FROM THE PRESIDENT

- Amy Smedley (Adamson’98)

We’ve had an amazing start to the year! Reunions, and gatherings, St Margaret’s Day and the AGM have all successfully brought together our Old Scholars in all sorts of places. Thanks go to the ladies who tirelessly organize and host these events and find us such lovely places to meet.

Welcome new committee members! The committee has grown in size and energy with two new members, Christine Brown (Arndt’67) and Judy Blieschke (Curran’71) in the team elected at the AGM. It’s still a great time to get involved, as we are always looking for new perspectives and fresh enthusiasm, especially to help with the administration of the Association. So please keep your expressions of interest coming!

THANK YOU to all who have sent donations for postage, the scholarships, the museum and for other purposes. The Special Purpose Fund has accumulated enough to purchase a pull up banner for display at events where the Old Scholars have participated or donated time or funds, so look out for that at our next event.

We had a fantastic response to the last newsletter, with a big increase in donations as well as a significant number of new email addresses to add to the mailing list and reduce our newsletter costs, so thank you to all who responded to those requests.

I’d also like to take the opportunity to express my thanks to the extremely hard working members of the committee. I’d like to personally thank Karen Schaumloffel for the exceptional amount of time she volunteers outside of her normal work hours here at school, and also our Secretary and Treasurer Margaret and Louise, who put in long hours to keep the Association running.

Please keep sending us your updates and letting us know what events you’d like to see organised through your Association. The star of our calendar is the annual dinner next month – your invitation is enclosed with this newsletter – I hope to meet many of you there.

The dinner will support the South Sudanese Community by raising money toward establishing the Bor Medical Clinic in South Sudan.

DIARY DATES 2015 – 2016

Canberra & ACT Region Lunch: Saturday 12 September, 12.30pm at Rodney’s Garden Café, Pialligo.
Brisbane Region Lunch: Sunday 13 September, 12.30pm at the Roma Street Parklands Café, Brisbane.
Fleurieu Lunch: Friday 25 September, 12.30pm at the Hotel Victor, Victor Harbor.
Class of 1995 20-Year Reunion: Saturday 26 September, from 6.00pm at the Gilbert Street Hotel, Adelaide.
Class of 1975 40-Year Reunion: Saturday 17 October, from 12.30pm at the Oaks Plaza Pier Hotel, Glenelg.
Annual Dinner: Friday 23 October, 6.30 for 7.00pm at St Peter’s Woodlands.
Old Scholars’ Golf Day: Monday 9 November, 8.00am at Royal Adelaide Golf Club, Seaton.
St Margaret’s Day & AGM 2016: Thursday 16 June 2016, 8.45am at St Peter’s Woodlands.

Please refer to notices within the newsletter for the above events.

It’s BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN on FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER for the 2015 ANNUAL DINNER at St Peter’s Woodlands.
6.30 pm for 7.00pm start. Cost $75 p.p. including drinks.
Last year’s dinner was such a success! Everyone loved the cozy and nostalgic atmosphere of the old boarders’ dining room so we have chosen to be once again at St Peter’s Woodlands in the Dining Room, Nutter Thomas Building. Caterers are again coming in to give us a great meal, and ALL drinks will be included in the price.

Round tables will hold 8-10 people so gather your friends up and book a table. Why not make it a reunion of your year group? Put it in your diary now and come and join in on a great night.

For information please contact Karen Schaumloffel on (08) 7221 6202, email: kschraumloffel@spw.sa.edu.au or contact Louise Sorrell on (08) 8295 5844 or email: sorrell@adam.com.au

WOODLANDS, SPG AND SPW OLD SCHOLARS YOU ARE ALL WELCOME – INCLUDING PARTNERS!

Details and the booking form are on the FLYER accompanying this newsletter. Please fill it in and return it with your payment, or pay by direct debit, or through the trybooking website. Last day to book and pay is Wednesday 14 October 2015.

Please book early. We must give the caterers final numbers at least one week before the dinner. Don’t miss out!
ST MARGARET’S DAY 2015 was another great success with the St Margaret’s Chapel full of students, parents, staff and Old Scholars. The School Chaplain, Father Andrew Mintern, once again gave us another take on our patron saint, St Margaret of Scotland.

St Margaret bookmarks were presented to the Reception students and the musical service awards were presented to those students who have given service to the school choir and music.

Morning tea in the Nutter Thomas building was a great opportunity to catch up with friends. After a brief AGM meeting one of the highlights of the morning was a wonderful tour of the school led by the Principal Christopher Prance. We visited the year 6/7 centre, a double class room on the ground floor of Gillam building, full of computers, work places, high desks, stages and lounge chairs, all suitable for teaching in 2015. We all thought how different the rooms looked when we were at Woodlands. We visited the incredible media room and Christopher explained how students use this room. How this upstairs class room has changed from our time at school! We also visited the Reception school rooms and saw the teachers with the young students.

The tour was certainly a highlight of the morning and many of us would be very happy if our grandchildren could have the opportunity to be at St Peter’s Woodlands. Thank you Mr Prance.

- Julie Gameau (Grant-Williams ’59)

Museum News Spring 2015 - Vivienne Hand

Anyone who has had an opportunity to visit the Museum and Archives recently will have noticed a number of changes which were heralded in the last newsletter. The new display cabinets have arrived and the whole area has a new colour scheme and changed layout. We have been working towards a uniformity of clarity and format of signage, as well as a focus on selection of artifacts, photographs and documents for display which tell the story of the combined histories of our schools.

The work, of course, is not complete, nor will it ever be as we try to present a dynamic view of various aspects of the past, but we are pleased with the progress to date. Currently, there is a temporary display relating to the science curriculum and there are plans to introduce further temporary displays on other topics from time to time.

Our next major objective is to improve the work space and to create more storage for our ever expanding collections. Creative solutions are called for!

Even though our storage space is stretched we nevertheless are always grateful to receive donations of items which might fill gaps in our collections. In the case of St Peter’s Day School, we have very little from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as the School’s records are sparse for that era, so I encourage you to dig deep into your families’ archives for any school related treasures they might contain.

However, we are not only interested in receiving donations of goods, but any old scholars, who have time to give, would be most welcome as new recruits to our volunteer staff.

LUNCH at PINDARIE, Barossa Valley – 29 May 2015

The wonderful Jo Adams (Hicks ’75), our very keen Old Scholar representative in the Barossa Valley, decided to organise an impromptu Old Scholars’ lunch in May, even though it wasn’t scheduled for this year. Fantastic idea, Jo!

Pindarie Winery, just off the Gomersal Road, Tanunda, was the logical choice and so emails were sent out and a good response came back. Do ladies ever knock back a chance to go out to lunch?

A convivial group arrived in good time to first taste the wine and then order a fabulous pie with salad, or some other local speciality. Pindarie, National Tourism Award winner last year, is a wonderful venue, with its fantastic view over the valley, and, on a cold day, a wonderful roaring fire.

Everyone had a great time and it looks like it will become an annual event.

Watch this space for next year’s date!

ELAINE BALFOUR-OGLEVY SCHOLARSHIP

Woodlands Old Scholars – do you have a daughter or granddaughter who will enter Year 12 in 2016?

Applications are now being called for the above scholarship which will help pay the cost of Year 12 school fees.

To be eligible, the applicant must be a daughter or granddaughter of a Woodlands Old Scholar and must be in Year 11 and attending an Anglican School. Daughters and granddaughters of interstate Old Scholars are also eligible to apply if they attend an Anglican School.

Please contact the President, St Peter’s Woodlands Old Scholars’ Association Inc., PO Box 747, Glenelg 5045, for more information.

Applications close 30 September 2015. Interviews will be in fourth term, at SPW, in the Old Scholars’ Rooms. Please note: holders of full scholarships to their current school are not eligible.

SPW & SPG Old Scholars

Where are you?
What are you doing these days?
We need your news items for the “News of Old Scholars” section.

This section is for you too!

Email us at oldscholars@spw.sa.edu.au with news about what you have done, or are doing, since leaving school.

We’d love to hear from you.

MILLINGTON BURSARY

Very little is heard about this bursary named in memory of former much loved Headmistress, Miss G. Monica Millington. It is offered on an annual basis by the Old Scholars’ Association to the family of a student at St Peter’s Woodlands which is facing financial difficulty due to a change in family circumstances.

Assisting needy families was very dear to Miss Millington’s heart, and this bursary fulfils one of her great loves, helping a child with his or her education.

The Principal, Christopher Prance this year selected a family to receive this benefit. The family remains anonymous but we were thrilled to receive a very appreciative thank you letter.
NEWS OF OLD SCHOLARS

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA HONOURS

Janet Tyler (‘51) was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Australia Day Honours, 2015, for her service to nursing, particularly in the field of spinal injury rehabilitation. In 1958 she was involved in establishing the acute and rehabilitation Spinal Cord Injury Service. She was Assistant Manager and Senior Nursing Member, Inaugural SA National Spinal Games, Hampstead Centre 1964, Senior Nursing Member, Australian Medical Team, Para Olympic Games, Israel 1968 and Asia Pacific Para Games, Tokyo 1972. She organised the National Para Games interstate every 2 years, and assisted in the planning and upgrade of the Spinal Injuries Unit – Morris Wards, 1973. She was also Acting Nurse Manager, Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre, 1986-1994. What a wonderful contribution to the nursing industry!

Judy Horton (Giles’65) was the first woman voted onto the SAJC Committee in 1996. In the Queen’s Birthday Honours, 2014, she received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). The citation read, “For service to the community through management and fund raising with a range of sporting and civic organisations.”

Congratulations to both these Old Scholars. Well done!

Noelle Hopkins (‘51) writes that she is still active in Morialta Ladies Probus, and in 2016 it will be her turn to be President. She also enjoys singing and is a member of the Holy Trinity City music group. She likes to keep busy and besides the usual home and garden maintenance she keeps up with friends and attends a weekly bible study group which she “wouldn’t miss for quids”!

Leonie Lindsay (‘61) finally retired three years ago after nearly fifty years working as a podiatrist. She lived in Renmark for 31 years where she had her own podiatry business in a surgery separate to her home. She moved back to Adelaide as a newly single 10 years ago and spends her time babysitting three grandchildren, playing golf and spending time with family and friends.

Catherine Moyse (‘88) has started her own legal practice – “CJM Legal, Wills on Wheels”. Catherine specialises in Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Advance Care Directives as well as providing advice on retirement village contracts. Following the death of both her parents and after working in the area for a number of years, Catherine recognised the need for a personalised and caring approach towards this often difficult subject. This led to establishing her own practice and she visits clients in the comfort of their own home. Catherine is loving balancing work with enjoying time with her 6 year old son, Angas, a year one student at Pulteney Grammar School. (Angas was baptised by the Rev’d Stuart Langshaw in St. Margaret’s Chapel as a 4 month old.)

Catherine says, “It’s so important to make sure your will, power of attorney and advance care directive are up-to-date and accurately reflect your wishes. You never know when the documents are going to be needed. Ensuring that they are up-to-date provides comfort to you and your family.”

She is offering a 10% discount to the members of the Woodlands family.

BIRTHS

Rachel Wiles (Pridmore’94) a son, Lachlan Brian
Amanda Gordon (‘96) a daughter, Ariana Sage Tiss

DEATHS

Connie Pittaway (Ryan’29)
Audrey Palmer (Harris’37)
Ann Sands (Lewis’41)
Christine Munday (Douglas’44)
Yvonne Renton (Anderson’46)
Lesley Allnut (Dighton’47)
Hillary Ford (Jordan’47)
Beth Martin (Collins’48)
Marie Tomlins (‘77)
Katherine Hearn (Remphrey’89)

APOLOGY

In the Autumn 2015 newsletter the death of Joan Fennell (Brennan’38) was reported. This was incorrect and we unreservedly apologise to Joan and her family for any distress that may have caused. Joan is alive and well. Aged 93 she has moved into residential care.

50-year REUNION for those in 5A in 1965

A reunion was held on Saturday 2 May at the Watermark Hotel (was St. Leonard’s Hotel), Glenelg where 17 of us met for lunch. Earlier, 9 had been given a comprehensive tour of the school, starting at the chapel and progressing through all the buildings until we finished at the Old Scholars’ Museum in Law Smith. The day girls found it hard to believe the conditions the boarders had for sleeping on open balconies in all weathers!

There were a good number of apologies with the main excuse being travelling overseas. Lyn (Swift) Howard drove 250km to Broken Hill, flew down for the weekend and home again, while Lindy (Kidman) Myers and Jane (Jolly) Balfour-Ogilvy came from Sydney. There were lots of good memories and renewed connections that have already led to sharing a game of golf! 50 years has not been a barrier to keeping long friendships. This year’s reunion photos will be in next year’s full colour photo edition of the newsletter. Next year’s reunion — 6B and 6A in 1966 is being planned. Contact Elisabeth Gobolos (Billie Webb ’67) gobolos@bigpond.net.au if you have any ideas of where and when that should be, and please bring a friend.

ATTENTION - SYDNEY OLD SCHOLARS!!

Jane Rees has advised that she has moved back to South Australia and is (unfortunately for us) no longer able to be our Sydney contact. We do however welcome Jane back to SA and hope to see her more often at Old Scholars’ functions! Is there anyone living in Sydney who is willing to be the Old Scholar contact point and who would be prepared to organise the occasional get together for Sydney Old Scholars? If so, please email oldscholars@spw.sa.edu.au with your contact details and we will pass on Jane’s Sydney contact list.

Keep in touch on the “Woodlands Old Scholars’ Association - Facebook Chapter” which now has over 600 members. NSW Old Scholars also have a group on Facebook, so have a look at https://www.facebook.com/groups/159666007602627/

CLASS OF 1985 – 30 YEAR REUNION

23 AUGUST, 2015

The reunion day began with a tour of the school – a great experience for those who could make it.

The evening reunion at the Saracen’s Head in the city was a hit. The food. Making the time from 4pm to 7pm was also good as those who wanted to go for dinner elsewhere at 8.30pm could do so, while others stayed till quite late!

The reunion was a great success – the biggest we’ve ever had!
The 2015 CANBERRA and ACT REGION lunch will be on Saturday 12 September 2015, 12.30pm at Rodney's Garden Café, 24 Beltana Road, Pialligo. Julia Pedler (Webster) will be sending out invitations, but if you are not on Julia’s list and would like to attend, please ring her on 0416 170 012 or email her: jcpedler@pedler.id.au All are welcome, especially Old Scholars from nearby NSW regions.

WA HIGH TEA
Everyone loves the High Tea at the Duxton Hotel in Perth, so much so that our West Australian Old Scholars group, enthusiastically led by Libby Dadd (Pavy’69), has already fixed the date for next year’s gathering. How’s that for forward planning!
This year’s Sunday afternoon gathering on 14 June was well attended and now everyone is looking forward to next year’s date on Sunday 19 June, 2pm as usual at the Duxton Hotel. Libby will, of course, send out reminders prior to the event, but if you are super-efficient (aren’t we all?) and have a diary for next year already, please put the date in now.

Class of 1975 - 40 Year Reunion

Where: Oaks Plaza Pier Hotel, 18 Holdfast Promenade, Glenelg.
When: Saturday 17 October – 12.30pm onwards
Cost: $50 per person (includes buffet lunch)
Drinks can be purchased over the bar
RSVP: Please use the following link by Friday 18 September
http://www.trybooking.com/156912 (includes payment)
Further information from Deb Block (Bishop):
Debra.Block@gvgs.vic.edu.au

There will be an informal tour of St Peter’s Woodlands School from 11.00am to 12.00pm. Please meet on the Chapel steps. Please confirm numbers with Karen Schaumloffel at kschaumloffel@spw.sa.edu.au

Class of 1995 – 20 Year Reunion

Where: Gilbert Street Hotel, 88 Gilbert Street, Adelaide
When: Saturday 26 September – 6.00pm onwards
Cost: $38 per person (includes cocktail style food)
Drinks can be purchased over the bar
RSVP: Please use the following link by Friday 18 September
http://www.trybooking.com/152906 (includes payment)
Further information from Anna Harvie: anna.harvie@gmail.com or Briony Trotter: btroter@wilderness.com.au

Prior to the reunion there will be an informal tour of St Peter’s Woodlands School from 4.00pm to 5.00pm. Please meet on the Chapel steps. To confirm numbers please email Karen Schaumloffel at kschaumloffel@spw.sa.edu.au

Thank you to all who have sent donations for postage, the scholarships, the museum and for other purposes. This year we will continue to boost the scholarship funds. Please help us to do this.
I wish to donate $……………. towards the cost of the Newsletter
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