Pymble goes beyond
Principal’s Pen
Vicki L Waters

On Speech Night last year I raised a challenge for 2009 to ‘Go Beyond’. I am pleased to say that throughout Semester 1, Pymble has risen to this challenge with many outstanding achievements. Reflecting the broad interests and talents of our students, these achievements have occurred both within and beyond the College and in a variety of pursuits.

There are academic achievements, such as the two students selected for the International Mathematical Olympiad Selection School at Macquarie University. In sport, five Pymble tennis players represented the College in Belgium. Students from Years 7 to 12 demonstrated their exceptional performing arts talents in a brilliant musical production. And yet again, we can be very proud of the girls’ community service participation with their support of breast cancer research and the Victorian bushfire appeal.

We cover these and many more achievements in this issue of Pymbulletin. I am excited to see what the remainder of the year brings.

In the weekly Newsletters I have written about the five values of the College. These are care, courage, integrity, respect and responsibility.

These values encapsulate the spirit of the College and are evident in so many of the achievements of our girls.

Any achievement generally requires care and courage, to push us beyond our usual limits. But these qualities are especially apparent when any of our girls take to the stage or a sporting field, or strive for academic achievement.

The girls also display great courage when they push their geographic boundaries, such as travelling abroad, or their social boundaries, such as during a visit to a nursing home, or in helping others less fortunate.

Any competitive achievement, on the sports field or in an academic environment, requires strength of character and integrity. A win where integrity has been compromised is not a true achievement.

We ask our girls to always show respect for themselves, for one another, the staff and all members of the community. Respect helps give the girls the sensitivity and maturity required to participate in community service. And of course in competition, respect for opponents is integral to good sportsmanship.

Along with the support given to students by staff, family and friends, responsibility is essential to any achievement – responsibility for self-motivation, to commit to the task, and to take ownership. Pymble girls do this admirably.

These are just some examples of how the College values help lay the foundations for a culture of achievement which empowers our students to ‘Go Beyond’ and excel. Because girls can do anything!
Pymble’s Year 12 students of 2008 have achieved outstanding results in the HSC, including a top UAI of 99.95 by Janet Chieng, closely followed by Victoria Grimshaw with a UAI of 99.9.

A number of girls ranked 99.5 and above, including the College’s Head Prefect Rey-Hanna Vakili, Rachel White and Sue Huang (99.85), Claire Nashar (99.6), Anna Reed (99.55) and Elyse Newell (99.5). Pymble students earned 18 places in the top 15 in NSW across a number of subjects, including first in Biology, second in Italian and Earth and Environmental Science and third in French.

Pymble students were also well represented on the Sydney Morning Herald Honour Roll, which acknowledges students who earn 90 or above in one or more subjects, with 163 students earning 464 places on this list.

Twenty-eight of our students were named on the All-round Achievers List for earning marks of 90 or above in 10 or more units.

A number of Year 11 accelerant students also achieved exceptional results across a number of subjects.

Principal Vicki Waters said she is thrilled with the results.

“My warmest congratulations to our 2008 Year 12 cohort. I also extend my thanks and congratulations to the Year 12 parents and teaching staff. Their tireless support and dedication has provided our HSC students with the skills and abilities to achieve these great results.”

Well done, HSC 2008 students!

Pymble student selected for Yale

Pymble Ladies’ College 2008 Year 12 student, Rey-Hanna Vakili, will realise her lifetime dream of attending America’s most selective university.

Rey-Hanna was selected from 30,000 applicants from around the world for Yale’s undergraduate program. She is one of just three Australians to attend this year’s program.

“I believe the world of opportunities I received at Pymble from Kindergarten to Year 12 strengthened my application,” said Rey-Hanna. “Yale looks for strong all-rounders. I am so grateful for everything Pymble has done for me.”

Principal Vicki Waters said she was delighted with Rey-Hanna’s news.

The Yale undergraduate program is a four-year liberal arts course that starts on 1 September.
This year we welcomed 72 new girls and staff member Miss Polly Manning. It has been a most successful start to 2009.

The Board of Studies NSW sets the requirements for learning in primary schools. There are six mandatory subject areas, which are known as key learning areas or ‘KLAs’. During Semester 1 the girls in the Preparatory School enjoyed daily lessons in English and Mathematics and regular lessons in the other KLAs of Science and Technology, Human Society and its Environment (HSIE), Creative Arts and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE). Specialist teachers in Performing Arts and Physical Education ensured quality programs in these areas.

Units of work are often integrated so that several subjects may be taught around a particular theme. For example, in Term 1, Year 1 girls learnt about marine environments in multiple subjects, which gave them the opportunity to consider the topic from various angles.

Our phonics program began with the introduction of many single sounds. This was consolidated by learning sound songs, poems and rhymes, illustrating written work and completing many beautiful art works.

The use of ‘SMART Boards’ in the classrooms makes visual activities interesting, interactive and stimulating. The girls love moving objects around on the board to match with sounds. They also enjoy matching rhyming words and labelling pictures. Number activities 1-10 and measurement lessons are hands-on, and handwriting lessons are easily demonstrated.

The girls participated in units of work called This is Me and School Days. They learnt about themselves, their peers, and their differences and their similarities. The girls enjoyed tours of the boarding houses, Chapel, Health Care Centre and the Senior School. During their time outdoors the girls observed the seasonal changes, with summer and autumn the topics in science.

In Physical Education the girls completed units of work on swimming, gymnastics and early ball skills. In gymnastics the girls worked on the locomotor skills of walking, skipping and hopping, plus the non-locomotor skills of bending, curling, turning and rocking. Throwing, catching, bouncing, kicking and striking were the focus in ball skills.

In Term 1 the girls began French lessons with greetings and simple vocabulary. In Performing Arts the girls enjoyed learning experiences around the topic Machines, with We are the Robots a favourite. The girls were given many opportunities to participate in simple speech, singing, playing and movement activities.
The girls have particularly enjoyed learning about marine life as part of our Under the Sea topic. Documentary maker George Evatt came to show us his award winning film *Beneath Southern Seas*. The girls enjoyed seeing the beautiful sea creatures and learning more about the ocean. George also spoke about his recent trip to Antarctica.

An excursion to Sydney Aquarium was another wonderful opportunity to observe a variety of marine creatures. The girls especially enjoyed the dugong exhibition and the touch pool. Following the excursion each girl completed a project on her choice of a marine animal viewed at the aquarium.

Relating to their work on marine environments, the girls also considered water in the sea and how people make use of the world’s oceans. In their French lessons the girls were encouraged to exchange greetings in French, and they enjoyed French stories and songs.

In Physical Education the girls identified safe and unsafe situations around water and participated in a range of activities to improve their swimming. The girls then enjoyed gymnastics where they worked on locomotor skills, balance activities and various rolls. In ball skills the girls took part in minor games and practices to assist the development of all skills.

From Year 2

The girls participated in programs to develop their personal and social skills. These programs help the girls learn to value their individuality while understanding the need to work and play cooperatively as a member of a group. The girls shared in-group discussions and completed activities around the topic of being a good friend and making friends. They also provided wonderful support for the new girls in the College, particularly those in Kindergarten who have benefited from the care and interest shown by Year 2.

As part of a unit work the girls considered wet and dry environments. Following this unit the girls discussed water in our community and the conservation of this essential resource. In Physical Education the Year 2 girls enjoyed units of work in swimming, gymnastics and ball skills. In gymnastics the girls worked on simple sequences to link basic movement patterns. Continued progress was made in ball skills with the girls more confident using correct technique when throwing, catching, striking, bouncing and kicking.

During French lessons the girls expanded their recognition and response to words. They used known words for classroom interaction through greetings, requests and statements, while learning about the country of France.

*Magic and Make-Believe* was the focus for Year 2 in Performing Arts covering all elements of music and drama.
This year, Year 6 is studying Antarctica and we have learnt about its environment and wildlife, its history and the impact of human settlement there. Understanding what is happening in Antarctica will help us when we are adults, as we will be more aware of how our decisions can affect the world around us.

‘Edible Antarctica’ is a fun task that Year 6 has been doing for quite a few years now. Over a weekend we make up some food with the theme of ‘Antarctica’; it can be anything at all as long as it is entirely edible and represents Antarctica.

This year we had a wide range of creations, everything from marshmallows in the shape of igloos to cakes shaped like the Aurora Australis wedged in pack ice.

While I was doing this activity I learnt that it’s very difficult to make a mountain out of marshmallows, and the map of Antarctica is very hard to put on a cake!

In the Junior School we celebrated Harmony Day by wearing a spot of orange to remind us that everyone belongs. We learnt that we should celebrate the cultural diversity that we have in the Junior School, say no to ‘racism’, show respect to others and include everyone.

When chickens came to Year 3 we had a fantastic time with them. When they came they were only eggs, so we could not hold them. They were kept in an incubator for about a week, so they would be kept warm.

About three days after arrival, the first chick was born. It was yellow and we called it Coco. The second chick born was named Fluffy, and it was brown. Other chicks were named: Bumble Bee, Snuggle, Cheeky, Cuddles, Chocolate, Puff, Tweetie and Sparkles.

After they were all hatched we had to do lots of jobs to help the cute baby chicks keep clean, such as cleaning up their mess and giving them fresh water and food.

Year 3 loved the chicks and we hope to see them again!
Junior School Camp Out ’09
Georgia Dixon, Year 6 and Emma Dixon, Year 4
On 21 March, 248 campers including Junior School girls and their families arrived at Kelso Field to brave the outdoors for an overnight adventure. We played lots of games such as soccer, netball and relays in the afternoon while the tents were put up. There were more than 70 tents, some big, some small and some were even decorated. Hungry campers enjoyed 60 loaves of bread, 30 dozen eggs, hundreds of sausages and steaks and mountains of bacon. Lots of people helped out to make this a fun and great event and we hope we can do it again next year.

Keep on Running
Alicia Wallace, Year 6
Keep running, keep running, lengthen your strides, steady your pace...SPRINT!!!!!! On Tuesday 17 March, we had the Junior School Cross Country. I was feeling really nervous and I think others were too. We left the classroom at about 8.30am and we made our way up to the oval. The 12 year olds raced first. We lined up and prepared to do our best. Out the gate, past the cricket nets, around the discus circle, up the hill, around Kelso, up train line, around the oval and do it all over again. Sprinting, sprinting, sprinting...finished! Too soon, the race was over! Everyone had bright red faces and hands on heads, glad it was done, finished, out of the way! The top ten girls made it through to IPSHA. I was lucky enough to make it through. The 11 year olds were next, the eager beavers out the front and the others hanging back, with everyone else cheering wildly on the side.

Toowoomba vs Pymble
Samantha Schwarz, Year 6
On Saturday 21 March, Toowoomba Preparatory School came to visit and play netball against the Pymble girls. We had two great matches! Six Year 6 girls and eight Year 7 girls played for Pymble. The games had four ten minute halves with forty minutes of game play. Both games were very exciting and hard fought by all, with the standard of play extremely high. One of the Pymble teams won their game 30–17.

Singing for the Senior Citizens
Florence Chou, Year 3
3M visited North Turramurra Church of Christ for the Ku-ring-gai Senior Citizens Service on Friday 13 March. In the church we sang the hymn Hallelujah and the song It’s a Miracle. Someone from the kitchen sang a nice song and we all joined in when she sang the chorus. We sat and enjoyed the rest of the service. Towards the end, the kind minister said it was time for the senior citizens to head into the eating room for a light lunch. Before we left, one of the senior citizens asked if we could sing It’s a Miracle again so we did! While the senior citizens had a bite to eat, 3M walked around the large eating room talking to the senior citizens. We then sang our farewell song called Reach. 3M had a lovely time singing at the service.

Junior School Musicians at Seniors’ Lunch
On Friday 27 March a number of Junior School musicians attended the Ku-ring-gai Council Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony for Senior Citizens at the Pymble Town Hall. The girls entertained the 120 Seniors and special guests that were at the event, including Ku-ring-gai Mayor, Elaine Malicki (pictured here with the girls).
Thoroughly Modern Millie
Eleanor Percival, Year 11

Once again, the tremendous talent of Pymble girls led to the success of this year’s production, Thoroughly Modern Millie, which brought to life 1922 Manhattan.

An enormous amount of work put in behind the scenes and on stage produced an outstanding show in the GMCPA in the true style of a hit Broadway production. Over four nights in March, the cast put on a dazzling performance of singing and dancing backed by exceptional sets and technical work from the crew. Students from Years 7 to 12 from Pymble, Knox Grammar and Barker College had spent many months rehearsing their lines and lyrics but enjoyed every minute together.

“We all loved working together, and it was a great chance to meet new people as well. We didn’t want it to end!” said dancer Molly Sroczynski (Year 11).

The choreography and musical score was expertly delivered. The stamina of the dancers was remarkable, especially in mastering the difficult tap dance numbers. The orchestra is to be congratulated on a wonderful performance, playing continuously for the duration of the show.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Turner, Miss Stelcova, Miss Cluff, Mr Schweinberger and the entire team who made this production such a sensation.

Dancing to a new beat
Miranda Middleton, Year 10

Curriculum Dance students study many styles of dance. Students learn to appreciate dance as an art form and as a way of communicating an idea or intent.

One of our areas of study is ritual dance, and on 27 March Year 10 Dance students were treated to a fantastic African dance and drumming workshop.

A company called Hands Heart and Feet, consisting of two male drummers and a female dancer, captivated students with a style of music and dance from West Africa.

In two hours, we learnt two dances; one very fast and energetic, the other slower and more expressive. Both dances were performed to the live and powerful music created by the drummers.

Year 10 Dance students enjoyed the workshop thoroughly and embraced the style of African dance with passion, energy and enthusiasm.
The Idea of North brings sweet sounds to Pymble

Gabrielle Georgiou, Year 11

The Idea of North, a pre-eminent acapella group, visited Pymble in February to work with senior students in workshops that culminated in an evening of magnificent choral music in the GMCPA.

The Idea of North is a fulltime, professional ensemble that has developed an enviable reputation at home and overseas for their outstanding musical talents and arrangements that embrace jazz, soul, gospel and contemporary music. The ensemble performs in major festivals and concerts and provides development opportunities through workshops and master classes.

During the visit on Thursday 26 February, The Idea of North conducted workshops with elective music students, the School Choir and the Pymble Chorale, and prepared the songs they would sing in a concert that evening.

The first half of the evening concert comprised songs featuring the School Choir, Pymble Chorale, Kappellaminus and Cantori, as well as combined pieces with The Idea of North. The combined pieces included Johnson’s He’s Sweet I Know, Naomi Crellins’ (The Idea of North) arrangement of The Nearness of You and a special arrangement of Sting’s Fragile. In the second half of the concert, The Idea of North performed a spectacular selection of songs, including When She Loved Me, Chilli Con Carne, Isn’t She Lovely and Mas Que Nada.

The workshops and concert were a huge success. The collaboration between The Idea of North and Pymble students was an inspiration for all. Those who took part in the workshops will never forget the amazing musical knowledge and breathtaking talent of this unique group of musicians. In all, it was an experience that will be hugely encouraging to the musical endeavours of Pymble students.

Pymble well represented in Wool Fashion Awards

A Pymble student has been recognised in the 2009 Australian Wool Fashion Awards.

Eva Lui won a medallion in the secondary school section and a Whitehouse Institute of Design Drawing Scholarship at the Awards evening on 15 April.

Eva was among six Year 11 Pymble Ladies’ College students who were finalists. Others were Emma Stubbs, Christina Ruhno, Eliza Murray, Laura Parr and Kristy Chong.

The College also had the largest number of secondary school entries in the awards, with 11 students in total submitting their work. These girls have been studying Textiles and Design since Year 9.

Students were required to submit a work inspired with a military theme, using two metres of fabric supplied by the Australian Wool Fashion Awards.

This project was not an assessment task, so the girls went well beyond their curriculum requirements to participate.

“Our students have produced exceptional works worthy of recognition and nomination for the Awards,” said Principal Vicki Waters.

“The creative talents shown by these students are impressive and support the College motto of ‘strive for the highest’.”
Indigenous Update

Dr Julie Townsend, Deputy Principal

Monday 2 March 2009 marked a historic occasion. For the first time, Pymble Ladies’ College flew the flags of Australia, the Aboriginal people and the Torres Strait Islanders from the same flagpole on the flagpole lawn. The flags will now fly together every day to recognise the Indigenous people of Australia, and to celebrate Indigenous and non-Indigenous girls living and learning side-by-side at Pymble.

Indigenous students gather at Pymble

Ebithia Mills and Andrea Nakata, Year 7

On Sunday 15 March, Pymble hosted a barbecue for Indigenous Scholarship holders from local independent schools.

The day started with a sausage sizzle for lunch, where we were able to socialise with the other girls and eat the most delicious food that was prepared by our chef.

As it was a beautiful sunny day, we also had a very relaxing swim and a great game of volleyball. Ms Sennitt organised some party games which really helped us all to get to know each other and have great fun. We played bench ball, the chocolate game and the flour cake game. In the flour cake game, most of us ended up with a face covered in flour, which was very amusing.

We really enjoyed the day and cannot wait to see our new friends at other schools. We thank Ms D’Souza, Dr Townsend and Ms Sennitt for organising the day for us. We also send our thanks to the girls who came and enjoyed an afternoon of playing games and swimming with us.

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Students meet Peace Prize Winner

Keiryn Lenoy, Year 11

On 27 February, Pymble’s five Indigenous Scholarship holders attended a wonderful evening at St Ignatius’ College, Riverview, where we had the opportunity to listen to and meet Professor Patrick Dodson, winner of the 2008 Sydney Peace Prize.

The evening was also a fantastic opportunity to interact with Indigenous students from many other independent schools in Sydney.

Professor Dodson spoke of his experiences and achievements and the importance of education for all students of this generation. He encouraged us to work hard and always keep a clear focus on what we hope to achieve.

It was a truly inspirational speech by Professor Dodson that left us motivated to reach our goals and use our knowledge to create a better understanding between non-Indigenous and Indigenous people.
Community Service

**Pymble digs deep for bushfire communities**

The Pymble community raised more than $36,000 to assist the Victorian communities destroyed in the February bushfires.

Students, staff, families and alumnae donated over $23,000 online, through a web page that was set up especially to accept contributions.

The on-campus cash contribution made by students and staff raised more than $13,000. All donations were forwarded to the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal 2009.

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**Bras on show at the B-Day Out**

*Natasha Freeman, Year 12*

Beige was definitely out when Years 10 to 12 students and staff took to decorating bras for the B-Day Out, an initiative of Year 12 students to raise funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

This inaugural event attracted 17 dazzling entries, which were judged during a fashion parade in the Hall on Monday 27 March. Entry was by a gold coin donation, and further funds were raised through the selling of cupcakes.

Special mention must go to Natalie Williams’ *Chicken Nuggets* bra and Roxane Shear’s *Fantastic Feathers*, as well as the entries from two art teachers: Ms Harris’ stunning *Cracked Creation*, composed of ceramic mosaic, and Ms Symonds’ *Crazy Colourful Cups*, a fluffy and fabulous bra which sported intricately beaded straps.

Although all the entries were fantastic, the judging panel of Mrs Wyse, Mrs Come, Ms Sennitt and Head Prefect Jillian Bousted could not go past Georgia Alexander’s stunning *Fashion with a Conscience* bra, with its pink ribbons and sequins perfectly suiting the theme of B-Day Out. Students’ choice prizes were awarded to Natasha Sviderskas of Year 10, whose *Off With the Fairies* bra had beautiful wings on the back, and to Hannah Cooper of Year 12 with her Aussie creation, a *Vegemite* bra.

The prizes were gift vouchers generously donated by Superswell Surf Shop in St Ives. Congratulations and happy shopping to all the winners!

This event raised an outstanding $570.60 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. This could not have been possible without the help and support of teachers and students, most notably Ms Sennitt, our other judges and our fantastic Year 12 helpers. Special thanks also to Victoria Grimshaw of Year 12 2008 who originally came up with the idea and kick started it for us. And lastly, a huge thank you to the girls and teachers who put in time and effort decorating such beautiful bras and for making ‘B’Day Out’ the success it was.

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**Year 8 Sunnies Day**

*On Friday 3 April, Year 8 students raised money for the Fred Hollows Foundation by encouraging girls in the Senior School to wear their sunnies to school and bring a gold coin donation. The Fred Hollows Foundation is an international development organisation, focussing on blindness prevention and Australian Indigenous health. They carry on the work of the late Professor Fred Hollows (1929-1993), a skilled surgeon of international acclaim, a champion of the right of all people to good health and a strong advocate for social justice. On the day, Year 8 raised over $400 for this worthwhile cause to help provide cataract surgery in Indigenous communities and developing countries.*

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**Going short for a cause**

*Miss Belle Wheaton, PDHPE Department*

On Thursday 5 March, instead of our usual late night shopping, myself and four friends met at Hair Trends in Willoughby to have all our long hair cut off. Why? To raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. This is something that I never thought I would do in my whole life, but I have not regretted for a moment.

A few days before Christmas last year, the mother of one of my best friends passed away after a two-year battle with leukaemia. This terrible disease takes many lives, but it is a reality check when it happens to someone close to you. Helen Caldwell was my inspiration, along with her amazing family Rob, Andrew and my friend Lucy.

For the past three years my friends and I have held a World’s Greatest Shave night to raise money for The Leukaemia Foundation. This year, however, was a little different. Instead of just the boys shaving their heads, we girls bravely decided to cut off our long locks! Ok, so we didn’t ‘shave’ our heads, but it was as close as we were going to get (this year, anyway)! I raised around $3,000, and as a group we raised $24,740 for our team.

Thank you to all the students, especially my Tutor Group 8DK07, and staff and parents at Pymble that supported me. I truly appreciate your contributions to such a worthy cause.
Foundation Day
Sashini Walpola, Year 11

Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 celebrated the birthday of Pymble Ladies' College with a special service on the Gloucester Quadrangle on Friday 6 February.

Guest speaker at this year’s Foundation Day was former student Philippa Graham (Myers, 1969), who has had a lasting relationship with the College through her daughters’ attendance at Pymble and her active participation in the Ex-Students’ Union.

Philippa’s speech highlighted the changes at Pymble from the time she was a student to the present day.

She illustrated how lucky we are to be offered the array of opportunities and facilities at Pymble, and to have the ongoing support of the strong College community.

Year 12 Religious Education Seminars
Rev Jon Humphries, College Chaplain

We heard David’s story, particularly his connection with several important people in his life such as his first teacher, the renowned flautist James Galway and his friends from many different areas of his life. Staff and students alike were confronted by questions such as ‘What was the purpose of David?’ and ‘Did Grahame and his wife do something wrong?’

As we listened, we realised that David brought meaning and purpose to many people and enriched their lives through their connection with him, just as our lives were enriched by his sharing with us. While we did not receive conclusive answers to our many questions, it was evident that we had shared a profound and special experience that challenged and encouraged us all.

Farewell to Rev Jon Humphries
Howard Clark, Co-ordinator Religious Education

After more than eight years of service to Pymble Ladies’ College, in April we said farewell to our Chaplain, the Rev Jon Humphries.

As Religious Education Co-ordinator, I have had the pleasure of counting Jon as a valued colleague and friend for the past three years.

Jon was a caring, thoughtful, progressive, innovative, reflective, friendly, personable and positive member of the Religious Education Department in particular and the College community in general.

In his time at Pymble, Jon gave much evidence of his work ethic and conscientious approach to the girls under his care and he utilised his knowledge and skills as both Chaplain and teacher. He continually exhibited character, morality, integrity and humanity as he taught his classes and led our worship services.

Jon will be missed by many groups and individuals within the College community.

We thank Jon for his friendship, collegiality and professionalism. We wish him well and look forward to his return on occasions to visit and renew contacts.
Academic Excellence

Careers Night
Monique Fischer, Year 11
University and college representatives shared their valuable knowledge with students and parents at the Pymble Careers Night on 6 April. This annual event gives Years 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents the chance to explore various career pathways. It is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn about the experiences of the visiting advisors who come from nearly all sectors of the workforce, from law to architecture, film industry to physiotherapy. All the advisors were enthusiastic about their professions and keen to help students narrow down their options to a more specific selection of fields. Pamphlets and information packages were handed out generously and eagerly accepted by girls. Katherine Glover of Year 11 said it was “very interesting to see where all the courses lead and the career prospects available for the future”. Thanks must go to Mr Holden for his efforts in organising the event and to the visiting representatives who gave up their time to make the evening a success.

Year 12 Hospitality Dinner
Hilary Monteith, Year 12
On Friday 27 March, Year 12 hospitality students arranged a dinner for their parents and staff to showcase their hospitality skills. The venue, level two of the TAS building, was decorated with fairy lights and candles, creating an idyllic atmosphere. Parents arrived to enjoy pre-dinner drinks poured by Mrs Corne and canapés served by the students. The chefs who had worked tirelessly in the kitchen from 1.30pm to 9.00pm presented a flawless meal: starters of prawn cocktails, main of beef medallions wrapped in prosciutto and vanilla panacotta for dessert. After weeks of anticipation from students, parents and staff the night turned out to be a huge success. The combined efforts of Miss Barton’s and Mrs McCorquodale’s classes produced an exceptional evening enjoyed by all.

Pymble girls attend International Mathematical Olympiad
Year 10 and Year 9 students Vickie Lee and Nancy Fu were selected to attend the International Mathematical Olympiad. The competition is the pinnacle of international competition between students of pre-university level. There are only 25 students in this stage of the competition, mostly from Year 12, which makes the achievement of the Pymble girls even more impressive. The selection process involved a National Summer School and four examinations over the past eight months.
Sports

Swimming Carnival

Jessica Willson, Year 11

The Senior School Swimming Carnivals are a showcase for the sporting excellence and enthusiasm of Pymble girls.

The Middle School Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday 24 February. Years 7, 8 and 9 girls showed their eagerness and team spirit by cheering on their Houses. Year 9 students displayed great leadership skills by dressing in colourful costumes and leading the house cheers with the help of the Year 12 prefects.

The Upper School Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday 25 February. Again, girls of Years 10, 11 and 12 demonstrated great talent and enthusiasm. The Year 12 students brought colour and fun to the day, dressed in their stunning outfits while encouraging and leading the girls in house cheers.

Well done to Goodlet House for winning the House Carnival Cup and to the Boarders who swam extremely well and won the Boarders vs. Day Girls relay.

Congratulations to the girls who competed on the day and the winners of the age championships: junior champion - Emma Morgan; intermediate champion - Victoria MacRae; and senior champion - Louisa Creighton. These girls endured many hours of training to achieve these results.

Special thanks to officials and staff for planning the carnivals, making them the successes they were.

Pymble triumphant at Head of the River

Pymble Ladies’ College rowers defended their title for the eleventh year in a row, winning the point score at the Head of the River on Sunday 29 March.

The Pymble teams were successful across the day, with the 1st VIII retaining The Rose Evans Memorial Trophy for Schoolgirls 1st VIIIs for the twelfth year running, and the Pymble 2nd VIII retaining the University of Sydney Women’s Sports Association Trophy.

Pymble has a highly successful schoolgirl rowing program. First established as a sport at the College in 1992, rowing provides students with an enjoyable strength and endurance sport that promotes a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

The program is structured to provide four years of participation, although students are encouraged to join at any stage of their secondary schooling.
Badminton at Pymble
Georgina Walsh, Captain of Badminton 2009
Badminton is the fastest racquet sport in the world. Not only is it fantastic for fitness and agility, it's a lot of fun!
Badminton at Pymble is getting bigger each year, as participant numbers and school involvement continue to grow. The excellent advice and support from coach Eva throughout the season makes the experience all the greater.
This season was highly successful with seven out of the ten teams making it to the semi-finals. Sweatbands were a necessity under such exciting conditions!
Well done to all the badminton girls as well as teams 1, 5 and 8 for winning their finals matches, and Team 7 for coming runners up.

Pymble tennis takes on the world
Australian tennis legend, Evonne Goolagong-Cawley visited Pymble Ladies' College on 9 April to wish a team of five students from the College, including three indigenous students, the best of luck before they travelled to Belgium on 21 April to represent Australia in the 2009 World Schools Tennis Championship in Belgium.
“The College was honoured to host Evonne’s visit and very thankful for her keen interest in our representative tennis team” said Mrs Vicki Waters, College Principal.
“This is an impressive achievement. To represent Australia at an international event is outstanding. The College community is thrilled and extremely proud.”
The team, Keiryn Lenoy (Year 11), Jessica Ah Chee (Year 11), Vanessa Ip (Year 11), Ella Merritt (Year 9) and Danielle Wagland (Year 8), progressed to the quarter finals and came in at sixth place at the tournament. They were victorious at the Australian School Girls Challenge, held in Wagga Wagga in November 2008, qualifying for participation in the international championships.
Thirteen school girl teams competed at the international tournament held in Butgenbach, Eupen and Barchon, Belgium, from 26 to 30 April. Other countries which participated included Belgium, China, Chinese Taipei, England, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Puerto Rico and Turkey. Fourteen boys teams also participated at the event.
The College’s head tennis coaches, Kristine Radford-Kunce and Justin Taylor, accompanied the students to Belgium.
Pymble was also a winner at the prestigious Tildsley Tennis tournament, with team members Keiryn Lenoy and Vanessa Ip winning the doubles title.

Pymble Equestrian Dressage Day
Lauren Lim, Pymble Equestrian Captain
On Saturday 28 March, 150 riders from over 60 different schools participated in the Pymble Ladies’ College Interschool Dressage Day at St Ives Showground. Competitors from Kindergarten to Year 12 rode in over 300 tests throughout the day and is the second largest event on the equestrian calendar after the NSW Interschool Championships. The Pymble Dressage Day also raised approximately $3,000 for Riding for the Disabled.
The glorious weather coupled with a well run program made it a very enjoyable day for riders, horses and spectators. Not only did Pymble host a successful day, the team also had some outstanding results. Pymble won Champion School and led the championship point score by a wide margin.
We congratulate the girls for breaking the drought. The last time Pymble won Champion School was in 1999. Two riders, Lauren Lim (2009 Captain of Equestrian) and Phoebe Sviderskas also won champion rider of their respective divisions.
The Equestrian Team also farewell another very treasured member Jo Kitchener, currently the Coordinator of Equestrian who is leaving the team to pursue commitments outside the College. Jo has been an enthusiastic Coordinator, and has held the Dressage Day together for many years. We wish Jo the best of luck in whatever she chooses to pursue. She will most certainly be missed.
The Team warmly welcomes Tom Kindred who has commenced overseeing Equestrian at Pymble.
Beyond Pymble

Classical Tour

A group of Years 10, 11 and 12 Pymble students enjoyed a three week classical tour to Greece and Italy in January this year.

The 26 girls, accompanied by three members of staff (Ms Sue Curry, Ms Amanda Harris and Dr Emily Matters) began the tour with the highlights of Ancient Greece.

In Athens, the group visited the Acropolis, the Pnyx (where democracy began), the Agora and the National Museum. Outside Athens, they visited Delphi, site of the original Pythian Games, Olympia, Mycenae, Epidaurus and Corinthis.

The students then flew to Milan where they were taken through snow and icy mist to Lake Garda, Verona and nearby Mantua, a medieval Renaissance town not usually visited by tourists.

Next stop was Florence where accommodation was a 13th-century monastery. Other highlights were the Uffizi Gallery, Michelangelo’s David, and the magnificent Duomo. As was the case throughout the tour, it was breathtaking to see in real life the sculptures, paintings and architecture that were so familiar from books and photographs.

On the way to Rome the girls stopped for a relaxed visit to Hadrian’s Villa at Tivoli where they roamed among the ruins of the palace. The first day in Rome was spent visiting the ancient remains of the Forum, the Colosseum and the Pantheon, the famous Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. The following day the girls covered the Vatican and an entertaining local guide introduced them to the museums, the Sistine Chapel, and St Peter’s Basilica.

The beautiful area of Campania on the Bay of Naples was the next destination, accommodation a bay-side hotel in the shadow of towering Vesuvius. From there the group explored Pompeii, Herculaneum and Oplontis (all destroyed in the eruption of AD 79), examined the treasures in the Naples Museum, and visited the volcanic area of Solfata and the mystical Sibyl’s Cave at Cumae. Their local guide was a working archaeologist who took them into sites not available to the general public and was a mine of information for those girls studying Pompeii and Herculaneum for HSC Ancient History. On the journey back to Rome, they paid a visit to a little-known ancient town, Sepino (Saepinum), where local farmers live right on top of the remains of Roman buildings and sheep graze among the ruins.

Throughout the tour we enjoyed exceptional care from our guides, tasty and abundant local food (you haven’t had a real pizza until you go to Naples!) and very comfortable accommodation.

Year 7 Geography Field Study

Isabelle Bay, Year 7

On Friday 13 March, Year 7 Geography students went on a field study to Headland Park. After enjoying recession on the beach in perfect weather, we did a field sketch of Chowder Bay and learnt that it was once an Aboriginal farm and mission. It has changed over time with more buildings, a wharf, and fewer native plants.

Along the walk from Chowder Bay to George’s Headland we enjoyed a view of the entire city right around to Balmoral Beach. When we arrived at the headland we learned to use compasses to work out what physical (natural) and human (man made) things we could see and in what direction they were. We practised using thermometers to measure the temperature. We also observed all of the cannons and walls that were built when George’s Headland was used as a fort to protect Sydney.

Our class then took a long bushwalk down to Balmoral Beach where we met up with other classes for a fun lunch on the beach. We talked about ways to preserve and protect Headland Park, such as putting in more bins and stopping littering and pollution so we can swim at the lovely beach and enjoy the beautiful environment.
On Tuesday 24 March, Year 11 Agriculture students visited the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute in Camden as part of a case study on a working farm. Hands-on experience is an important part of this subject and excursions are always a highlight.

The focus of this excursion was the dairy industry. Mr Brian Trench guided the group through the multiple areas of livestock management. He explained about the different types of feed grown for dairy cattle, and by the end of the day students were able to identify a large variety of grasses.

Students also visited the milking sheds to watch the process first hand. With help from supervisors, everyone had a go and really enjoyed the experience.

Finally, much to the delight of the girls, there was a visit to see the newborn calves. It was fantastic to be able to feed these animals and learn about the industry at the same time.

The excursion was a great success with a lot of knowledge gained and memories made. Thanks must go to Mrs Rivett for organising the trip.

Kathryn Glover and Bethany Ellis feeding a two day old calf.

On Friday 13 February, Year 11 Geography students braved torrential rain and wild winds for an excursion to the Northern Beaches to put into practice their study of coastal environments.

The excursion began at Turrimetta Headland, where students were able to see the coastal sediment budget up close and personal. As they worked their way down to Freshwater Beach, the girls examined the headlands, sea walls, blue bottles, water layer platforms, spits and the eroding buildings of the coastal regions.

The excursion broadened the students' knowledge and gave them the opportunity to use fieldwork skills. The students remarked that they found the day beneficial, as they were able to interact with the coastal environments and focus on the issues they had been examining in class.

On behalf of Year 7 we thank everyone involved, especially Miss Sennitt, our Year Advisor Mrs Smith, the Year 7 Senior Tutors, Tutors and parents.

Our time at Year 7 Camp will be treasured forever.
This year has already seen many wonderful events organised for parents across the College. It is always fantastic to see the number of parents who get involved with College events – not just those that raise money for great causes, but the ones that see new friendships formed and parents and children having an all-round great time together in a fun and friendly atmosphere!

**Icebreaker**

The Icebreaker for 2009 was held on a balmy night in March. Members of staff and parents were welcomed by lovely music performed by the Senior Stage Band and mingled on Gloucester Lawn. Senior students and some recent ex-students served delicious morsels of food to the gathering. As always, the Icebreaker was one of the most enjoyable events hosted at *Pymble* and is a permanent fixture on many diaries. It was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, make new ones and meet the staff of *Pymble*.

**Boarders’ Parents Association**

**Welcome Drinks**

On Monday 2 February, parents of Boarders already at the College had the opportunity to meet some new boarder parents at the welcome drinks function held in the GMCPA. There was a good mix of people and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. We look forward to meeting more new parents as the year progresses. Thank you to all the parents who contributed delicious food or who helped on the evening.

**Preparatory School Parents’ Association**

**Morning Teas**

**Kindergarten** - The Kindergarten Morning Tea was held at the home of Fi Shortis during the third week of Term 1. A really lovely morning was had by all, it’s always a great start to the year, and a perfect way for the families who are new to the school to meet people and start some lifelong friendships. We were lucky enough to also have Mrs Butt, Miss Manning, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Smith join us, which is always very much appreciated.

**Year 1** - The Year 1 Morning Tea was held at the Bundy’s home. It was a fantastic morning, the weather gods looked after us well with the rain managing to stay away for the duration! We were privileged to have Mrs Butt, Mrs Bultitude, Mrs Dobbin and Mrs Hurford join us for the morning, so we thank them for their time. It’s always a lovely opportunity to see the teachers in an informal setting.

**Year 2** - For the third year in a row Silvana Phillips kindly opened up her home to host the Year 2 Morning Tea, and for the third year in a row it rained! That certainly didn’t dampen the spirits, as we had a fabulous turn out of old faces, and also welcomed many new families into the Prep School for the first time this year. Mrs Butt, Miss Sheather, Mrs Venter and Mrs Stott were able to join us which was wonderful, so thank you for making the time to attend.
**Pancake Day**  
Tuesday 24 February  
Pancake Day, as always, is a day for the girls to enjoy. This year, all the girls were served a Pancake for morning tea, and this year we were able to raise $306 for Uniting Care which was fantastic. Thank you to all the Committee and the volunteer parents who helped on the day - your efforts were well-rewarded by the smiles on the girls’ faces when they received their pancakes!

**Family Picnic**  
Sunday 15 March  
After about two weeks of solid rain we were rewarded with a stunning, sunny day for the Family Picnic on Kelso field. This annual event is always very popular, and this year was no exception! We had various guessing competitions and raffles and a number of games and activities for both the children and the parents. The Hula Hooping competition was a new addition this year, and proved to be the highlight of the day. I am pleased to say we have some seriously talented Hula Hoopers in the Prep School!

**Preparatory School Father Daughter Dinner**  
Friday 29 May  
What a Night! All the dads and daughters of the Preparatory School would agree that the ‘Aussie Bush Dance’ was a fantastic night. The live bush band was a clear highlight, and the girls and dads really did dance the night away at this event that will be remembered and talked about for a long time. Many thanks to all those involved with making the event possible.
As the Ex-Students’ Union celebrates its 80th Anniversary we take the time to reflect on our Constitution which directs us to achieve the following:

- Maintain the traditions of the College
- Foster the welfare of the College
- Unite past and present members of the College
- Keep together our Ex-Students

This certainly encourages an expectation of care and concern for the College and its present, as well as its past students.

During the College’s Strategic Review process, the Ex-Student community was specifically consulted. We welcomed this opportunity and are committed to contributing to the life of the College and providing important insight and background to its traditions and history whilst moving forward with the progress and changes required to maintain the College’s position as a school of the highest standing.

In this vein, this year, the Union will:

- Remember the life of past Principal Miss Dorothy Knox with the publication of Dorothy Remembered by Ex-Student Dame Margaret Coleman OAM
- Celebrate the body of work of Ex-Student artist Colleen Parker and
- Congratulate Ex-Student Christine Bartlett on her appointment to College Council.

Christine is to be congratulated as she joins other Ex-Student Councillors, Mrs Sonia Powell (Harley, 1981), Miss Mary Smith (Coleman, 1965) Professor (1974) Janet Vaughan and Alison Hale (Nield, 1943) on the College Council. Christine has also kindly accepted our invitation to speak at the Commemoration Day Service this year.

Colleen Parker was another Ex-Student who was ahead of her time in her support and encouragement of indigenous culture and especially indigenous art which formed much of her inspiration.

We were delighted to promote a retrospective of this talented Ex-Student in May this year, which seemed so timely given our commitment and support of the Indigenous Scholarship Program at Pymble. The most recent students in this Program have received a welcome gift from the Union of their Uniform requirements, an initiative we look forward to offering each Indigenous Scholarship recipient as she arrives at Pymble.

We thought that many of the Pymble community at large would be interested in and benefit from the opportunity to hear more about the background, progress and directive behind the College’s commitment to giving indigenous young women, who show leadership and academic potential, the ability to realise their dreams with a Pymble education. We recently hosted an evening at the College this May. Whilst fund raising is a necessary part of any Program like this, this event was an information forum for the community to be included in this mission and for correct and relevant information to be heard. This is an education process for the whole school community giving every current and past student and their families the realisation of the responsibility a privileged, world class education gives.

Finally, Dorothy Remembered gives us all an opportunity to learn more about the private life behind a Principal that has played such an important role in many generations of Ex-Students. Her courage and independence is a remarkable example for women of all ages considering the constraints of her time. The book will be officially launched at our 80th birthday lunch following the Commemoration Day service on Sunday 2 August. We hope many of our Ex-Students will be able to attend the service and the lunch to mark a milestone of the Union’s celebration of our traditions and history.

All’ Ultimo Lavoro
Diana Brown (Mickle, 82)
President

Miss Knox is at the printer.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this celebration of a most remarkable woman. We hope you are looking forward to reading about not just the Principal but a woman ahead of her time. Her independence and determination in all areas of her life have been brought to the page. Orders are being taken now so please send a cheque to ESU PO Box 15 Pymble 2073 or your credit card and delivery details to esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au.

Please see the order form on page 23 for further details.

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**Recent Black Watch Events**

**Merriment and Munchies at Morning Tea**

Many yummy mummies and gracious grannies munched away at the annual ESU Morning Tea for mothers and grandmothers of current students of the College. This year we met again at the home of Leona Blanco. Much mirth and merriment was had as everyone basked in the sunshine of another beautiful Indian summer day and enjoyed copious cups of tea and coffee! Principal, Vicki Waters, spoke of the exciting plans for “the future of Pymble which we all hold so dear” and there was much discussion and excitement at the revelations. Much like the weather, the future does indeed look bright for the Pymble girls presently attending and into the future!

**Coming Black Watch Events**

**Commemoration Day Service**

*10.30 am Sunday 2 August 2009*

The ESU celebrates its 80th birthday this year by hosting a special Commemoration Day Service with Christine Bartlett (1977) as our guest speaker. Christine is our newest member of the College Council, and we look forward to hearing from her. All members of the Pymble community are welcome at our annual service. The service will be officiated by the new College Chaplain, Mrs Greer Dokmanovic. Once again we will be looking for any ex-students with singing experience to join our very special ESU choir for the day, directed by the fabulous Jillian Cranney (Stacy, 1972). Ability to read music and hold a part is a must! Recent leavers (especially those ‘Year 13’ leavers) most welcome – just a few short practices are required prior to the service.

For more details or to sign up please email us at esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au

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**Happy 80th Birthday ESU! Sunday 2 August 2009**

The ESU is celebrating its 80th birthday this year and to commemorate this historic event, we are having a ‘Happy Birthday Lunch’ after the Commemoration Day Service on Sunday 2 August 2009. Put the date in your diaries and help us celebrate the success of a wonderful Pymble tradition. Bring along a group of your friends – we will have tables by year groups where appropriate.

RSVP essential for catering purposes so please see the form on page 23. Please be sure to indicate if you are part of a group and you would like to be seated together. The cost of $20 per person will be used to support the Artist in Residence and Ex-Students’ Scholarship Programs.

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**Golf, Tennis and Bridge Day**

*8.30 am Friday 21 August, Northbridge Golf Club*

Grab your racquets and dust off your buggies... the Annual Black Watch Tennis, Golf & Bridge Day is on again. Card sharpers can also be accommodated, so start shuffling! Mark the date in your diary and gather your friends together for a day of fun, friendship and lots of laughs.

**Golf** will be a shotgun start with teams of four, trophies for individual point score and team score. The cost will be $65 including lunch.

**Tennis** will be a round robin format. Cost will be $40 including lunch.

**Bridge** – get together a table and join us for an enjoyable day. Cost is $25 including lunch.

Register your interest via esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au. For more information please contact Gill Ross-Edwards via storks@bigpond.net.au.
News from the Members

News

• Stephanie Francis, Mei-Yong Tan and Nicola Jeffery (all 2002 leavers) recently graduated from UNSW medicine at the end of 2008, all with fantastic results:
  • Nicola Jeffery: First Class Honours, University Medal, the combined teaching hospital senior staff prize, the graduation prize in surgery, the Wallace Wurth prize.
  • Stephanie Francis: First Class Honours
  • Mei-Yong Tan: 2-1 Honours

• Alicia Grant (1996) was recently awarded the distinction of Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) in Music from the University of Oxford. Her new work for piano, Voice Adrift, will be premiered this June by Panos Karan at the Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, New York. One of Alicia’s earlier pieces, Becoming, for symphony orchestra and large girls’ choir, was commissioned to celebrate the opening of the Gillian Moore Performing Arts Centre in 2005.

Engagements

• Emma Paxton (1994) to Scott Westall
• Nicole Lee (1995) to Colin Redmond

Marriages


• Danielle Da Ros (2000) married Daniel Smith on 6 December 2008 at Peppers Creek Chapel Pokolbin in the Hunter Valley. The reception was held at Tuscany Wine Estate. Bridesmaids were Chiara Da Ros (2003) and Anita Hicks (2000)

• Erica Richards (1998) married David Warner on 6 June 2008. Her sisters Phillipa Richards (2000) and Chloe Richards (2001) were bridesmaids and Joan Mahon (1998), Ella Grygiel (1998), Fiona Rinaldi (1998) and Jane Williams (1998) were present as well. The ceremony was held at All Saints’ Church in Parramatta, and the reception was held at Curzon Hall in Marsfield.

Births

• Emma Bagley (Carver, 1995) and husband George welcomed a beautiful daughter Isobel Louise, on 5 January 2009. A little sister for Amy.

• Caroline Egan (Bacon, 1994) and husband Andrew are delighted to announce the birth of Charlie Andrew Reuben on 4 January 2009.

• Karina Gorfin (Thomas, 1993) and husband Philip are proud to announce the birth of their first child Jack William Gorfin, born on 8 November 2008.

• Katie Motteram (Struve, 1994) and husband Nick are thrilled to announce the arrival of Angus Henrik on 12 August 2008. Celia is delighted with her little brother.

• Fiona Yates (Thornton, 1993) and husband, Warren, are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Grace, born 15 October 2008. A little sister for Lucy Frances.

Vale

• Lynette Elizabeth Kindred (Lamble, 1971) was the loving mother of Geoffrey, Scott and Thomas, wife to Ian and older sister to Christine (1972), Judith (1976) and Margaret (1979). She was a proud Pymble girl who remained close friends with many of her class mates to the day of her death. She passed away on 13 October 2008, aged 55 after a long battle with cancer in Greenwich Hospital with all her family surrounding her. She was much loved and is greatly missed.
Ex-Students’ Union Inc.

Upcoming Reunions

Calling all 2009 reunion groups. It is never too early to start planning your reunion and even have some eager groups for 2010 reunions already booked in! As you can see below, we have already been contacted by a number of people who are organising reunions and would welcome any offers of help or even expressions of interest in the event.

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DOROTHY REMEMBERED

A Woman of Faith and Determination

by Margaret Coleman

Enjoy a privileged insight into the life before, during and beyond Pymble of a woman ahead of her time. Born in 1902, Miss Knox stood apart from her contemporaries. University educated, well-travelled, Principal of Pymble at 33. Whether you are one of “Knocky’s Girls”, or a more recent student, parent or simply interested in reading about a woman of courage and conviction, whose influence in education and values is evident within the College today, you will enjoy this travel through time and generations. It is an anecdotal look at the life of this remarkable woman dedicated to many causes, foremost her family, the students and the education and opportunities of all young women.

To celebrate the launch of Dorothy Remembered please join us at the 80th Anniversary Commemoration Day Service, Sunday 2 August at 10.30am, to be followed by a celebration luncheon at 12.00pm. Pre-ordered copies can be collected on the day.

ORDER FORM

Dorothy Remembered and/or Anniversary Lunch

I would like to order Dorothy Remembered by Margaret Coleman ....... Copies @ $30.00........ Postage and Handling (please mark) .........$10 within Australia / ......... $20 Overseas Mail or I would like to collect it on Sunday 2 August (Commemoration Day) ......... $free

I would like to attend the Anniversary Luncheon @ $20 per person at 12.00pm Sunday 2 August

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Boarding @ Pymble

Our Boarders have had a busy schedule this semester. Angus Cup rivalry continues to dominate the House agendas with the girls enthusiastically taking up the challenge in activities, including the Speaking Competition and the Writing Competition. Year 7 boarders enjoyed a ‘Buddies Sleep Over’ in May when each Year 7 Boarder invited a friend to sleep over at Goodlet House.

Boarders learnt some interesting new skills when they were entertained by the Circus Workshop. The girls learnt about balancing, juggling and the art of hula hooping.

Marden Boarders delighted us with their talent in their own version of Australia’s got Talent, with all Marden girls entertaining the boarding community in their production of Marden’s got Talent.

Another highlight was a visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art and later exploring the amazing markets and shops in The Rocks.