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PRINCIPAL’S PEN

‘Effort equals reward’, so the expression goes. The students of Pymble personify this expression. They demonstrate that if you are willing to put in the effort, you will be rewarded, whether it is with success in your chosen endeavour or with personal growth and enrichment.

The first half of this year has given many such examples, and a high level of participation has resulted in excellent achievements for the girls in many areas.

Term two was notable for the strong sense of community on display. Students knitted for babies in Africa, swam to help prevent the spread of Malaria in affected countries, and played music to bring pleasure to elderly residents in our local communities. Pymble girls certainly have diverse talents!

It is an important part of the girls’ development to learn the value of giving back to the wider community. While many of these opportunities occur locally, some girls travel further afield to broaden their horizons and experience the world they live in. This term students visited Cambodia and Vietnam where they not only lent a hand at an orphanage, but gained a better sense of their own history with a visit to Long Tan, bringing to life for them Australia’s role in the Vietnam War.

Global connections are just as important for the College. Ties were strengthened with the global boarding community this term when Pymble Marketing and Media Co-ordinator Kim Williams and I hosted the ‘Pymble in Dubai’ event. Many current and potential boarding families reside in Dubai, and our visit was beneficial to both the College and our Dubai families. Further development continued back home in a more concrete sense, with more renovations completed in all three of our Boarding Houses.

The artistic talents of Pymble girls contributed to a culturally rich first semester, with students participating in the much anticipated Australian Chamber Orchestra concert and numerous musical ensemble, dramatic and dance performances and events. In recognition of the high level of interest and ability at Pymble, Dance has been introduced as an academic elective subject from Year 10.

I am sure many students will thrive with the opportunity to learn more about the practice, theory and history of this art form. There are still some very exciting performances yet to come this year, particularly The Rosewood Secret, an original musical written by three Pymble students that will be performed early next term.

There are many other wonderful things to look forward to also on the College’s academic, cultural and social calendars. The annual Garden Party at the end of term three especially will be an excellent opportunity for everyone in the College community to get involved and show your support.

As our girls have so ably demonstrated in the first half of this year, the more effort we put in, the greater the reward.

Vicki L Waters
The Australian Chamber Orchestra plays at Pymble

The musical highlight of the term was the much-anticipated performance of the Australian Chamber Orchestra with Richard Tognetti.

The world-renowned orchestra performed in the GMCPA on Wednesday 21 May in a concert that also featured some of the College’s most promising young musicians. This unique event was made possible by the kind donation of Chairman of Council, Mrs Kate Mason, and her husband Mr Peter Mason AM. The Masons won the prize to have the ‘Australian Chamber Orchestra play at your place’ in a silent auction, and decided to donate the performance to Pymble and have all the proceeds go to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

The event opened with addresses from Principal Mrs Waters and Head Prefect Rey-Hanna Vakili. Following these, the Pymble Symphony Orchestra, accompanied by soloist Jessica Sun of Year 10 and the Chamber Strings, artfully performed pieces from Camille Saint-Saens, Sergei Rachmaninoff and Max Brunch. Two of Pymble’s Year 11 soloists, Sylvia Lim and Nicole Nahm, performed an explosive duet of Mozart’s Symphony No. 25, First Movement.

The eagerly awaited second half of the concert commenced with a short introduction by ACO Artistic Director Richard Tognetti. Mr Tognetti expressed his love of music and his belief that it is an essential part of any education and should be available to all students. The Australian Chamber Orchestra, recognised as the world’s leading small orchestra, then performed a number of beautifully presented pieces of music.

The concert was truly an amazing experience for all involved. It was also a great fundraising success, with $8,300 raised for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Julianne Lipman, Year 11
In the Preparatory School we create an environment where the girls can develop their understanding about the world around them using a meaningful and integrated approach. Units of work are selected to provide a framework for effective teaching and learning. These topics form the basis for the term’s program, allowing the girls to broaden their knowledge and understanding through a variety of interesting experiences. The girls also receive daily explicit instruction to ensure they develop their basic skills in literacy and numeracy.

**KINDERGARTEN**

Term two was a busy and exciting time for Kindergarten girls, who learnt all about farms. This topic was linked with the Science and Technology and Human Society and its Environment topic of ‘meeting needs’.

At the beginning of the term, Chicks R Us supplied Kindergarten with an incubator, a coop and 12 eggs ready to hatch. It was an interesting, hands-on science unit.

The girls visited Fairfield City Farm where they patted baby animals, went on a bumpy tractor ride, milked a cow called Daisy and watched a sheep shearing show.

They also participated in a lesson about Dog Safety for Kids, learning how to approach a dog and what to do in a difficult situation.

All of these wonderful experiences provided an excellent springboard for integrated activities across the curriculum in all key learning areas. The girls wrote excellent recounts about their trip to the farm, and enjoyed many linked lessons in Visual Arts. They created feathered chicks and fluffy lambs, and painted farm animals for display in our practical area.

Measurement has been the integral strand for Mathematics this term, with the girls participating in concrete activities in length, area, volume and mass.
**YEAR 1**

Year 1 studied Australian animals in term two, with the topic integrated across all areas of learning. We discussed different types of animals, their characteristics, habitats and the threats they face. A variety of written texts and artworks were produced with this theme. The girls thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Featherdale Wildlife Park to learn more about Australian animals. It was a wonderful opportunity to see some unique animals and meet interesting characters such as Peppi, the agile wallaby, and Cuddles, the olive python! Year 1 also focused on people who help us in the community. We discussed the important role of nurses, and visited the Health Care Centre at school to meet Sister Gabrielle. She showed the girls the equipment she uses and took them on a tour of the centre.

**YEAR 2**

This term the Year 2 girls enjoyed the topic ‘growing up’, which was integrated across all key learning areas. The topic began with an outdoor excursion to the training and outdoor activity centre, Glengarry, in North Turramurra. Teamwork was important for success on the billycarts and rope challenge. The girls also enjoyed a bushwalk using compasses and magnifying glasses to observe their natural surroundings. The day ended with a wonderful sing-along around the campfire. The girls and staff had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

The girls also studied the lifecycles of various mini-beasts, with a focus on information reports. All the classes participated in an experiment to explore the needs of plants, and we received some very interesting results.
REFLECTING ON LEARNING

This year the Year 3 and Year 4 classrooms were fitted with Smartboards, the revolutionary learning tool that allows students to interact with information projected on to the screen. Here are some thoughts from the Year 3 students who regularly use Smartboards in their classrooms:

“I enjoy the Smartboard. It helps us with work. The games are really cool. My personal favourites are Sudoku, definitions, hangman and Rainforest Maths. The Smartboard is my favourite subject.” - Mira Samra

“It’s more fun than doing something on a piece of paper because it involves the whole class and you can touch it. I wish I could have a Smartboard for Christmas!” - Miranda Wesley

“You can play lots of different games and learn lots of things like classifying. You can have lots of fun with the pens and change the pens to different colours.” - Catherine Ku

“The Smartboard is my favourite thing to use in class time. They are useful and they come in handy. They are cool as well.” - Styla Harlalka

“They inspire our learning by making it more interesting. Like in Maths we play games to practice addition.” - Amelia Woodward

“I think they are a better way of learning.” - Francesca Lee

“I like it because it’s interactive.” - Ayesha Earey

“The Smartboard has revolutionised the way that I teach! It is extremely motivating and the applications are limitless.” - Mrs Jayne Davis

MAKING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

This term, 5K exchanged letters with our sister school in Sri Lanka, Sumangala Girls’ College. Each girl wrote a page about themselves and then we included an Australian stamp and some information about the stamp. During the term, the girls from Sumangala College sent us a book full of stamps from Sri Lanka. There were all sorts of interesting stamps depicting everything from animals to famous people. As a class, we also made books and sent them to Sri Lanka. Everyone in our class and the girls at Sumangala College were all really excited to receive each others’ books. This was a really interesting and fun way to learn about a different culture.

Natasha Ng, Year 5

Natasha Ng and Rebecca Dodd looking at 5K’s book for Sri Sumangala Girls’ College

MURDER UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Murder Under the Microscope is an environmental mystery game. We were told that an animal (victim) died and we had to find out the crime site, victim and the villain. This year, all classes from Years 5 and 6 participated in the investigation.

There is a Murder Under the Microscope website which provides the clues. On that website there are three different scientists and their names are Zahara, Doctor Kahlee and Nick and they’re the ones who give you the clues via a video link.

In our class, we were allocated a victim, crime site and villain and we had to research them and then make an Information Report on them.

Each day we went to the website and tried to find new clues and from those clues we tried to figure out the mystery. It was lots of fun and I definitely would like to be a part of investigating a mystery again.

Samantha Cleland, Year 5

Learning together
Maths on the Smartboard
Nicole Wedlock, Yasmine Tong and Stephanie Gill looking for clues
Wow! What a fantastic start to the year for sport in the Junior School.

SWIMMING AND DIVING
Reena Oh, Lily Hoang, Denise Klein and Clare Robertson represented the CIS team at the PSSA Swimming Carnival. The girls came second in the Junior Relay - that is second in the state! Reena Oh also came third in the 10 Years Breaststroke. Johanna Volohas, Gillian Thornton and Katie Oag made the CIS diving team and competed at the PSSA Diving Championships in May. Katie Oag placed fourth and Johanna Volohas placed second! Johanna only started diving in week three of term one so this is an exceptional result.

TENNIS
In term two, Jade Jowett-Crociani of Year 5 made the CIS tennis team and played in the PSSA Tennis Championships held in Gosford. The girls’ tennis team placed fifth, but with the combined results from the boys team the CIS tennis team won the Don Moon State Trophy. Well done Jade!

NETBALL
Sophie Cottle, Hannah Chadwick and Katherina Roberts all represented Pymble at the JSHAA Netball Competition and won all their games. Sophie Cottle from Year 6 was selected for the CIS team and will compete at the PSSA Netball Championships later this year.

HOCKEY
The JSHAA Hockey Gala Day was held at Moorebank in April. The girls played exceptionally well in all games with Madeline Tanna, Abigail Umbers, Jessica McClatchy and Isobel Shepherd Shaw attending the JSHAA trials. Madeline Tanna and Jessica McClatchy made it through to the CIS trials, with Jessica being selected for the CIS team to play at the PSSA Hockey Championships in Armidale later this year.

CROSS COUNTRY
In the last week of May we had six girls compete at the CIS Cross Country carnival at Eastern Creek - Charlotte Culver, Courtney Boyle, Olivia Modesto, Emma Dixon, Nicola Bowtell and Alicia Wallace. This is a gruelling course on the race track. All the Pymble runners had been training for months and performed extremely well. Charlotte Culver came second in her age group and will compete in the CIS team at the PSSA Cross Country Championships later in the year.

It has been an amazing start to the year, but it’s not just ‘future Olympians’ who can participate in Junior School sport. We have a sport or activity to suit everyone, such as Saturday sport teams, Athletics Club, Cross Country Club, Fitness Club, Year 3 Aussie Sports and even a Monday Sport Skills session.

Miss Sarah Jauncey, Junior School PDHPE Co-ordinator

Bounce Back
The Junior School has a program called ‘Bounce Back’. It is usually held after lunch one day every week. We have class discussions and talk about different things such as what to do when you have a problem, respect, TANK talk (True, Appropriate, Necessary, Kind) and a range of other things. Everybody is encouraged to contribute to the class discussions and it is an important part of the week. Bounce Back is a fun experience that everybody always enjoys.

We also have ‘Circle Time’. Circle Time is when the class forms a circle and discusses different issues that can happen in the playground. Sometimes the teacher will read us a story relating to the issue we have been talking about.

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Madeleine Clarke, Year 6

LEARNING LIFE SKILLS

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Working together
Students, staff and the wider Pymble community have been working hard this term knitting babies’ jumpers. When Mrs Jenny Lyle from the History Department heard about the large number of babies in Swaziland that do not have adequate clothing and are sometimes taken home from hospital wrapped in newspaper, she knew Pymble could help.

With the help of the TAS Department, weekly ‘knit ins’ were organised for Tuesday lunchtimes, and the pile of babies’ jumpers grew larger and larger. By the end of term two, Mrs Lyle had more than 150 jumpers to send off to the charity organisation, Seeds of Hope Outreach.

“There is a wonderful feeling of community about all this - girls, staff (male and female) and parents all participating; older girls helping younger girls; and all of us helping those less fortunate than ourselves,” said Mrs Lyle.

Congratulations to all those who contributed to the project this term; it will continue until the end of term three.

Knitting has also been passionately taken up by the Year 11 girls. If you happened to have been around the Isabel Harrison Building or Amphitheatre at lunchtime this term, you would have seen groups of teenage girls with wool and needles in hand, knitting to their hearts’ content. The girls are supporting the not-for-profit organisation Wrap With Love, which co-ordinates the creation of woollen blankets to send to underprivileged people around the world. Year 11 girls jumped at the chance to actively make a difference while learning a new skill.

After almost six months of dedicated knitting, the girls and their keen families have produced a grand total of 486 squares, enough for almost 18 blankets! A selection of our most devoted knitters will be going along to the annual ‘knit in’ at radio station 702 ABC Sydney, where all the knitted squares from across Sydney will be combined to create hundreds of wraps. These will then be distributed, spreading multi-coloured warmth to 40 countries and thousands of people.

Claudia Stocks, Year 11
There has been a wonderful display of community involvement and charity so far this year from our Pymble family. There have been concerts, special performances, marathon swims and lots and lots of knitting! This wonderful spirit has benefited a number of worthy causes.

WORLD SWIM AGAINST MALARIA

At the end of term one, 68 Pymble students, two coaches and one teacher gave it their all in the College pool to raise money for the World Swim Against Malaria project. Everyone involved enlisted their friends and family to sponsor each lap they completed.

As one of the world’s most common infectious diseases, malaria infects approximately 515 million people worldwide each year. The World Swim Against Malaria project, sponsored by Speedo, uses fundraising to buy long-lasting insecticidal mosquito nets to help prevent the spread of malaria in affected countries.

With the encouragement of two-time Olympic gold medallist Michael Klim, everyone involved swam exceptionally well. The group swam a total combined distance of 82 kilometres and raised more than $3000.

“It was a really enjoyable and innovative way to raise money and a great way to spend an afternoon,” recalled Connie Ye, Year 11.

Congratulations must go to everyone involved, especially organisers Miss Sennitt and the Interact committee.

Charlotte Simons, Year 11

YEAR 9 CONCERTS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

During term two, the Year 9 Elective Music students gave concerts at four retirement villages around the local area. They performed several combined jazz pieces, solos and choral items, and were warmly received and well appreciated at each concert.

Well done to all the girls involved in this community service.
CAREERS NIGHT

More than 100 advisors and many hundreds more Pymble girls from Years 10 to 12 gathered for the annual Careers Night on Monday 19 May. This event again proved very valuable to all who attended. Girls from Year 12 especially, who will leave Pymble this year, were able to better understand and consider their options for the future.

With representatives from universities, private colleges and specific vocational fields on hand, girls were able to delve into a sea of information about a variety of courses and career paths. Careers Night was extremely successful and there is no doubt that all girls who attended gained a profitable insight into the opportunities available. Special thanks to Mrs Anderson for organising the event and to all the staff and volunteers who assisted on the evening.

Tara Waniganayaka, Year 11

FUTURE IN FASHION

A Pymble student has received a boost towards a future in fashion, with an excellent result at the Point Zero Cutting in Youth Fashion Design Awards held in April this year.

Year 11 student Tiffany Liew was one of the top five finalists in the category ‘Night Life’, giving her the opportunity to work behind the scenes in preparation for the Awards parade, including working with Australia’s Next Top Model season two winner Eboni Stocks.

At the conclusion of the competition, which was judged by leaders in the fashion industry, Tiffany was awarded third in her category. Her prize includes a week of work experience with Sydney boutique print studio, karolina york.

The garments Tiffany submitted for the awards had several architectural aspects, including sleeves made entirely from pyramids and a skirt made from a ‘shell’ of pyramids.

Congratulations to Tiffany for this fantastic achievement, which again demonstrates that Pymble girls have bright futures in so many career fields. Thanks also to the TAS Department who kindly allowed Tiffany to use their equipment in preparation.
HOSPITALITY

During this semester Year 11 Hospitality students have been learning about food presentation. On 19 and 21 May, the students participated in a garnishing and food presentation workshop conducted by Mr Jeff Turnbull, Head Chef at Aqua Dining in Milsons Point.

The workshop was a wonderful opportunity for the girls to learn new plating styles and innovative garnishing techniques. During the lesson, the girls tasted a variety of garnishes, learnt how to make celery quenelles and plated a lavish desert.

The Hospitality teachers, Miss Cusiter and Miss Barton, are looking forward to seeing evidence of these newly acquired skills in future practical lessons.

Year 11 Hospitality students and their teachers wish to thank Mr Turnbull for his valuable time and contribution to the students’ practical skills and knowledge of the industry.

YEAR 10 WOW DAY

On Friday 6 June all Year 10 students attended WOW (Women of the World) Day. The day was hosted by the Geography Department and featured guest speakers on the role and status of women in developing countries.

Ex-student Alex Longes (1997) spoke of her inspirational work with the ‘3 Peaks in 3 Weeks’ organisation, a group of women who climbed the three highest mountains in Africa to promote awareness of health and education and to raise funds.

Other speakers addressed a range of topics including refugee issues, women’s health and Muslim women in Australia. The day concluded with an entertaining lesson on the cultural significance and history of the belly dance.

Thanks to all the staff that facilitated the day and to all the guest speakers, especially Alex Longes, for broadening the knowledge of Pymble students. It is always great to know that there are ex-Pymble girls out in the wider community trying to make a difference to society.
YEAR 8 CAMP

On 29 April, Pymble’s Year 8 girls set off for four exciting, fun-filled days at Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre. During the camp the girls faced many new challenges, activities and experiences. “It was a fantastic experience,” said Stephanie Liew. “Sometimes before an activity I was a bit nervous, but in the end it was all worth it.”

Throughout the week, the girls tested their bravery on the high ropes course, and dispelled their fears of the mud and dirt in the infamous wombat hole. The challenging canoeing and hiking trails tested their fitness and teamwork skills, but hard work was rewarded with the stunning sights of Australia’s wildlife. Each day, the girls practiced the ‘art’ of setting up their living quarters. At the beginning of the week their attempts were slow and often humorous, but by the end most girls could pitch a tent with ease.

Because of their close living conditions, the girls made many new friendships and strengthened their existing ones. Each night as they huddled around the campfire, the girls sang songs and told stories, keeping each other awake into the night.

A big thank you to all the staff who organised and assisted in the running of the camp; their efforts made it a memorable experience for all.

Hana Dinh, Year 11

YEAR 11 ART CAMP AND EXHIBITION

Hidden deep in the bush in the Central Coast hinterland, 70 Year 11 Visual Arts students spent three refreshing and rewarding days at the very popular annual Year 11 Art Camp. The girls passed their days being influenced and inspired by the beautiful natural world around them at the Mangrove Mountain Retreat, and creating equally stunning works of art.

The results of three days’ hard work in a variety of mediums, including painting and drawing, sculpture and digital media, were on display at the Year 11 Art Exhibition, opened on Wednesday 4 June by guest artist Robyn Backen. While at the camp, Robyn had given the students illustrated talks on her own influences. Each group also spent a full day in a workshop with Robyn, and each created a sculpture containing a ‘void’, made from naturally found objects. “I learned that the journey to creating my art was almost as good as the final product,” commented Phoebe Love on her workshop experience.

The diversity and high quality of the works created at Art Camp gives a promising insight into next year’s HSC Visual Arts cohort. More importantly, the students reported that it was a wonderful experience. “We worked together as a team, and the guest artist was really influential and opened our eyes to new concepts and ideas,” said Matilda Leake.

Many thanks to the efforts of Visual Arts Co-ordinator, Mrs Colleen Fry, and the other teachers who gave up their time to instruct and watch over their students.

Isobel Taylor, Year 11
The April holidays could not arrive soon enough for a group of enthusiastic Pymble girls who boarded a plane to Cambodia on 11 April. This flight signaled the beginning of their educational tour of Vietnam and Cambodia. The group of 22 Senior School girls, accompanied by Mrs Moylan and Miss Brownlee, were looking forward to developing their social, historical and cultural understanding of these countries, especially aided by their planned visits to the Sunshine House Orphanage and Long Tan.

One of the first activities took the girls to the famous Angkor Temple complex and the Ta Prohm jungle temple. Interestingly, the jungle temple was featured in the latest Indiana Jones film. This location also provided the opportunity to taste-test one of Cambodia’s ‘special’ delicacies – cooked tarantula spiders.

During the visit to the Sunshine House Orphanage the group met some of Cambodia’s poorest children. The girls were extremely enthusiastic and helped out with cleaning pigpens and chook pens, gardening, and weeding the school’s miniature farm. Mrs Moylan and Miss Brownlee also helped by digging holes in preparation for a waste disposal area. It is anticipated that the wider College community will be encouraged to support this orphanage and its projects in the future.

The major highlight of the tour was the group’s trip to the historical site of Long Tan, a village used as a military base for Australian troops during the Vietnam War. On 23 April, two days before Anzac Day, the tour group attended a service at the Long Tan Cross Memorial. Mrs Moylan read the Remembrance Ode and all girls placed a rose at the foot of the cross.

The Vietnam/Cambodia Tour gave Pymble’s senior girls the opportunity to experience the unique cultures and histories of these neighbouring countries, and contribute to the local communities through the projects at the Sunshine Orphanage House. “The trip was more than just a tour; it was an enlightening and truly touching experience,” recalled an enthusiastic Aoife Cotter.

Thank you to all who made this fantastic experience possible.

Julianne Lipman, Year 11

Every year Pymble students are given many opportunities to leave their classroom and venture outside the College gates for interesting excursions, camps and even overseas travel. These activities allow the students to further their studies, strengthen their relationships with peers and experience other cultures first hand. This term has been particularly exciting with a number of great excursions and tours.

The tour group outside the tomb of Ho Chi Minh in Hanoi

At the Long Tan ANZAC Service

Lauren Koch and Chloe Hickey-Jones, washing the pigs at the orphanage

Lauren Koch, Deborah Boyce, Aoife Cotter, Amy Gracie and Louise Fox among the ruins of a temple in Cambodia

Senior Geography Project

All Year 11 students in NSW studying geography must complete a Senior Geography Project that involves extensive research and a report on the research findings. For the past few years, Pymble has taken a very interesting and effective approach to the task, undertaking a case study on a Sydney suburb that has gone through the cycle of urban decline and renewal.

On 23 May, Pymble’s Year 11 Geography students set off to either Balmain or Pyrmont to conduct primary research. With all girls choosing different topics to research, they were free to conduct research wherever they wanted within the area. Some girls chose to focus more on issues relating to the environment and others chose to focus on the population. The girls were also able to decide what research methods they would use, and many chose to interview residents and survey businesses.

Secondary research (such as pamphlets and information booklets) was also collected before the day, which gave the girls direction on which topics they would like to study and complemented the primary information findings for the report. All girls returned from the excursion with an extended knowledge of how the suburbs of Balmain or Pyrmont have geographically changed over time and how these changes have influenced either the population or environment.

Thank you to the Geography Department for taking such an innovative and interesting approach to the Geography curriculum.

Mia Popplewell, Year 11
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Pymble athletes travelled to Homebush on Thursday 15 May to compete in front of their cheering peers at the annual Senior School Athletics Carnival.

As always, the Year 12 girls led the way with their enthusiasm, support and incredible costumes in their House colours. All three Houses were competing for the Inter-House Shield (presented to the House with the largest point score) and for the House Spirit Cup. Goodlet House won the Inter-House Shield this year and Lang House won the House Spirit Cup. In the highly competitive and entertaining Day Girls vs Boarders Relay, the Day Girls came out on top.

Congratulations to all the girls who participated in this year’s carnival but particular mention must be given to the three individual champions: Junior Champion Philippa Horn, Intermediate Champion Phoebe Kershaw, and Senior Champion Anne Sandig. Anne also won the open Championship Cup.

Breaking a school record at Pymble is an incredible feat and this year three students broke school records: Lara Boyle in shot put and discus, Sarah Caldwell in javelin and Rebecca Vaughan in discus.

All competitors put a lot of time and effort into preparation and training for the day and these fantastic results are well deserved. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make it an enjoyable and successful event.

Katherine Dickson, Year 11

PYMBLE BIATHLON

Pymble ran (and swam!) its first ever biathlon this year on Thursday 10 April, with 35 of its keenest and fittest girls participating. The girls swam 300 metres in the pool and then backed it up with a three kilometre run. Despite the challenging track, all the girls enjoyed the experience and competed extremely well.

“It’s terrific that Pymble offers events like this for us,” said Lauren Drummer, Year 11. “In the past there have been very few events that tested a wider variety of skills, including fitness. I thoroughly enjoyed it!”

Congratulations to all the entrants for their amazing efforts, especially those who gained places in their divisions. Ming-Fen Ong won the Junior division, Frances Schmiede triumphed in the Intermediate division and Lauren Drummer placed first in the Senior division.

A big thanks to all the staff who were involved in the organising of this event. They ensured that the day ran smoothly and secured the Biathlon as a future event on the Pymble sports calendar.

Hana Dinh, Year 11

TILDESLEY TENNIS SHIELD

A squad of 50 of Pymble’s most talented tennis players attended the 88th Tildesley Shield Tennis Tournament at Pennant Hills Park in April. The spirit and energy at the tournament is always brilliant and this year proved no exception.

Despite an unlucky draw, Pymble did exceptionally well to secure eighth place out of 23 schools, equaling last year’s performance.

Congratulations to all the outstanding individual results, including Vanessa Ip and Keiryn Lenoy who reached the fifth round in the singles draw, Danielle Wagland who reached the quarter finals in the singles draw, and Jessica Ah Chee and Hana Dinh who reached the semi-finals in the doubles draw.

A big thanks to all coaches, staff and parents who were involved with Pymble’s Tennis Program for their support and expertise, and to Jackie Stevenson, Tennis Captain 2008, for her amazing skill and effort in leading the team.

The IGSSA tennis season was also very successful this year, having one of the highest ever number of participants in Saturday competition; 47 teams consisting of more than 220 players took part. Congratulations to Teams 7, 10, 22 and 39 who did tremendously well to win their finals.

Hana Dinh, Year 11
BOARDERS’ WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

This term, the Boarders were offered a smorgasbord of weekend activities, creating a whole new level of enjoyment for those ‘staying in’.

SYDNEY SWANS MATCH

On Sunday 13 May a group of very excited boarders headed to the ANZ stadium for round eight of the AFL Premiership League 2008.

The Sydney Swans were taking on the Essendon Bombers, and the girls enjoyed some rivalry of their own, with a few red and black outfits making an appearance among the red and white.

The Swans took an early lead and continued to pull away, eventually smashing the Bombers by a huge 91 points. All the girls had a great time cheering, and returned home weary but with renewed Sydney spirit.

BILLY ELLIOT the MUSICAL

If you were in the city on 1 June, you may have seen a small but distinctive group of girls strolling along, checking out every clothes, shoe and convenience store they passed. These were the Pymble boarders, briefly exploring the city before the 3.00pm matinee of Billy Elliot the Musical. Once inside the Capitol Theatre, its grand scale, construction and design awed the girls, creating an atmosphere of theatrical wonder and expectation.

The show began with an intriguing video projection, before exploding into a bonanza of lights, sound and music. Innovative sets and props took the audience seamlessly from one scene to the next. The show was surprising, captivating and greatly enjoyed by all the girls and staff, with the general consensus (heard many times over the next few days), “It was sooo good!”

*Pymble Ladies’ College* will be at the upcoming NSW Boarding Expos and Agquip. We would be delighted if local families of the Pymble community visited our stand to meet staff and join us for some refreshments.

For more information, please email Kim Williams at kmwilliams@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au

BOARDING EXPOS

**Singleton:** 1 and 2 August, Singleton Civic Centre

**AGQUIP**

19, 20 and 21 August, Liverpool Plains, 6 km west of Gunnedah

FAREWELL

The middle of the year always brings some sadness as boarders farewell the gap staff members who have been living in the Boarding Houses for the past 12 months. This year the Houses fondly farewell six ‘gappies’ who became a big part of the College community.

Thank you to Caroline Abendanor, Katherine Ashmore, Natalie Greening, Olivia Morris, Arabella Alac and Gillian Gibson for all your hard work and good cheer. We wish you well in your future travels and studies.
LIGHT UP the

It is only July and the College has already produced two fantastic drama performances – one completely staged by Year 11 students. Pymble’s Dance program has also been expanded, with Dance added to the curriculum as an academic elective subject from Year 10.

THE INSECT PLAY

Earlier this year, Pymble’s Senior Drama Ensemble performed Karel and Josef Capek’s *The Insect Play* to impressed and engaged audiences that filled the GMCPA for three nights running.

The talent cast came from Years 10, 11 and 12, and the actors were supported by Year 10 Dance students.

The play was written as a comment on human society in post-World War I Czechoslovakia. Since its publication in its original Czech in 1921, the play has become one of the Capek brothers’ best known collaborations.

*The Insect Play* was directed by Mr MacPhail, who has worked with many of the cast before and decided to challenge them in his mature material choice. “Although the play was written for issues long in the past, its moral message is still very topical for society today, and I believe that this will strike a chord with the audience,” said Natalie Stern, Captain of Drama for 2008.

Many of the characters in the play are insects that are anthropomorphised (given human qualities). One exception is The Tramp, played by Year 11 Drama student Natalie Stern. She delivered her poignant lines in an oversized patched coat and bowler hat, contrasting starkly with the other bright characters and surroundings. Other impressive performances were given by Jessie-Marie Goldie, Theatre Captain for 2008, as the Chief Engineer of the Red Ants, and the Year 10 Dance students who led the dancing chorus.

“This play was an experience of social and political education, and a broadening of our personal horizons,” commented Jessie-Marie Goldie on her play and performance.

Year 10 student Dreem Qin was set designer and stage manager, transforming the stage into a vibrant insect’s world. Painted flats lined the back of the stage, coloured drapery hung from the ceiling and even the stage floor was repainted to complete the transformation. Hannah Brown, Year 12, created a stunning lighting design that complemented the set and costume choices. Audience members could be forgiven for momentarily losing the ‘insects’, also brightly clothed in kaftans, unitards and shimmering wings, into the backdrop.

Special congratulations must go to the set and costume designers, as well as the stage and technical crew, who helped bring *The Insect Play* to life.

Isobel Taylor, Year 11
STAGE

IT’S MY PARTY (AND I’LL DIE IF I WANT TO!)

The intriguing and humorous title of the annual Year 11 Drama Production inspired a riveting performance by Pymble’s Year 11 Drama students this June.

Directed by Jessie-Marie Goldie and produced by Claudia Stocks, It’s My Party (and I’ll Die if I Want To!), by Elizabeth Coleman, was a vivid interpretation of the life of a not-so-average family facing the death of the family patriarch. As the play unfolded, the audience members were captivated by conspiracies, secrets and plot turns, and were kept guessing until the last minute of the final act.

Although the actual stage cast comprised just six students, the performances were intricate and well delivered. Natalie Stern, Jessica Tattersall, Julia Nicholls, India Abadee, Sevanne McGarity and Michaela Hatfield told the story of the Patterson family with ease and professionalism.

The production group (including the crew) was composed entirely of Year 11 students. The girls must be commended for their mature and realistic approach, clearly seen in the stunning performances that every cast member delivered on each of the three nights.

All students involved gained valuable experience about the ‘ins and outs’ of stage performance. "It was great to work as a year group and it was a terrific experience!" commented Natalie Stern. "I think it is the funniest play that Pymble has done so far."

Special thanks to all members of the cast, front-of-house, set and costume designers, and production and technical crews.

Tara Waniganayaka, Year 11

SUBJECT SPOTLIGHT: DANCE – SPORT, SUBJECT, LIFESTYLE

This year Pymble has introduced the study and practice of Dance as a subject in the academic curriculum. Students entering Year 10 can now take Dance as an elective, and this year there are already two full classes. Lessons are equally divided between practical activities and dance theory, in which students learn about elements of dance and the history of certain types of dance.

"It makes class a really comfortable place to be and is a nice break from all our other lessons," reported Samantha Campbell of Year 10, who has been dancing most of her life.

The Year 10 students were involved in the Drama production of The Insect Play, as well as this term’s Dance Showcase where they prepared a routine in a different style, including contemporary and hip hop, to highlight the variety of dance styles.

Pymble’s new Dance teacher, Miss Katrina Cluff, has taken up her role at Pymble with enthusiasm, relating easily to her students and making Dance classes an enjoyable place to learn. Her vast experience means that the girls learn about the theory and technique of dance as well as being able to do something they love during school time.

Miss Cluff was also one of five teachers involved in another Dance initiative this term to help the Rock Eisteddfod team raise money for the production of their dance, and to also raise money for the Breast Cancer Foundation. Dancing With the Staff took place at lunchtimes over four weeks, with the aim of finding Pymble’s best dancing teacher. Each week, the teachers were paired with Rock Eisteddfod volunteers and given a new style of dance, to which they had to choreograph an original routine in order to win audience votes and be invited back the following week. The competition was eventually won in stunning fashion by Miss Craig from the PE Department.

Isobel Taylor, Year 11
The clouds overhead did not dampen spirits at the annual staff barbecue, the Family Group’s ‘thank you’ event for College staff. About 20 Family Group parents provided delicious food for over 200 staff members, with the homemade desserts being especially appreciated.

The Family Group Forum was another special event in term two. These meetings were introduced this year to address important College issues through presentations by College staff and discussions among parents and senior staff members.

This term’s topic was the curriculum at *Pymble*. The Family Group was very grateful for the thoughtful and thorough presentation by Mr Stephen Dunk, the Director of Studies at the College.

Next term’s forum is scheduled for Wednesday 6 August and the topic will be ‘Preventing Anxiety and Depression in Children. This is a most important health issue that faces many young women and we hope many parents will attend.

*Paul Goyen, Family Group President* 

**PSPA**

**PREPARATORY SCHOOL FATHER/DAUGHTER DINNER**

A record number of girls and their dads gathered at the Main Hall on Friday 23 May for the Preparatory School Father/Daughter Dinner. The theme of the evening was ‘A Night With the Stars’, and the girls certainly felt every bit the star walking up the red carpet on arrival. The hall, decorated with balloons and stars, added further to the special ambience.

The girls had a wonderful time dancing to their favourite songs and having their dads’ undivided attention for the entire evening.
CUPCAKE DAY

Friday 30 May was Cupcake Day in the Preparatory School. The girls had a lovely morning tea of cupcakes, baked and beautifully decorated by volunteer parents. The event raised $190 for Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick.

Eileen Reeve, PSPA President

L-R Hannah Reeve, Katherine Foster, Helena Machattie 2V

EQUESTRIAN SUPPORT GROUP

PYMBLE LADIES' COLLEGE

INTERSCHOOLS DRESSAGE DAY

A very enjoyable and successful Interschools Dressage Day was held under sunny skies at the beginning of April at the St Ives Showground.

Judges were kept busy with a record number of entries; more than 160 riders representing 55 schools from NSW and ACT competed over six arenas.

The Pymble team competed very well at all levels and finished in the ribbons on several occasions. The team was very well supported by staff, girls and their families, and it was great to see friendly faces ringside offering encouragement.

The Equestrian Support Group, headed by Co-ordinator Jo Kitchener and President Catriona Sviderskas, is very grateful to the many volunteers who gave up their time to cook food, serve coffee and tea, check horse entries, pencil for judges, collect and process scores, sell raffle tickets, and clear up the showground.

Funds raised from the day went towards supporting the local Ryde branch of Riding for the Disabled Australia (RDA), including an individual grant for one of their members, Jan Pike, who will be competing at the Paralympics in Beijing this year. Money raised will also go towards supporting the Pymble equestrian team in training and equipment.

TENNIS SUPPORTERS' GROUP

GALA DINNER

The Tennis Gala Dinner brought the school community together with some very recognisable faces on Friday 16 May.

Channel 9 host Karl Stefanovic emceed the evening while guest speaker Alan Jones delivered a riveting speech that entertained and informed all present.

It was also great to listen to special guests Evonne Cawley, Ken Rosewall and John Alexander talk about their careers. They brought back many memories of Australia's golden era of tennis.

The evening was a very successful fundraiser with a fantastic array of items won at the silent auction, including a Mini Cooper. A big thank you to Caroline Grundy and the Tennis Supporters' Group committee for all their brilliant work in organising the event.
Looking back I often wonder about the influences on our lives. It is exciting to think of all the vibrant, successful and dynamic Pymble women out there and ponder what part the College, its staff and Principal played in their destiny. Isabel McKinney Harrison’s memorial service certainly gave an example of an extraordinary ex-student who made a difference in the lives of many and was an inspiration to all who knew her.

For many ex-students, former principal Miss Knox was a tremendous influence. We are looking forward to the publication of Dorothy Knox Remembered by Margaret Coleman and anticipate that it will be available for sale early next year. Commemoration Day this year will give all ex-students and the Pymble community the opportunity to meet our new Principal, Mrs Vicki Waters, who has kindly accepted our invitation to be this year’s guest speaker. An added bonus will be the exhibition of the Year 12 Visual Arts students’ major works in the Main Hall. Come along and enjoy our annual Chapel Service featuring the Ex-Students’ Choir and morning tea afterwards. The service will commence at 10.30am on Sunday 27 July.

We would love you to visit us under our scarlet and white tent at the Pymble Garden Party on Saturday 20 September. There will be a new piece of jewellery to win sourced by our Dubai representative Judy Dreverman, and some exciting new items in our crested goods range.

Of course, all Pymble women enjoy their sport and we’re hoping for a fun day of tennis on Friday 15 August and golf on Friday 7 November. Apparently I’m very popular with my handicap of 45!

All’ Ultimo Lavoro
Diana Brown (Mickle, 1982)
ESU@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au

BLACK WATCH ABBROAD
The Black Watch ties travel far and wide. If you are living or visiting overseas, why not make contact?

USA – New York
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Susan Talbot (Thompson, 1953), susantalbot@usa.net

Middle East – Dubai
Judy Dreverman (Lamble, 1976), drevo29@hotmail.com

UK
Katrina Collier (Richardson, 1988), katrina.collier@gmail.com
Fiona Schreuder (Hayman, 1986), fionaschreuder@hotmail.com

REGIONAL NSW
We have so many Pymble girls living and studying throughout rural NSW. If you would be interested in arranging an informal gathering during the year, please contact us on ESU@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au

Upcoming Reunions 2008
If you would like to organise a reunion that is not listed below (particularly class of 1998 and 2003 year groups) please contact Amanda Leverett on 9855 7793 or esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au to make sure it is advertised in the next Pymble bulletin.

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<td>Middle Harbour Yacht Club</td>
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ENGAGEMENTS:
- Fiona Ellis-Jones (2001) to Mark Scognamiglio
- Mel Macpherson (1999) to Bradley Cox

MARRIAGES:
- Amy Chellow (1998) married Matt Prentice on 16 February 2008 at the Riverview Chapel. The reception was held at Doltone House, Pyrmont.

Commemoration Day Service
10.30am Sunday 27 July 2008 – College Chapel

All past College students are warmly invited to join us for our special event. We are delighted that our new principal, Mrs Vicki Waters, is able to be our guest speaker; giving all our ex-students an opportunity to meet Mrs Waters and hear about her journey. We will also hear wonderful music from a choir of ex-students and soloists. We look forward to seeing many of you at this special service and invite you to join us for morning tea after the service.

Golf and Cards Day
A golf and cards day will be held on Friday 7 November at Asquith Golf Club. Please email esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au or send a request to PO Box 15 Pymble and we will send you a form or more information.

Black Watch Pymble Women
- the environment/climate change

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to be part of our next forum, which will be held in term one 2009. Should any other past students be interested in joining the environment/climate change panel we would be delighted to hear from you. Perhaps you are a farmer who is living with this challenge on a daily basis, or you may be involved in water resources, renewable energies or other areas. Please contact us on ESU@pymblelc.edu.nsw.au
ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Priscilla Ma (1990) married Paul Marreros on Saturday 3 November 2007. The happy couple are now expecting the arrival of their first baby, due in August.


BIRTHS

• Megan Cribb (Kennedy, 1997) and husband Stephen are very proud to announce the birth of their first son, William Myles, born on 29 May 2008.

• Alison Duncan (Thornton, 1991) and husband Rhett are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their third child, Ryan Rhett, born 20 February 2008. A brother for Taylor and Jessica.

• Robynne Furini (Stutchbury, 1986) and husband Craig are thrilled to announce the birth of Lachlan James on 18 June 2007, a little brother for William.

• Alex Gardiner (McGaw, 1994) and husband Tony are delighted to announce the arrival of Flynn Thomas Anthony on 17 October 2007, a little brother for James.

• Joanne Lupton (Dade, 1992) and husband Tim are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Zoe Matilda, on 25 January 2008, a little sister to Sophia.

• Kim Mukuka (Philips, 1994) and her husband Raphaell are delighted to announce the arrival of their first child Aiesha Jade on 7 April 2008.

• Tamara Shepherd (Gibson 1993) and husband Glenn are pleased to announced the birth of Jasmine Ann Shepherd on 10 October 2007. Jasmine is a sister for Lawson and Dugald.

• Rebecca Sutherland (Dewhurst, 1989) and husband Jamie are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Millicent Jane, born 24 September 2007, a little sister for Claudia and William.

ACHIEVEMENTS & OTHER NEWS

• In a remarkable achievement, Fiona Roughley (2001) and Zelie Wood (2002) have shared the University Medal in Law at the University of Sydney. Previously Fiona was awarded the University Medal in English after she deferred her legal studies in 2005 and undertook an Honours year. For her academic results, and contribution to university life, Fiona was also awarded the University of Sydney Convocation Medal (2006). Fiona and Zelie’s University Medals in Law follow their success and teamwork last year in winning the Jessup International Law Moot in Washington as part of the University of Sydney team. They have both accepted graduate positions with Allens Arthur Robinson. Within the next 12 months they will also both move to Melbourne to spend 12 months as Judge’s associates - Zelie to Chief Justice Black of the Federal Court; Fiona to Justice Hayne of the High Court.

• Edwina Alexander (1991) will again represent Australia in the sport of show jumping when she competes in the 2008 Olympic Games. Nine years ago Edwina decided to pursue a professional show jumping career overseas and has been living in Valkenswaard, the Netherlands. She is now the highest ranked Australian show jumper ever in the world rankings of the top 500 riders. Edwina has represented Australia twice at the World Equestrian Games. The Olympic Equestrian events will be held in Hong Kong.

• Yi-Hsia Koh (2002) recently graduated from the University of Sydney with a combined Engineering (Chemical)/Commerce degree with first class Honours and the University Medal. Yi-Hsia still has very fond memories of Pymble, and five years on is still meeting up with school friends fortnightly for breakfast.
The College recently lost a good friend and faithful supporter. Isabel McKinney Harrison’s life was one of dedication to the causes that interested her, and the College was fortunate to have had her interest.

Isabel spent her early years in the country and she continued to be a ‘country girl at heart’ all her long life. The family moved to Sydney in time to enrol her as a day girl at the Presbyterian Ladies College Pymble for her secondary education. In 1928 she was appointed Head Prefect; at the end of the year she was Dux of the school and was awarded the Marden Prize and a Gold Medallion. It was typical of that time when women’s education was in the minority that Isabel and only one other from Pymble were admitted to Sydney University that year.

While studying Isabel was also on the Board of Directors of the Sydney Women’s Union, was president of the Sydney University Women Undergraduates Association, vice-president of the Students Representative Council and secretary of the university’s Women’s Hockey Club. Isabel graduated with BA Honours and a Hockey Blue in 1932.

Sport had always been important to Isabel; she was a keen hockey player whilst at school and university. She played inter-varsity tournaments and was captain of the Sydney team in 1931 and 1932 as well as captain of the Australian Universities Team. After graduation she played for NSW and was captain in 1936 and 1937. Isabel was also captain of the Australian team when it competed in an international tournament in Philadelphia in 1936. The team next set out to play England in 1939 but was turned back after the declaration of war.

Always a keen ex-student who attended all the functions, Isabel was appointed president of the Ex-Students’ Union in 1936 and served for the customary three years.

After completing a secretarial course, she obtained employment with a commercial firm before being appointed in 1939 as secretary of the Women’s Union, Manning House. Her enthusiasm for education continued for the next twenty years from 1944, when she was appointed secretary to the University Appointments Board. The Board’s role was to assist graduates to find suitable employment as well as offer a counselling service.

In 1948 a subcommittee of the Presbyterian Church Education Trust was formed at the instigation of Dorothy Knox, who was nominated as convenor. The task was to explore all possibilities of establishing a residential college for women students within the University of Sydney. Isabel McKinney, well known to Miss Knox through Pymble, was appointed as honorary secretary and remained so through many ups and downs until 1967. The committee experienced many disappointments, various stages of reconstruction, several applications and representations to government funding bodies and finally success. In 1967 Macquarie University offered the site that became Dunmore Lang College in 1972, a co-ed residential college on the campus of Macquarie University. And there was still more fundraising to be done. These two women throughout the challenges were steadfast in their goal to achieve this long-desired need.

During this period Isabel also devoted much of her energy and interest to Pymble itself. She was one of the first women to join the College Council in 1933, and remained on Council until 1977. A library, now the Administration Centre, opened in April 1974 in her name, recognising the contribution she made to the College.

Marriage in 1963 to Ken Harrison brought a new dimension to Isabel’s life. He was the widower of one of Isabel’s good friends and the father of four children. She embraced her new family with the same love and care as she had her own nieces and nephews, and in time, their children too. They in turn cared very much for their Aunty and Nanna ‘Belle’.

In 2000 Isabel was awarded the Australian Sports Medal for her contribution to sport in Australia.

She was particular about detail, modest in her outlook, constructive with her criticisms, a kindly and dignified hostess and a friend to many; it has been my privilege to have known Isabel since an early age. A memorial service was held at the College Chapel on Friday 2 May to celebrate Isabel’s life.

Margaret Coleman OAM (1946)

Recent Events

London Reunion

A group of old girls had a lovely reunion on 12 April 2008 at the Waterloo Bar & Grill, London. There were 14 of us from all years with quite a few new faces.
Saturday 20 September 2008
10.00am - 3.00pm
Avon Road, Pymble

-Fresh Produce - Craft -
-Rides - Books - Food -
-Entertainment - Family Fun -

For more information, please contact
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