, has been donated to the Fremantle Prison Museum. A smaller marble font, donated in the memory of Edith Sulman who died in NSW aged 28 in 1907, was salvaged and is now in our storage. Miss Sulman was the daughter of renowned NSW architect Sir John Sulman who came from England with his family in 1885, but the significance of Miss Sulman to St Andrew's and how this font came to be there is a mystery.

Just one mystery that, along with these other items, is now the subject of research to determine each item's significance to PLC before informed decisions can be made as to their ultimate situation.

Recent Accessions will be recognised in the next issue of *Blackwatch*.

The Difference You Make

The PLC Centenary has been a time to celebrate PLC's distinguished history and its exciting future. As an integral and important part of the School, the Foundation continues to provide opportunities to make a difference and help girls achieve individual excellence.

Your support represents a belief in a collective future in which our girls and ex-students contribute and succeed in all walks of life.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the generous support of current and past parents, staff and our worldwide network of Old Collegians and friends for their contribution to the PLC Foundation.

ROBYN AHERN
Chair

Inspiring Scholarship Recipients

The award of a scholarship recognises academic accomplishment and aims to nurture and develop the full potential of the scholarship recipient.

The PLC Foundation scholarship programme was established to offer means-tested scholarships to girls who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend PLC due to financial circumstances. We sincerely thank those who have made a gift to the Scholarship Fund.



Halimah Zaini, centre, on the da Vinci Tour

Foundation Scholarship Opens up Whole New World

When Halimah Zaini received a Foundation scholarship in 2014, she undertook to make the most of every opportunity that PLC had to offer. She has certainly fulfilled that promise, relishing her studies, co-curricular activities and widening her circle of friends.

Then last year, she was invited to take part in the international da Vinci Decathlon in Italy, offered through PLC's Gifted and Talented programme. An academically talented student but unable to fully fund the European trip, the PLC Foundation offered to pay half her travel fees to allow her to take up this amazing opportunity.

"I had not been to Europe before and was really excited and happy I was going with everyone," Halimah said. "I made closer relationships with everyone here and new friends from other schools. Spending time with friends and sightseeing was great but the competition was really fun as well. It was really challenging and stretched my thinking."

Halimah's team of nine PLC girls did so well that they came second in the junior division.

They also took part in the Race Around the Renaissance competition, which saw them answering cryptic clues in Italy, France and England. (See more page 16).

Back at School, Halimah plays netball, soccer and volleyball, takes trumpet lessons, is in the concert band and competes in the Tournament of Minds and OzClo competitions through the gifted and talented programme.

Halimah is very grateful to the PLC Foundation for the opportunities her PLC scholarship is providing her.

"I would really like to thank the donors as I would not have had this opportunity if not for them," she said. "I would like to repay them one day in one way or another."

Year 12 Student Reflects on PLC Scholarships

An academically outstanding student, Tabitha Malet received her first PLC scholarship, the DJ Carmichael Scholarship, in 2010 for Year 7. The following year she received the Barbara Beard scholarship for her remaining schooling.



Now a Year 12 student, Tabitha is about to embark on her final year at PLC. She has won numerous academic and co-curricular prizes over her time at School, including last year being named a state finalist in the UN Youth Evatt diplomacy competition and a member of the PLC team that came second in OzCLO (the Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad).

Tabitha prides herself on being a well-rounded student and has also enjoyed immersing herself in PLC's service culture, sports and music. She plays French horn and last year started taking voice lessons. She sings in Chorale and Vocal Ensemble and plays horn in Wind Ensemble and Combined Symphony Orchestra (with Scotch College). She plays netball and tennis in the IGSSA competition and has been named Debating and Public Speaking Captain for 2016. She has also been involved in service initiatives, including last year volunteering in a student-led after-school French Club, helping refurbish the permaculture garden and representing PLC in the Climate Change March in Perth in November (see page 15).

Tabitha has a wide range of interests so is unsure what path to follow when she completes Year 12 but is considering a career in law, politics or journalism.

Reflecting on her time at PLC and what she will take away from it, Tabitha praises the School's emphasis on a holistic education.

"I think one of the greatest benefits of a PLC education is the emphasis on balance," she said. "I have had the opportunity to participate in a huge range of activities during my time at the School. PLC encourages students to get involved in a range of co-curricular activities, not only as creative and physical outlets but also significant methods of learning outside the classroom."

She also heaped praise on the teachers who made her learning experience so fulfilling.

"Wherever I am, I have had teachers who love their subjects and are passionate about sharing knowledge," she said. "Their help in and out of class time and support with topics related and unrelated to the course can make the difference between a high and a low mark – but more than that it translates an innate curiosity and love of learning."

Tabitha said her scholarships had allowed her three younger sisters the opportunity to also be able to attend PLC.

She encouraged other students to apply for a scholarship and reach their own potential.

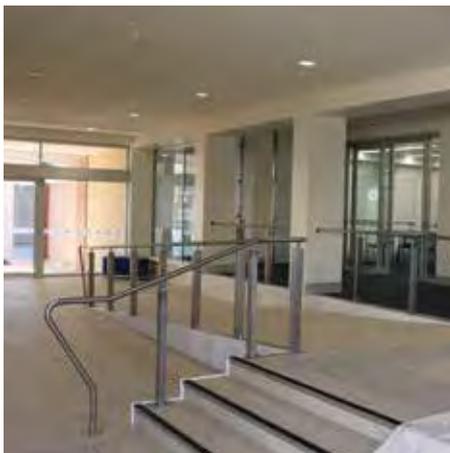


Beverley Wishaw (Palmer 1953)

Bequests

Thanks to the philanthropic generosity and foresight of previous PLC generations, including founder Donald Carmichael and former Principal Dr Vera Summers, both of whom left a bequest to PLC, our School offers contemporary learning spaces and opportunities to young women to achieve their true potential that would not have been possible otherwise.

We extend our thanks to the Wishaw family for their bequest on behalf of **Beverley Wishaw (Palmer 1953)**. Beverley's bequest will be recognised with the naming of the new Senior School Cafe. Beverley was a good all-round student and was immensely proud of being a 'PLC girl'.



Projects

The new **Senior School** is almost ready to open its doors. We regained more classroom space on the ground level adjacent to the cafeteria in Term 4 and expect to have the redevelopment completed by mid-February.

The Foundation has committed \$2 million towards the current Senior School redevelopment, which will provide our senior students with a world-class, collaborative learning environment.

Future Projects

In 2017, PLC will be opening a world class **Wellbeing Centre**. The wellbeing of each member of our whole school community is integral to PLC. We place priority on creating an environment that proactively supports the diverse needs of all in our community – socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually and spiritually. We look forward to keeping you informed on this exciting new project.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of giving, including scholarships and bequests, please contact: PLC Director of Community Relations, Chavaune Francis at foundation@plc.wa.edu.au or + 61 8 9424 6444.

Annual Giving Donors 2015

In recognition and thanks, below are listed our 2015 annual giving supporters and we extend our gratitude to those who wish to remain anonymous.

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Ms Robyn Ahern and Mr Mark Bradley

Mr Ismail Ahmad & Mrs Geraldene Lowe-Ahmad (Lowe 1955)

Ms Judy Amey (McCulloch 1962)

Mrs Margaret Atkins OAM (Cusack 1947)

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Mrs Lesley Barrett-Lennard (Gibson 1942)

Mrs Judy Battaglia (Kirtou 1963)

Mr Peter & Ms Sarah Beshar (Jones 1976)

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Mrs Christine Brown (Shields 1962)

Mrs Beris Carter (Mazzucchelli 1953)

Dr Megan Clark (1975)

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Dr Anne Durack (1963)

Mrs Beverley Fitzgerald (Bird 1954)

Miss Anne Ford (1974)

Mr Geoffrey Gishubl & Ms Jennifer Grove (1989)

Mrs Pat Gladstones (Burns 1950)

Mrs Jill Green (Rae 1970)

Mrs Diana Gross (Chase 1958)

Miss June Hardie (1951)

Dr Margaret Henderson (1932)

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Mrs Julie Larkin (Sedgman 1951)

Mrs Tibby Lea (Baron-Hay 1949)

Mrs Freda Livingston (Bunce 1949)

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16 Anonymous Donors



Parents@PLC

What a wonderful year PLC has had celebrating its Centenary. This has only helped to contribute to the community spirit that Parents@PLC embraces to help foster relationships within the School community and support volunteers who promote parent friendships and connections.

Throughout the year, Parents@PLC representatives have organised many events.

The P@PLC Committee would like to thank the many parents who have contributed to helping with these events and also to those who organise interesting and varied events such as parent morning/evening get-togethers and year group functions. Such occasions would not be as successful without this support and parents volunteering their time to help and attend these events.

All who attended a fun morning of tennis, finishing with a delicious lunch, enjoyed the **Annual Tennis Morning** held on a beautiful sunny day in May.

In August, the much anticipated unveiling of the **Centenary Sculpture** took place. This joint gift to the School from Parents@

PLC and the Parents' Committee was to mark PLC's milestone of 100 years. The artist, Ayad Alqaraghooli, met the brief of producing an interactive piece of art. It is delightful to see the girls sitting on the couch and decorating the whimsical figures to mark significant events. A vote was conducted amongst the students to name the sculpture with the winning submission being 'Peridot' (see more on the Centenary Sculpture on page 21).

This year's **Junior School Charity Quiz Night** was once again a sold out event. A fun night to get together with friends and raise money for a charity voted on by the Junior School students, who this year chose the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Part proceeds also went to Parents@PLC.

After our Term 3 meeting in August, we had a special **farewell morning tea for Beth Blackwood**. This was an opportunity for

all PLC parents to come and say goodbye to Beth, who had served as Principal for the past 18 years. In recognition of this, a joint gift from Parents@PLC and the Parents' Committee was presented. Beth was surprised and thrilled with the portraiture artwork of 'Olivia' painted by former student Tessa McOnie (2008).

The **City-Country Lunch** was once again hosted by George and Kate Johnston at their farm in Dandaragan, two hours north of Perth. Despite a rainy start, the sheep shearing display and superb lunch was appreciated by the parents who made the journey.

The Centenary **Open Garden Day** with the theme of 'Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow' was a delightful day. Over 1000 people enjoyed the day, wandering around the 10 gardens that were open. The markets, café, music recitals, cooking demonstrations and tram



PLC Open Garden Day 2015 top and above left; enjoying a day at the farm for the City-Country Lunch.

ride added to this iconic annual event in its 18th year. The PLC community spirit was palpable and a great way to showcase PLC to the wider community.

Although not our primary focus, fundraising at events such as Open Garden Day and the Quiz Night help Parents@PLC support the School. This year the **Wish List** was introduced and everyone in the PLC School community was invited to submit requests for funding. We are delighted to announce that the following were successful submissions:

- PLC Pipe Band: blouses, chanters and banner
- Scotch/PLC Quiz Nights and fun day for students in Years 6, 7, 8: donation for gifts
- Teacher Travel Grants: donation in conjunction with the Parents' Committee

- Curtain rails, Senior School Canteen: for School dances and functions
- Artist/illustrator in residence: Junior School Book Week

Subsequent funds have been allocated as follows:

- Open Garden Day Raffle: Junior School Nature Playground
- Chairs: for use by students at Middle/Senior School Assemblies. These will also be used for a variety of other events held at School such as Valedictory Dinner and Open Garden Day.

Finally, thank you to the parents who have taken on many and varied roles that Parents@PLC have to help people feel supported and welcome within the School. The committee appreciates parents who were able to join our once-per-term

meetings where we had up to 50 parents attending. These meetings are a great way to connect with what is happening in the School and meet other parents. Minutes are available on the PLC website for those who are not able to attend.

We look forward to welcoming you back in 2016.

MANDY PERRIGNON
Parents@PLC President



Unveiling of the Centenary Sculpture

Parents' Committee

2015 has been a year of celebrations, reflections and planning for the future. The year of celebrations for the PLC Centenary has been enjoyed by the whole School community and the Parents' Committee was actively involved in many events.

In particular, the unveiling of the **Centenary Sculpture** on Arts Day was a highlight for the Committee. We thank all those involved in nurturing this project from the idea mentioned at a Parents' Committee meeting through to the provision of the Centenary Sculpture, which now proudly stands between Scorgie House and the Chapel, as a gift to the first 100 years of PLC life. It has been delightful to observe the 'selfies' being taken there, the decorations and the group photos over the past few months! We thank P@PLC for supporting us with this idea and for contributing funds to the project and we look forward to many years of students and community interaction with the sculpture.

The Centenary Concert followed soon after Arts Day and closed with some 400 students, past students, staff and parents joining together to sing PLC's

Centenary song, which was composed by **Paul Jarman**. Paul had been an artist in residence in 2013 throughout the School and this was sponsored by the Parents' Committee. The Centenary song certainly helped the School commemorate and celebrate musically all aspects of PLC life at the Perth Concert Hall. The Committee is very proud of the assistance we are able to provide to the School on behalf of all parents and on reflection the Artist in Residence programme has been a very successful investment of parent funds, as was evident at the Centenary Concert.

The Parents' Committee has continued to provide support for the annual end-of-year events, including the Valedictory Dinner, held on 22 October, the farewell gifts for Year 12 students and the Alpha Merit prizes awarded at Speech Night.

In 2015, the Scholarship sub-committee assessed over 30 applications for the **Parents' Committee Scholarships**, which are offered each year to a student entering Year 9 and Year 11 who has not received any other form of scholarship or bursary. These scholarships aim to reward students who best demonstrate those values that underpin the individual, holistic approach to education at PLC. The scholarships reward endeavour and participation across a wide range of activities within and outside the School community, including active community service. As such they reward the 'all round student' who is willing to join in and have a go across all areas of the School, and are not focused purely on academic achievement. The scholarship application process gives students an opportunity to practice a skill that will serve them well throughout their lives: that of presenting themselves and



2013 artist in residence and Centenary song composer Paul Jarman



Parents' Committee Scholarship recipient Emily Johnson



Parents' Committee Scholarship recipient Lucy Alderson

their achievements in the best possible light. The Scholarship sub-committee was amazed by the achievements and talents of all the applicants and the confidence and eloquence of the seven students that were interviewed. We congratulate all those students who applied for the scholarships and in particular **Lucy Alderson** and **Emily Johnson** who were the successful recipients of the Parents' Committee Scholarships for 2016.

The **Fee Incentive Draw** held each term continues to allow the Parents' Committee to make material contributions to the School and to assist in the educational experience of our children. We thank all those parents who support this venture each term. In Term 3 and Term 4 the funds raised were allocated to the replacement of the entry carpet in the Heather Barr Memorial Chapel. In planning our expenditures for 2016, the funds raised in Term 1 will be used to purchase umbrellas to provide shade across the School environment.

At the final meeting for Term 3, the Parents' Committee farewelled Principal Beth Blackwood and in conjunction with Parents@PLC we presented her with the gift of an artwork by Old Collegian, Tessa McOnie (2008). We wish to thank Ms Blackwood for her guidance and support of the Parents' Committee involvement and initiatives during her 18 years at the School. Her collaborative style ensured that successive committees were passionate and focused on community support of PLC traditions.

It is also very opportune to thank Chavaune Francis and all Community Relations staff for their untiring work behind the scenes, helping manage various community events and organising the documentation/completion of many Committee projects.

Our planning for 2016 is well underway. The Parents' Committee will continue to provide support for the **Support Your Daughter** evenings to be held in Term 1 and fund the parent name badges. We will continue to support the education of

students at PLC by providing **study grants** to two teachers in 2016, with financial assistance from P@PLC. The successful applicants for the grants were Meredith Beer (Deputy Principal Junior School) to attend the AISWA 2016 USA Study Tour and Skye Hegarty (Middle/Senior School Dance teacher) to attend Harvey Milk Senior High School in New York. We look forward to hearing about their experiences and we are certain that the skills they develop will enhance the education provided at PLC.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Parents' Committee was held in October and we had parents representing almost every year group in the School in attendance, which was a great example of active parent support of the School. It was a fabulous way to welcome new Principal Dr Kate Hadwen to the School and to the Committee. The Parents' Committee for 2016 will include parents from across Senior, Middle, Junior Schools and the Early Learning Centre. We thank all retiring committee members, in particular Barry Dutton who retires as Treasurer. His contribution and support of the Committee over the past three years has been unwavering. We welcome Annie Atkins as the new Treasurer and other new members elected at the AGM.

The Parents' Committee represents all parents at the School who pay the annual membership fee. Involvement in the Committee is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the whole School and to be actively involved in supporting your child's education. We welcome all parents to our meetings held on Tuesday evenings twice a term in Scorgie House. The dates will be advertised in the *Links* newsletter.

We welcome all parents at the School to join the Parents' Committee at the **Welcome Sundowner** function, which will be held on Friday 19 February. We plan to build on the success of the Centenary Cocktail party held last year and provide all parents at the School with an opportunity to celebrate the new school year, meet new faces and reconnect with old friends.

CHRIS SIMPSON
Parents' Committee President



Old Collegians' Association

It was wonderful to see so many Old Collegians back at PLC for the Old Collegians' Association High Tea in September. This was a special event organised by the OCA Committee to celebrate the School's Centenary.

Nearly 500 ladies attended – from girls who have just left School to octogenarians. This wonderful turnout shows that the strength of community and friendship fostered at PLC is still thriving amongst 'Old Girls'.

Everyone certainly had fun. The PLC string quartet and pipers perfectly set the scene, Emma Petteimerides (1999) enchanted us with her beautiful voice and June Craig (1947) delivered a humorous and inspiring address. The OCA launched the **Inspiring Women booklet** at the High Tea, highlighting some of PLC's alumni from every decade of the last 100 years and across many fields of endeavour. We will be building on this each year so if you wish to nominate any Old Collegian as an 'Inspiring Woman', please let us know at alumni@plc.wa.edu.au.

The OCA is pleased to support many inspiring young students at the School. The Kailis family donated a beautiful gift to

each of the Year 12 prefects at a morning tea hosted by the OCA and the annual OCA bursaries have been awarded to Maddison Georgiades (Year 11), Madeline Olson (Year 10) and Claire Wilson (Year 9).

The OCA has made a contribution to the new Senior School building to sponsor the Year 12 common room. We look forward to organising an event to welcome OCA members to view that space and the new building after it opens next year.

Plans are already underway for OCA events and projects for 2016. The OCA Art Exhibition will be held in May. We are also working closely with the School to establish mentoring opportunities for Old Collegians and students.

To keep up to date with events and news, please join us on Facebook and look out for the alumni newsletter, which is regularly



Clare Wilson

Madeline Olson

Maddison Georgiades

emailed to members. To update any of your contact details or if you have any queries, please phone 9424 6520 or email alumni@plc.wa.edu.au.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

KATRINA BURTON
OCA President





50th Combined Independent Girls' Schools Golf Day

A record field of 168 players celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Combined Independent Girls' Schools Golf Day on Monday 12 October at Royal Perth Golf Club.

The event was hosted by Perth College, who made the day one to remember by organising a delicious lunch and supplying all players with a commemorative pencil holder. PLC fielded a full team of 12 pairs and finished in equal fifth place, with Penrhos/Koobeelya taking out the trophy.

The best performers for PLC were Andrea Reynolds and her partner Jill Holmes and Lynne McCandless and partner Anne Kyle.

Old Collegians interested in being included on the mailing list for future golf events can contact Jane McNamara at jane@perceptionmapping.com



Centenary High Tea

This special OCA event was held on Sunday 20 September 2015 in the PLC Hugh Baird Sports Centre. Almost 500 Old Collegians attended.

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Alumni Connect Breakfast

PLC and Scotch College joined together to host the 2015 joint Alumni Connect breakfast on 9 June at the Cottesloe Golf Club.

We were pleased to welcome two keynote speakers, PLC Chair of Council E/Prof Tracey Horton BEc (Hons), MBA, BComm and Professor George Kailis (OSC, 1979) B Juris, LL.B (Hons), MBA who are both distinguished founding professors of Perth's highly regarded business schools. One hundred Old Collegians, community members and current students from PLC and Scotch enjoyed the insights from these speakers.





Three generations of Amanda Nash's (1978) family in the newly redeveloped Amanda Nash Memorial Garden.
 L-R: Sue Nash (Fergusson-Stewart 1955), Sue Nash, Christopher von Altenstadt, Nicky Nash (Year 6), Rob Nash (Kindy 1968), Rory von Altenstadt (Kindy 2008), Katie Nash (Year 8), Pippi von Altenstadt (Nash 1984), Angela Egerton-Warburton (2010) and Jennifer Egerton-Warburton (Nash 1984)

The Amanda Nash (1978) Memorial Garden

The Amanda Nash (1978) Memorial Garden, located between Scorgie House and the Heather Barr Memorial Chapel within Carmichael Hall, has been the focus of recent redevelopment.

In November, in the beautiful spring sunshine, three generations of the extended members of the Nash family and six of Amanda's friends from School gathered to see the new garden. The area now features limestone steps to a lushly-lawned terrace with limestone seating, near the middle of which Amanda's newly-polished memorial plaque has been placed. At the top are old, white standard roses underplanted with gardenias.

Present on the day was Amanda's mother Sue Nash (Fergusson-Stewart 1955), Sue and Rob Nash (Kindy 1968) and their daughters Nicky and Katie (Years 6 and 8 respectively), Jennifer Egerton-Warburton (Nash 1982) and her daughter Angela (2010), Andreas and Pippi von Altenstadt (Nash 1984) and their sons Christopher and Rory (Kindy 2008).

Among Amanda's friends present were Michael Kelly (Kindy 1965), Terri Gann (Fitzgerald), Anna Evans (Beasley), Penny Charleston (Robinson), Margot Nelson (Newman) and Kirstin Prendiville (Smith).

Berwine Barrett-Lennard (Cook 1945)

Berwine trained at Perth Technical College and Claremont Teachers' College as a Home Economics teacher and taught for three years before marriage. She and her husband farmed for 50 years in the Wongan Hills district, retiring to Perth in 2006. They have four children.

Deborah Bennison (Sanderson 1945)

Deborah taught at schools for the deaf in South Australia and Melbourne before returning to Perth in 1958 and teaching at the Deaf School here. Deborah married in 1949.

Marjorie Coleman (Paine 1945)

Marjorie obtained a BA (Hons) at UWA and worked as a child psychologist. She married and had six children. She then attended art school and became a textile craft practitioner, conducting workshops for WACAE and community programmes. She exhibited her work in Australia and overseas, with a piece in the National Gallery of Australia. Marjorie has now retired.

Anne (Norrie) Hudson (Birch 1945)

Norrie worked as a typist and then a ledger machinist and comptometrist before marrying

in 1951. Her husband, Geoff, was an insurance re-investor, but they decided to try farming on his father's farm 60 miles northeast of Dalwallinu. After two years, they purchased a virgin block of 1800 acres, living in a shed before building their house. They spent 20 years expanding the farm to 4500 acres, very successfully cropping about 1500 acres of wheat and ran a herd of 6000 sheep for wool production. They sold the farm in 1973 and went caravanning around Australia and New Zealand for two years. They then became farm caretakers for a number of years before fully retiring. Geoff passed away in 2003 after 52

years of very happy marriage. They had two children and five grandchildren. Norrie still enjoys doing crosswords and knits matinee jackets and booties for the Friends of Murray Hospital and Bedingfield Lodge, where she is now in residence.

Doreen Owens (Brockway 1945)

Doreen obtained a diploma in Home Economics and a teaching certificate and studied Educational Psychology and Sociology post grad. She also undertook courses in writing, which led to her writing three books on researched local history.



Elizabeth Mildred 'Millie' Edgecombe (McLarty 1933)

Millie with her two great-granddaughters, Sophie (right) and Hannah (left) Edgecombe (Years 8 and 11). Like Sophie and Hannah, Millie was a boarder. She came from Pinjarra in 1926 and was here until 1933.

Millie is one of our Centenary centenarians and turned 100 on 6 December. Happy birthday Millie!

Dorothy (Alayne) Warden (Reid 1950)

Alayne attended Underwood Business College and worked as a shorthand typist, marrying in 1954. Her husband joined the army and they were posted to Wodonga and Adelaide before settling back in Wodonga. They had two children and divorced in 1978. Alayne worked for 20 years in the office at Wodonga High School and is now involved with her family in renovating houses to sell. She is keeping very well, attending leisure centre classes every day and is a keen patchworker and sewer. She has three grandchildren.

Jean Watts (Soothill 1951)

Jean trained as a secretary and a nurse. She worked as a psychiatric nurse until 1975.

Pamela (Pam) Lawson (Middleton 1953)

Pam went to Underwood Business College for one year before moving to Kalgoorlie to work for a mining firm. She returned to Perth and trained as a nurse and then married in 1966. She has three children and four grandchildren.

Felicity Bradshaw (Seale 1955)

Felicity graduated from the University of WA in 1959 with a BSc in Zoology and Biochemistry and was employed for brief stages as a laboratory technician and biochemist in Royal Perth Hospital, Hollywood General Hospital and Kings College Hospital, London. As a mother of three children and wife of a busy Rheumatologist, she found time to be a part-time demonstrator of Zoology at UWA from 1968 to 1978. She then enrolled in a Masters degree in zoological research, awarded in 1984 and started her employment as a Research Officer to the Professor of Zoology, Don Bradshaw, from 1985, finishing as a Senior Research Officer on retirement in 2003. In 2008, Felicity wrote a book for children, *A Tale of Two Honey Possums*, which is basically a biology lesson on the vulnerable tiny marsupial and has sold 10,000 copies so far.

Ray Eastwood (Cullen 1955)

Ray attended business college and then worked in a bank, an insurance office and in travel. She had three children, two

girls who went to PLC and a son who went to Scotch. The girls have a daughter each at PLC, with one to come. Ray took up floral art and did many weddings, which led her to painting. She now uses mainly watercolour and exhibits in the annual OCA Art Exhibition.

Penny Hoffman (Ward 1955)

Penny graduated from Claremont Teachers' College and then obtained a BA at UWA and a Grad Dip in Library Studies at Curtin. She taught in Kalgoorlie, London and Perth High Schools and at PLC. She also worked as a corporate librarian for Rio Tinto for 21 years. She has two daughters who live in Auckland and Singapore and three grandsons.

Susan Nash (Fergusson-Stewart 1955)

Susan worked at PMH and completed her general nursing certificate in 1960. She married Dr Philip Nash in 1961 and they spent four years in England doing postgrad Medicine. They have three daughters and one son.



Sarah Lewis (Wells 2003)

Sarah completed her Bachelor of Music, Diploma in Education and Master of Arts (Music Psychology) at the University of Western Australia. She worked as Music Director at Penrhos College (2008-2010) and as classroom music teacher at St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls' (2011-2012) before relocating to Sydney in 2012 to take a position in the Performing Arts department of Pymble Ladies' College.

In June 2014, Sarah married Chris Lewis in the Pymble Ladies' College War Memorial Chapel and had **Justine Howard (2003)** and **Camilla Bibby (2003)** as two of her bridesmaids. She is living happily in Sydney and in her spare time enjoys competing in triathlons.

Photo (left to right): Sarah, Justine and Camilla

Diane Trouchet (Dawson 1955)

Diane has pursued studies of the French language for over 40 years and is now considered fluent in French. Her hobby is teaching French to adults who consider it to be their hobby. Her career has involved import and export, manufacturing, retail and boutique and business owner.

Belinda (Lindy) Foley (Woosley 1965)

Lindy represented Australia at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics in the swimming team. She attended Scott's Business College and worked as a travel agent. She has recently retired from Woodside Energy where she was a Technical Assistant.

Lesley (Dale) Leggoe (Irvin 1965)

Dale worked in the National Bank, travelled overseas and married Cliff Leggoe from Wesley in 1981. They have two daughters. **Alex Giuney (Leggoe 2000)** attended PLC before the family moved to Brisbane in 1997. Both daughters are now married and Alex has one son. Dale regularly travels to her other home in the Tasmanian Highlands, Perth and overseas.

Libby Lutz (Lovell 1965)

Libby completed nursing training at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in 1969. She married Jamie, a chartered accountant and would-be farmer and nursed with Silver Chain until they moved to Sydney in 1972. They returned to Perth and a partnership for Jamie in KPMG in 1975. Three children, their schools, sports, activities and a lot of travel kept her busy until the 1990s, when she was able to follow

her interest in horticulture and qualify as a Landcare Technician. They invested in a farm, 'Queerearrup', where they restored the house and farm, planting 60,000 trees and producing fine merino wool. In retirement, they enjoy friends, family (especially their four grandchildren), golf and travel, particularly around Australia.

Susan (Sue) Mitchell-Burden (Bird 1965)

Sue left PLC at the end of 1963 and entered the world of commerce in an administrative capacity. Her career was interspersed with her first husband and three children, son Jamie and daughters Sasha Mackie (1991) and Abby Kenward (Mackie 1995) who both attended PLC. For the past 20 years, she has been the Executive Assistant to Gina Rinehart. She married her second husband in the late 1990s and is now pondering just when and where about life after retirement – whenever that may be!

Lesley Munro (1965)

After several years of employment and travel, Lesley returned to study at Curtin University. She then worked in Kalgoorlie as an artist from 1980-1988, where she married and had a daughter. She has since divorced and is now living in Perth, working as an artist and exhibiting regularly. She returned to Curtin to do Honours in Art in 2004. She is now looking forward to the arrival of her first grandchild.

Ruth Pedler (Spaven) 1965

Ruth attended Underwood's Business College, before completing a combined course in paediatric and



Diana De Vos Oam, BA, Arad (1960)

Principal dancer in the West Australian Ballet Company, performing in *Giselle*, *Swan Lake*, *Nutcracker*, *Les Sylphides*, *Petrouchka*, *The Dying Swan*, *Woodara and Brolga*. She danced with the Victorian Ballet Guild and then in Sydney with the Northside Ballet Company, Dance Concert and Kalinka Character Dance Company. She also performed in the first Opera at the Sydney Opera House, *War and Peace*.

During her early performing career she taught in Perth, followed by 10 years in Sydney, after which she returned to Perth to teach for the Graduate College of Dance. She was a founder member of the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Advisory Panel of WA and Australian Institute of Classical Dance.

In 1991 she gained a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Western Australia, majoring in History.

In 1992 she became a Major (Vocational) Examiner of the Royal Academy of Dance and has examined in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide

and several regional cities in Australia. She examined internationally in the USA, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Greece, Italy and Thailand.

In 1996 she taught for the New Zealand School of Dance, Jean M. Wong School of Ballet in Hong Kong and the Beijing Academy of Dance in China. She has taught RAD Syllabus courses in New Zealand, Sydney, Cairns, Townsville, Adelaide and Perth. She retired as a RAD Vocational Examiner in 2013.

Since 1999 Diana has been a tutor at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts at Edith Cowan University. She has been conducting classes in the Certificate, BA and Diploma Courses. During this period she has been responsible for training students for RAD Vocational and Solo Seal Examinations.

In 2012 she was a recipient of the Royal Academy of Dance President's Award.

In 2015 Diana arranged and choreographed the first two sections of *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow* for the 80th Gala of the Royal Academy of Dance at the Curtin Theatre in Fremantle.

At the 2015 Queen's Birthday awards she received an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for her service to the performing arts.

She continues to teach at WAAPA and is enrolled for a Masters Degree in the Performing Arts at ECU.

general nursing. She travelled overseas for two and a half years, completing courses in the care of premature babies and midwifery. On returning to Australia, she worked as a midwife before obtaining a certificate in Child Health at Ngala and moving to the Harvey area to work as a Child Health Sister. In 1974, she returned to study, obtaining a Bachelor of Applied Science in Social Work and worked with families and para-professionals in the Disabilities Services Commission. Ruth married in 1981 and had two daughters. After the birth of her second child, Ruth stayed at home for a number of years before returning to the workforce, lecturing at TAFE and working as a volunteer for Uniting Aid in emergency relief. She later returned to study, gaining a diploma in Financial Counselling and worked in this area for the City of Joondalup and later on the Financial Counsellors' Hotline. She retired in 2010 and is now enjoying time with family and friends, as well as gardening, genealogy, reading, medieval history, writing and travelling.

She has recently become a member of the Trinity Senior School, enrolled in a number of units in creative writing.

Margaret (Margie) Shave (Mulleneux 1965)

After just one very happy year at PLC, Margie studied at UWA and Claremont Teachers' College to become a language teacher. Later she was a partner in a relocation agency and then helped to run a house for recovering addicts. She married Robert in 1970 and they had two children, with her daughter Elizabeth Shave (1994) attending PLC. Sadly, she became a widow in 2008. Her close group of PLC friends have been wonderfully supportive and great fun!

Susan (Susie) Wright (Hughes 1965)

Susie left PLC in 1964 and completed her Leaving Certificate at PLC Pymble in NSW. She worked as a dental nurse for one year and then attended teachers' college in Sydney. She taught for three years and travelled overseas before marrying and having three children. She

recommenced teaching at the Juvenile Justice Centre for Girls and is still there.

Kay Jamieson (1968)

Kay is an early graduate of WAAPA. She has worked primarily in festivals, opera/musicals, theatre and chamber music, as well as producing Australian and international tours for dance, theatre, physical theatre, visual theatre/puppetry and music. Her professional arts career over more than 30 years has taken her from Perth to India (where she undertook a 12-month residency with Darpana Academy of Performing Arts in Ahmedabad), to Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart and back to Adelaide, where she is currently General Manager of Australian International Documentary Conference (AIDC).

Gay Bridgement (Chin 1969)

Gay obtained a Bachelor of Arts at UWA. She then undertook post-graduate studies in urban planning at Portland University in Oregon and was awarded a Rotary Fellowship to the USA in 1980.

She worked in community development, social policy and social planning in the WA State Government and was a finalist in the State Government's Women in Management Award in 1989. Gay is interested in sustainability in building and community life and is a history and heritage volunteer. She loves travelling to all parts of Australia and overseas.

Helen Eyres (Roberts 1969)

Helen graduated as a registered nurse and midwife. She married in 1973 and had two daughters, **Kym Carr (Eyres 1995)** and **Pippa Eyres (1998) (dec)**. She worked mainly at KEMH as a theatre nurse until 2001, when she and her husband moved south. She then worked at Busselton Hospital until she retired in 2006. Her younger daughter, Pippa, passed away from breast cancer in 2011, aged 30 and is greatly missed by her many friends and family. Helen's elder daughter, Kym, is married and has two boys. Helen and her husband spend many happy hours with their grandsons.

Diane Friere (Bott 1960)

Gorgeous proof that friendships made at PLC, no matter how long ago or how far apart they've lived, are as strong over time as when forged.

A group of friends who met at PLC 60 odd years ago recently gathered from all over the world to celebrate Barry and Diane Friere's (Bott 1960) Golden Wedding anniversary at their Neutral Bay, Sydney, home on 30 October.



L-R: Patricia Miles (McLennan), Patricia Barrett (Whittaker), Eve Dethlefsen (Lang), Diane Friere (Bott), Helen Shilkin-Reinhold (Shilkin), Sally Wickham (Bird), all 1960 leavers.

Elizabeth (Liz) Newton (Taylor 1969)

Liz entered nursing training but left after one year and worked as a secretary before marrying in 1977 and having two children. After a long break raising her family, she went to university and obtained a Bachelor of Nursing in 1990. She has since worked at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital as a Practice Manager/Nurse for a busy urology practice and at Hollywood Private Hospital. She currently works part-time as a clinical nurse in the day surgery at Glengarry Private Hospital. Liz has one grandson

Emma Pettemerides (1999)

A graduate from the Royal Northern College of Music in the UK, Emma has performed a wide variety of roles including Laurey in *Oklahoma*, Carlotta in *Phantom of the Opera*, Barbarina in *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Leila in *Manifest Destiny*, May-Queen in *Merric England*, Annio in *La Clemenza di Tito*, Lisa in *La Sonnambula*, Tytania in *A Midsummer Night's Dream (Britten)*, Elena in *Paride ed Elena*, Susan in *A Dinner Engagement*, Rose in *Street Scene*, La Musica in *L'Orfeo* and Marionetta in *The Water of Life*.

Emma has sung with the West Australian Opera Company in performances of *Madama Butterfly*, *The Magic Flute*, *Otello*, *La Boheme*, *Don Giovanni*, *La Traviata*, *Götterdämmerung*, *Carmina Burana* and the world premiere of *Nostradamus*. Other productions include *La Belle Helene*, *The Threepenny Opera*, *Così fan tutte* and *Susannah* (Floyd).

She also performs in the West Australian Opera touring education show *Opera's Got Talent* and is an ambassador for Healthways' Smarter than Smoking campaign.

Emma studied at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts where she was awarded the Barbara McCleod Scholarship for most outstanding graduating student before continuing her opera training at the Sydney Conservatorium.



Her performance highlight to date is singing for the late Dame Joan Sutherland's 80th birthday.

Since moving back to Australia in 2013, Emma has started an entertainment business called The Perth Soprano. She provides classical music for occasions such as weddings, corporate events, birthday parties and funerals.

She also teaches voice at the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts and St Hilda's Anglican Girls' School.

and keeps fit by walking, running and doing pilates. She also enjoys the beach, music, reading, crafting, gardening and catching up with friends and family.

Karla Paget (Bishop 1969)

Karla retired in 2008 after 35 years of teaching and travelled throughout Australia with her husband, Merrick, in their Kombi van. They moved to Bridgetown in 2012 and are very involved in the local community with the arts and craft centre, Lions' Branch and the Country Women's Association. They still love camping out in regional Australia every few months, meeting up with family and friends at designated sites.

Judy Riseborough (Dix 1969)

Judy left school in 1968 and attended Underwood Business College the following year. She has been married to John for 43 years and they have two girls and two grandsons who live in Singapore. They enjoy many bush holidays and weekenders out of Perth in their Travelander camper.

Carolyn Masel (1975)

Carolyn completed a BA at UWA and a Masters of General Studies at UNSW. She has established two corporate communications businesses, one in Sydney and the other in Melbourne. Carolyn is married and has two children.

Gayle Reilly (Mitchell 1975)

Gayle trained as a registered nurse at Fremantle Hospital and is married with three children. She had a number of work placements in country towns but for the last 16 years has been working in aged care in Perth. She recently took up cake decorating as a hobby.

Thea Woodford (Ledger 1975)

Thea qualified as a physiotherapist and obtained graduate diplomas in manipulative and sports physiotherapy. She was the owner/practice principal at Applecross Physiotherapy from 1985-2002 and since then has worked there as an employee. She has been married for 33 years and has twins (boy and girl) aged 26.

Davina Gossage (Willmott 1985)

Davina is a naturopath, having obtained a Bachelor of Health Science (Complementary Medicine). She is married with three children, two Scotch old boys and a daughter currently at PLC. She has been in agribusiness for 25 years and has also undertaken post-graduate studies and worked in mental and emotional health and wellbeing. She volunteered last year and will continue this year as PLC Open Garden Day Co-ordinator.

Sally-Anne (Sal) McGregor (Legge 1985)

Sally trained as a nurse before living in Holland from 1991-1996. She is married with two daughters and has lived in Yallingup for 17 years. She has a business in soft furnishings, BB Velvet Designs.

Sarah Wanek (Forman 1990)

Sarah is busy with her career as a medical TV suite manager and stem cell tech assistant in San Francisco. She is mum to a daughter, Ava and son, Owen. She recently married Donald Wanek. They welcomed a baby boy in December.

In Memorium

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

- Marjorie Eileen Alcock (Dermer 1934)
27 December 1917 – 14 July 2015
- Barbara Grace Anderson (White 1941)
1 September 1923 – 31 May 2015
- Daphne Florence Archer (Angus 1949)
2 July 1932 – 21 July 2015
- Dorothy Shirley Baster (Cain 1944)
23 November 1927 – 29 January 2015
- Anne Patricia Hope Batty-Smith (Buck 1950)
31 July 1933 – 11 June 2015
- Elizabeth Mary 'Betty' Beasley (Bateman 1945)
12 July 1928 – 23 January 2013
- Judith Winifred Board (Pearce 1947)
20 December 1929 – 4 February 2015
- June Anne Carrotts (Exley 1948)
18 September 1931 – 15 May 2015
- Mary Reason Chant (Hamilton 1934)
1 November 1917 – 4 April 2015
- Elizabeth 'Betty' Joy Cowan (Dawkins-Stewart 1949)
19 October 1931 – 15 December 2014
- Elizabeth Mary 'Bette' Culkin (Webster 1943)
20 December 1926 – 9 July 2015
- Philippa Ann Dowland (1983)
8 October 1966 – 2 October 2015
- Marjorie Rae Edwards (McWilliam 1947)
10 September 1930 – 28 May 2015
- Dorothy Anne 'Wendy' Folvig (Finch 1938)
26 August 1920 – 15 September 2015
- Muriel Violet Gadsdon (Goodall 1953)
24 January 1937 – 16 September 2015
- Vivienne Ida Gillett (Evers 1931)
17 August 1914 – 7 September 2015
- Jean Margaret Hall (Fraser 1940)
24 September 1923 – 6 August 2015
- Elizabeth Scott 'Betty' Hanlin (Hanlin 1946)
18 June 1929 – 9 September 2015
- Barbara Joy Hendry (Kastner 1952)
13 May 1935 – 27 July 2015
- Grace Connor Henwood (Rose 1930)
13 August 1913 – 29 October 2015
- Linley Ethel Jamieson (Daw 1977)
27 February 1960 – 18 September 2015
- Jean Evelyn Leary (Hayman 1948)
3 June 1931 – 19 September 2015
- Christina Lenore Ledger (Steenbergen 1958)
8 March 1951 – 22 July 2015
- Patricia Gordon Lukin (Dodson 1941)
22 December 1924 – 31 May 2015
- Anne Kirby Makepeace (Robertson 1948)
20 October 1931 – 15 July 2015
- Lozell Thorley Millett (Smedley 1945)
21 September 1928 – 29 October 2015
- Lily Elizabeth Murray (Bagot 1948)
7 April 1931 – 2 December 2013
- Margaret Eleanor O'Halloran (Wilkie 1942)
10 June 1925 – 3 September 2015
- Pamela Anderson Parsons (McKenzie)
16 June 1935 – 11 June 2015
- Delys Elaine Potter (Sexton 1957)
16 July 1947 – 3 October 2015
- Ann Shearer Ralston (Cook 1946)
3 October 1921 – 16 May 2015
- Carolyn Reading (Douglas 1961)
24 September 1944 – 10 September 2015
- Margaret Dunlop Stevenson (1948)
7 October 1931 – 10 July 2015
- Doris Phoebe Beryl Stewart (Laughton 1938)
4 July 1921 – 1 August 2014
- Mavis Joyce Thompson (Harling 1939)
7 September 1921 – 28 September 2014
- Michelle Ann Tyrrell (1974)
15 March 1957 – 12 June 2015
- Betty June Walker (Ferguson 1944)
21 June 1927 – 21 August 2015
- Constance Janet Wallman (Martin 1946)
20 April 1929 – 2 July 2015
- Patricia Esme Waring (Searle 1941)
20 March 1924 – 7 September 2015
- Robin Joan Wheatley (Sinclair 1950)
8 June 1933 – 29 August 2015
- Beryl Jean White (Jaffer 1945)
31 July 1927 – 19 August 2015
- Marguerite Jessie Wight (Walker 1942)
21 January 1925 – 11 September 2015
- Wendy Joan Williams (Parkinson 1958)
22 February 1941 – 13 October 2015
- Lesley Jean Wishart (Morgan 1949)
23 October 1933 – 2 August 2015



Margaret Stevenson (1948) on one of her trips in the 1990s

Margaret Dunlop Stevenson (1948)

7 October 1931 – 10 July 2015

There are some who would say Margaret was born under an unlucky star.

Her father, Thomas, died aged 44 when Margaret was just four months old in January 1932. Her mother, Rita, then married Frank McMullen in 1935 and moved from Cottesloe up to Darlington. There, Margaret's sister, **Lynne Waterman (McMullen 1955)**, was born in 1937 and brother Geoffrey (Old Scotch Collegian) in 1939.

After her early schooling at Cottesloe State, Margaret came to PLC as a boarder aged 11 in 1943. Known as Meg to her family, here the girls immediately nicknamed her Steve and it is by this name she is remembered by all her old friends.

Steve was a superb runner and wasted no time making her mark in that sport and in her first year here, set a new record for the Under-12, 50-yard run. She successfully competed in all subsequent athletics carnivals and was the 1946 Under-15 Champion. She then switched her talents to basketball, in which she was noted as a strong defender and an excellent player in the B Team in 1946 and the A in 1947 and 1948.

With a personality as strong as her athletic ability, Steve quickly made friendships here that lasted her whole life; particularly with **Bev Barry (Wilson 1948)**, **Jeannette Peters (Davidson 1948)** and **Pam Smith, Jan Barclay (Drummond 1949)**, **June Jones (Eggleston 1948)**, **Meg Parker (Pearson 1948)**, **Helen Whitaker (Twine 1948)** and **Lesley Skevington (Hooper 1948)**.

Her final year of 1948, in which she was McNeil House Captain, was a frustrating one as a polio epidemic prevented the girls from attending public meetings and being in crowded places and hockey was the only team sport played against other schools that year.

Steve remained safe from polio, but the 1948 *Kookaburra* notes she contracted chicken pox halfway through the year. On her return, she clashed with Dr Summers over a minor transgression and her final months at PLC were less than happy.

With plans of going into nursing after School, Steve was on holiday in January 1949 when she was struck down with viral encephalitis, a possible complication from the chicken pox. Misdiagnosed and treated for a brain tumour instead, the swelling continued and within a short time Steve had suffered irreparable brain damage, which affected her sight, speech, balance and movement.

After about a year of ineffective treatment, Steve's doctors admitted there was nothing they could do. Rita and Frank took her to Melbourne and then Italy to see if doctors there could help but they returned with treatment being no more successful.

The family then moved back down to the Cottesloe area, first at Kingsmill Street and then 47 View Street.

Steve, who remained in their care, was fiercely independent. She refused to use a walking frame but managed to get around quite well. She loved travelling and leapt at the opportunity whenever presented, visiting Singapore with **Jan Barclay (Drummond)** and New Zealand, Queensland, Singapore, Tasmania,

Mauritius and Norfolk Island on special tours catering to her disabilities.

She enjoyed playing Bridge, loved Mahjong and Scrabble and despite the frustration of her failing eyesight, reading. She also loved sewing, for which she won several Rotary Club awards, swimming when possible and never often enough, the company of friends.

Denied the chance of having a family of her own, Steve watched fondly but with growing disappointment as those around her married and had their own children.

In the mid-1960s, the family moved to Portland Street in Nedlands and a few years later, Rita and Frank retired to Mt Lawley. Steve then moved into her own flat in Marita Road and, not without a little resentment, began to use a walking frame, with which she managed to shop and get about quite independently. She loved animals and here had two beloved chihuauas, Chico and Trina.

In the late-1980s, when Steve was in her late 50s, she suffered a fall in which she broke her leg. She moved from hospital into Wyvern, the independent living unit at Hollywood Village, which was then in its heyday. Initially quite mobile with her Gopher, she progressed gradually into higher and higher care as her needs increased until she was in the highest possible – Park Lodge, in a four-bed room.

She still enjoyed regular visits from her family and school friends including Bev Barry (Wilson 1948), but became increasingly withdrawn. By then she had a motorised wheelchair but hated using it and her walking frame was so large it didn't fit easily into cars, so she rarely left the Lodge, which she absolutely hated.

After a frustrated life, exacerbated due to her strong, extremely independent spirit and extraordinarily robust constitution, Steve finally died aged 83.

As she wished, her informal funeral was more of a quiet family get-together.



Form V and Commercial Class, 1939

*Back, L-R: unknown, Peggy Moss, next two unknown, Jackie Sharp, Sheila Bell, Marjorie Hutchinson.
3rd row: Judy Nicholas, Grace Ellis, next five unknown, Pat Dodson, Saide Jury, unknown, Phyl Davy
2nd row: Joy Moore, Jean Dow, Connie Livermore, Pat Searle, unknown, Peg Richardson, Margaret Butler, Joy Evans, Peg Sanderson, Nancy Smith, Bryanne Smith
Front: Rae Tupper, Joan Menzies, Barbara White, Babs Fallowfield, Millie Johnston?, Jo Freecorn, Margaret Blair, Judy Finch*

Patricia Gordon Lukin (Dodson 1941)

22 December 1924 – 31 May 2015

Pat was the youngest of three daughters of Jean and Charles. Born in Bunbury, she enjoyed a happy childhood with her sisters **Alison Haynes (Dodson 1939, dec)** and **Frances Walter (Dodson 1940)** and younger brother Bill, sliding up and down beach sandhills on corrugated iron sheets and rather scandalously, smoking!

Pat attended Bunbury High School before coming to PLC as a boarder in 1938 with Alison and Frances. While here she engaged in life saving and was an active member of the Dramatic Society.

On leaving PLC in 1939, she worked at various jobs but, seeking adventure, joined the Australian Women's Army Service. With the army she trained as a range finder or gunner and discovered a lethal ability to calculate firing distances, which saw her join a skilled artillery group of seven women based at the Albany barracks.

She loved her time in the army and carried her AWAS membership with pride for the rest of her life. She maintained contact with all her army mates and embarked on an intense romance with one, John Sherwell, a British submariner. He returned

to England at the end of the war but they kept up a lifelong exchange of Christmas cards, which both their respective partners seemed to take in their stride.

In March 1947, Pat married Robert 'Bob' Lukin, a farmer from Mallory in Moora. There began a bit of culture shock for Pat and not just because she discovered snakes loved living in the woodheap and that they sometimes came inside! They had 32-volt power, one electric radio that received more static than broadcast and a kerosene fridge that belched smelly smoke. She initially cooked for the growing family and farm workers on a wood stove but later upgraded to a two-burner gas stove.

They butchered their own meat and there was a cow for milk and butter, but most other produce came from the store in town. As groceries came up once a week by train, it was often less than fresh and food at Mallory was like the lifestyle; necessarily basic. A keen gardener, Pat soon planted a bountiful vegetable garden for their needs as well as a pretty one filled with colourful English flowers, purely for her enjoyment.

Daughters **Diane Hamilton (Lukin 1966)** and **Rosemary Lukin (1968)** were born

in 1948 and 1950, followed by Robert in 1954 (Guildford Grammar School).

As a farmer's wife, Pat was stoic and grimly resolute, but she loved her children with that unwavering heart. With differing attitudes towards parenting, Bob believed all energies should be spent working the farm, so the children had horse-riding lessons, but for stock work not gymkhanas. Pat ensured they have tennis lessons and encouraged active social lives and long picnics on Wildflower Hill. Both agreed on the value of a good education though and after primary schooling at Moora, all three were sent off to boarding school.

Pat insisted on summer holidays away from the farm and thus began annual journeys to the south-west, back near her home ground. Bob soon returned to Mallory but Pat stayed, relishing the social contact and seeing her many old friends.

When the children had grown, she played golf, learnt to upholster, tanned sheep skins, made home-brewed beer, joined a book club and the Karrakatta Club. She then rediscovered her love of languages and travel. She learnt Italian, French and Spanish and studied for and completed her TEE, which she passed with distinction. She then travelled extensively throughout Europe.

In the 1980s, she and Bob took a trip to the US and UK. Bob returned to Mallory while Pat took the opportunity to reunite with John Sherwell, the then-widowed British submariner from her youth.

Bob and Pat retired down to Rockingham. After Bob died in 2001, Pat moved to Fremantle.

Pat was very proud when her granddaughters **Rebecca Hamilton (1993)** and **Kathryn Sheehan (1993, dec)** came through and loved PLC.

Hers was a tough life; her last years probably the toughest of all. Through those, she maintained a sweet and graceful cheeriness and passed away aged 90.



Helen Parkinson (Thomas) at PLC c1944

Helen Jean Parkinson (Thomas 1947)
7 December 1929 – 5 September 2014

Helen was born in Northam where her father Robert was a country doctor and her mother Marion his practice nurse. Helen was the eldest of three daughters, including Meg Lejeune (Thomas 1948) and Robin Williamson (Thomas 1954, dec).

Helen adored her father and as a teenager bravely saved him from drowning in a rip at Cottesloe Beach but, as a little one with a forceful personality, she sometimes ran away from her mother whose punishment was to shut her in a darkened room. One day Helen cheekily turned on the light and discovered a heap of *Woman's Weekly* magazines, which she happily read until her mother opened the door. That was the end of that particular punishment!

In 1942, Helen came to PLC to board. While here she made lifelong friends with whom she remained in touch, particularly in **Betty Gaze (Stewart)** and **Molly Paterson (Allen)**. She was an active member of The Young Historians, Music and French Clubs and spent three years on the *Kookaburra* Committee. She also loved sport and was in the Hockey A team, played tennis,

swam and practised life saving. She was a Prefect in her final two years and also Stewart House Captain in 1947.

Helen then studied Arts at UWA and began working for the Tax Department after graduation in 1951. A little bored, she went to Melbourne on holiday but found work as a PA and stayed for a few years.

On her return to Perth, Helen met Peter Parkinson and they married in 1956. They spent their first year in a flat on Perth's foreshore, then moved into Philip Road, Dalkeith. There, daughters Jane Rankine (Parkinson 1974) and Teresa Duhig (Parkinson 1976) were born in 1957 and 1959, followed by two sons, Robert and Martin.

At the bottom of their rambling garden, Peter built a small theatre called The Rectangle, where a local Speech and Drama teacher ran drama lessons. Helen managed the classes from 1973 to 1978, at which time up to 70 children a week came through The Rectangle, learning mime, movement and stagecraft, including many PLC girls.

With immense musical talent and already a competent pianist, in the late-1960s Helen decided to learn the recorder. Starting with the descant she also became proficient on soprano, treble and bass. She then began teaching the recorder to children as a first instrument, recommending they move on to others in high school. She loved the one-on-one intimacy of teaching and her career continued for 35 years. She was always interested in people, especially the young and was thrilled by their success.

Helen also volunteered at Dalkeith Primary School, helping to encourage children to participate in and enjoy music. Through this and her teaching, she realised it was important that children, for their musical and social development, perform together and she decided to make it happen. In March 1975, she was instrumental in the formation of the Nedlands Music Association, a community music scheme that would reach out to and influence hundreds and successfully facilitate many musical performing groups.

Her efforts in establishing the Association were rewarded on Australia Day 1982 when Helen was awarded the City of Nedlands Citizen of the Year.

During the years Jane and Teresa attended PLC, Helen took a great interest in the Boarding House and naturally, the Music Department.

Aside from music, Helen loved interior design, before she even knew what it was called. Her distinct style, hampered only by lack of money at times but never by imagination, created wonderful family homes and gardens first in Dalkeith and later in Subiaco.

Helen was also a talented seamstress and she loved sewing clothes for her daughters and their dolls, crafting sewing baskets as gifts for their friends and when grandchildren arrived, sewing and knitting for them. A great joy was attending the many concerts in which her grandchildren, having inherited the extraordinary family talent for music, performed.

The year 2013 was a lovely one for Helen. Despite being very unwell, she spent it at home, assisted by the Subiaco community services. Robert also visited frequently from Sydney to spend time with her as her carer.

Peter predeceased her in April 2014. Helen died peacefully just five months later at the Catherine Macauley Nursing Home in Wembley, aged 84.



Patricia Sanders (Hendry 1932) in 1998

Patricia Sanders (Hendry 1932)

23 December 1915 – 26 February 2015

Patricia was born at home at 167 Thomas Street, Subiaco. She attended Mrs Young's Kindergarten in Subiaco and the Thomas Street State School and in 1929 she commenced her secondary education at PLC, travelling there each day by Metro Bus or Parlour Car.

After leaving in 1931, she completed a business course at Underwoods Business College and worked for 10 years in Perth with Elder Smith & Co. Accepting an invitation to visit an old friend in Singapore in 1947, she said in her book, *As I Recall It*, this was "a decision that would alter the course of my life and that would lead me to many strange and exciting places."

During the next few years, Pat worked in Singapore for the Australian Trade Commissioner in Foreign Affairs in Colombo and the British Colonial Office in Brunei. Her time working and socialising in these countries gave her a deep and abiding love for Asia.

While in Singapore, Pat met and in 1957 married William Sanders, Chief Engineer with the overseas communication company Cable and Wireless. So began

a new life with postings to interesting and exotic countries, meeting dignitaries and entertaining lavishly.

On retirement Pat and Sandy built and lived in homes in NSW and on Norfolk Island, which held many special memories for Pat. In 1985 they moved to Perth and settled into life at Hollywood Retirement Village, where Pat would live for the next 30 years.

After Pat was widowed in 1989, she continued to travel throughout Australia and overseas. She worked for the Red Cross, of which she was a Life Member, and the Royal WA Historical Society and she enjoyed family time, celebrations and maintaining her friendships with her PLC friends and beyond.

In 1999 her book, *As I Recall It*, was published and her many albums of photographs are treasured memories of an amazing life spent throughout the world.

Pat passed away peacefully at Hollywood Village, not quite reaching her 100th birthday.

**BY PATRICIA'S NIECE, TRICIA MILES
(MCLENNAN 1960)**



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IMPORTANT DATES - SEMESTER 1 2016

FEBRUARY

TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY	TERM 1 COMMENCES
FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY	COMMISSIONING OF DR KATE HADWEN
TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY	OCA MEETING
THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY	ARGYLE SUNDOWNER
FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY	MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL PHOTOS YEAR 12 BALL
THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY	PARENTS@PLC MEETING
FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY	PARENTS' COMMITTEE SUNDOWNER
FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY	YEAR 11 DANCE

MARCH

TUESDAY 1 MARCH	PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING
FRIDAY 4 MARCH	MID-TERM BREAK
MONDAY 7 MARCH	MID-TERM BREAK
FRIDAY 11 MARCH	IGSSA SWIM CARNIVAL
MONDAY 14 MARCH	OPEN DAY
FRIDAY 18 MARCH	PARENTS @ PLC OUTDOOR CINEMA
SUNDAY 20 MARCH	PROMS CONCERT AT THE QUARRY
TUESDAY 22 MARCH	OCA MEETING DADS@PLC
FRIDAY 25 MARCH	GOOD FRIDAY
MONDAY 28 MARCH	EASTER MONDAY
THURSDAY 31 MARCH	LEGALLY BLONDE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

APRIL

FRIDAY 1 APRIL	LEGALLY BLONDE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
SATURDAY 2 APRIL	SCHOLARSHIP TESTING LEGALLY BLONDE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
MONDAY 4 APRIL	MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARY AUDITIONS
TUESDAY 5 APRIL	PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARY AUDITIONS
FRIDAY 8 APRIL	TERM 1 FINISHES
MONDAY 25 APRIL	ANZAC DAY
WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL	TERM 2 STARTS

MAY

TUESDAY 3 MAY	OCA MEETING
THURSDAY 12 MAY	PARENTS @ PLC MEETING
FRIDAY 13 MAY	OPENING OF OCA ART EXHIBITION YEAR 10 DANCE
TUESDAY 31 MAY	PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE

FRIDAY 3 JUNE	MID-TERM BREAK
MONDAY 6 JUNE	MID TERM BREAK
TUESDAY 14 JUNE	OCA MEETING
SATURDAY 25 JUNE	HEAD OF RIVER ROWING REGATTA
TUESDAY 28 JUNE	PARENTS' COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY

FRIDAY 1 JULY	BOARDERS' MARKET TERM 2 FINISHES
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