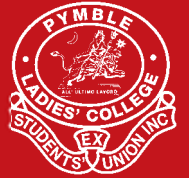




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Principal's Pen

Vicki L Waters

Welcome to the first issue of the *Pymbulletin* for 2010, a celebration of the wonderful achievements and opportunities our students have undertaken during the first months of the school year.

2010 promises to be a year of challenge for all students. Year 12 Prefects have chosen the theme of 'The X Factor', aptly named for its Roman numeral representation of our calendar year and to encourage all girls to give a little bit extra in all aspects of College life.

The X Factor theme was highlighted in an initiative driven by the Prefects in May when staff and students combined to cover a giant X marked out on the Mollie Dive Field with coins to donate to the Exodus Foundation. This was an outstanding effort and I'm thrilled with the response from our College community.

At *Pymble* students are instilled with an awareness of social justice and actively participate in community service initiatives throughout the year. Entrusting our students with these activities and fundraising tasks helps create an awareness of the plight of others and also a sense of making a difference.

Our five core values of care, courage, integrity, respect and responsibility provide a strong foundation for the College's community service activities, some of which you can read about on page 16 in this issue of *Pymbulletin*.

Our Community Service activities extend far and wide including work on projects across the globe. Just one example is the eight students who trekked to India in the Summer holidays to assist in some general maintenance work and to teach English to students at a school in Shegali.

The *Pymble* Indigenous Scholarship Program provides indigenous girls with the opportunities to reach their potential with the confidence and ability to make a significant contribution to not only their local community, but also globally.

This year we have eight indigenous students boarding at the College. I am pleased to advise our new students have settled in very well and all our indigenous students are engaged actively within the College community. The girls recently attended a prestigious and very meaningful event calling for an end to Indigenous disadvantage which is reported on page 8 in this issue.

The College is presenting an exhibition of indigenous prints, *Sharing Cultures*, as a highlight of *Pymble's* Indigenous Cultural Week to be held in August. I invite you to attend the exhibition and enjoy viewing this amazing collection of artworks.

2010 has commenced as a year of inspiration with the challenge to give a little bit eXtra. I am sure you will be inspired as you read the amazing accomplishments of our students and the wide-ranging activities reported in this issue of the *Pymbulletin*.

Indigenous Art Exhibition *Sharing Cultures*

Sharing Cultures is a collection of fine art limited edition prints from Djumbunji Press KickArts Printmaking in Cairns, Queensland, featuring the works of contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island printmakers from the region. The exhibition is open to the *Pymble* community and general public from Thursday 19 August to Sunday 22 August (10am to 5pm) in the foyer of the Gillian Moore Centre for Performing Arts.

Introducing our new Deputy Principal

Diya Pacheco, Year 11

In January 2010, the *Pymble* community welcomed our new Deputy Principal, Mrs Julie Shaw. Mrs Shaw is passionate about her job and is committed to the development of Pymble Ladies' College. Her favourite thing about working at *Pymble* is being able to "interact with so many different people, including students and staff, everyday".

From a background of PDHPE teaching and an enthusiastic sportswoman, Mrs Shaw stays fit by playing netball and regular walking, including walking home from school. She enjoyed running when she was younger. "When I was at school, I played a different sport every term," she said.

Among the public figures she admires are Sue Fear and Fred Hollows, for their exceptional work and community service. "I respect them because they gave their time to developing communities that were in need," she said.

A more personal role model is her grandfather, who survived the Second World War and was one of her "biggest influences".

Mrs Shaw attended primary school in England and high school in South Australia. She has been teaching for twenty-eight years, at both co-educational and girls' schools. However, she fervently believes that girls do better in all-girls' schools.

The biggest challenge at the moment is getting to know the *Pymble* community. "It's great when people come and visit me, because then I am much more likely to remember them," said Mrs Shaw, who resolves to get to know as many students as possible.

"Your life is very fast and very immediate," she proclaimed when asked how students have changed since she was at school. "You are more worldly, because of improved communications. You have a much greater awareness about global issues and you grow up more quickly."

Mrs Shaw is keen to develop the community service initiatives of the College. "If we focus all of our energies into one or two projects or in a particular area we could make a huge difference to lots of people," she said. "That's what I would like *Pymble* to be famous for – what we give back to the community."

Mrs Shaw is a great asset to the *Pymble* community and her vision for the future is a testament to her commitment to enhancing and enriching us at the College.



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Pymble welcomes new Head of Middle School

Lisa Gao, Year 11

Ms Lindsay Bosch has joined the *Pymble* community as the new Head of Middle School. Ms Bosch brings to the College a fresh outlook backed by 20 years teaching experience.

When asked what she liked best about the school, Ms Bosch replied, "All the staff and students at *Pymble* have a very strong sense of community and are very respectful of each other. I think the students are respectful of the teachers and I think the teachers are thoughtful towards each other."

At school, Ms Bosch's favourite subjects were history and science. Today, she is an avid reader of educational non-fiction books and of escapist novels like those of Patricia Cornwell. She cites Nelson Mandela as a major source of inspiration: "The very first year I started teaching he was released from prison and so I experienced the next eight years of integration and reconciliation in South Africa."

Ms Bosch would like to instigate more direct community service initiatives at *Pymble*. "I would like to run service learning tours so we are not necessarily just donating money but going out into the community and having a meaningful experience helping others. And we would learn so much in return."

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Preparatory School

Bright start to new year

The start of a new school year is always exciting and in the Preparatory School there's always great excitement as girls start a school year for the very first time.

2010 was no exception! We welcomed 74 new girls to the Preparatory School and also new staff members Mrs Lauren McNally and Mrs Michelle Cook with Mrs Fiona McDermott and Mrs Susie Donohoe returning to the College.

Orientation Day was a memorable occasion, with many parents shedding a tear watching their young daughter starting their life as a student at *Pymble*. The day was brightened by the warm welcome and beautiful morning tea provided by the Prep School Parents' Association.

Our new students have settled in beautifully after sitting for their very first assessments which provided useful information to assist class teachers in preparing work for individual students.

Parents have also engaged with the College attending an Information Evening which provided important details on the curriculum and Key Learning Areas. Parents also met with Class teachers later in the term to discuss their daughter's welfare and progress.



It's all about 'me' in Kindergarten

Starting school can be a daunting experience and the girls can be overwhelmed by their new surroundings and new faces that suddenly become an important aspect in their life. To assist the girls settling into life at *Pymble*, Kindergarten began the year with the units of work 'This is Me' and 'School Days' which involved many exciting visits around the College.

Our Kindergarten girls have made great use of our Big Book collection and have enjoyed reciting speech rhymes, writing simple recounts and procedures as well as creating beautiful works of art just like the 'old masters'.

The girls particularly enjoyed making pancakes and eating their scrumptious treats at the end of the lesson!



Sea creatures come to life for Year 1

Sharks, fish and other creatures of the sea were the order of the day when Year 1 girls visited the Sydney Aquarium to learn about the many different sea creatures which live in salt and freshwater environments, particularly on the Great Barrier Reef, as part of their 'Under the Sea' unit.

The girls were also privileged to view some amazing underwater footage from around Sydney Harbour when Diver George visited the College and spoke with the girls about life in the deep.

To conclude their unit on 'Under the Sea', the girls designed some very impressive information booklets incorporating craftwork and well-labelled diagrams of sea creatures.

Exploring fun for Year 2 girls

Year 2 girls set off from the College for a day of exploring when they visited the Royal Botanic Gardens in February.

As part of their unit of work on 'Wet and Dry Environments', the girls explored the Garden's rainforest, searched for pond animals and identified the shapes and colours of the cacti and other succulents in the Gardens.

Continuing their work in the unit, the girls developed their lateral thinking skills through Blooms Taxonomy, completing research tasks. They also prepared and presented news reports on animals which live in the Daintree Rainforest and the Great Sandy Desert.



Machines, water and magic brought to life in Performing Arts

Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 girls' studies came to life through the incorporation of music, dance and drama in their work.

The Kindergarten activities were based on Machines, Year 1 girls worked on the unit of Water and Year 2 girls incorporated music, dance and drama into their study of Magic and Make-Believe.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed their lessons in Performing Arts, in particular learning about opera in preparation for the OzOpera performance of *The Sound Garden*.

As a finale to work in Term 1, Preparatory School girls showed off their millinery talents at the annual Easter Hat Parade. Accompanied by Easter bunny songs and incorporating dances and raps, the girls paraded their hats with much excitement.



Swimming skills a priority for water safety

The balmy days of Summer and Autumn provided a great opportunity for Preparatory girls to improve their swimming skills during their Physical Education lessons. As girls splashed in and enjoyed the College pool they also were given instruction on stroke improvement and safety in and around the water.

It was great to see how the girls improved in their swimming throughout the term and all girls were encouraged to continue their swimming throughout the year.

The girls also participated in activities in their Physical Education classes to develop their throwing, catching and striking skills.

A taste of France in the Prep School

Walking through the Preparatory School during Term 1 could have caused some confusion, with the sounds of girls singing and speaking in French emanating from the classrooms.

The girls in Kindergarten commenced their study of French by learning songs about greetings and numbers, singing songs such as *Joyeux Anniversaire* to the birthday girls and nursery rhymes. Kindergarten girls learnt how Easter is celebrated in France and enjoyed singing *Une poule sur un mur* and making a little chick puppet.

French action words were the focus for Years 1 and 2 girls who also enjoyed singing French songs including *Il pleut, il mouille* and *C'est ton anniversaire*, and completing a variety of Easter-related activities in French.

Smart Boards are a fun way to learn

Smart Boards are an invaluable resource to learning and provide a fun learning experience for the girls. Preparatory girls enjoy working on the desktop computers and their regular visits to the computer room in the Junior School are always popular with the girls. It's pleasing to see Preparatory girls developing their skills in technology.

Premier's Reading competition challenges Prep girls

An amazing 114 Preparatory girls have enrolled in the Premier's Reading Challenge and spent the term busily reading books to meet their challenge.

Being in an environment where books are valued, listening to stories and being surrounded by books has helped the girls develop their reading skills and to enjoy their experience of reading.

Junior School

Junior Swimming Carnival

The Junior School Swimming Carnival was a historic occasion when students in Years 3 to 6 competed and cheered on their team mates in the College's new spirit Houses of Mackellar, Gibbs and Turner. The College pool was a spectacular colour display of pink, violet and blue with students and spectators proudly wearing their new House colour.

This is the first year of our new House system and it is very exciting to be part of this change.

Mackellar House is named after author and poet, Dorothea Mackellar, best remembered for her poem *My Country*. The girls were reminded of the famous line, "I love a sunburnt country", on the very hot day of their swimming carnival. Cries of "Go Mackellar, Go Mackellar" were heard throughout the Carnival. We were all so proud to be in our House colour of pink. Throughout the boiling hot day the Mackellar team cheered on all of our swimmers.

Gibbs House is named after the children's author, May Gibbs, whose most famous work was *Snugglypot and Cuddlepipie*, based on the adventures of two gumnut babies. At the Swimming Carnival this year, it was great to see everybody swimming and cheering their hardest in their new House colour of violet. We are very proud to be their leaders.

Turner House is named after Ethel Turner, author of the much-loved *Seven Little Australians*. At the Junior School Swimming Carnival students in Turner marched up to the pool, dressed in blue, cheering and supporting our House with much enthusiasm. The whole day was full of fun, cheering and lots of fantastic swimming.

Mackellar won the House Relay. Turner won the Spirit Cup for cheering and having the most House spirit. Gibbs was the overall winning team of the day.

It was a great day and we are looking forward excitedly to the Athletics Carnival.



Mackellar House - by:
Morgan Blamey, Madeleine Gratwicke, Isabella Nucifora and Clare Robertson

Gibbs House - by:
Aubrey Wood, Nicola Bowtell, Jocelyn Duncan and Laurene Leclerc

Turner House - by:
Isabella Witt, Christine Porter, Rebecca Bruce, Lucinda Longstaff



Leading the Way What it means to be a School Leader

Mehhma Malhi, 6N

Once the novelty of wearing the badge wore off, I began to realise the role of school leader involves much more than I had ever anticipated.

One role that has been surprisingly fulfilling is that of mediating as part of 'friendology'. In this, the school leaders are required to mediate misunderstandings or disputes between students. This is genuinely hard work. Suffice to say, I now know the meaning of stress! But ultimately it is perhaps one of the most rewarding aspects of being a school leader. Through this role I am learning a tremendous amount about others and myself.



Year 3 chirpy with chicks

Lauren Tong and Sophie Knox, 3C

Year 3 girls had an exciting two weeks of taking care of chicks for our study of life cycles for HSIE.

Everyone was very excited when the first egg hatched. We named it Chirpy. When the other chicks in their shells heard Chirpy, they began to hatch and join him.

Soon they all hatched and were out of the incubator and in the viewing box. They were very fluffy! Two were roosters and there was another rooster that died soon after he was born. 3T buried him near the Year 3 building.

After two weeks they were too big for the viewing box and they had to go. We were all very sad but we had a fantastic time learning about the chicks.

Harmony Day celebrates cultures

Junior School girls each contributed a miniature figure of themselves to a colourful Harmony Day display in the library. The cut-out figures, all holding hands, helped to reinforce the Harmony Day theme of 'everyone belongs'.

The key messages of Harmony Day are to celebrate our cultural diversity and respect and include others. Importantly, these are significant characteristics of our school community every day.



Investigating the Living Sea

Alicia Chang and Fiona Chen, 4B

On Tuesday 9 March, Year 4 went to the IMAX Theatre and Sydney Aquarium as part of their Integrated Studies unit on 'The Living Sea'.

The theatre was huge and we were given special 3D glasses to watch the movie called *Under the Sea*. It was very interesting and we learned many facts about the animals of the sea that we did not know before. Did you know that dugongs only live where there is sea lettuce?

In the dugong exhibit at the Aquarium there were two dugongs, a few 'rays' and several different species of tropical fish. The dugongs looked very friendly, but we found out that they could be quite dangerous sometimes.

Then we visited the shark tank right next door. There were turtles and some very fierce sharks. Our group even saw a shark eat a small fish.



SRC welcome picnic

Francesca Caccamo, 6E

The SRC recently hosted a Welcome Picnic on Kelso Field for the student representatives and new girls to Pymble Ladies' College. The aim of the picnic was to help the new girls feel comfortable and relaxed and to meet new people.

We played lots of exciting games with prizes. The picnic was run by Ms Yeates and the SRC representatives. It was a good opportunity for the SRC girls to learn how to be responsible and take charge.



Year 4 Parents' Morning Tea

Sophie Rothery, 4D

Year 4 girls performed dances from the 1950s and invited the parents to join in at the Year 4 Parents' Morning Tea in March. It was so much fun to see the parents dancing!

After the performance we came back to the classroom to make ocean dioramas inside a shoebox. We used a wide range of materials including sand, shells and balloons. Many dads got into the act and started experimenting like kids.

A very big thank you to Mrs Worsley and the Year 4 teachers for organising a wonderful morning tea for the girls and their parents.

Indigenous Scholarship Program News

Pymble girls at star-studded launch to end Indigenous disparity

On the evening of 19 March, six of *Pymble*'s Indigenous students attended the launch of GenerationOne at the Overseas Passenger Terminal at Circular Quay.

GenerationOne is a movement for all Australians to end Indigenous poverty and disadvantage in our lifetime.

The girls were invited to the event by the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation and together with boys from St Joseph's College, Hunter's Hill, were the only school students at the event.

The trip by train to the city over the Sydney Harbour Bridge was an exciting experience for the girls; for some it was their first time at the Opera House and they enjoyed seeing the iconic images of Sydney.

Attending from *Pymble* were Merika Binge, Andrea Nakata, Ebithia Mills and Tiana Wright from Year 8; Elizabeth Cook-Black, Year 11; and Keiryn Lenoy, Year 12. The girls were accompanied by staff member, Miss Mary Pilkington.

Other invited guests included the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, Malcolm Turnbull and some of Australia's most famous celebrities and identities.



Elizabeth Cook-Black, Year 11, wrote the following account of the evening.

The night began with a traditional Welcome to Country. Andrew Forrest, mining businessman and one of the people behind the movement, gave the first speech which was very inspirational. The Prime Minister, Mr Rudd spoke at the event and Young Australian of the Year, Tania Major, spoke about her passion for closing the gap.

There were many songs and dances throughout the night, performed by children living and boarding here in Sydney.

Christine Anu is a major role model for the younger girls here at *Pymble* and we were fortunate enough to meet her and hear her sing. Country singer Melinda Schneider performed the GenerationOne theme song, *Hands Across Australia*, with a cast of friends, including actor Jack Thompson on mouth harp. This song brought tears to my eyes and goose bumps all over my body.

While the first dance was being performed I was standing beside a woman who began talking to me. As the lights turned on I turned to look at her and saw that it was Cate Blanchett, who was there with her three sons. Russell Crowe and Ian Thorpe were also at the event. But the man of the night who stole all the hearts of the *Pymble* girls was Ernie Dingo. Ernie was amazing! He was very down to earth and keen for a 'big yarn' (chat).

During the night everyone was asked to place their handprints onto the backdrop on stage. These handprints were projected onto the Sydney Opera House for everyone to see – it was an image I will never forget that gave a real sense of unity.

It really was an inspirational night.



2009 HSC results



Pymble Ladies' College 2009 Year 12 students achieved outstanding results in last year's Higher School Certificate (HSC) with students coming first in five HSC subjects and 20 *Pymble* students finishing in the top ten in the State in individual subjects.

The following students came first in the State:

Rebecca Beaumont	- Agriculture
Radhika Moore	- Earth and Environmental Science
Megan Alexander	- Italian Beginners
Charmaine Lam	- Japanese Extension
Wendy Chen	- Modern History

Pymble students have also achieved outstanding Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) results with five students, Isobel Taylor, Nicole Nahm, Wendy Chen, Connie Ye and Shirley-Anne Hu achieving the perfect ATAR of 99.95 and 32 students (14 percent) achieving an ATAR of 99 or above which places them in the top 1% of the State. An impressive 33 percent of students achieved an ATAR ranking of 95 or above and 50 percent of students achieved a ranking of 90 or above.

On *The Sydney Morning Herald* Honour Roll, which acknowledges students who earn 90 or above in one or more subjects, 157 *Pymble* students earned 523 places.

A staggering 43 *Pymble* students have been named on the State All-round Achievers List for earning marks of 90 or above in 10 or more units. This exemplifies the strength of learning and teaching at *Pymble* as the results were achieved across 43 separate courses.

In addition, 2009 graduates, Joanne Huang and Jessica Tattersall, have been offered scholarships at New York University's new campus in Abu Dhabi to undertake a four year Liberal Arts course. With an initial intake of just 100 students from across the world, this is a prestigious honour for the College, Joanne and Jessica.

"The excellent HSC results of 2009 have been achieved through the application, dedication and hard work of our students and their teachers. The results cap a year of excellence at the College in spectacular fashion," said Mrs Vicki Waters, Principal of Pymble Ladies' College.

"The *Pymble* Year 12 cohort of 2009 has achieved incredible results for a non-selective school and is to be congratulated for their outstanding academic and co-curricular achievements."

"For many students, their academic focus and commitment has been complemented by wonderful achievements across a range of co-curricular programs in areas such as sport, the performing and visual arts, leadership and community service," said Mrs Waters.



Looking back

The Archives gratefully acknowledge and thank the donors for the following donations that have recently been accessioned.

ARMSTRONG, Lyn (McIntyre, 1969)

Letter written by Lyn as Year 6 Lang Boarder to family, 1963

BRANDT, Susan

Program of the first Dedication Service for PLC Pymble held on 31 July 1919

CLARK, Rosemary (Allen, 1959)

Photographs (six) 1958-1959, (18) circa 1919

CROWLEY, Betty (Hungerford, 1948)

Photographs and memorabilia

DAY, Alison

Autograph Book previously owned by Florence Day (George, 1923)

GILLIES, Bettina (Love, 1942)

Program of K – 4th Class Christmas Concert circa 1935

GRAHAM, Philippa (Myers, 1969)

Autograph Book 1960s and Memorabilia of excursion to Jenolan Caves by Class of 1969

HALE, Alison (Nield, 1943)

Prefect Pocket 1933 and School Tie

HERFORD, Pamela (Leggett, 1947)

Photographs (three) 1946-1947

HOOK, Judith (Kiefel, 1945)

Photographs (26) circa 1935-1946

HUFFMAN, Keith

Psalm book and Hymnary previously belonging to Kathleen Menzies (Henderson, 1937). Found by Mr Huffman when he moved into his new house in the USA. Kindly cared for over many years before sending to the College

LUGSDIN, Graham

Album previously belonging to Annie Pearson Bowman (Lugsdin, 1930) containing photographs and memorabilia of her time at PLC Pymble

McKINNEY, Graham

Audio tape (circa 1976) of conversations between Dorothy Knox (Principal 1936-1967) and Isabel Harrison (McKinney, 1928). Publication *Heart of the College* by Margaret Coleman, previously belonging to Isabel Harrison (McKinney, 1928)

MULHEARN, Alexis (1988)

College Dress Badges (three) 1988

PLC Croydon Archives

Prospectus of College circa 1926

PODMORE, William

French Reader (Massard's) inscribed "Beryl Levy 1920"

SCOTT, Isabel (McKinney, 1964)

Framed artworks (five). Gifts to the College from the Estate of the late Isabel Harrison (McKinney, 1928). Framed Certificate of the Award of the Australian Sports Medal (2000) to Isabel Harrison (McKinney, 1928)

TURNER, Sue

Photographs (14) circa 1926, from the collection of Sue's mother Kathleen Cummins (Oakeshott, 1928)

WINDEYER, Louise (Spring, 1965)

Book: *Kilcolman Parish Registers 1793-1814 & 1824-1900 County Kerry, Church of Ireland* written by Jane Vivien Spring (Pymble Head Boarder – Goodlet 1958). Jane died a few days after completing the book and Louise went on to index and publish it.

Thank you also to Philippa Graham (Myers, 1969) for a large donation of items currently awaiting accessioning.

The College grounds 1930 – 1945



College grounds 1930-1945



College Swimming Pool (late 1930s)

Pymble Ladies' College Archives is indebted to the many ex-students and other members of the College community who have kindly and generously donated items to enrich the College's historical collection over the years. The Archives are ever-reliant on this generosity and continue to welcome donations that would further enhance the College's archival collection, such as photographs, items of uniform or personal memorabilia relating to College life. We are particularly short on items (especially articles of uniform, both Day and Boarder) from the 1960s.

Donations of College memorabilia are always welcome.

The College Archivist, Mrs Kim Collins may be contacted at Pymble Ladies' College by telephone (02) 9855 7746 or email: kcollins@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au

Alison Hale retires



Farewell to a grand lady

In February, the College Council and staff honoured Mrs Alison Hale in recognition of her service as Secretary to the College Council, a position she held for 29 years.

Alison, who is also an ex-student, has been a wonderful contributor to the College and is warmly regarded by the College community for her friendly smile and gracious manner.

The Alison Hale Meeting Room in the Administration Centre has been named in her honour and will feature a portrait photo of her.

Alison has many fond memories of the College and has witnessed many changes at *Pymble* over the years.

She recalls her *Pymble* school days from 1939 to 1943 as a boarder in Lang House and later in Marden House as times of good fun shared with many close friends. In her Leaving Year, the equivalent of what is now known as Year 11, Alison was House Captain of Marden, a role she held with pride and thoroughly enjoyed.

Alison has always held a close connection with the College. As a member of the Ex-Students' Union, she held the position of President and also Secretary for 11 years, and enjoyed contact with ex-students through the Ex-Students' dinners held over the years.

The College is sincerely grateful to Alison for her dedication, enthusiasm and the tireless work she has given *Pymble* and we wish her the very best in her retirement.



(Left) Memories of school days in the early 1940s: Alison is second from the right

(Far left) Alison is the second girl on left standing at the back

Photos from our Archives



Late 1930s - mid 1940s



Late 1930s - mid 1940s site of the present day Music Department and GMCPA



Late 1930s - mid 1940s

Academic Opportunities



Pymble students claim victory at CICERO

Virginia Wang, Year 11

Pymble students left their mark at the inaugural CICERO (Certamen In Concordiam Europae Regionumque Orbis) competition held at the College on Saturday 13 March, with four students placing in the top three awards for Australia. CICERO is a competition for students studying Latin at schools in Europe, Tunisia and Australia which promotes harmony across the globe. 2010 was the first year that Australia entered the competition.

The winners were announced at the Classical Languages Teachers Association dinner, also attended by the Australian CICERO competitors, held at Trinity Grammar School on 25 March. Congratulations to Virginia Wang, who was awarded first place in Year 11 Translation and also came first in Culture, Michelle Lim who was awarded first place in Year 12 Translation, Lisa Gao who placed third in Culture and Monica Ma who came third in Year 11 Translation.

Pymble's Head of Classics, Dr Emily Matters, who is also President of the Classical Languages Teachers Association Inc., said the event was a wonderful opportunity for Latin students across Australia.

"CICERO is affiliated with such notable organisations as the European Union and UNESCO and I am delighted that the Patron of the Australian competition is distinguished author, David Malouf."

Students from Shore, St Aloysius College, Sydney Girls High School and Frensham joined with Pymble Years 11 and 12 students at the College to compete and speak with students from schools in France, Italy, Spain, Andorra, Belgium, Luxemburg and Tunisia.

2010 has been a great start for Australia's participation in CICERO, and we are hoping that in future years the competition will spread to more participants in Australia with greater interaction with other Latin students across the globe.

Subject Spotlight: Aboriginal Studies

Zenobia Katrak, Year 11

Pymble offers a wide variety of subjects in Year 10 to cater to the students' many interests. Aboriginal Studies is one of the electives offered, aimed at girls with an interest in Aboriginal and Indigenous issues, current affairs, culture and the arts.

It was first offered to Year 10 girls in 2008, and was extremely successful. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the course.

Aboriginal Studies is an important part of the curriculum. It helps students to understand and explore issues in the community that affect Aboriginal and Indigenous people. It exposes age-old stereotypes, and establishes links with the First Australians, teaching ways to bridge the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.

The subject also highlights incredible achievements in the arts, especially in Australian film, contemporary and traditional paintings and in theatre and dramatic arts. Students may even visit the Museum of Contemporary Arts and the Australian Museum to learn about contemporary and traditional Aboriginal art.

Archeological Excursion

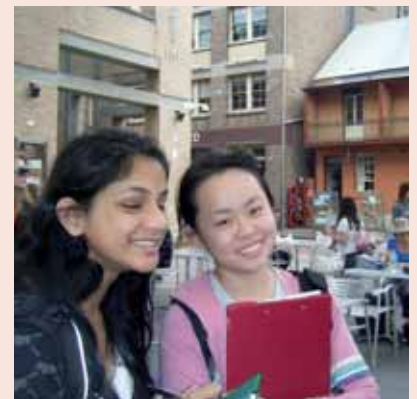
Cissy Ye, Year 11

Year 11 Ancient History students visited an authentic archaeology site at The Rocks in March to experience firsthand the archaeological process of excavation and analysing artefacts.

A guided tour focused on the social and commercial life of The Rocks since 1788. We visited Cadman's Cottage, the oldest convict barrack, and learned how 'semi-Circular Quay' got its name. We were transported back to a time when shops were numbered as 75, 75 ½, and 76; the first currency was alcohol; and the phrase 'don't throw the baby out with the bathwater' was intended literally.

At the Parbury Ruins, we observed artefacts of working people who had money and a reasonable lifestyle. A group of 12 girls originally came here for school, learning cooking, sewing and washing. In January 1900, the plague reached Sydney, and we visited where the plague officially began. It spread quickly in the conditions of the time and eventually killed 103 people.

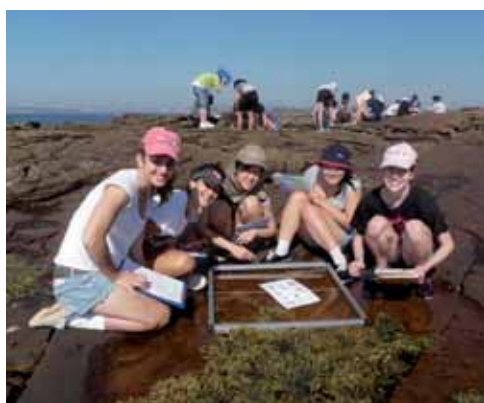
"I never knew Australian history was so rich. Observing the everyday life of inhabitants in the 1800s put my life into a different perspective," said student Diya Pacheco.



Contrary to what a lot of us believed, artefacts at the archaeological site were most often not valuable and were rather objects which people had discarded as 'garbage'. We were almost able to visualise the small community that lived here.

We analysed the artefacts that had been found at the site. We found it difficult in some cases to determine their purpose, such as the vertebrae of an animal, which we learned was used in the game of jacks. At the museum, we looked at ceramics, building materials and personal items, all of which provided greater insight into the lifestyle of the people living there at the time.

Thank you to Mr Bulmer and Ms Coniglio for providing the students with this unique opportunity to experience the processes involved with excavation and handling ancient artefacts.



Year 11 Biology Excursion to Long Reef

Joanne Chenn, Year 11

In March, a group of *Pymble* Biology students visited Long Reef Aquatic Reserve in Collaroy to observe the myriad of aquatic life found at the rock pools.

Upon arrival we were thoroughly briefed on the marine environment we were about to explore. In the short time before

recess we learned about so many new things, such as the unique adaptations of the flora and fauna that live in this harsh aquatic environment.

After a relaxing morning tea on the fringe of the beach, we set out for the rock pools. We were amazed at the endless expanse of rock and sand, with its border of crashing waves. It was a picturesque location to spend the day.

We undertook onsite tests relating to pH levels, salinity and temperature, and recorded the results in preparation for our upcoming assessment task. We also had the exciting task of capturing marine animals for observation. Wading through the rock pools we discovered a large array of animals, from sea urchins to sea stars. Perhaps the most exciting discovery of the day was a large rock pool octopus.

At the end of the day we left the rock pools, teeming with life that we had never considered before. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational excursion.

Special thanks must go to the Biology teachers Ms Brownlee, Mrs Bell, Ms Burgess, Ms de Fraine, Ms Gallardo and Mrs Standfield.

Experiencing Science *Jemma Jakrot, Year 10*

Alexandra Tingey and I experienced the life of a forensic scientist for three days in January, when we participated in *The Science Experience* at the University of Sydney run by The YSA (Young Scientists of Australia).

The CSI-style theme gave us opportunities to participate in forensic science-related activities, including a relay quiz; chemistry, physics, and biology workshops; games and experiments. There were lectures by

a mathematician; a chemistry professor; scientist and media identity Dr Karl Kruszelnicki; and a senior police constable.

The evidence we'd gathered throughout the program was presented at a mock trial, with Alexandra playing a lawyer. The experience was a lot of fun and taught us a lot about science. We hope that many other *Pymble* students will participate in this program in the future.



Year 12 French Excursion

Isabelle Galet-Lalande, Year 11

Year 12 French students enjoyed fine art and French cuisine on a full-day excursion to the city in February.

The day began with the exhibition, *Rupert Bunny: artist in Paris*, at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. An Australian artist, Rupert Bunny spent the greater part of his

life in France. A guided tour in English and French provided insights into the life and work of this prolific painter. Bunny's mythological dreamscapes and romantic portrayals of Parisian high-life during the belle époque were remarkably exotic for an Australian artist at the time. The girls embraced the opportunity to share in French their thoughts on the exhibition with their tour guide and teacher.

The exhibition was followed by a sit-down lunch at the Alliance Française's new headquarters in Clarence Street. The authentic mijoté de bœuf (beef stew) served with freshly baked bread went down a treat with the girls and teachers alike.

After a quick stop at Abbey's Bookshop to stock up on literature and learning material, it was back to school.



Students consider 'Why God?'

Mr Howard Clark, Religious Education Co-ordinator

Year 12 *Pymble* students participate in five religious seminars throughout the year in place of regular Religious Education classes. These seminars aim to challenge the girls to think about such issues as how they interpret life, why there is suffering in the world, and the role God plays in their lives.

This term's seminar, titled 'Why God?', explored the issue of suffering.

The highlight of the seminar was a presentation by David Ellis and his father, the Rev Grahame Ellis, a retired Uniting Church minister. David, 49, has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheelchair. He struggles to control his body, even to do simple things such as speak. He certainly cannot do things like walk or even feed himself.

We heard David's story, which includes his connection with several important people such as his first teacher and the renowned flautist James Galway, as well as friends from many different areas of his life. The audience of staff and students were confronted with questions such as "What was the purpose of David?", and "Did Grahame and David blame God?".

As we listened it was hard not to realise that David brought meaning and purpose to many people and he enriched their lives, just as our lives were enriched by his sharing with us. In the end we were left with many questions and some small sense of the mystery of life. While the purpose of this seminar is not to produce completely satisfactory answers, it did fulfil one purpose which was to allow us all to share a profound and special experience and to be challenged and encouraged.

Performance and the Arts

Ensemble Concert showcases Music students

The College showcased the outstanding talent of its Music students at the first Senior School Ensemble Concert for 2010 on 30 March in the Gillian Moore Centre for Performing Arts (GMCPA).

More than 400 girls from Years 7 to 12 performed in 12 Ensembles to an audience which filled the theatre to capacity, with standing room only.

A variety of items were performed with the evening commencing with an upbeat number, *Big Noise from Winnetka*, from the Jazz Ensemble.

A highlight of the evening was the performance by the Cantori of *Shepherd Psalm*, text by Joyce Trickett and accompaniment by Dulcie Holland. Year 11 student, Olivia Ronan rewrote the original score for two pianos which had been lost and not performed since the 1960s. (The original arrangement was written for the College's Co-ordinator of Music, Mrs Carine Jenkins, when she was a student at Ravenswood).

Other performances included Lennie Niehaus' *Bop Doo Wahby* by the Senior Stage Band, Mary Lynn Lightfoot's *Eja! Eja!* by the School Choir and Felix Mendelssohn's *Hebrides Overture* by the Symphony Orchestra.

Upcoming Music events not to be missed at the College include the *Baroque Festival* on 10 June at 7pm in the College War Memorial Chapel and the next Senior School Ensemble Concert will be held on 23 June at 7pm in the GMCPA.

The College has produced a CD, *Music from the Heart – A Celebration of the Lewis Pipe Organ* featuring students, ex-students and guest artists and including much loved tracks as *Jerusalem*, *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* and the *Albinoni Adagio*.

The CD will be available at the College's annual Commemoration Day Service on 25 July 2010.



Macbeth

Sarah Bird, Year 11

The 2010 *Pymble* production season opened with the profound and violent Shakespearean tragedy, *Macbeth*. The Senior School girls did an exceptional job performing such a challenging play.

The performances were excellent, especially the brilliant acting of Christina Blanco (Macbeth), Zoe Miller Stubbs (Lady Macbeth), Jessica Heath (Macduff) and Alexandra de Zwart, Rachel Morton and Alanna Irwin (the three Witches).

The set, lighting and costume designs, as well as the use of contemporary Scottish music all contributed to the mood of the production.

Although set in medieval Scotland, Director, Mr MacPhail, found new ways to tell this story, such as showing offstage action using scrim and through interesting characterisations and staging. The Witches watched much of the action throughout the play and their cauldron was used in a variety of ways. This production was also very beneficial to the Year 10 students, who will be studying *Macbeth* in class, later this year.

The positive reaction from the audiences is demonstrated in the words of Mrs Kate Mason, Chairman of College Council: "Wow – what a terrific production. I went last night and it was thrilling. The girls were magnificent... Your production of *Macbeth* really made me appreciate what a complete and satisfying play it is. I wish I could go again."

Congratulations to the performers, stage crew, Stage Manager and Mr MacPhail, who all spent many hours making this production a success.





Year 12 Hospitality Dinner

Parents and staff were treated to a sumptuous three course meal in March, prepared and served by Year 12 Hospitality students.

The evening was an opportunity for the students to showcase the commercial cookery skills they gained during the Hospitality course.

The TAS Building balcony was transformed with an elegant table setting and fairy lights. Guests enjoyed a variety of canapés before being seated for a first class meal of eye fillet of beef wrapped in prosciutto served on potato, wilted spinach with red wine jus and kumara chips, accompanied by fig and goats cheese salad with raspberry vinaigrette. A lemon tart served with fresh raspberries was a refreshing end to the meal, followed by truffles and coffee.

Parents and staff were most impressed by the high standard of food prepared by the girls, with many commenting that they were "booking their place for dinner next week"!

The evening would not have been a success without the generous help of Hospitality and TAS staff including Miss Cusiter, Mrs Benton, Mrs McCorquodale, Mrs Burgess and Mrs Corne.



African Drumming

Annabelle Osborne, Year 11

On Thursday 25 March, Elective Music students participated in an African drumming workshop with the people from Hands, Heart and Feet.

The girls learnt many new drumming techniques and gained an understanding of the relationship between African music and dance. So much so that many were seen dancing as they left the workshop!



African Dance

Miss Katrina Cluff, Dance and Drama

In March, Year 10 Elective Dance students began their study of ritual dance with a three hour workshop facilitated by Hands, Heart and Feet.

Students learned two African dance routines, and enjoyed trying on the traditional African costumes and learning about the rituals and cultural aspects of each routine.

An important aspect of African dance is the relationship between the drummers, the dancers and the earth. Hands, Heart and Feet provided fantastic live drumming, which kept energy levels high. The girls learnt how to listen to the drumming to get the cue for the next step, rather than counting.

The workshop was a very valuable experience for all students.



Fashion Awards

Congratulations to Claire Hepburn and Judith Hui of Year 11 who have received accolades from industry for their skill and creativity in the area of textile art.

Claire was awarded an honourable mention in the 2009 Singer Young Designer Challenge. If you attended last year's Textiles on Parade, you will undoubtedly remember Claire's 'Wearable Art' – a magnificent, machine-embroidered, wearable pyramid. Claire's amazing creation along with a profile on this talented student is in the magazine, *Creative Machine Embroidery and Textile Art*, Volume 16 number 7.

Judith was awarded fourth place in the prestigious Fashion Fantasia annual awards for her textile art *Fiery Dreams*. Judith was inspired by her research of Indigenous cultures to produce a costume featuring advanced embellishment techniques reflecting the theme of fire.

Community Service

X marks the Spot

Susanna Falk, Year 12

It has been said that a little bit of effort can go a long way... this was certainly true on Tuesday 4 May when *Pymble* staff and students made a giant X out of coins to raise money for the Exodus Foundation. Through our theme for 2010 'The X Factor', the *Pymble* Prefects have been encouraging girls to give that 'little bit extra' in all aspects of College life. The 'X Marks the Spot' initiative developed from our goal, to provide an opportunity for students from Kindergarten to Year 12 to unite and create something special for a good cause.

When the bell rang as usual at 8:25am the first class of Year 11 students could be seen walking down to the Mollie Dive Field, coins in hand. Greeted by blasting music, streamers and balloons, girls danced their way across the field to place their coins on the giant X made out of 40 metres of white fabric.

There was a wonderful atmosphere of joy, unity and generosity as girls dug into their pockets to find as much loose change as they could. Some highlights included one Year 10 student who emptied her piggy bank, Christina Blanco of Year 12 who single-handedly covered one metre of the X and Year 4 students who gathered together to rearrange some coins into the words, 'Year Four'. The climax of the day was reached at lunchtime when Year 12 gathered around the completed X to eat their lunch, donate the last few coins and pose for a photograph.

Thanks to the combined efforts of all *Pymble* staff and students we raised a staggering \$2335.30 which will be donated to the Year 12 charity the Exodus Foundation. It was a fabulous day and thanks must go to the Property Department, Year 12 helpers and our Senior Tutors who helped to make the day possible. *Pymble* girls certainly have the X-Factor!



To Haiti, with love

Sashini Walpola, Year 12

In light of the recent earthquake in Haiti, *Pymble* held a charity benefit concert, *To Haiti With Love*, on 11 March 2010. The concert featured a night of song, dance and fun, with students from Years 8 to 12 performing. The night was a great success with over \$2225 being raised to help aid the victims of the earthquake.

Priyanka Ray (Year 12) said "It was not only a wonderful showcase of *Pymble* talent, but also gave us a greater awareness of the crisis in Haiti." All proceeds are being directed to Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders) in their efforts to help the Haiti earthquake victims.



Students donate quilts to Exodus

In late 2009, more than 50 Year 10 students worked together to produce 14 beautiful quilts to donate to the Exodus Foundation.



"The students worked collaboratively to form a quilt, with each student creating a block which was then joined to other blocks to make a quilt," said Head of TAS, Mrs Carolyn Burgess.

The students donated the fabric, their time and expertise, with the assistance of Maddie and Courtney's mother, Mrs Leihn, and TAS staff, Mrs Trish Mitchell, Mrs Marina Ridley and Ms Heather Hansby.

Each quilt had a theme and target market ranging from children to adults. The students used traditional quilting and patchwork methods and a range of techniques including digital printing, machine embroidery and embellishment to create the quilts.

The quilts were donated to the Exodus Foundation in mid-February.

Boarding @ Pymble

Goodlet House recharged

Alice Han, Year 11

Goodlet House welcomed the return of its boarders at the beginning of Term 1, with 16 new students joining the boarding community.

There was no shortage of support from boarding staff to help girls, old and new, adjust back into boarding life.

New House Supervisor Ms Gayle Walker is dedicated to making a 'home away from home' for the boarders, and the renovation of the Boarding House is testament to that. The list of new initiatives and improvements to boarding life is extensive and includes group photo shoots on the oval, new plasma screens for the common rooms, and a clean, well-equipped kitchen for the girls' enjoyment.

For the new girls on the block, it has been a real relief to have adapted so easily to life within the House. "It's really a great daily routine. We wake up early, eat well and unwind with friends who are always there to listen to us," said newcomer Jessamyn Lee of Goodlet House.

Weekly House meetings and communal sittings at the kitchen table for tea and supper have become social occasions for boarders who, after an exhausting day of school and sport, just want to chat with their friends over cups of Milo and toast.

Thank you to Ms Walker, Ms Tara Graves and the Gap Staff for their time and the consideration they always give towards our happiness and wellbeing as we progress through Senior School life.



Swimming Carnival

Alice Han, Year 11

Despite lightning strikes and overcast skies, the Boarders' Swimming Carnival was a colourful display of swimming and cheering. Girls braved the elements to cheer on their House and their fellow boarders in the pool. Marden took a clean sweep at the carnival, excelling both in swimming and cheering. Special mention goes to Stephanie Lee of Goodlet House for the time and money invested in the costuming of the 'Lang House Angels', who sparkled ethereally throughout the day.



Welcoming the new girls

Alice Han, Year 11

The College Hall was filled with boarding spirit as *Pymble* boarders continued the welcoming tradition of the 'New Girls Concert'.

Girls from Years 7 to 11 showcased their many talents to a supportive and enthusiastic crowd. The beloved Gap Staff displayed dexterity and creativity with a 'cup-and-table' routine and an entertaining sketch, both of which were met with thunderous applause. The night also included such delights as the *New Girls' Song*, an en masse Hokey Pokey and a Spirit House Hat competition.



Boarders get wheels

Pymble boarders were delighted to receive six new bicycles with helmets and a bike rack from the Boarder Parents' Association. The bikes have been popular, with girls cycling around the College grounds after school and on the weekends, enjoying the great outdoors and keeping fit.



Pymble Rowing 2010

The *Pymble* 2010 competitive rowing season began with the Annual State Championships on 6 February, and culminated seven weeks later with the *Head of the River*.

From the first regatta at Penrith's Sydney International Rowing Centre, it was clear that there would be no stopping the *Pymble* girls from making the season another success.

Throughout the competitive rowing season, each regatta was an excellent learning curve for the next. Each weekend the crews took lessons from previous regattas and improved their times, while growing closer together as a crew.

The accumulative experiences were applied to the largest event of the rowing calendar, the *Head of the River* on 20 March. The day started early and finished with impressive results. Our 2nd VIII finished in first place, and our 3rd VIII placed third while competing against our own 2nd VIII. Although it was the first time in twelve years that *Pymble* lost the overall point score trophy and the Senior School Girl's 1st VIII, the goal is to reclaim the title and the legacy next year.

All *Pymble* rowers have contributed to an extraordinary season, meeting each regatta with optimism and ambition.



Tildesley Shield Tennis Tournament

A squad of 51 *Pymble* girls competed in the 2010 Tildesley Tennis Tournament at Pennant Hills Park in March. The squad comprised 21 singles players and 11 doubles teams.

The girls are to be commended on their performance. Special congratulations to Ella Merritt who narrowly lost in the quarter finals of the singles; Jessica Ah Chee and Vanessa Ip who also made it through to the semi-finals of the doubles draw; and a special mention to Danielle Wagland, who played the match of the tournament narrowly losing her singles semi-final 7-8 to the 2007, 2008 and 2009 Tildesley Singles Champion.

Pymble finished overall in sixth place, which was one place up on last year.

The girls were cheered on by a crowd of parents, staff and fellow students who came to support the players. Our *Pymble* Lines Girls were outstanding and they finished in third place overall in the Lines Girl competition. Many of these girls were selected to Lines Girl on the Finals day.





Artistic Gymnasts impress

Joanne Kuk, Year 11

Pymble's artistic gymnasts represented the College with excellent results at the 2009 Women's National Clubs in Canberra late last year.

The level four team of Kimberley Thoo, Fiona Glover, Claire Leung and Madeleine Sabulis placed tenth overall, fifth on vault and sixth on floor. Celeste Vinci, Olivia Hill, Imogen Dixon-Smithers, and Jessica Wang competed in level five, and placed eleventh on uneven bars and thirteenth overall. The level six team of Julia Green, Diana Zhang, Gillian Thornton, Jessica Everingham and Joanne Kuk placed fourth on vault, seventh on beam, second on uneven bars, sixth on floor and third overall.

The girls' success reflects their hard work and training.



Senior School Swimming Carnival

Miranda Middleton, Year 11

Pymble girls took to the pool with excitement and enthusiasm and exhibited great sporting prowess and House spirit during the Senior School Swimming Carnivals.

On Tuesday 23 February, Years 7, 8 and 9 girls were the first students at *Pymble* to experience a competitive sporting event involving eight Houses. Led by the energetic and colourfully-dressed Year 9 students and Year 12 Prefects, the Middle School girls cheered for their Houses, enjoyed tutor group relays and raced their hardest to earn House points and achieve personal bests. A special mention must go to Emma Morgan of Year 8 who broke three long-standing school records for the 14 years 50 metre freestyle, backstroke and butterfly.

The Upper School Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 24 February was equally as fun and exciting. Years 10, 11 and 12 girls, staff, family and friends enjoyed a fantastic day of racing, with much cheering and even a breathtaking diving display. The leadership and involvement of the Year 12 girls in their vibrant, creative costumes rendered the Carnival an enormous success. Yet another school record was broken by Kate Heal of Year 10, in the 16 years 50 metre freestyle.

After two exciting Swimming Carnivals, Goodlet House retained the House Carnival Cup, Marden won the House Spirit Cup, and the Day Girls were thrilled to win the Boarders vs. Day Girls relay.

Congratulations to every girl who swam, cheered and encouraged their peers on the day, and especially to the winners of the Age Championships: for swimming – Junior Champion: Emma Morgan; Intermediate Champions: Leanne Wright and Ming-Fen Ong; Senior Champion: Victoria MacRae; and for diving – Junior Champion: Katie Oag; Intermediate Champion: Grace Rowe and Senior Champion: Michaela Janu.

A special thank you to officials and staff for organising the Carnivals, and good luck to all the swimmers who will be representing *Pymble* in future stages of competition.

Year 12 PDHPE Excursion to Wollongong

Jessica Ah Chee, Year 12

Year 12 PE students visited Wollongong University as part of the PDHPE HSC course, to gain experience in physical testing for sports performance.

Eliza Flint and Stephanie Burnham bravely volunteered, and began a steady warm-up on the bikes while we measured their heart rate every minute. They then undertook a 10 and 30 second sprint while we measured their power, fatigue and heart rate.

Eliza then participated in an exhausting and challenging VO2 max test which measured the maximum extent to which her body could collectively use pulmonary, cardiovascular and respiratory processes to liberate energy aerobically. Eliza did exceptionally well, cycling for 15 minutes straight at various workloads while the remainder of the class worked together to cheer her on, measure her heart rate, breathing frequency and the amount of carbon dioxide and oxygen leaving and entering her lungs.

It was a fun, useful and helpful learning experience that related the theory we had learnt in class to a practical demonstration to give us all a deeper understanding of the factors that affect performance.



Beyond Pymble

Macquarie Cup Debating Competition

Carol Sin, Year 11

On Wednesday 17 March, 12 *Pymble* girls competed in the senior division of the Macquarie Cup Debating Competition at Macquarie University.

There were three rounds of debates, and a final afternoon round between the two best-performing teams of the day.

Pymble performed extremely well in the competition, demonstrating sophisticated manner and delivering convincing arguments throughout. Two of the three *Pymble* teams won all of their debates: the Year 11 team of Olivia Ronan, Chloe Kim, Penina Su and Amanda Choularton; and the Year 12 team consisting of Julia Mitchelmore, Eva Lu, Bianca Wu and Alexandra de Zwart.

Pymble placed fifth in the competition overall, and special congratulations must go to Penina Su of Year 11 who was named the fourth best speaker of the day.



Year 7 Camp

Kumuthini Ravindra, Year 11

Several busloads of thoroughly excited Year 7 girls travelled to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens in February. They were taking part in a four-day camp designed to help them get to know each other and build new friendships. The camp is part of *Pymble's* Outdoor Education Program, which aims to develop teamwork, leadership and initiative skills.

The girls enjoyed a myriad of activities that allowed them to step out of their comfort zones and test their limits, including the giant swing, canoeing, rock climbing, raft building, flying fox, vertical challenge, leap of faith, survivor and high ropes. The girls participated in the activities with great enthusiasm, displaying much courage and care towards each other.

The week was highly successful, and the teachers and students both reported having had a wonderful time. Student Kelly Pickering said, "I really enjoyed camp and all the fun activities we did. It was nice to get closer to the people in my tutor group."

Year 7 Camp was an enjoyable and memorable experience.



Year 11 Camp

Chloe Kim, Year 11

The Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation at Narrabeen was the location for the final school camp for Year 11 girls.

Over three days in February, motivational speakers addressed topics such as leadership skills, time management and 'girl-friendship'. Our own Mrs Wyse spoke on the subject of happiness.

It was an excellent opportunity to learn about vital life skills and to form stronger bonds. The girls were able to share their thoughts, dreams and aspirations, as they were given the chance to open up to their peers and confront their fears.

Daily activities such as archery, rock climbing and raft building presented personal challenges. The constructive teamwork on display reflected Year 11's ability to encourage and support one another. These qualities were also evident during the camp highlight, '*Pymble Idol*'.

Year 11 camp was more than the girls expected and a great way to start the year. The Year 11 girls can face their journey through their final two years at school with an even greater sense of confidence. Year 11 camp was definitely one to remember.

A Summer in France

Cecilia Chang, Year 11

The prospect of leaving your family, country and friends to live in a new country, where you have only a tenuous grasp on the language and culture, is some people's idea of a nightmare. However, this is exactly how 15 nervous, yet extremely excited, *Pymble* girls spent their summer holidays.

Through the College's exchange program with its sister school, Lycee Chevreul in Lyon, France, *Pymble* girls spent seven weeks speaking French, eating French food and living the life of a typical French teenager. Simply put, it was the most incredible experience of our lives.

We went to school with our host sisters for nine hours a day, five days a week. We did all their class exams in French and some of us even gave an hour-long presentation about Australia in French. Befriending the other French students was one of the more challenging but rewarding things we did. The look on their faces as they tasted Vegemite for the first time was hilarious. Lycee Chevreul was so overwhelmingly different from *Pymble*, but we look back on our days at Chevreul with great nostalgia.

Our host families treated us like their 'Australian daughters' and did all the things our real families would have done for us – reminding us to dress warmly, packing our lunches and taking us to see the sights. We really were treated like a member of the family. Our host sisters were always by our side and without them we would have been lost.

Exchange was such a surreal experience, being suddenly displaced in a different and completely new situation. The places we went, the things we did and the people we met will remain in our memories for a very long time.



Tour to India

Karina Curry-Hide, Year 11

In December last year, eight *Pymble* girls, accompanied by Mr Bulmer, Ms Wheaton and guide John, spent three and a half weeks travelling and sightseeing around north-eastern India and taking part in a community service at a school in the foothills of the Himalayas.

We began the trip in Delhi, India's capital. After arriving in the middle of the night, we woke up to a vibrant, colourful and bustling city. We saw many famous sites including the India Gate, the Gandhi Museum and Gandhi's Tomb. And that was just the first day!

Despite an exhausting first day, we rose at 4.30am on day two to embark on an eight-hour train ride, the first leg of our journey to Dharamsala, home of the Dalai Lama. A small but beautiful town in the graduation of the Himalayas, Dharamsala offered the most incredible and extensive views over the valleys.

Our next destination was Manali, another beautiful mountain-side town with some gorgeous views. We then went on a two-day hike to Shegali to help with the renovations.

When we got to the village, we were surprised to find just how small it actually was. The school consisted of 11 enrolled students between the ages of four and twelve.

We stayed in a local house and worked at the school during the day. We played with the children and taught them basic English. We also painted, laid floorboards and helped with general renovations around the school building.

We learned that the hike we did was to be named 'The Pymble Ladies College Trek' and would be published in the Lonely Planet!

The rest of our trip was spent in Agra, where we visited the Taj Mahal and the Agra Fort. We were amazed by the craftsmanship put into these monuments. We spent a lot of time in the markets, immersed completely in the Indian culture, learning how to haggle and how to cope with a language barrier.

All too soon, it was time to head back home. I know we all learnt so much from this amazing experience. For some of us, it was our first glimpse at extreme poverty and non-Western culture. While we were glad to get back to our comforts and usual food, we still miss every part of India.

I would like to thank Antipodeans Abroad for helping organise the trip, Himalayan Adventures, our hike team in Manali, Ms Wheaton and Mr Bulmer for coming with us, and Mrs Waters for allowing the trip to go ahead.

Summer Japan Exchange 2009-2010

Christina Guo, Year 11

At the end of last year, eight *Pymble* girls embarked on a summer exchange to Nagoya, Japan. Adjusting to the Japanese lifestyle was quite a challenge. However, the welcoming host families and friendly host sisters helped enormously.

After settling in, the Australian girls faced their next challenge: Japanese school life at Seirinkan High School, *Pymble's* sister school in Nagoya. The friendly nature of the Seirinkan High School students helped the visiting girls overcome any challenges, particularly language difficulties. Indeed, by halfway through the exchange many *Pymble* girls were comfortably chatting away with their classmates.

A class trip to the famous Japanese city of Kyoto was a highlight; the *Pymble* girls visited Kinkaku-ji - the Golden Pavilion - and managed some heavy-duty souvenir shopping. With trips to ice-skating rinks, karaoke centres and shopping malls in their spare time, the girls experienced many aspects of a typical Japanese teenager's life.

Before they knew it, the *Pymble* girls were packing their bags (most of which had mysteriously gained a worrying amount of weight) for the flight home to Australia by the end of January 2010. Despite teary goodbyes all around, the *Pymble* Japan exchange students boarded the plane with a new understanding of Japanese culture and language, and many memories of their experiences.

"It was the most amazing thing I've ever done," said Jessica Lim (Year 11), and the *Pymble* Japan exchange students agree. Many girls already plan to visit Japan again in the near future.



Sabrina Yam (Year 11) and Jasmine Feng (Year 11) with some Seirinkan students and Mr. Suzuki (Head of the International Course at Seirinkan High School)

Korean Exchange

Keerthana Sritharan, Year 9

In March, ten *Pymble* girls arrived in Korea for a two-week cultural exchange. We were prepared to experience different food, clothing and culture, but were less prepared for four bouts of snow.

We attended Cheong Shim International Academy, a boarding school in Korea. One highlight was a visit to the DMZ (the no-man area between North and South Korea), which revealed some of Korea's history from the Korean War to the construction of the infiltration tunnels by the North. Touring a tunnel in a rail-cart was a breathtaking experience.

Another highlight was participating in a debate on Korea's and Australia's assets.

Other activities include Nanta (a traditional drum performance), a visit to Lotte World (a theme park) and, of course, shopping.

We thoroughly enjoyed our experience and gained an insight into daily life in Korea. We would like to thank Mrs Shaw in particular for accompanying us, and Mrs Waters for organising this exchange program.

Family Group



Icebreaker 2010

The first social event on the 2010 *Pymble* calendar was the Icebreaker on Friday 12 February. Despite a stormy, wet evening, the event was very well attended and parents and teachers had a great time. The Icebreaker is always much enjoyed and an excellent opportunity to mingle with other parents and meet teachers in a social setting.

2009 Year 6 Graduation

2009 Year 6 girls celebrated the end of their Junior School years at their graduation 'Carnivale' party. More than 400 girls and parents attended on a lovely summer evening at the end of November. Zany stilt walkers greeted guests on the Gloucester Lawn, and guests snacked on fresh popcorn and snow cones. The Year 6 girls performed a moving song to parents underneath the Colonnade, before entering the Main Hall which had been transformed into a colourful Carnivale for a night of fun, dancing and games.

Shave for a Cure

Swim Coach Mitch Falvey raised more than \$3,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave. Mitch bravely allowed razor-wielding girls to shave his head amidst much laughter and advice from the audience. A cake stall run by swimming-Mum Eileen Reeve contributed to the party atmosphere. Parents and siblings of the swim team joined in the fun to raise money for a good cause.

Busy start to year for JSPA

Many new families were welcomed to the Junior School at a series of Year morning teas. Year 6 headed off to camp wearing their smart new Year 6 jerseys and then danced to the music of Michael Jackson at their Father Daughter Dinner. Year 5 showed equally high spirits at their Hawaiian-themed Father Daughter Dinner.

At the end of February, Kelso Field was transformed as 305 campers pitched tents and braved the elements. More than 470 sausages, 230 steaks and 22 dozen eggs were consumed and despite some sleep deprivation, everyone had a terrific time.

Junior School Parents helped serve refreshments at the Ku-ring-gai Council Senior Citizens' Morning Tea. The guests were very appreciative of the musical accompaniment from the Junior School girls. Year 4 ran the ever-popular Cupcake Stall with proceeds supporting the Wilderness Society.





Orientation Day Morning Tea

A buzz of excitement filled the Preparatory School on 1 February as new girls and their families arrived for the 2010 Orientation morning. The PSPA provided a lovely morning tea. Thank you to our volunteer parents for making the delicious cupcakes and sandwiches and for serving refreshments on the day.



Year Group Morning Teas

With Term 1 underway, Preparatory School parents caught up over a lovely morning tea held for each Year Group. The events were very well attended and we were lucky to be joined by Mrs Butt and the class teachers during the morning. The PSPA thanks hosts Susanne Verdal-Austin (Kindergarten), Skye Cooper (Year 1) and Nikki Bundy (Year 2) for welcoming guests into their homes.



PSPA Family Picnic

On Sunday 14 March, families relaxed together under the shade of umbrellas on Kelso Field for the annual PSPA Picnic. There were many fun events for children and grown-ups including an Easter egg and spoon race and hula hoop competitions. Parents lined up behind the new Preparatory School House teams – Mackellar, Turner and Gibbs – to contest a relay race, with Mackellar taking first place. Thank you to everyone who helped at the event – it really was a great afternoon.



From the President

Each year the Ex-Students' Union (ESU) spends time planning a calendar of events which is specifically designed to connect and strengthen our relationships with past and present members of the College Community. The ESU strives to do this by organising a variety of events engaging a cross section of the Ex-Students and representatives of the College Community. As you read each edition of the *Pymbulletin*, I invite you to think about the value of our contribution and, in particular, any suggestions for things we could do more or less of, do better or improve. Our email address for contact is esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au. If you would prefer to write to us, our postal address is PO Box 15 Pymble NSW 2073.

As the newly elected President of the ESU I am gradually becoming familiar with "what we do". What has struck me most is that what we are doing and can achieve is only possible through the support and unending enthusiasm of the ESU Committee, the ESU Liaison Officer (Christine Shute) and the commitment of the College and the membership of the ESU. Thank you for making my first (school) term of office so enjoyable and fulfilling.

Morning Tea

Our 2010 Calendar of Events began with our traditional Morning Tea for mothers and grandmothers of current College students. There were smiling faces all around and the unending feeling that we all know each other through only one degree of separation. Some travelled from a distance to attend. Many mothers brought their mothers. Our thanks to Nicole Denny for her generous offer to host our event when at the last moment we needed to find a new home. We were so impressed with Nicole's friendliness and generosity of spirit that we anointed her an honorary Ex-Student for the day. Thanks again Nicole!

We plan to host more morning teas to connect with each other on a more regular and less formal basis on the College grounds throughout the year. Stay tuned for details of these events.

The Senior School Centre and the HOPE Regatta

The ESU has offered its support to the Family Group and the College to help raise funds for the new Senior School Centre currently being built at the College. No doubt many of you have received information about this state-of-the-art facility. The ESU is supportive of this endeavour. The ESU looks forward with confidence to being able to acknowledge the contribution this facility will make to the international reputation of the College as the best all girls school in the world. It is only through brave initiatives such as this that the College does lead the way in the delivery of world class education. We would encourage you to consider offering your financial support for this endeavour as well. Perhaps tradition literally could be the "mortar between the bricks".

By way of further support, the ESU has committed to funding eight seats in an ESU boat in the HOPE Regatta. This promises to be a fun experience for participants and spectators alike.

Networking

There was a strong response from the Ex-Students to the request for volunteers to provide careers advice to students. I am sure that all those attending whether on the giving or the receiving end will have benefited from this.

A Networking Lunch for 'Working Women' will be hosted again at the end of the year. Stay tuned for details.



Cocktails

In March the ESU Committee hosted a Cocktail Party for our more recent ESU members who left the College in 2007 and 2008. It was a wonderful night, probably the beginning of an even more exciting night for many. We demonstrated our willingness to embrace the challenges of change by using FaceBook to promote our event. This seems to have helped spread the word and our thanks go to our Vice President Leona Blanco for leading the charge into the 21st century. Thanks also to Smriti Arora, Alice Woods and Emma Winch for their help in organising this event. We hope that Senior School girls will join the ESU before leaving Year 12 so that the ESU Committee can look forward to seeing them all at this event when next hosted in 2012.

All' Ultimo Lavoro

Sue Everingham (Taylor, 1977)

esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au

Black Watch Abroad

The Black Watch ties travel far and wide. If you are living or visiting overseas, why not make contact? *Pymble* hosted functions in the UK and Hong Kong last year which were most enjoyable get-togethers for our *Pymble* community. The College is most grateful to Carmen Wong and Kate Blanchard for their help in organising the event in Hong Kong and to Fiona Schreuder and Katrina Collier for organising the event in London.

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Dorothy Knox Remembered

Copies of *Dorothy Knox Remembered* by Margaret Coleman are still available. If you wish to purchase a copy, please email esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au. Copies are \$30.00 each plus postage and handling of \$10 within Australia and \$20 for overseas mail.

Commemoration Day Service

Ex-students and friends of the College are invited to attend the 2010 Commemoration Day Service at 10.30am on 25 July, 2010 in the College Chapel.

The service will feature the Ex-Students' Choir, led by Mrs Jillian Cranney (Stacy, 72) and will be followed by a morning tea served on the Music Colonnade.

Music from the Heart – A Celebration of the Lewis Pipe Organ, a CD featuring students, ex-students and guest artists including much-loved tracks as *Jerusalem*, *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* and the *Albinoni Adagio*, will be available for purchase at \$15 each.

If you are interested in joining the Ex-Students' Choir for this event, please email esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au

Upcoming events

Term 3 Golf, Tennis and Bridge Day

Artist in Residence Function

Commemoration Day Chapel Service (Sunday 25 July) supported by the ESU Choir

Garden Party (Saturday 18 September)

Year 12 v Ex-Students Sports Day

Term 4 Annual General Meeting (Friday 29 October)

Upcoming Reunions

Calling all 2010 reunion groups. It is never too early to start planning your reunion. 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.

Event	Year	Date	Contact
5 Year Reunion	2005 Leavers	Saturday 2 October 2010, at 7pm venue tba	Clare Burgess E: cbur6007@uni.sydney.edu.au
10 Year Reunion	2000 Leavers	Friday 8 October 2010, venue tba	Elizabeth Webster E: pymble2000reunion@hotmail.com
20 Year Reunion	1990 Leavers	Saturday 30 October 2010, Afternoon College tours, dinner at venue tba; Sunday 31 October, Family BBQ/Picnic, venue tba	Kim Berry (Palmer) P: 02 9944 0740, M: 0412 742 696 E: allconsuming72@gmail.com
30 Year Reunion	1980 Leavers	Saturday 18 September 2010, Alberts Hotel 100 Mount Street, North Sydney, 7pm, \$70 each	Cath Thompson (Booth) P: 02 6365 2298, M: 0425 259 350
35 Year Reunion	1975 Leavers	Saturday 30 October 2010, Cocktail Party, Function Room upstairs at Greengate Hotel, Killara	Cynthia Playfair M: 0407 959 370 and Catherine Vipond M: 0401 303 767
Ingleholme Reunion	For girls who finished in 6th class in 1968 (would have completed Year 12 in 1974)	Sunday 7 November 2010, lunch. Further details to be advised in next <i>Pymbulletin</i>	Louise Bain (Studdy) M: 0417413952 E: thebains@bigpond.com
40 Year Reunion	1970 Leavers	Saturday 16 October 2010, David Macfarlane Centre, <i>Pymble</i> , 12 noon	Pam Gordon (Somerville) E: pamgordon@bigpond.com
45 Year Reunion	1965 Leavers	Saturday 25 September 2010, David Macfarlane Centre, <i>Pymble</i> , 12 noon	Elsbeth Hodge (Loewenthal) P: 02 9439 1234 M: 0414 439 500
50 Year Reunion	1960 Leavers	Sunday 25 July 2010, (Commemoration Day) David Macfarlane Centre, <i>Pymble</i> , 12 noon	Lindy Stuart (Stothart) P: 02 9489 8280 E: ldstuart@bigpond.net.au
60 Year Reunion	1950 Leavers	Sunday 25 July 2010, (Commemoration Day) GMCPA Foyer, <i>Pymble</i> , 12.30pm	Dorothy Oag (Cathels) P: 02 6949 1994, E: dotoag@bigpond.com ; Beth Kannegieter (Tierney) P: 02 9436 3497, E: kanneg@bigpond.net.au
2011 60 Year Reunion	1951 Leavers	Saturday 14 May, 2011 David Macfarlane Centre, <i>Pymble</i> , 12 noon	Jan Harper (McPhee) E: jharper@netspace.net.au

Ex-Students News



• **Jill Taylor (1973)** became a World Champion last year when she won a gold medal in W50-54 Hammer Throw at the recent World Masters Games, held in Sydney in October 2009. Jill also won a Silver medal in Weight Throw, a bronze medal in Weight Pentathlon and placed 4th and 6th in Discus and Shot Put respectively.

All her medals were won with personal best performances, and she now also has World Rankings of 15th in her age group for Hammer, and 22nd in the Weight Throw.

Taking up Athletics only at the age of 47, Jill is currently a State and National Champion in several of her events, and held an Australian record in the 100lb Heavy Weight Throw.

She plans to compete at the Oceania Masters Championships in Tahiti in July, and then tackle the World Masters Athletics Championships in Sacramento California in 2011.



• **Alice (2002) Sophie (2004) and Lucy (left in Year 10) Pulvers,** have the unique situation of all three sisters displaying their artworks at the Pymble Gallery. Alice, Sophie and Lucy have had success with their paintings in galleries since leaving the College.

Alice has had a number of her illustrations in books and publications both in Japan and Australia and her paintings have been exhibited at the Michael Commerford Blue Door Gallery. She has also completed a number of commissioned paintings, including the portrait of John Bell on display at the Pymble Gallery.

Sophie has also had success with a number of commissioned paintings.

Lucy currently has 25 paintings at the Kiku Art Gallery in Bungendore, NSW. This year Lucy won third prize in the National WetlandCare Australia Art competition and her painting is currently being exhibited at the CSIRO in Canberra.

Engagements

- **Alyssa Burman (1998)** to Dane Squance
- **Edwina Chu (1999)** to Jonathan Michael Horler
- **Laura Coleman (2000)** to Simon Walsh

Marriages



• **May Lynnette Khong (1995)** married Ashley Robert D'Cruz on 21 February 2009 at the Sydney Opera House. They currently reside in San Francisco.



• **Mel Macpherson (1999)** married Bradley Cox on 10 January 2009 at Avoca Beach Theatre, followed by a reception at Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club. Ex-students Rowena Bull (1999) and Rachel Peterson (1999) were two of Mel's bridesmaids.

• **Emma Paxton (1994)** wed Scott Westall at Shoal Bay Resort on 21 November 2009. Emma's bridesmaids were Fiona Paxton (1997) and Pam Adams. They honeymooned in Mexico and the United States.



• **Angie Ross (1998)** married Damian Carroll on 29 August 2009 at St Clements Church, Mosman. Angie's bridesmaids were Louise Anderson (Bransgrove, 1998), Elisha Marshall (1998) and Margaret Harris.



• After a whirl wind romance of twelve years (!) **Jude Sharpe (1992)** and Rob Cooke were married on 21 February 2009 at the Forster Uniting Church. The service was followed by the reception at the Blackhead Surf Club, Hallidays Point. Jude and Rob have made their home at "Maradana", Manildra in the Central West of NSW.



• **Louise Steenbhom (1989)** married Chip Jordan on 12 December, 2009 at Shore School Chapel, North Sydney. The reception was at Sails, McMahons Point. Louise's Matron of Honour was her sister, Melissa Oppenheim (Steenbhom, 1987). Louise and Chip are now happily living in Pennsylvania, USA.

• **Marlo Vernon (1995)** married Christian Robson in York Minster, England on 25 July 2009. They spent their honeymoon in France. Marlo has been living in England for the past seven years and is a teacher at The Minster School. They will continue to live in the UK for the present time.



Adrian Hal, Claudia Ferreira, Michaela Vernon (1999), Nicholas Robson, Marlo and Christian Robson, Katharine Vernon (1997), Gregory Robson, Julie Fill, Edward Gwilliam and Poppy Robson.

Births

- **Katie Cash (Jensen, 1996)** and husband Nathan are delighted to announce the arrival of another little angel, Grace Kate on 18 June, 2009. Joshua James is thrilled to have a little sister.
- **Rebecca Ferguson (Cornell, 1987)** and husband Andrew are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Holly Marie, born 8 April 2009. She is the little sister of Hannah May, born 29 April 2006.
- **Krystie Harris (Giblin, 1997)** and husband Ben are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Lachlan Michael, born on 9 November 2009. A little brother for Imogen.
- **Kathy Kam (1997)** and her husband, Tyler Carper, are pleased to announce the birth of twin boys, Michael Kam Carper and Patrick Leland Carper, on 9 November 2009.
- **Jane Makeham (Brennan-Horley, 1988)** and husband Simon are delighted to announce the birth of their second child, Laura Clare, on 19 March 2009. A sister for Jennifer.
- **Emma Maple-Brown (McWilliam, 1991)** and her husband Andrew are excited to announce the birth of Toby Andrew, born on 22 March 2009 in Sydney. Toby is a little brother for Annabel and Charlie. His godmothers are Rebecca Cuschieri (Mason, 1991) and Lucy Lehane (1991). Shortly after Toby was born, the family moved to New York and is currently living in Manhattan on the Upper West Side.
- **Suzanne Miller (Fozzard, 1990)** and her husband Brian are delighted to announce the birth of their second child, a son Hugh Manning Miller, on Friday 18 December 2009. His big four year old sister, Lucy is delighted.
- **Nicole Redmond (Lee, 1995)** and husband Colin are absolutely thrilled to announce the arrival of their first beautiful child, Jamie Colin, born on 25 January 2010. He is the first of the next generation on his mother's side!

- **Kate Stevens (Appleby, 1989)** and husband Mark are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Cooper Thomas, on 10 July 2009.
- **Alix Toynton (Icklow, 1994)** and husband Andrew are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of their precious little girl, Gabriella Rose, on 18 March 2010. A beautiful sister for Hannah and Samara.
- **Emma Whiteley (Leckie, 1998)** and husband Tim are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Matilda Julie, born at Dubbo Base Hospital on 12 February 2010.
- **Shannon Wong (Mathews, 1992)** and husband Ben are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Skye, on 23 August 2009. A little sister for three year old Rachel.

Vale

- **Diane Ruth Cook (Ball, 1950)** Diane's five years at *Pymble* were marked by outstanding achievement as a scholar, athlete and leader. Fitting tribute to her contribution was 'best all round girl' award in 1950. She went on to an Arts degree and later, after the birth of her four children, Murray, Michelle, Gretchen (deceased) and Virginia, gained a Diploma of Education and a Masters in English. A distinguished career as an English teacher followed, including many years at Abbotsleigh where she is lovingly remembered. A generous and humble achiever, Diane also enriched the lives of countless people through her numerous interests - books, music, theatre, tennis, travel, adventure and more. No stranger to adversity, she faced life's challenges with incredible courage, not least in the struggle with pancreatic cancer which led to her death in January 2009. A renaissance woman, much loved and missed by her family and many friends.
Mary Lane
- **Elizabeth (Libby) Ann Jacob (Hughes, 1955)** passed away on 10 February, 2010. Libby was a boarder at *Pymble* and was known as Elizabeth 'Country' Hughes. Each morning she would play the piano for Assembly and on other celebratory occasions for the school. On graduating from the College, Libby enrolled at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and became a concert pianist. She worked in the travel industry, eventually buying into an agency, giving her the opportunity to travel to many places throughout the world. Libby was a kind, gentle and understanding lady, with a dry sense of humour. Libby is survived by her husband of 46 years, Mac, her two children Louise and Richard and granddaughters Ella and Hollie.
Louise Milligan (daughter)
- **Ros Lowe (Proctor, 1956)** passed away at home on 31 October, 2009, (born 1939).
- **Dorothy (Dosh) Mae Ranken (Widdis, 1950)** Dosh was one of seven five year olds who met in Lang House Common Room to become the Kindergarten class of 1939. Wonderful friendships started then and have continued ever since. Dosh is remembered for her infectious laughter, sporting ability and her caring, loyal personality. Sadly, she suffered her first stroke in January 2003, but her courage and the loving support of her husband Bob, daughter Alexandra, and sons Doug, Hugh and Jack, earned the admiration of her many friends until her death on 8 June 2009. Dosh, you will be greatly missed.
Dorothy Oag
- **Margaret Dorothy Shields (Ludowici, 1947)** died on 29 October, 2009 of kidney failure. Beloved mother of Dimity, Earle and Merrilee and sister of Janette.
- **Frances Jean Goulburn Weily (Noble, 1942)** late of Orange attended *Pymble* from 1939 to 1942. Wife of Gregg (deceased), proud mother of Marilyn and Deborah and loving grandmother of Catherine, Alexandra, Duncan, Mitchell and Georgina, Frances died on 24 February 2010.

Celebrating our new Spirit Houses



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