

St Peter's Woodlands Old Scholars' Association

President's Report – Tuesday 11th June 2024

In October last year the St Peters Woodlands old scholars and St Peter's Woodlands school celebrated 100 years of education 1923 to 2023 on the Partridge Street site with a soiree in the Chapel of St Margaret of Scotland. Over 300 people attended the afternoon. I caught up with two classmates I haven't seen in years as I'm sure others did as well. My thanks to all who made this possible and enjoyable.

The Bangka Day service was held on Sunday 18th February 2024 and attended by Mrs Helen Finlay, Principal of St Peter's Woodlands. This was the 82nd anniversary of the massacre.

The St Peter's Woodlands' awards night in December 2023 was attended by myself and Lesley Woods. Lesley presented Chloe Lucas with a certificate for winning the 2024 Elaine Balfour Ogilvy Memorial Scholarship. Chloe was one of 19 applicants. All interviews were completed in one afternoon. I even learned things about Elaine from the students. The Elaine Balfour Ogilvy Memorial scholarship is open to year five students at SPW going into year six at SPW. Nominations for 2025 will open in August 2024. Interviews will be completed in September 2024.

Reunions 2024.

Class of 2019 - five year reunion

50 old scholars attended and enjoyed themselves catching up in April with teachers and seeing changes to the school the old scholar's association provided pizza and drinks.

Class of 2023 - one year reunion

plans are underway for organising a class reunion for the class of 2023 In October 2024 stop

St Peter's Woodlands 25 year reunion.

Several events have been organised throughout 2024 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of St Peter's Woodlands 1999 to 2024. Events will include grandparents and special friends' days, a gala ball where parents past and present will be invited to attend, a staff alumni get together which will include staff who have worked at the school over the past 25 years and a SPW family ties event in October where families and students who have had an

association over the last 25 years will be welcomed for a back to school event.

Class of 1984- 40 year reunion

Saturday 26th October

Class of 1974 50 year reunion

Friday 8, Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 November

During the course of the past year we have engaged one of our old scholars in order to create a tapestry celebrating the rich history of the school and past principals. This is a commissioned work on behalf of the Old Scholars' Association.

Thank you again to the committee and office bearers of the St Peter's Woodlands Old Scholars' Association, the administration staff and everyone who works so hard to continue the traditions of this is fantastic school.

Ali Cleland

President