



changing of the guard



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Principal's Pen



Welcome to the final issue of the *Pymbulletin* for 2013. It's been a fabulous year of celebration and student achievement. The end of the school year culminated in the recognition of students' accomplishments at the Preparatory School Celebration of Learning assemblies, Junior School Speech Day and Secondary School Speech Night held at the end of Term 4.

Special guests at the awards ceremonies, World Youth Champion in javelin and Year 11 *Pymble* student Mackenzie Little at Junior School and singer, songwriter and performer Francine Bell at Secondary School, inspired students to strive for the highest.

I'm pleased to say that *Pymble* students have been passionate in their curricular and co-curricular endeavours. A fine example of students embracing their work with enthusiasm and dedication is the nineteen groups of Year 10 students who engaged and worked with communities in Australia and overseas to make a difference to the lives of these people. You can read about these amazing endeavours on page 12 of the *Pymbulletin*.

The end of the year is a time of farewells and this year's Year 12 Final Assembly, Chapel Service and Morning Tea were events filled with mixed emotions. We said farewell to our 2013 Year 12 cohort and wished them well for the Higher School Certificate examinations and ultimately for the adventure that lies ahead in their lives beyond *Pymble*.

At the annual Jacaranda Day Service we welcomed back ex-student Sarah Macdonald to share her story of life beyond the College gates. There is much truth in the expression, 'once a *Pymble* girl, always a *Pymble* girl'!

Pymble is blessed with a wonderful community and the support of the *Pymble* Parent Association (PPA) and the numerous parent and support groups has been overwhelming in 2013. Countless parent group events are held each year. The 2013 *Pymble* Melbourne Cup Luncheon, mother daughter dinners, cupcake days and parent social evenings are all an important part of the *Pymble* calendar and are enjoyable events. The PPA formally acknowledged the work of academic and operations staff on World Teachers' Day with a delicious barbeque. Thank you to all the members of our *Pymble* parent community for their tireless work, dedication and support of the College.

I extend my thanks to Sue Everingham (Taylor, 1977) who has stepped down as President of the Ex-Students' Union, for the wonderful work she has done for our alumni. Welcome to the incoming President, Katrina Corcoran (Hum, 1987).

I hope you enjoy reading the stories of students' success and achievements in this issue of the *Pymbulletin*. I look forward to another magnificent year at *Pymble* in 2014.

Vicki L Waters

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2014 Icebreaker

The first *Pymble* Parent Association event for 2014, the Icebreaker is on Friday 21 February 2014 on the Gloucester Lawn.

college news



Mackenzie inspires students to make the most of opportunities

The Junior School Speech Day held in the Jeanette Buckham Physical Education Centre on Friday 29 November was a grand celebration of student achievement.

Speech Day guest speaker and Year 11 *Pymble* student, Mackenzie Little encouraged students to take every opportunity that life presents. In her address she reflected on her outstanding javelin throw which claimed a gold medal at the World Youth Athletics Championship games held in the Ukraine in July.

"What the mind believes and the heart desires, you can achieve," said Mackenzie. "Life is like training, find the things that make it fun and make time to do them."

Francine Bell at Secondary School Speech Night

Award winning singer and songwriter, Francine Bell was the guest speaker at the 2013 Secondary School Speech Night held in the Jeanette Buckham Physical Education Centre on Tuesday 3 December.

Reverend Dr Brian Brown, Moderator of the Synod of NSW and ACT of the Uniting Church in Australia, spoke at the ceremony ahead of the Chair of College Council, Mr Braith Williams. Mrs Vicki Waters, College Principal in her address reflected on celebrity with soul and the importance of being famous for doing good, calling for students "to be present, to be persistent, to be magnificent and to be more than yourself" and to be part of the *Pymble* team "that promotes community care, global action and a selfless decision to serve others".

Guest speaker Francine Bell encouraged the Secondary School students to fly like an eagle and to go out into the world to make a difference. Francine's opening performance of *Roll Jordan Roll* empowered the girls and engaged the three thousand people in attendance.

At this year's Secondary School Speech Night a video presentation showcasing students' achievements and events at *Pymble* during 2013 added a visual history of another busy and successful year both in and out of the classroom.

Congratulations to the Dux of the College for 2013, Judy Wu.





A day of fun at 2013 Garden Party

Alexandra Baker, Year 11

The *Pymble* Garden Party is always a day of fun and excitement and this year's event was a fabulous day enjoyed by all. The 2013 Garden Party hosted a myriad of stalls catering for everyone with fine food, entertainment, produce, arts and crafts, rides, boutique stalls and even a petting zoo!

The entertainment schedule featured the talented Preparatory School Choir, Junior School Quartet, Knox Pipe Band, *Pymble* Jazz Ensemble, Stage Band, Junior Stanhope and Granger Bands and the brilliant Year 4 Band. The *Pymble* Student Art Exhibition attracted many viewers with lots of people commenting on the magnificent works. The Garden Party Poster competition and the Cake Decorating competition never fail to impress and it was wonderful to see so many members of the *Pymble* community getting involved.

It was a marvellous celebration, with thousands of visitors to the College enjoying the day of wonderful fun. The 2013 Garden Party was the biggest one yet with funds raised going towards the development of the College's new Aquatic and Fitness Centre.



The virtues of stories shared at Jacaranda Day

"Being a storyteller is a privilege and an honour," said journalist, radio broadcaster and *Pymble* ex-student Sarah Macdonald in her address as guest speaker at the 2013 Jacaranda Day Service on Thursday 14 November. "There are a lot of ways of telling stories. You don't need to be a writer or a journalist, you can share stories in music, song, drama, art, craft and many other ways. You can do it at any stage in life."

"You can always rip stories up or delete them but I promise you you'll never regret writing or remembering. Our memories make us what we are. Even the bad ones," said Sarah.

In her address, Sarah gave a wonderful insight to her time at *Pymble* and how storytelling helped shape her career in media.

"In India, the Banyan tree is revered like the Jacaranda tree is

honoured at *Pymble*. The Banyan is a tree with special sacred powers," she said. "It's where people gather at the end of a hot day and chat, play music and share stories. It's a fig with roots that spread far and wide. When stories spread across the land like tree roots they gain sacred powers too. Stories, like roots, connect us to our past and to others around the world."

Students from Kindergarten to Year 11 and staff gathered on the Gloucester Lawn to celebrate the event, a tradition practiced at *Pymble* for the past 29 years as an occasion for sharing and giving. Inspired by the beautiful Jacaranda tree planted on the Gloucester Lawn in 1947 to commemorate the visit of Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, the service provides an opportunity for the College community to donate food and gifts to the Exodus Foundation.



Renowned Indigenous artist at *Pymble*

Renowned Indigenous artist Brian Robinson shared his print-making skills with students at the College in a series of workshops from Monday 9 September to Friday 13 September.

"It was an honour to welcome Brian Robinson to our College," said *Pymble* Ladies' College Principal, Mrs Vicki Waters. "As the 2013 recipient of the Western Australian Indigenous Art Award (valued at \$50,000) he brought a wealth of experience and a fresh outlook on art inspiring our students in their art practice."

Brian worked with *Pymble* students from Preparatory and Junior Schools, Secondary School art students and conducted a special workshop with the College boarders.

Born on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait Islands and based in Cairns in northern Queensland, Brian is a highly respected and successful artist. His diverse art making includes print-making, painting and sculpture which incorporates influences from his Indigenous background, images from classical Greek mythology combined with biblical traits of the Renaissance and references to pop culture and superheroes from comic strips.

The *Pymble* Visual Arts Artist in Residence Program has been fortunate to have a number of highly significant Australian artists over the past ten years including Janet Laurence, Peter Sharp, Billy Missi and Mitsuo Shoji.

secondary school news



Pymble farewells Year 12 students

The College farewelled its 2013 Year 12 students with a Final Assembly, Chapel Service and Morning Tea on Thursday 19 September.

After attending their Final Assembly, with tears of joy and sadness the students joined their parents and teachers for the Year 12 Chapel Service. The service featured a song of friendship and farewell, *That's What Friends Are For*, performed by Avalon Langdon and Beata Szabo and accompanied by Michelle Andrew on the saxophone and Olivia To on the piano. The service was conducted by College Chaplain, Reverend Lorenzo Rodriguez Torres.

Enjoying the sunshine and blue skies on a beautiful spring day, Year 12 students were greeted by Year 11 students with a single rose as they descended the stairs of the War Memorial Chapel before enjoying morning tea and the traditional release of white doves from the Chapel stairs.

Year 12 students, their parents and teachers enjoyed their Vaedictory Dinner at the Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour later that evening.



Fond memories of Pymble

Samantha Bear, 2013 Head Prefect

As I reflect, rather nostalgically, on my time at Pymble, it is quite overwhelming to think of how many opportunities the College has offered me and how many positive experiences I have had as a student. I have completed a decade of schooling at the College, and having spent five of those years as a full-time boarder, I have found the opportunities not only abundant, but also highly accessible. Becoming involved was actually a very easy thing to do.

One of the more unique and wonderful aspects of Pymble that I encountered first-hand is the fact that emphasis is placed on achievement through involvement, rather than performance. This applies to all areas of the performing arts, sport, community service and cultural pursuits, and is what guarantees that each girl will find her niche, even if it does take a bit of initial experimentation.

Of course, I have encountered challenges and setbacks along the way, but Pymble has prepared me wonderfully well for what lies ahead. I now leave with very fond memories of what has been a wonderful experience at Pymble.



2014 student leaders inducted

The 2014 student leaders were inducted at a special ceremony held at the College on Thursday 10 October. The Principal, Mrs Vicki Waters, called on the students to carry out their duties with dignity, responsibility and humility. Students responded with their Student Leaders' Promise to "do my best in all I do and say, to be loyal to the Principal, staff and students and to uphold the traditions and values of the College".

Head Prefect Mannat Malhi, Deputy Head Prefect Stephanie Stuart and other student leaders were joined by their parents and staff for morning tea on the Gloucester Lawn after the service.

Mind Body Spirit Day prepares students for Year 12

Devna Luthra, Year 11

Pymble Year 11 students enjoyed a day exploring relaxation techniques as part of their Mind Body Spirit Day on Thursday 12 September.

The Mind Body Spirit Day is an annual interactive workshop conducted for Year 11 students before they begin their final year of schooling. This year students were fortunate to hear lectures from Brett Lee, an Internet safety expert and Professor Gin Malhi on 'The Amazing Mind'. Students also participated in a series of activities, including yoga, tai chi, pilates, spin, Zumba, contemporary dance and First Aid.

"The day prepared me with ways to cope with the challenges and demands of Year 12," said Stefanie Kenyon. "It was a great chance to relax and unwind by doing activities that we really enjoyed."

Duke of Edinburgh Award at Pymble

Devna Luthra, Year 11

Another successful year for Pymble's Duke of Edinburgh Award saw more than 250 students participate in this incredibly rewarding program.

The Duke of Edinburgh is introduced in Year 9 at Pymble and girls often complete their Gold award in Year 12. The award is quite time consuming and often challenging. Students gain immense organisational, community and communication skills as they complete their challenges for the award. Year 10 student and Silver awardee Anja Jorgensen said: "Through the challenges and triumphs, Duke of Edinburgh has seen me undertake new activities and meet numerous people in our community. It definitely keeps me busy! I cannot wait to begin my Gold award".

The Duke of Edinburgh comprises three awards: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each respective award requires participants to complete a certain amount of hours of physical recreation, skill and community service as well as undertake two adventurous journeys. Gold award participants additionally embark on a residential project, which often includes overseas school tours, exchanges and Christian camps. Ultimately students who receive the Gold award are invited to a presentation ceremony at Government House, Sydney.

preparatory school



Kindergarten celebrates Italian festivals

Learning Italian is a very hands-on experience in the Preparatory School. Kindergarten girls recently took great delight in taking part in Italian festivals during their lessons, getting dressed up in *maschere*, fancy dress, dancing the Tarantella and marching in the band. Much concentration was needed on the day we 'visited' the famous *Corsa Dei*

Camerieri, the Waiter Race, in the northern Italian city of Treviso and decided to try our hand as competitors, carefully balancing trays of drinks and racing to the finish line.



Celebration of Learning

In recognition of student's individual achievements this year, Preparatory School class teachers prepared a personal citation for each girl which was presented at our grade Celebrations of Learning assemblies held on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 November. Our talented Preparatory musicians performed at the events as parents celebrated their daughter's achievements. Each girl was presented with a citation and a specially chosen book that reflected her personal interest.

Kindergarten

Term 4 has been an exciting and busy time for Kindergarten. The girls have enjoyed doing an author study of Mem Fox, producing some beautiful artworks and imaginative acrostic poems. Through practical activities, Kindergarten girls developed their understanding of measurement concepts. They focused on concepts of time, length and volume. They also enjoyed learning about area with the help from their buddies in Year 2 discussing strategies to compare area and successfully used a variety of objects to investigate the area of complex shapes.

In Science, the girls enjoyed investigating the five senses. They ventured out into the College riverbed with magnifying glasses to take a closer look at our natural environment. During sensory walks, the girls experienced the different textures, sounds and scents found in our playground. They also experimented using their sense of taste and smell to identify foods that were salty, sweet, sour and bitter.

Students learned from each other as they presented their excellent projects which ranged from student created sensory boxes, investigations into braille, seeing-eye dogs and texture boards.

Swimming Carnival

The Preparatory School Swimming Carnival was held in the College pool on Thursday 7 November. There was much excitement amongst the girls who cheered for their respective Houses and offered encouragement to all swimmers. Each girl demonstrated determination and personal courage as they swam in races to earn valuable points for their House.

Congratulations to Gibbs on winning the 2013 Carnival.



Year 1 girls explore transport

I wonder what it would have been like to come to school on a horse?

This was just one of many interesting and challenging questions which Year 1 girls investigated as part of our Term 4 Science unit, Transport. The girls explored floating and sinking, the effect of slope on the movement and speed of a toy car and how the flight of a paper helicopter can be affected by factors such as wing size and height of drop. This exciting unit of study culminated with an enjoyable individual project. Using the knowledge gained throughout the term, each girl designed and made her own unique form of transport, using recyclable materials for the construction. Along with a labelled diagram and an explanation of the main features, these creative modes of transport showcased the girls' creativity and developing investigative skills.



Performing Arts

Preparatory School girls worked within the art forms of music, drama and dance to discover the world of fairy tales. They collaborated as class groups to help devise a scene for performance in our production, *Once Upon a Time*. This enabled each performance to be reflective of the personalities and ideas of each of our student groups. The girls enjoyed investigating some well-loved stories including *Snow White*, *Goldilocks*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *The Three Little Pigs* and *The Twelve Dancing Princesses* in preparation for creating their own piece of musical theatre.

The audiences were enchanted by the captivating performances given by the Preparatory School girls, who delighted in portraying the various characters.

Year 2

Term 4 was a very productive and enjoyable time for the Year 2 girls. They completed their Stage 1 academic studies, performed in their final Preparatory School Concert and prepared for the transition to the Junior School in 2014.

The Preparatory and Junior School transition programs were a wonderful success. The girls returned from these experiences full of anticipation for the year ahead. The program enabled girls to meet Junior School teachers, view Year 3 classrooms and familiarise themselves with Junior School facilities.

Transport was the focus of study in Human Society and Its Environment. The girls investigated various modes of transport, the role it plays in our daily lives and the impact that pollution has on the environment.



junior school



Year 3 Camp Limerick

Scarlett Turnill, Year 3

Our first camp was at Chowder Bay.
Very soon we were making our way.
Such fun on the bus,
The teachers and us,
Enjoying the glorious day.

Happy girls went floating on rafts
Eating bread and apples in halves.
Laughing and rowing,
Weaving and sewing,
Aboriginal arts and crafts.

The weather was sunny, not damp.
We read books by the light of a lamp.
We laughed night and day,
Hip hip hooray!
It was such a sensational camp!

Year 5 girls study poetry

Philippa Buchanan and Miranda Stewart, Year 5

In Term 4, Year 5 students enjoyed studying poetry. Learning different types of poetry, including limericks, haiku, free verse, rhyming poems and ballads, the students looked at poems including *Mulga Bill's Bicycle* by Banjo Patterson. We have enjoyed exploring poems and sharing our own poems with each other. Throughout the term we learned that poems have different structures and contain a variety of poetic devices, patterns and rhythm. Everyone was given their own scrapbook to create a poetry anthology and designed each page to go with a specific type of poem they have studied and written. We were all very creative with our ideas, making each anthology a unique booklet. Poetry has been a fun and engaging topic and one we will always remember from our time in Year 5.



Year 4 excursion to Hyde Park Barracks

Lauren, Peggy, Alison, Claudia, Isabelle and June, Year 4

Year 4 students visited Hyde Park Barracks on Friday 15 November and learned about convicts, including how bricks were made and how they sharpened tools. A highlight of the visit was pretending we were convicts and sleeping in the replicas of the old convict beds on hammocks.

After an enjoyable lunch in Hyde Park students explored Macquarie Street to look at the buildings designed by Francis Greenway including St James' Church and The Mint. The students also really enjoyed looking at the buildings, statues and streets named after Lachlan Macquarie.



Surf education for Year 6 girls

Holly O'Connor and Mackenzie Cooper, Year 6

Year 6 students travelled to Manly Beach on Sydney's northern beaches on Wednesday 13 November to learn about surf awareness with Surf Education Australia. We learned how to be safe in rips, participated in swimming relays and we even caught some waves on foam boards. We got there at about 9:30am and then got into our groups and began our activities. At 12:30pm we stopped for a nice picnic lunch on the lawn and then got ready to go on the bus back to school. It was a great day and we all really enjoyed it and would love to do it again.



A gift from Year 6

Following their studies of the botanical world, Year 6 students designed and painted a ceramic tile based on a flower of their choice. The tiles have been assembled to create a garden mural which is their gift to the Junior School. It is a stunning piece of artwork.

Pictured are nine of the 149 tiles painted by the students.

community service



Service Learning Program inspires Year 10 students

Year 10 students were challenged, inspired and empowered by their experiences during the week beginning 11 November as their service learning projects came to fruition.

Nineteen groups of students spent the previous few months building relationships, researching social justice and equity issues, planning relevant and meaningful service learning projects and implementing the knowledge and skills embedded in their curriculum. The planning and preparation was the responsibility of the student teams with teachers fulfilling the roles of mentors.

Students travelled across Sydney, New South Wales, the Northern Territory and even to Tanzania in central Africa to conduct their Service Learning projects.

Service Learning projects included students travelling to Gapuwiyak in North East Arnhem Land to work in partnership with the local community and school on environmental and educational issues, working with students at Enngonia Public School to help stimulate their educational experiences and provide memorable experiences to motivate them to keep attending school, the development and implementation of education programs to assist students at the School of St Jude's in Tanzania and closer to home students worked with the children and staff at St Gabriel's in Castle Hill to encourage participation in a range of Christmas activities.



Shoes on show for Planet Earth

Students from across the College showed their support for Shoes for Planet Earth Inc by donating sports shoes for the organisation to pass on to communities across Australia and overseas. The students' enthusiasm for the cause was shown by the impressive display of more than 150 pairs of donated shoes displayed on Gloucester Lawn on Monday 4 November. Viv Kartsounis from Shoes for Planet Earth Inc visited the College to accept the donated shoes and was most impressed with the generosity shown by *Pymble* students. Fifty of these pairs of shoes were personally delivered by Year 10 students to the School of St Jude in Tanzania when they travelled there for their Service Learning project.

Pymble students' commitment to social justice issues and their community service programs is impressive. Throughout the year students from Kindergarten to Year 12 pledged to help others and this was seen in countless community service activities

sports



Pymble wins overall IGSSA Gymnastics Champions

Miss Jess Torrington, Gymnastics Co-ordinator

In 2013 *Pymble* claimed the title of the overall champion school at the 44th annual Independent Girls' School Sporting Association (IGSSA) Gymnastics Competition. Held at the Sydney Gymnastics and Aquatic Centre in Rooty Hill on Friday 25 October, 31 *Pymble* girls competed across Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics, with 14 girls selected to compete at the Combined Independent Schools (CIS).

At the Independent Primary Schools Heads Association (IPSHA), *Pymble* had 27 competitors across Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics held at the Sydney Gymnastics and Aquatic Centre in Rooty Hill on Thursday 24 October. In Artistic our Levels 1, 2 and 3 teams finished first overall. In Rhythmic our beginner group placed second overall and our intermediate group placed first overall. Five Artistic gymnasts were selected to compete at the CIS competition.

At the CIS event *Pymble* had 19 competitors represent IPSHA and IGSSA in both Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics. The *Pymble* girls won seven medals in Artistic and four medals in Rhythmic.

The girls trained hard in the lead up to these events, with countless hours spent in the gymnastics centre focusing on ensuring their toes were pointed, fingers poised and landings stuck. Their dedication and commitment certainly paid off.



Pymble victorious in snow sports

Mrs Katie White, Snow Sports Co-ordinator

The *Pymble* Snow Sports Team has had another very successful year on the slopes. After a season of brilliant competition commencing with the Annual Knox *Pymble* Championships held in Perisher which attracted more than 200 competitors from all over Australia, the Snow Sports team impressed with their results at the Northern NSW Regional Interschools Snow Sports Championships, the Regional Skier X events and at the NSW State Interschools Snow Sports Championships.

Pymble had 28 students qualify for the National Championships held at Mt Buller in Victoria and were faced with some adverse conditions, with the snow melting at a rapid rate. The girls were a dominant force on the mountain and represented *Pymble* with pride.

boarding



Pymble hosts Country Luncheons in Moree and Quirindi

Pymble's Director of Boarding, Mrs Deanne Elliott, Secondary School teacher, Miss Anna Coles and Marketing staff Mrs Rebecca Pearce and Ms Kim Williams welcomed Pymble ex-students, current, past, future and prospective families to a luncheon in Moree on Thursday 17 October. Held at the Moree Town and Country Club, guests enjoyed a delicious lunch while catching up with friends and sharing their special memories of Pymble. Guests attending the luncheon came from Moree and surrounding towns.

The College also hosted a Country Luncheon in Quirindi at Colly Plains, the property of Bronnie and Hamish Saunders (parents of Sophie) on Saturday 19 October. College staff welcomed members of the Pymble community to a delicious luncheon held in the Saunder's garden. Guests attending the luncheon came from Quirindi and surrounding towns.

Boarders celebrate Rite of Passage

The Pymble boarding community celebrated its Rite of Passage ceremony on Friday 8 November. The annual event marks the journey each boarder embarks on when moving boarding houses.

The boarding structure at Pymble has been designed to facilitate the particular needs of girls at different year levels. Three separate boarding houses – Lang House for Year 12, Goodlet House for Years 10 and 11 and Marden House for Years 7, 8 and 9 – have been created to foster the growth and development of girls at different stages of physical, emotional, social and spiritual growth, as they move from dependence to independence.

The transition from Marden House to Goodlet House and then from Goodlet House to Lang House are significant phases for a boarder celebrating the progress of their journey to independence.

To the sounds of bagpipes and watched by members of the Boarding community and College staff, girls in Years 9 and 11 proudly processed to their new boarding houses under a guard of honour formed by girls in Years 7, 8 and 10.



performance and the arts



Billboard Film Festival an outstanding success

Stephanie Stuart, Year 11

The Billboard Film Festival was the film making event of the year at Pymble. It was a fantastic night where student film-makers from Preparatory School to Senior School were given the opportunity to showcase their works to the College community. The annual film festival shown for the first time in 2012 was an evening of short films, documentaries and mockumentaries.

Spread across the big screen in the Gillian Moore Centre for Performing Arts, the audience was captivated by the amazing creative masterpieces while enjoying popcorn and gourmet mini burgers. Many of the girls had been working on their projects for months and were extremely passionate and eager to communicate their message to the audience. A highlight of the evening was the premiere of the Pymble film project *The Engineer of Fate*, a product of a year's work from hundreds of Years 9 to 11 students, staff and parents from the College.

Well done to the students who received awards on the night, especially Rita Cheung and Natasha Ng of Year 10 who received prizes for the Best Documentary and Best Short Film for their respective creations: *Embers* and *Real vs Reel*.

Embers portrays the horrors of bush fires

Stephanie Stuart, Year 11

The Gillian Moore Centre for Performing Arts was engulfed in a kaleidoscope of lights, smoke and sirens on Friday 1 and Saturday 2 November as Pymble drama students from Years 10 and 11 banded together in the captivating performance of *Embers*.

The contemporary work, written by Campion Decent, is a verbatim play taken from the catastrophic events of the 2003 Victorian bush fires. Through the combination of the actors' portrayal of the community's heartfelt stories with the eclectic multi-media presentation, the ensemble presented a realistic representation which ultimately gave justice to the struggles faced by the victims of the fire. The production was very provoking, captivating the audience with the realities of the event.

With the extreme bush fires in New South Wales at the time of the production, the performance's message resonated deeply with the cast, crew and audience, allowing them to empathise with the struggles faced by those affected by the bush fires.





Students enjoy exchange with St Catherine's Melbourne

Ananya Sinha, Year 11

Year 8 *Pymble* students were given the exciting opportunity of an exchange with students from St Catherine's School in Toorak, Melbourne. Eleven *Pymble* Year 8 girls: Alexandra Woodhill, Jessica Hiller, Courtney Heaven, Lucy Hill, Juné Stals, Zoë Crete, Amie Long, Ambika Sinha, Ellen Papadimitriou, Chloe Stanfield and Saskia van Steensel travelled to Melbourne on Sunday 24 November. The girls were given the chance to participate in the St Catherine's School life and also had the opportunity to explore Melbourne with their respective exchange partners. Parliament House, the Edge Tower and Flinders Street were excitedly explored by our students. Flying back to Sydney on Wednesday afternoon, the *Pymble* girls had the opportunity to reciprocate the warm hospitality they received in Melbourne when the 11 St Catherine's girls buddied with them for a taste of life at *Pymble* Ladies' College.

The students from St Catherine's thoroughly enjoyed experiencing a few days as *Pymble* girls, and had the opportunity to look at Sydney's famous tourist attractions such as the Sydney Opera House and Darling Harbour and also participated in the Urban Challenge, a journey of finding clues, answering questions and locating landmarks. The girls had participated in a similar activity, the Great Melbourne Spectacular, during their stay in Melbourne. Ms Lindsay Bosch, Head of Middle School, accompanied the students to Melbourne and the St Catherine's School Year 8 Dean, Ms Gina Peele travelled to Sydney for the *Pymble* exchange.



Call for an end to child detention

Pymble students from Years 9 and 10 and the *Pymble* Ignite group contributed their time to making a quilt in support of the 'Give Hope' campaign developed by UnitingCare Australia and UnitingJustice Australia to end child detention. Their work was on display at a special service for the initiative held on Saturday 22 November at Circular Quay, Sydney. Year 10 student, Christine Cung, the guest speaker at the service, presented her hopes and dreams of freedom for all children in detention speaking about her own life and her family's entry to Australia.

Christine Cung was a member of a group of Year 10 students who spent their Service Learning week working with UnitingWorld, part of the Uniting Church in Australia, meeting with and hearing the heart-rending stories of refugees of their plight of learning their war-torn homes to find a better life in Australia. The students also assisted in the Give Hope campaign.



Famous murder case reviewed in video conference

Matthew Peacock, Legal Studies teacher

Year 11 Legal Studies students participated in a live video conference in the College's Cisco Room with Mark Tedeschi QC, the most senior prosecutor in NSW on Thursday 8 August.

Mr Tedeschi spoke with the students about his book *Eugenia* which traces a famous murder case in the 1920s. The story is fascinating and is known as the 'Man-Woman Case'. Eugenia was a woman who lived successfully as a man for nearly 20 years, including being married twice. When she was finally discovered to be a woman she was charged and eventually convicted of murdering her first wife. A teaching unit has been developed at *Pymble* around her story allowing students to examine aspects of the criminal justice system such as the role of juries, the adversary system and the role of the media. During the video conference the class asked questions of Mr Tedeschi about both the Eugenia story and the role of the prosecutor.



Pymble team wins at Write-a-Book-in-a-Day

A team of *Pymble* students from Years 10 and 11 won the New South Wales Best Book Upper School Category when they entered their story, *A Rat's Tale* in the 2013 Write-a-Book-in-a-Day competition.

The Write-a-Book-in-a-Day competition is a charity event for Westmead Children's Hospital and is a wonderful, fun, team building and writing experience for students who are required to complete a story in just one day.

Nine teams of *Pymble* students from Years 7 to 11 participated in the project, creating books that on completion of the project were placed in the Westmead Children's Hospital library for patients to read and enjoy.

parent groups



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Pymble Melbourne Cup Luncheon

The 2013 Pymble Ladies' College Melbourne Cup Luncheon was an outstanding success with more than 130 guests enjoying the afternoon of fine food, sweeps and raffles culminating with the screening of the 2013 Melbourne Cup. The event raised \$20,000 in support of the Pymble Indigenous Scholarship Program (ISP).

Special guests attending the luncheon included ISP Patron Mrs Evonne Goolagong Cawley AO MBE, Mr Roger Cawley, Indigenous artist Mr Kurun Warun, guest speaker Mrs Judy Tasker and former Pymble Indigenous Scholars, Miss Keiryn Lenoy, Miss Libby Cook-Black and Miss Ella Merritt.

Thanks to the 2013 Melbourne Cup Luncheon organising committee of Nick Fiennes (convenor), Katrina Corcoran, Tara Linqvist, Samantha MacNally and Winona Poon for their hard work and dedication in support of the Pymble Indigenous Scholarship Program.

The College gratefully acknowledges the support of the Pymble Melbourne Cup Luncheon sponsors:

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Dan Murphy's (Willoughby)			The Blackout Cafe	



PPA thanks Pymble staff

Amanda Bear, PPA Staff Barbeque Convenor

Every year on the last Friday in October, the Pymble Parent Association sponsors the Staff Barbeque to celebrate World Teachers' Day, which is observed globally in more than 100 countries.

The event is an opportunity for the parent community to acknowledge the professionalism of our teachers from Kindergarten to Year 12 and to thank them for their contribution to the quality, all-round education our daughters enjoy.

It is also an opportunity to thank all members of the Operational staff who, on a day-to-day basis, play such an important and integral role in the life of the College, supporting the implementation of initiatives as we move towards 2020.

A highlight of the PPA calendar, the event is enjoyed by staff and parents alike, and this year a record number of Year 12 parents participated to say a final thank you and farewell to Pymble.



Festive Cupcake Day

Camille Stewart, Junior School Parent Group

Congratulations to the wonderful parents of Year 5 for helping make the Cupcake Day on Tuesday 26 November a great success.

With more than 600 beautiful cupcakes, all decorated in the Christmas theme, the table looked very festive.

The Year 5 girls raised \$1,187 which will be shared between their two charities, Westmead Hospital and the Nangala Project, a non-profit initiative to relieve poverty and disadvantage amongst Australian Indigenous children and their families.

Well done to the 60 parents and Year 5 girls who baked and decorated the Christmas cupcakes and the parents who helped run the stall.



Year 8 Mothers and Daughters dine out

Isabel Heaven, Event Convenor

Ninety-five Year 8 mothers and daughters enjoyed a night of fine food at the Killara Golf Club on Saturday 26 October at their Mother Daughter Dinner. Joined by the Head of Middle School, Ms Lindsay Bosch and Deputy Head Mr Paul Bulmer, the girls and their mums were entertained by a DJ as they enjoyed the delicious finger food served at the event. Mums and daughters attending the evening agreed it was a fabulous night enjoyed by all.



Parents dine as girls dance the night away

Eva Coulam, Upper School Parent Group

Year 10 parents had a wonderful night together while their daughters were dancing the night away with the boys from Shore at the Year 10 Dance held at Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills on Friday 25 October. There was no dancing at Cavallino restaurant, but we enjoyed some great Italian hospitality with a delicious array of antipasto, pizza and profiteroles. The Head of Upper School, Mr Phil O'Regan dropped by to report on the dance and it was lovely to catch up with everyone at the end of another busy year.





President's Report *Katrina Corcoran (Hum, 1987)*



At the 84th Ex-Students' Union (ESU) AGM held on Tuesday 29 October 2013, I was proud to be nominated as the new ESU President. This is an exciting step for me, as I joined the ESU Committee in 2008 and have held the position of Secretary for the last four years.

My connection with the College goes back some generations, as my great-grandfather built the Marden Gates. My daughters will be in Year 4 and Year 7 in 2014 as fourth generation *Pymble* girls. Our long family history has been but one of the many building blocks of the pride and connection that I feel with the College. I remember my seven years at *Pymble* fondly and it's thrilling to see the all-round education that my girls are now receiving. In 1999 my husband Craig and I were married in the College Chapel, and my three bridesmaids were all *ex-Pymble* girls. Our four children were also christened in the Chapel. During my 33-year association with the College, things have certainly developed, grown and changed, however I see *Pymble* as being progressively traditional.

Over the last year, the connection between the ESU and the College has strengthened with the appointment of John Da Cruz as Director of Development and Joy England as Alumni Relations Manager. Through their office, there has been the instigation of more reunions being held nationally and internationally, closer connections between ex-students and current students and a broadening in the understanding of what the ESU does and our aim for the future. We have also seen a steady increase in our ESU Life Members and more ex-students providing details to update our database.

As I look back at the timelines and achievements of the most recent Presidents, Sue Everingham (Taylor, 1977) and Diana Brown (Mickle, 1982), I look ahead at what I as President, aim to achieve.

In 2014, the Committee will continue to be busy with a variety of events that are regulars on our calendar. Some of these events will include the ex-student Grandmothers and Mothers of current girls Morning Tea, Commemoration Day Service, Garden Party, Reunions in Hong Kong, Shanghai and London, as well as locally and nationally, plus our Networking Lunch. We will continue to support an ex-student hockey and netball team and enjoy the beautiful singing of our Ex-student Choir as well as fund an ESU Scholarship for Years 11 and 12 and the Artist-In-Residence Program. Each year we proudly continue to financially contribute to the uniforms of the Indigenous Scholarship girls and host morning teas for our incoming and outgoing Year 12 girls.

The Centenary of the College will fall in 2016. This will be a time of celebration, reconnection and embracing all that the College has to offer. It will be a time for reliving memories through the eyes of our ex-students, who have gone out to forge their paths in the world and who have remained or reconnected with the College. We are all part of an unending chain of ex-students passing through the College gates, and it is comforting to know that wherever you may be around the world, *Pymble* will always be part of your life and a familiar foundation. In this spirit, we strongly encourage anyone who would like to participate in ESU activities such as our mentoring program, careers night, Ex-students Choir, ex-students hockey and netball teams to please contact us.

I encourage you to keep in touch online by joining the ESU facebook page and LinkedIn Group.

I am delighted to welcome Karin Attebo (1983), Claudia Higgins (Fahey, 2003), Christie Charlin (Fuller, 1985) and Jennifer Macourt (Degotardi, 1982) to the Committee and welcome back Edwina Fawcett (Seaton 1986). The ESU extends a huge vote of thanks to our outgoing President, Sue Everingham (Taylor, 1977) and Wendy Dreyfus (Sherman, 1976) who will be greatly missed. Sue has served with true dedication for five years on the Committee, with four of those as President. She was instrumental in introducing automatic ESU membership to all Year 12 girls once they graduated from the College. Sue has been an incredible figurehead of the ESU and I thoroughly enjoyed my time with her. Wendy Dreyfus spent ten years on the Committee helping in a variety of ways, in particular the Valedictory Dinner, the Garden Party, morning teas and various social events held by the ESU, all done with passion and flair.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the wonderful ESU Committee, past and present. I know that you share my passion and pride in the College and we shall endeavour to continue our unending chain for the good of future girls and those who have been.

All' Ultimo Lavoro

Katrina Corcoran (Hum, 1987)

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Important Dates for 2014

Morning Tea ex-student Mothers and Grandmothers of current students Friday 21 March, Heritage Centre

Commemoration Day for all ex-students Sunday 27 July

ESU Networking Event October Friday 17 October

ESU AGM Tuesday 28 October, 6.30pm, Heritage Centre

Thank you Sue Everingham (Taylor, 1977)

On behalf of the Principal Vicki Waters and the College, the ESU extends its thanks to Sue Everingham for her outstanding work as the President of the ESU. Always professional and calm but with a wonderful sense of humour, Sue has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the ex-students. Her achievements were numerous but in particular Sue has worked on automatic membership for ex-students as well working to develop a strategic plan for the ESU which works in close partnership with the College. We wish her all the best and look forward to continuing working with her on networking and mentoring opportunities with the ex-students.

Reunion Reports



**Class of 1963
50 Year Reunion -
Sunday 13 October**

Sixty-four ex-students gathered at *Pymble* to celebrate the fifty years that have passed since they left school. The event was co-ordinated by Louise Allison, ably assisted by Alison Watson (Ferguson) and Alison Kearns (McCutcheon). Louise welcomed everyone and was especially pleased to welcome Vicki Waters, Principal, Sue Everingham and our teachers, Mrs Burgoyne and

Miss Tuck! Our tables were beautifully decorated by Kari Svensen. We shared memories, photos and conversation flowed. We had a great booklet, prepared by Alison Kearns, to take home. Nineteen boarders had gathered for dinner at Chatswood on Saturday 12 October and enjoyed the opportunity to meet with friends with whom they had lived so closely all those years ago.

Louise Allison (1963)



**Class of 1978
35 Year Reunion -
Saturday 19
October**

About 50 classmates gathered to celebrate our 35 Year Reunion. The College provides a wonderful back drop and lunch was just

delicious. It still amazes me how a gathering of 50-plus year olds can pick up right from the last time we all met.

After lunch we spent time wandering around the school, which has undergone some amazing changes. The boarders enjoyed a tour of Goodlet House where memories came flooding back. Earlier in 2013, we sadly lost our Head Prefect, Sylvia Hartog (Janssen). Throughout her illness, Sylvia was helped by the Arrow Bone Marrow Foundation, and I am delighted that our year group made a contribution to the Foundation in her memory. I am sure the next five years will fly by however when the next reunion is on the horizon, the girls from 1978 will turn out in force, as always.

Merry Hughes (1978)



**Class of 1983
30 Year Reunion**

Our reunion was a great success. We had a massive turnout of 92 from the Class of 1983. We have been in contact with 112 out of the 134 ex-students.

At morning tea in the Heritage Centre, the Principal, Vicki Waters said that we were one of Miss Buckham's favourite years for our united spirit and friendships. Thanks must go to Rowena Stuljater (MacMurray) and Vanya MacGregor for organising the reunion. For women who spent their teenage years without a mobile phone, the internet or an email we are to be commended for our connectedness. Thanks to those who travelled from Queensland, Northern NSW and the boarders who came in the middle of cropping. See you next time.

Jen Hart (Cole, 1983)

Brisbane Reunion - Saturday 7 September



Attended by about 30 ex-students, we were pleased to welcome our Principal, Mrs Vicki Waters as well as Mrs Patricia Burgoyne, former staff member. The ladies enjoyed an excellent lunch and the friendship that is evident between 'girls' from *Pymble* was demonstrated by laughter and conversation throughout the afternoon. Helen Gibson (Colton, 1963) has been the organiser of this event for 29 years! Her unstinting support and love for *Pymble* has certainly been evidenced by her willingness to organise the reunions. Helen did say that Miss Knox asked her to do it and she "never dared say no to Miss Knox!" Helen was presented with a gift on behalf of the College and the Ex-Students' Union.

Melbourne Reunion - Sunday 15 September



On a gorgeous sunny afternoon 25 former *Pymble* girls gathered at Kooyong Tennis Club for afternoon tea. They spanned 50 year groups, and it was great fun to rekindle old friendships and meet new friends with the common bonds of our school years. We all signed our names in the Melbourne Reunion Book which has been in use since 1962. It was a marvellous day and enjoyed by all who attended.

Natasha Heaghan (Conde, 1992)

Perth Reunion - Saturday 28 October



Following a hiatus, the ladies of Western Australia rallied for a High Tea at The George. It was lovely to welcome both stalwarts and newcomers to our gathering. Quite a number of 'locals' were travelling elsewhere and were therefore unable to attend, however all sent their regards and a couple of ladies attending Saturday's function were doubling up after attending their 50th reunion in Sydney the previous week, well done Susan and Elizabeth! The Perth girls are now looking forward to more frequent catch ups, especially as we head towards *Pymble's* Centenary in 2016.

Linda McCorquodale (1979)



Announcements

Engagements

- **Jessica Grundy (2002)** to Cirillo Queiroz.

Marriages

- **Emily Cale (2005)** married Christopher Rees on 13 September 2013 at Beecroft Presbyterian Church followed by a reception at Curzon Hall in Marsfield. Emily was attended by her sisters, Alicia Cale (2010), Jessica Cale (2007) and friend Zhenzi Zhu (2005).



- **Rebecca Craig (2003)** married Peter Hubert at Meroo Union Church followed by a reception at Terrara House Estate in the Southern Highlands on Saturday 27 April 2013. Rebecca was attended by her sister, Gemma Craig (2005).



- **Jessica Daymond (2007)** married Robert Asher on Sunday 6 October 2013 in the Pymble Ladies' College War Memorial Chapel.
- **Alexandra Egan (2000)** married Henry White on Saturday 27 April 2013, at Havilah Homestead in Mudgee. Alex was attended by three bridesmaids, Jennifer Cooper (2000), Leane Hurrell (2000) and Mia Showell-Woodsmith.



- **Kristen Montgomery (2000)** married Luke Brown at St Augustine's Church, Narromine on 29 September 2012. Her Matrons of Honour were Anne Beaumont (Tully, 2000) and Alex Quigley and her bridesmaid was sister, Tina Montgomery (2003).

Births

- **Judith Cooke (Sharpe, 1992)** and husband, Rob are excited to announce the safe arrival of their first child, George Walter Stirling Cooke, born on 10 December 2012.
- **Ellen Hickson (Conway, 1996)** and husband, Wade, are thrilled to announce the birth of Emily Charlotte Hickson, on 28 July 2013. She is a grandchild of Margaret-Ellen Conway (MacKenzie, 1967).
- **Kimberly Ricker (Daymond, 2005)** and husband Grant, are delighted to announce the arrival of their first child, Ava Lily Ricker, born on 10 June 2013. Ava is the niece of Jessica Asher (Daymond, 2007).
- **Alyssa Squance (Burman, 1998)** and husband Dane, welcomed Harrison James Carey Squance to the world on 12 September 2013. Nephew of Emma Zillman (Burman, 1987).

Vale

- **Gertrude Buck (McIntosh, 1941)** sadly died in 2012.
- **Agnes Dobson (Claverene, 1931)** aged 91 years, died in August.
- **Pamela Ellison Flockhart (Macartney, 1944)** died in September 2012 after a tough battle against a brain tumour. She lived in Scotland from 1952 until her death. Pamela was always fond of *Pymble* and retained her best friend from her school days until the last moments.
- **Veronica Ferrazza (Walker, 1945)** passed away on 23 October 2013, she was a boarder at *Pymble* from 1941 to 1945 when her parents were interned by the Japanese in Hong Kong. She met nothing but kindness from pupils and staff and often spoke warmly of her time at *Pymble*.
- **Roslyn Hughesdon (Worsley, 1956)** died in September 2013. Roslyn enjoyed her time at *Pymble* and kept up with the news via the *Pymbulletin*.
- **Phyllis (Phyl) Preston (Witts, 1947)** died peacefully on 16 October 2013, aged 84. Phyl was a generous and loving person who always saw the good in others. Happily married to John Preston for more than 62 years, she was the much-loved mother of Jill Shaw (Preston, 1974), grandmother of Rebecca Preston (2009), Rachael Preston (2012) and Anna Shaw (2013), and friend and sister-in-law of Ann Pryde (Preston, 1947) and Barbara Cooper (Preston, 1942). She cherished her family and the lifelong friends she made at *Pymble*.
- **Joan Roots OAM (Sutherland, 1943)** died on 4 August 2013. A much loved community spirited woman involved with the Woodburn Orchid Society and the Country Women's Association community work (for which she received a Medal of the Order of Australia in 2000).
- **Jenny Welch (Thomas, 1963)** passed away very suddenly on 28 June 2013. Her death was a huge shock to her family. Jenny and her husband have three sons and four grandchildren. Jenny was much missed by all at the Class of 1963 Reunion.
- **Esther Wilder (Gibson, 1945)**. Esther died on 1 May 2012. Nea, as she was known, married and moved to England in 1950 but never lost her ties with the College or her school friends and spoke fondly of her time at *Pymble*.
- **Judith Willoughby (Russell, 1954)** died on 3 November 2013. Her mother, Walda Russell (Simonson, 1929) was also an ex-student. Judith enjoyed the *Pymbulletin* and attended many reunions.
- **Betty Verney (Stevenson, 1941)** died on 10 July 2013. Betty valued her time at *Pymble* and enjoyed the visits of Miss Knox when she visited Brisbane.

Ex-student News

ESU Networking Lunch – Wednesday 16 October



The inaugural ESU Networking Lunch held at The America Club, Sydney was an enormous success. Guest speaker, Melissa Doyle (1987) spoke inspirationally about managing her career and family and also the benefits of networking connections and mentoring. The balance between a working life and family is a familiar juggle for many. In addition, the ability to be able to call on ex-students as mentors from a range of different professions and careers is of enormous value. The ex-students were also thrilled to have Mrs Vicki Waters, College Principal attend. Vicki spoke of the value of connections and the global network of ex-students. The 2014 Luncheon will be held on Friday 17 October.

Happy 100th Birthday Hazel - September



Hazel Perdriau (1928) celebrated her 100th birthday at *Pymble*. To mark this special occasion, Hazel joined Principal Vicki Waters, for morning tea in the Heritage Centre followed by a tour of the College. As a special surprise a group of students sang Happy Birthday. Hazel loved her time at *Pymble* and remembers girls riding to school as well as the orchards and fields of grazing cows. As a gift to the College and in memory of her years at *Pymble* Hazel planted a Queensland Box outside Marden House.

Ex-students Hockey Team

In 2011 a group of 11 ex-students founded a *Pymble* Ex-students hockey team. Since then we have played in the Women's North Shore Winter and Summer hockey competitions, raised money through barbecues at Kelso Oval and celebrated many wins. Thanks to the ESU for their support and to the players who have showed their passion and talent on and off the field. Now recruiting players for the 2014 Winter season. Contact Bridget Maritz on email: maritzbridget@gmail.com

Upcoming Reunions – 2014

If you would like to organise a reunion for your Class please contact Joy England, at JEngland@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au or call 02 9855 7304.

Event	Year	Date and Venue	Contact
5 Year Reunion	2009 Leavers	Date and venue TBA	Lauren Oehlers E: loeh1496@uni.sydney.edu.au
20 Year Reunion	1994 Leavers	Saturday 13 September, venue TBA	Alix Toynton (Icklow) M: 0418 691 649 E: alix@monarchinvestments.com Katie Motteram (Struve) M: 0421 566 540 E: katie.motteram@gmail.com
45 Year Reunion	1969 Leavers	Sunday 27 July, Morning Tea on the David Blackwell Music Building balcony	Philippa Graham (Myers) M: 0407 202 838 E: dgraham@pobox.com
50 Year Reunion	1964 Leavers	Sunday 12 October, Atrium, Senior School Centre - Kate Mason Building	Diana Thomas (Boden) E: drdthomas@hotmail.com Kate Fredericks (Ferguson, 1964) T: 02 9449 9610 M: 0412 928 430 E: katefredericks6@gmail.com
60 Year Reunion	1954 Leavers	Sunday 27 July, Lunch in the Atrium, Senior School Centre - Kate Mason Building	Jackie Farrar (Molyneux) E: rfarrar@bigpond.net.au

Global and Regional Pymble Ladies' College Reunions – 2014

Event	Year	Date and Venue	Contact
Canberra	All ex-students in the area are very welcome	Saturday 5 April 2014 Commonwealth Club	Alison Watson (Ferguson, 1963) E: aliwatson9@optusnet.com.au
Hong Kong	All ex-students in the area are very welcome	Tuesday 13 May 2014 Icon Hotel, Kowloon	Joy England Alumni Relations Manager E: JEngland@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au
UK and Europe	All ex-students in the area are very welcome	Saturday 17 May 2014 London, Venue TBA	Fiona Schreuder (Hayman, 1986) Katrina Collier (Richardson, 1988) E: picalumnieurop@gmail.com
Brisbane	All ex-students in the area are very welcome	Saturday 6 September 2014 Era Bistro, cnr Melbourne and Merivale Streets, South Brisbane	Helen Cooper (Witten, 1960) E: hl.cooper777@gmail.com Jean Single (Vicars, 1952) E: js755420@bigpond.net.au
Melbourne	All ex-students in the area are very welcome	September 2014 Date and venue TBA	Natasha Heughan (Conde, 1992) E: natashah@people.net.au Sally-Ann Totman (1993) E: sally.totman@deakin.edu.au
Perth	All ex-students in the area are very welcome	Date and venue TBA	Linda McCorquodale (1979) E: Linda.McCorquodale@fqml.com

looking back

College Chapel wedding memories

Joy England, Alumni Relations Manager

Weddings of ex-students and the baptisms of their babies quickly became popular with the construction of the War Memorial Chapel in 1956, which had been many years in the planning.

Many ex-students remember being told by Miss Knox at an assembly that they had to take a brick to the area where the Chapel was being constructed. The girls listened in disbelief and laughed but Miss Knox was serious. So each girl took a brick and laid it where the Chapel now stands.

The Chapel is also home to the beautiful Lewis pipe organ, purchased by Miss Buckham with the assistance of the Ex-Students' Union (ESU) and the proceeds of two Garden parties. At an historic and moving ceremony on 7 July 1971, the organ was officially handed over to the College and ex-student Jillian Cranney (Stacey), then a senior pupil, was given the honour of being the first *Pymble* girl to play the new organ.

The pews bear the names of donors and many of the interior furniture items and adornments were the results of gifts for specific purposes. The ESU made many gifts to the Chapel,

the most significant being the Rose Window which can be seen as the Chapel is approached by the entrance steps. Light streams in the Rose Window bathing the Chapel in a beautiful glow. A plaque celebrating the support of the ESU can be seen in the Chapel.

The first wedding on 7 June 1956 was that of Winifred Allworth (Ross, 1949) the daughter of foundation pupil Margaret Ross (1918). As applications had to be made for weddings, Winifred showed great foresight in applying for permission in January before the Chapel had opened. Winifred was a country girl and boarder with a strong sense of the traditions and ways of boarders so the Boarders Choir was invited to sing. They occupied the Chapel Gallery. Miss Knox gave permission for the wedding on the understanding that it had to be in daylight so the girls could watch the celebrations. The couple were married at 4.45pm and had their reception at the Hotel Wentworth in the city.

There were eight more weddings in that year but numerous weddings have taken place since 1956. The beautiful Chapel and the glorious grounds are a lovely setting for weddings at *Pymble*.

If you are considering having your wedding at *Pymble*, please email Jengland@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au



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Jo Kitchener (Bloomfield, 1987)

"I was married in the Chapel on 27 September 1997 to John Kitchener and our minister was the Rev Dr Colin Ford. One of my memories of being married in the Chapel is that I walked across the 'holy lawn' that we were not allowed on as students!"

Wendy Lane (Taylor, 1960)

"I started school at *Pymble* in 1956 and was present at the opening of the Chapel... where I decided that I would like to be married there someday. I was married in the Chapel in 1972 and had a real feeling that something special had been achieved. I'm still married and have wonderful memories of that special day in such a special place".

Annie Tamblyn (McLean 1979)

"I married Phillip Scott Tamblyn and my sister, Catherine Tapp (McLean 1982) was my bridesmaid."

Pip Forsyth (Kennedy, 1986)

"My time at *Pymble* spanned from 1977 to 1986 and I was married in the Chapel on 23 March, 2003."

Katrina Corcoran (Hum, 1987)

"I was surrounded by ex-students Melissa Doyle, Emma Newling and Kristen Faahan-Smith (Wood) when I married Craig on 27 March, 1999."



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