

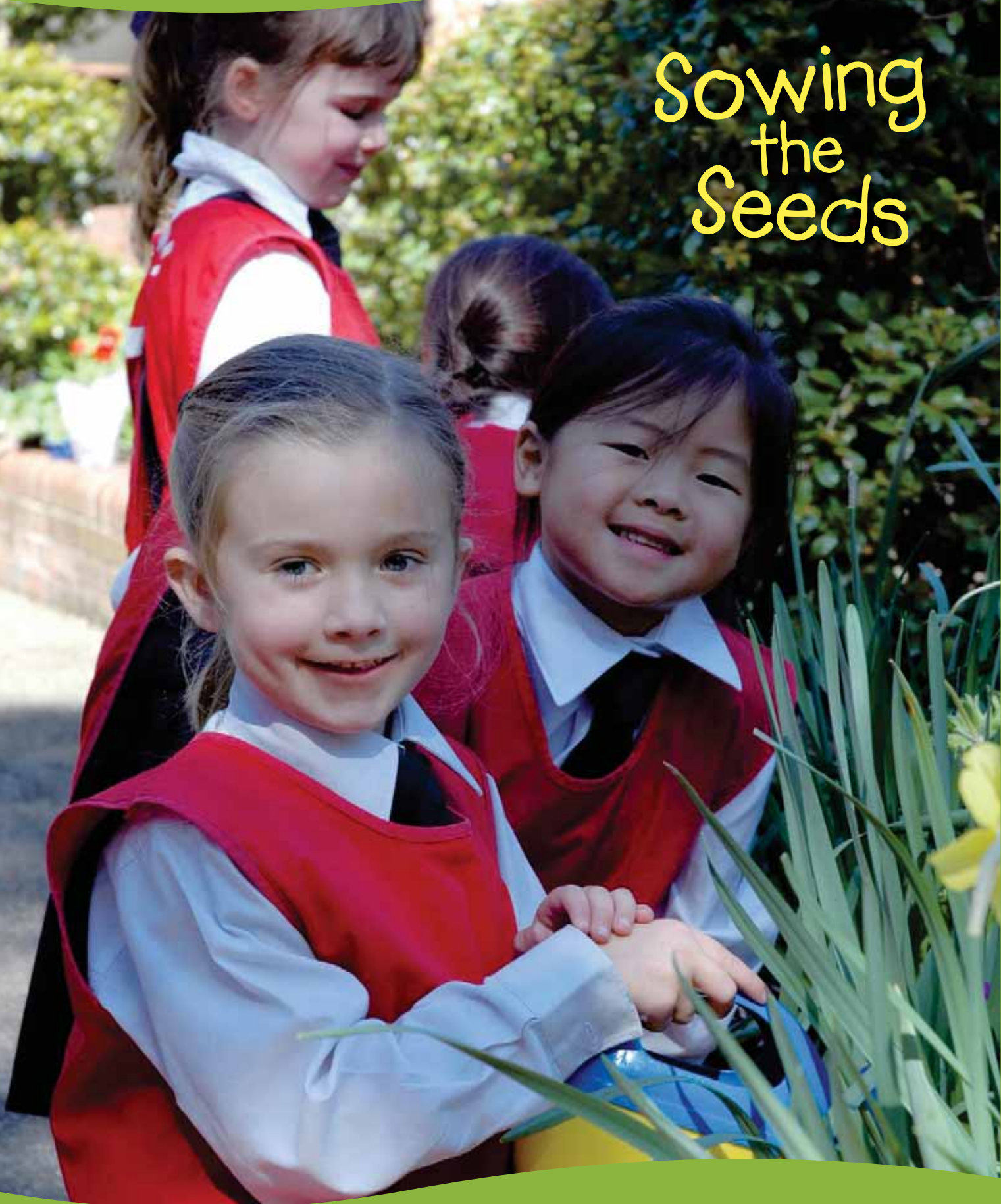


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Sowing the Seeds



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PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Welcome to another issue of *Pymbulletin*. The theme of this issue – 'Sowing the Seeds' – is most pertinent to the numerous examples of fine leadership displayed by our students during term three. A number of our achievers began at the College in Kindergarten. From their earliest days at *Pymble*, girls are encouraged to aim high, achieve, and lead. I am very much looking forward to seeing the youngest girls today grow and develop into the inspiring and assured student leaders of tomorrow.



This term has given us several stories of academic achievement. In this issue of *Pymbulletin* you will read about the wonderful results of our debaters, science students, and American Classical League Scholarship winners. We can also expect great academic achievements still to come from the 2008 HSC cohort.

Pymble girls also demonstrate leadership in the arts. The first story in this issue is about the wonderful achievement of our Rock Eisteddfod team. Winning an event such as this requires team work, focus, creativity, stamina, organisational skills, and passion. All qualities that are encouraged in our school and community leaders. Artistic leadership was also evident in the work on display in the Year 12 Art Exhibition and in Textiles on Parade, and in the dramatic performances of Chekhov's challenging work, *The Cherry Orchard*, and the student-written and produced musical *The Rosewood Secret*.

Within the pages of this *Pymbulletin* are many illustrations of the opportunities provided to students to experience life beyond *Pymble*. Sporting tours, community visits and trips abroad help broaden the girls' life experiences, thereby contributing to the development of their leadership potential. In particular, the girls who toured to Thailand in the winter school holidays lent their time and extended their friendship to a community vastly different from their own and with far greater needs. Experiences such as this helps the girls focus on the needs and disadvantages of others.

The community spirit that featured in the last edition of *Pymbulletin* continued this term, indicating an ongoing level of community engagement and awareness by *Pymble* girls. 'Donate 08' was a main charity fundraiser for the term, and was an excellent display of student leadership in action. The concept was devised by the prefect body, and carried out by all the students.

It is unfortunate that there are many young women in the wider community who have within themselves the desire and ability to achieve and lead, but through circumstance may never get the opportunity. I strongly believe that the College's Indigenous Scholarship Program will contribute towards providing young indigenous women the opportunity to develop their full potential. Please read our story on the past and present scholarship winners, and consider contributing to this program to continue its cause.

I admire and uphold our girls when they show leadership, but the qualities required must be nurtured early. Leadership begins with 'sowing the seeds'.

Vicki L Waters

ROCK EISTEDDFOD CHALLENGE 2008

Pymble Ladies' College has won the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge in the prestigious Premier Division for the first time in more than a decade. The Sydney Entertainment Centre erupted with the cheers of *Pymble* students and supporters.



The Rock Eisteddfod Challenge is a drug and alcohol-free event which endorses teamwork and self esteem in young people.

Eight months of tireless preparation by 120 Senior School students – on stage and in the backstage crew – and countless supportive mums and dads resulted in a phenomenal eight-minute show entitled 'Woman Like Me'. After a successful performance in the heats on 28 July, the team progressed to the finals, held on Friday 5 September.

The show is an original concept about oppression of women. 'Woman Like Me' aims to promote self esteem in young women, and encourages them to look in the mirror and love what they see. The judges were very impressed with the sophisticated concept and the skill of the *Pymble* performers. An enthusiastic and supportive *Pymble*-filled audience cheered on the team throughout the performance, creating a sea of pink glow sticks.

In addition to winning the Premier Division, the performance received five awards of excellence in the areas of choreography, stage use, performance skill, concept and drama. These results were met with tears and enthusiastic screams of joy from the entire Rock Eisteddfod team. *Pymble* also received numerous awards at the heats level of the competition.

Special thanks must go to the phenomenal director of this year's show, Ms Sheridan Warner, her parents who also provided a great deal of support, and to this year's Rock Eisteddfod captain, Claudia Gillett (Year 12), all of whom were instrumental in the success of the show.

Katherine Dickson, Year 11



FRIENDSHIP DAY

On Monday 25 August, *Pymble* held its first ever 'Friendship Day'. Girls pre-purchased cards and flowers which were then delivered to their friends on the day. The funds raised supported the Rock Eisteddfod team and Breast Cancer Research. It was also a wonderful way to show friends how much you cared. It was a very successful fundraiser with more than 700 flowers sold. It is hoped this event will be held for many years to come.

INDIGENOUS



FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF COLLEGE COUNCIL

Pymble Ladies' College is proud to have inaugurated a scholarship program offering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls the opportunity of a *Pymble* education.

All Australians are aware of the challenges facing many Indigenous communities. Ensuring that young people have access to first-rate education is an important factor in improving conditions for the next generation. *Pymble* is committed to assisting our scholarship holders to achieve their potential and to be leaders and role models for others.

Jessica came to *Pymble* in 2007 from Alice Springs as the initial Evonne Goolagong Scholarship holder. She was joined this year by Keiryn. These two girls are terrific contributors to school life and got our program off to a great start. Next year, we expect three more students. These will be younger girls who will have 'big sisters' ready and waiting to help them settle in, and lead them through the challenges of high school and boarding far from home.

The program is for motivated girls who have the encouragement of their family. The commitment of our dedicated staff, and respect and acceptance from other students, are critical to its success.

The College has financed the scholarships awarded, however recently several very generous *Pymble* families have offered financial support and we thank them most sincerely.

We ask all families, ex-students and friends of the College to consider contributing to the Pymble Ladies' College Indigenous Scholarship Program. You will be helping young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women to achieve their goals and to fulfil their leadership potential.

Kate Mason, Chairman of the College Council

LEADERSHIP



INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

Pymble Ladies' College is looking forward to welcoming two new students next year. Ebithia Mills and Hannah Majib, from Tagai State College on Thursday Island, are the 2009 Indigenous Leadership scholarship winners.

Ebithia and Hannah, along with their mothers Amanda and Ellen and teacher Damien Hepburn, had a taste of *Pymble* life when they visited the College to attend their scholarship interviews in July.

Upon arriving in Sydney, Indigenous Liaison teacher Fiona D'Souza and I accompanied the group to the 'Textiles on Parade' Fashion Show. The following day the girls were kept very busy, spending time with a Year 6 class, taking a tour of the Senior School campus, and visiting lessons including Year 7 Visual Arts, Year 10 Food Technology and Year 11 French.



The girls also spent a night in the Boarding House, where they could meet some of our Boarders and get a feel for boarding life. Their mums and teacher took the opportunity to see the sights of Sydney, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Congratulations Ebithia and Hannah; we'll see you next year for the start of a rewarding education at *Pymble*.

Dr Julie Townsend, Deputy Principal

The Pymble Ladies' College Indigenous Scholarship Program

The Indigenous Scholarship Program offers two classes of scholarships. The Evonne Goolagong-Cawley Performance Scholarship is open to candidates with performance and academic abilities and leadership potential. Areas of performance include art, music and sport.

The Indigenous Leadership Scholarship is open to candidates with academic ability and leadership potential.

We need your help

We are very grateful for the wonderful support we have already had in building our Indigenous Scholarship Program. There is, however, much more to do, and your donation is needed to help us build the program to ensure that it can continue to facilitate scholarships for Indigenous young women at *Pymble*.

If you would like to donate to this fund, please telephone our Director of Finance on 61 2 9855 7799.

Alternatively, we can send you a brochure which outlines the many ways that you can donate.

Donations to the program are tax deductible.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

PERFORMING ARTS

This term the Preparatory School girls have been learning about Indonesian music and dance in readiness for a visit from Makukuhan, a group presenting traditional music and original music inspired by Indonesian traditions.

The girls have also been very busy discovering the world of William Shakespeare and learning songs and recitations in preparation for the Preparatory School concert, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The Preparatory School Choir has met weekly, and given performances in Chapel and at the Garden Party.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Ball skills learnt in terms one and two were incorporated into modified sports including soccer, cricket, T-ball, tennis, basketball and netball. These games encouraged girls to interact positively with peers and develop an understanding of playing with basic rules; they also promote team spirit and fair play.

During the athletics season the girls participated in track and field events. Track events included sprints, hurdles, relays and novelties. Field events included long jump, shot put and mini javelin. A popular occasion in term three is the Junior School Athletics Carnival, which gives girls the opportunity to participate in sprint, hurdle, relay and novelty events, earning points for their houses.

In gymnastics the girls enjoyed rhythmic, exploring basic movement skills using hoops, ropes, clubs and ribbons. It was pleasing to see all girls using their imagination and even creating and performing movement sequences and routines.



Preparatory School Athletics Carnival

The Preparatory School Athletics Carnival was held on a beautiful spring morning, on Thursday 11 September. The girls participated enthusiastically in many events including sprints, hurdles, captain ball, tunnel ball and a house relay. Many parents and grandparents attended to support and encourage the girls. Mrs Waters presented the ribbons and the Gillian Moore House Cup, this year won by Goodlet. It was pleasing to see the improvement in the girls' co-ordination, technique and stamina. They are working conscientiously in the excellent program provided by Miss Stephanie Gentle, their physical education teacher.

FROM KINDERGARTEN

This term Kindergarten girls learnt about zoo animals, including mammals, reptiles and birds. The girls are now more aware of the important role of zoos in preserving wildlife and providing opportunities to study animals in exhibits similar to their natural environments. An excursion to Taronga Zoo was a wonderful experience for the girls, as they were able to observe unusual animals such as the rare red panda, the snow leopard and the sun bear. The girls wrote information reports on zoo animals and excursion recounts which are displayed in the Preparatory School.

Science has been an exciting learning area with the girls studying 'Movement'. Linked to the zoo topic, the girls observed the different ways animals move and the different forms of energy associated with movement. They also experimented with the movement of toys, objects and themselves.

The girls participated in many hands-on experiences in maths. The focus was on number, and the girls enjoyed using counters, beans, straws and toys to make groups, count on the number line and take away. They have been learning many different strategies for addition, subtraction and even multiplication.

Bounce Back is a resilience program that is new to Kindergarten. The girls are given opportunities in class and during grade assemblies to discuss friendship issues, values and their thoughts and ideas. Wednesday assemblies are also a great forum for Bible stories, songs, prayers and reflections.



Above and below: Kindergarten at the Zoo



KS Gardening



KR at work



Year 1 Rubbish Free Lunch Day



Year 1 Botanic Gardens

FROM YEAR 1

During term three, Year 1 girls learnt about reducing, reusing and recycling to help our environment.

The girls enjoyed a visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens where they learnt about composting and worm farms as well as doing some gardening in the vegetable patch.

Year 1 had a rubbish free lunch day. The girls designed a lunch that involved no rubbish or disposable packaging. Food scraps were put in the class compost bins. We are hoping to see less lunchtime rubbish as a result of this event.

Year 1 also followed the Olympics with interest, keeping a medal tally and learning about the special Olympic mascots. The girls also enjoyed reading and discussing the short-listed books throughout Book Week and wrote some wonderful pieces about their favourite book.



Year 1 Botanic Gardens

FROM YEAR 2

Term three has been very exciting for Year 2. Our science and technology unit 'What's for Lunch' provided the girls with many opportunities to learn about healthy foods, bacteria and mould, and foods from around the world. The unit concluded with Food Expo, where each girl researched and cooked or provided a dish from another country to share with her peers. Many girls took advantage of the vast menu to try something that they had never eaten before.

The human society and its environment topic 'Aboriginal Culture' has been a favourite unit for Year 2. The girls visited the Art Gallery of New South Wales to view a variety of Australian artworks and enjoy the stories and history behind them. We are looking forward to a visit from a Torres Strait Islander group that will share Dreamtime stories, dance and Indigenous art.



Year 2 Food Expo

JUNIOR SCHOOL



GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS

JoAnn Deak, psychologist and author, gave an engaging talk to the Years 5 and 6 girls in term three. Dr Deak has spent her career researching the way in which the human brain works, with particular attention to the functional differences between the male and female brain. She is also the author of the best-selling book, *Girls Will be Girls: Raising Confident and Courageous Daughters*.

The students were fascinated to learn about the various areas of the brain which control different functions, and that we are all born with some areas of our brains having greater potential than others. Dr Deak pointed out that students can, however, increase their strength of performance in all areas, including their weaknesses. She drew an analogy between brain function and a rubber band. We are all born with a 'rubber band' of a given size in any particular area of brain function but, whether that band is large or small, it can be expanded by practice. Her message was "Don't avoid what you're not good at while you're young, otherwise the band will never stretch. Stretch your rubber band during the 'magic decade' to grow the muscle".

Dr Deak also stressed the importance of sleep, good nutrition and water in optimal brain development. She encouraged the girls to think of themselves as 'tadpoles' – no longer babies but not yet fully formed adults.

"Dr Deak used humour very effectively to capture the interest of the girls and she praised the interesting and stimulating nature of the girls' questions".

Mrs L Gordon, Year 6 Grade Co-ordinator

"You can stretch your rubber bands by practising things over and over. Your rubber bands are easiest to stretch during your tadpole years (pre-teens) so it is a great time to try new things".
Ellie Hughes, Year 6

"Dr Deak told us that from age 10 to 20 we are in the golden decade for our brains. In the golden decade we can stretch our rubber bands so we have bigger brains. Girls need to stretch! She also said that our brain has an amygdala that controls our feelings".

Mekala Shanker, Year 5

"The good thing about being a tadpole is that you feel very mature and grown up. Not fully grown up but grown up enough to understand people's feelings a lot".

Sophia Lee, Year 6



Mehhma Malhi, Marla Samrai and Lily Huang dressed in national costume

BRINGING THE WORLD TO THE CLASSROOM

The Junior School celebrated the many cultures of its students this term with International Day. The day tied in with the themes of Literacy Week, and featured a parade of traditional or customary dress and a feast of multicultural food.

It was a wonderful day that highlighted cultures and traditions from around the world.

"It was interesting to see how many different countries are represented at our school".

Emma Dixon, Year 3

"We made delicious biscuits from Germany and had fun decorating them".

Molly Martyr and Holly Rundle, Year 5

"International Day was a fantastic way to show cultures and to have fun in the large variety of activities. In the parade, it was a great way to see all the different costumes from around the world".

Sophie Heath, Year 4

"It was great to see everyone proudly wearing costumes from their own cultures. We learned a lot about other countries through seeing their national dress".

Lizzie Carrington and Jessica Yu, Year 5



Poison



Costumes from around the world



Natasha Ng



The Pickled Eggplants - Lucy Smith Stevens, Georgia Dixon, Hannah Jakrot and Roshana Kanagaratnam

ROBOTS READY TO DANCE!

On Tuesday 12 August, after three terms of preparation, five excited *Pymble* teams entered the University of New South Wales for the regional robotics competition.

Every Thursday at lunchtime these teams had worked on programming their robots to dance to a theme song they had picked. This was a complicated task, as the robots not only had to move in time with the music, but also stay within the restrictions of a three by three metre square mat.

On the day, all the girls performed extremely well. Two teams, 'The Pickled Eggplants' and 'The Aussies', were among the six teams to advance to the finals. Both teams competed extremely well, with 'The Pickled Eggplants' taking home huge smiles and second place medals.

Roshana Kanagaratnam and Georgia Dixon, Year 5

DA VINCI DECATHLON

The Da Vinci Decathlon is an annual interschool competition held at Knox Grammar School. This year 48 schools competed. Each school entered two teams of eight students who competed in ten subject areas: maths, English, forensic sleuths, games of strategy, code breaking, science, art and poetry, creative producers, general knowledge and engineering.

As well as learning about the different subjects we were competing in, we also learnt a lot about working together as a team.

When the final result was announced we were extremely surprised and delighted to find out that we, the Year 6 team, had placed second out of all the schools competing. It was a memorable experience which expanded our academic knowledge and developed our team skills.

Mannat Malhi, Year 6



Year 6 Da Vinci Team - Joyce Yu, Phoebe Lind, Florence Fermanis, Annice Savill, Shani Wijetilaka, Mannat Malhi, Julianne Kim

PANDORA OPENS THE BOX

Wakakirri was beginning, and excitement was in the air. For four terms, 100 girls had been working on a dance performance for this competition.

First, auditions were held for the parts of Pandora, Hope, the Butterfly, the Poison Leader and Toxic. Practice began and dances were taught. The girls were eager to learn and groups were chosen. We came up with new and refreshing ideas. We decided that the dance needed more girls so more were invited to join. Gradually, after a lot of practice, the dances came together to form a great performance, called *Pandora Opens the Box*.

On the day of the Wakakirri heats all the girls were very excited and couldn't stay calm. We visited the Hills Centre during the day to practise and be shown around. On the night, everybody was ecstatic. It was hectic. Make-up was applied and reapplied, costumes were put on and hair was moulded into interesting and beautiful designs.

Excitement was building as our performance was nearing. As we walked onto the stage, we felt a mixture of excitement and nervousness. The curtains opened and the performance began. We felt like we'd done the best that we could. The teachers, parents and judges described us as mesmerising, fabulous and beautiful.

The following week, we waited with anticipation to find out the results and see if we had made it into the finals. A few days later, the news was announced: we were in! Girls were jumping up and down, we were so excited! We are going to perform at the Entertainment Centre!

Angelique Wan and Monica Abdo-Tehrani, Year 6



Wings of Hope

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT PYMBLE



Jessica PL Chan, Rachel White and Bernadette Yim

PRESTIGIOUS INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS WIN

Year 12 students Rachel White, Jessica PL Chan and Bernadette Yim have been awarded a prestigious American Classical League Scholarship to be used at a university of their choice next year for the study of Latin or Classical Greek.

The girls are among just 21 recipients in the world to be awarded the scholarship, from more than 130,000 students who sit the exams. It is rare for Australian students to be selected, so to have three successful students from *Pymble* is a great achievement and honour.

Rachel, Jessica and Bernadette said they were excited about their award and appreciated the opportunity to continue their classical languages study at a higher level. They are still considering their choice of university.

The girls were invited to apply for the scholarship after achieving a Gold Medal award in the Year 12 level of the international Latin exams. Students were required to submit an essay on a Latin quotation of their choice, along with their academic record and letters of recommendation from teachers.



THE GREAT ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

It was quick thinking along with sharp engineering skills that led *Pymble* to victory in the Great Engineering Challenge at the University of New South Wales on 5 August.

Year 11 students Catherine Cho, Radhika Moore, Fiona Fong and Louise Fisher competed against teams from about 50 other schools, undertaking three challenges to demonstrate their engineering skills.

The first challenge tested communication skills, with Louise and Catherine describing a roadblock to Radhika and Fiona without using visual contact. The second challenge required teams to build a cantilever bridge out of raw pasta and tape that extended as far as possible without touching the floor.

For the third challenge, participants were required to build an inexpensive crumple zone around a cup of water that would minimise water loss when the cup was dropped from three metres. The girls were given 45 minutes to complete this task, and spent most of that time creating a complex device that unfortunately failed in test runs. In the final minutes and under great pressure, the girls taped the cup to a manila folder – and won the challenge. They received movie passes as their prize.

The good news did not end there, however, with *Pymble* declared the overall winners of the event. The prizes were a book, jet boating tickets, a certificate and a trophy.

There is a common misconception that boys are naturally more skilled in engineering than girls. It is wonderful that four very clever *Pymble* girls have had the opportunity to disprove this, and pave the way for other girls to let their talents shine in this field.





The Senior B debating team

ISDA DEBATING

Pymble has ended another successful year of ISDA Debating with three out of six teams making the grand finals.

The Independent Schools' Debating Association holds debates between several Sydney schools. With such a large competitive base, it is all the more commendable that the Year 8, Year 9 and Senior B teams all reached the grand final and performed terrifically, displaying their talent and knowledge.

Despite being defeated by Trinity College, the Year 9 team of Tara Hariharan, Kumithini Ravindra, Olivia Ronan and Penina Su debated wonderfully, challenging Trinity until the very last moment. After such a narrow defeat, the Year 9 girls can be proud of their effort and achievement in placing second in the competition.

The Year 8 team was represented by Philippa Bean, Joy Jin, Nikki Raftopoulos and Sarika Suresh. As the affirmative side, they presented an informative and very persuading argument on the topic, 'That junk food advertising should be banned'. The girls' persuasive arguments claimed the Grand Final trophy.

A magnificent win was also taken by *Pymble's* Senior B team. General knowledge, ethics and morals, and facts and figures flew throughout the debate, skilfully put forward by Lovelle D'Souza, Shirley-Anne Hu, Isabelle Lamberton and Julienne Orcullo. The team took the affirmative position against Tangara on the topic, 'That developing nations should be subject to the Kyoto protocol'. The Senior B team is to be congratulated for winning at such a comprehensive and senior level with a very high standard of debating.

"The teams have consistently worked hard and their results are indicative of the students' maturity, commitment and focus," said Debating Co-ordinator Ms Jodeikin. "The knowledge students have of national and global affairs astounds me and I am inspired by their confidence in speaking!"

Pymble's debating teams all performed superbly this year, not only in the ISDA competition but also the Archdale and Sydney Debating Network (SDN) competitions, and their effort and dedication is to be congratulated.

Many thanks to parents, staff and students who attended the debates to support the girls. Special thanks also to the coaches, including Kate Mason, Sasha Boder-Smith and Zhenzi Zhu.

Tara Waniganayaka, Year 11

FUEL YOUR MIND - BOOK WEEK AT PYMBLE

From 16 to 22 August, *Pymble* celebrated Book Week, the longest-running children's festival in Australia. It was organised within the school by the Conde Library staff, with the aim of encouraging students to 'fuel their minds' (the theme for 2008). Events included a treasure hunt and a book review competition.

Pymble was very lucky to have as our guest Jaclyn Moriarty, author of popular young adult fiction titles such as *Feeling Sorry for Celia*. Jaclyn gave a workshop for a small group of Senior School students, and delivered an inspiring talk to Years 7 to 9. Eliza Taylor, Year 8, learnt from Jaclyn that, "writing is a challenge, but if you're passionate about it, it's a very rewarding path."

The most exciting part of Book Week celebrations took place on the final day, when the College staff members were given the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters. Students were able to win prizes by correctly guessing who each teacher was dressed as.

Many thanks to the Library staff for organising such a fantastic event, and for all the teachers and students who actively participated to make Book Week an inspiring success.

Isobel Taylor, Year 11



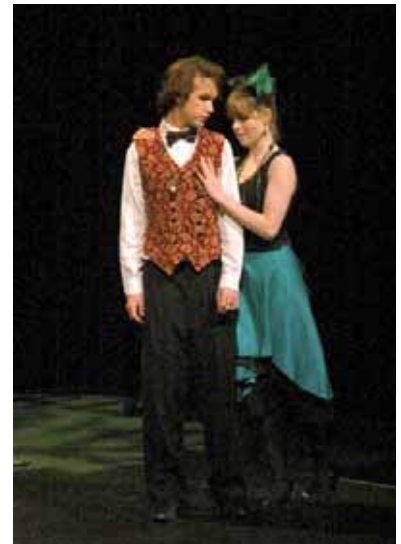
Jaclyn Moriarty helping out at her creative writing workshop



Conde Library Staff all dressed up for Book Week



The cast and band with conductor Mr Kurt Scheinberger and the composers Sylvia Lim, Julienne Orcullo and Nicole Nahm



Nick Plummer and Alexandra de Zwart



The chorus singing 'The Backerville Festival'

THE ROSEWOOD SECRET

Pymble Ladies' College was honoured to present the world premier of the musical, *The Rosewood Secret*, on Friday 25 July 2008. *The Rosewood Secret* follows the discovery of a young girl's mysterious death.

Three gifted *Pymble* students have been working laboriously since summer 2007 to create this phenomenal production. Sylvia Lim, Julienne Orcullo and Nicole Nahm of Year 11 originally set out to develop their musical abilities, but their journey ended up an ultimate test of their endurance, teamwork and organisation skills. "In all aspects it was an incredible way for us to grow and learn as an individual, but also to grow and learn from others," said Sylvia Lim.

But it was not only these girls who made *The Rosewood Secret* such a huge success. The dedication and commitment from the talented cast, crew and orchestra was reflected in the amazing performance. "The journey is just so much better when you work together. And I think that's what allowed us to achieve this goal – working as a team." said Julienne Orcullo. The promising performance of Mitch Riley (John Ross) no doubt left many *Pymble* students wishing to turn into cheesecakes to win his heart.

It is no doubt that all the hard work paid off – the musical was an achievement that will be remembered forever by the audience and the *Pymble* community.

Hana Dinh, Year 11



Above: Jillian Boustred (Whitehouse Award and Designer of the Future Award)
 Far left: Anna Goyen (Award for Technical Achievement)
 Centre: Laura Parr (Award for Technical Achievement)
 Left: Sheridan Lawrie (People's Choice Award)

THE CHERRY ORCHARD

The *Pymble* Drama Company recently delivered a sophisticated and convincing performance of Anton Chekhov's classic play, *The Cherry Orchard*.

The cast of 17 talented *Pymble* actors and one surprisingly well-behaved dog portrayed the life of a once wealthy Russian family after the emancipation of the serfs. It was a stunning performance that examined the social and cultural divides in the turn of 20th Century Russia.

The performances were entertaining and engaging, with the actors mastering the mature concepts the roles demanded. Captain of Theatre and cast member Jessie-Marie Goldie commented that, "Although the concepts were challenging, the maturity of the cast and crew allowed for a great performance."

As with all productions, the performance on stage would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the crew, comprising students and staff including the play's director and Head of Drama Mr McPhail, and the outstanding assistant director Alexandra Peattie (Year 11). Alexandra enjoyed the experience, saying, "It was a really fun experience to work backstage for once".

Productions such as this give opportunities for students to not only perform but also master skills in lighting, sound and all the behind-the-scenes aspects of production. Lighting operator and designer Dreem Qin, Year 10, sound operator Charlotte Howland, Year 10 and stage manager Claudia Stocks, Year 11, all appreciated their experiences behind the scenes.

Special thanks must be given to the entire cast and production crew who created a spectacular performance that was extremely entertaining.

Katherine Dickson, Year 11



Alexandra de Zwart and Natalie Stern



The cast with Blaze Horn, the canine star of the play



Julia Nicholls, Natalie Stern, Alexandra de Zwart and Charlotte Salusinszky



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TEXTILES ON PARADE

The annual Textiles on Parade fashion parade is a highly anticipated event which gives the textiles and design students an opportunity to present their major projects. This year's parade was better than ever, with works shown by design and technology students and textiles and design students from Years 8 to 11. Also on show in the Performing Arts Centre foyer was the Year 12 HSC major works.

This year, the Year 8 design and technology students showed a collection of bags, demonstrating a variety of construction techniques. The standard and quality of the bags was very high. This project was a huge accomplishment as these girls participated in just a short textiles and design course.

In previous years, the Years 9 and 10 girls showcased one garment each, but this year they paraded two items – one from their *Pyjamas with Pizzazz* range as well as a beautiful A-line dress. From the first 'model' to the last, the standard was very high and each girl brought something different to the brief. The Year 10 girls presented a garment inspired by a chosen culture, and a costume under the theme of 'Once Upon a Time'. The collection was very diverse and beautifully constructed.

Year 11 students concluded the show with their major project of the year. They were asked to design and create a piece of apparel taking inspiration from a flower arrangement. Clothes ranged from swimwear to evening wear, with each girl presenting interesting and different elements from their chosen inspiration.

Special thanks to Louisa Grundy, the TAS captain of 2008, who was the parade MC; Mrs Burgess, the co-ordinator of TAS, who seems to outdo herself every year; all of the TAS teachers who helped on the night; and the textiles and design teachers who helped the girls create such amazing garments.

The parade was once again a huge success!

Mia Popplewell, Year 11

BEYOND *PYMBLE*



THAILAND TOUR

It was a school holiday unlike any other for a group of Senior *Pymble* girls, who helped build a medical centre for a Thai school during their July break.

The girls had earlier raised money for the building project through a number of fundraising projects. The Thai school catered largely for children from surrounding hill tribes, and therefore did not receive government funding.

During their week at the school, *Pymble* girls spent the mornings building and in the afternoons taught English to the students, who ranged in age from 3 to 12 years old. They also spent a lot of time playing and getting to know the children, who were very excited about their foreign visitors.

While in Thailand, the eight students and three teachers also undertook a four day hike that included cycling, hiking, canoeing, rafting and elephant riding. They camped out each night and cooked their own food. The group was rewarded with the beautiful sights of northern Thailand and the chance to visit the region's unique hill tribes.

"This experience gave an incredible insight into the lives of people far less fortunate than ourselves," said *Pymble* student Katherine Dickson. "The opportunity to visit hill tribes and see the rice fields where the locals work was invaluable and an incredibly rewarding and eye-opening experience."

When not hiking, the group stayed in a resort near Chang Rai and enjoyed visiting temples, watching weaving demonstrations, undertaking a Thai cooking course and shopping in the famed Chang Mai markets.

The Thailand tour is a community service-based trip which is helpful to girls completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, and in particular those undertaking the Gold level because of its residential project component. The Duke of Edinburgh program is very popular with the students of the College, who experience personal growth and connection with others through a range of new experiences.



PYMBLE ON TOUR

NETBALL IN NEW ZEALAND / FAIRHOLME CENTENARY SPORTS TOURNAMENT



Pymble girls have been very busy with sport this year. Last holidays, a number of teams left Sydney behind to represent *Pymble* interstate and internationally. A junior netball team and a senior water polo team travelled to Toowoomba, Queensland to compete at the Fairholme Centenary Sports Tournament, while the Senior Firsts netball team travelled to New Zealand for a competitive tour. Both sports tours were highly successful, thanks largely to particular teachers and parents. Thank you very much to Miss Bowen, Gayle Walker and Sue Zemancheff for their organisation and guidance of the New Zealand tour, and to Miss Craig and Miss McFetridge for their hard work on the Queensland tour. Tours of any sort are a very exciting, challenging and beneficial experience and if you ask any of the girls who attended, they would strongly advise any other student to take the opportunity.

On Wednesday 25 June, the Senior Firsts netball team travelled to New Zealand for ten days of competition and sightseeing. The team was very successful in two out of the five games played, an exceptional result considering the extremely high standard of netball in schools in New Zealand. The girls also experienced some of New Zealand's top tourist destinations including the Hells Gate mud baths in Rotorua, glow worm caves, black water rafting and a traditionally cooked Maori dinner. The tour was a big success and great preparation for the Saturday morning IGGSA competition in term three.



On Thursday 10 July, nine senior water polo girls and eleven junior netball girls left Sydney for Toowoomba, Queensland for a four-day competition against current and former Presbyterian Ladies' Colleges from around Australia. The competition was hosted by Fairholme College (previously a PLC) as part of their centenary anniversary celebrations.

The netballers competed in an intense nine games over the three competition days, and the water polo girls played six games. The water polo team had a very successful competition returning undefeated and as competition winners.

Although the netballers were less successful than their water polo counterparts, they still achieved highly considering they were one of the only junior teams in the competition.

All girls returned from the tour with improved individual and team skills. They'd also enjoyed the opportunity to meet other students from around Australia.

Mia Poplewell, Year 11



NEW CALEDONIA TRIP

While many weathered the winter cold in Sydney during the June/July holidays, 28 Years 9 and 10 girls, Madame Deleeuw and Madame Knox packed their bags and headed off to sunny, tropical New Caledonia.

The aim of the trip was to interact in French with the local people, experience a home-stay session, and take French lessons. As expected, not only did the girls find this challenging, but also very educational and enjoyable.

French lessons in the mornings were complemented by extensive sightseeing and excursions in the afternoon. Particularly beautiful was the Amédée Lighthouse, located on a sand island, 20 km off the coast of the country's capital, Nouméa. Here the girls were enraptured by the local food, music and dance, experiencing New Caledonia at its best.

Pymble girls not only represented the College as French students, but also as experienced and enthusiastic players of the traditional French game of boules with a quick and deft victory over a Knox Grammar group!

The eight day tour was declared to be the 'best ever', and the girls felt a real sense of achievement. Special thanks must go to Madame Deleeuw and Madame Knox who accompanied the girls on their journey into French culture and life.

Tara Waniganayaka, Year 11

PYMBLE COMMUNITY SPIRIT



DONATE 08

It's amazing what a long way a small contribution can go... quite literally! On 25 August, *Pymble* girls were given the opportunity to see just how far our loose change could stretch. We created a coin trail down Sufferance Path to raise money for victims of the recent earthquake in the Chinese province of Sechuan.

The idea for 'Donate 08' emerged in response to Mrs Waters' goal to increase the College's contribution to charity. The Prefect Body wanted an event that would involve the entire school – from Kindergarten through to Year 12 – and create a vibrant atmosphere where students could physically participate and watch the progress of their donations.

Excitement grew as the coin trail stretched past each 10 metre signpost. By the end of the school day the girls were emptying



loose change from their pockets and purses to see just how long we could make the chain. The combined efforts of the staff and the Preparatory, Junior and Senior Schools created a trail more than 210 metres long, amounting to more than \$3,000!

The great thing about 'Donate 08' was that every coin counted – even those annoying 5 cent pieces were valuable in our fundraising efforts. For me, the highlight of the day was when Freya Insull of Year 9 brought her piggy bank with 'LIFE SAVINGS' written across it and donated its entire contents. Another notable moment was when Lilly, a Junior School girl, had collected so many coins in a zip-lock bag that she shared them with girls in her class who had forgotten to bring change.

It was an altogether fantastic event that exemplified the fun-loving, creative and giving nature of our school community. 'Donate 08' was far more successful than I could have anticipated and I would like to thank all staff, parents and students who contributed. The coin trail of 2008 has set a challenging precedent for the years to follow.

Rey-Hanna Vakili, Head Prefect



The Pymble Oaktree Seed Group with Will Body and Rachel Hart from the Oaktree Foundation

THE OAKTREE FOUNDATION

The most recent Year 12 Religious Education seminar held on Tuesday 19 August featured guest speakers Will Body and Rachel Hart from the Oaktree Foundation. The Oaktree Foundation is a youth-run, international aid and development organisation that aims to empower impoverished communities through sustainable education. These goals are met with the assistance of youth leaders and the support of nationwide seed groups.

The *Pymble* Oaktree Seed Group is a branch of the organisation formed by *Pymble* students from Years 10 to 12. Run in alliance with the Oaktree NSW sector and with the guidance of a mentor, it aims to educate members and promote the awareness of issues of concern such as HIV AIDS, in developing regions of the world. The group is currently fundraising for Oaktree's largest campaign, 'oneday', to support education projects abroad.

In term three, the *Pymble* Oaktree Seed Group ran a stall which raised more than \$150. In keeping with Oaktree's policy of educating, this money will help in the teaching of ten children in Kwa-Zulu in Natal, Southern Africa.

Lara Wilkinson, Year 11

BOARDING @ PYMBLE

The start of term three was welcomed with considerable excitement by *Pymble's* Boarders as it kicked off with the second closed weekend of the year. A smorgasbord of activities included the annual sports competition, a half-day acting workshop, and a June Dally-Watkins etiquette course. The entire weekend was a great success thanks to the tireless work of staff and prefects, with all the activities greatly enjoyed by everyone involved.



SPORTS CARNIVAL

The annual Boarding Sports Competition was the most anticipated event of the weekend, bringing even the sideliners out to the field to support their House.

The bench-ball, basketball and soccer events were all fiercely contested, and made all the more entertaining and humorous by the slight blurring of the rules that occurs in any sport involving the Boarders!

The final event was an obstacle course set up by the Year 12s, with a participant from each House competing to complete the haphazard, chaotic course.

Marden House was the most enthusiastically dressed, which may (or may not) have contributed to them taking out the competition, a result which prompted much cheering and celebratory dancing all round.

Left: Marden girls dressed up for the Sports Competition



Above: Year 8 Boarders hanging out

Left: Marden girls relaxing!

ACTING COURSE

On Sunday 27 July, the Boarders attempted to leave their inhibitions and nerves behind to participate in an acting course that was to prove hilarious and only mildly embarrassing. The experience allowed the Boarders to connect with others who they had not been as close to. It also gave the girls the opportunity to try something new and step out of their comfort zone with the strong support of the whole boarding community behind them. The focus of the workshop was to have fun, as well as build up to a final performance, which gave everyone a chance to see what all the groups had worked on and have a laugh at the same time.

ANGUS CUP

The traditional Angus Cup acting event was given a fresh twist this year, with the House groups having to write and perform their own play, incorporating elements such as a 'freeze moment', a riding boot and the line, 'Hey, get the pie out of the fridge!'

Although we were all somewhat unprepared and nervous, everyone got involved and enjoyed the event, with Goodlet's play revolving around an Olympic story, Marden doing a take on the TV show *Thank God You're Here*, and Lang using elements of well known theatre sports games to tell a bizarre narrative.

The event was won by Marden House, which received the enviable prize of Paddle Pops for the entire House, as well as a year's worth of bragging rights!

Claudia Stocks, Year 11

FAMILY



PREPARATORY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Jeans for Genes Day

The PSPA organised a barbecue lunch for the girls on Jeans for Genes Day and parent helpers were on hand to cook and serve the lunch.

High Tea

About 50 parents attended a morning tea at the Stamford Hotel in Ryde. It was a pleasant morning spent socialising and sampling the delicious food. We were delighted to have Mrs Clare Smith, Acting Head of Preparatory School, as our guest.

Athletics Carnival

A refreshment stall was operated by the PSPA on the day of the Athletics Carnival. It was a lovely sunny day, with enthusiastic Preparatory girls ready for their races and lots of good natured cheering from their parents. We were very fortunate to have so many helpers who provided a wide variety of delicious food for the stall, or helped with the running of the stall on the day.



GROUP

FAMILY GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT

There were some wonderful and whacky costumes at the 'Trivia Tragic's' Tournament' on Saturday 23 August, which was organised by the Family Group. As it was held during the Olympic Games, some of the tables were themed accordingly, including an 'Aussie, Aussie, Aussie' table. There was also a ski table, a pink table, a tropical table and a Roaring Forties table. But it was the table themed as naughty school kids who took out the table prize.

The trivia questions certainly brought out the competitiveness in players. Alas, our team had more food than common sense! There have been many requests for a repeat in 2009 so start thinking about putting together a team.

Congratulations to the organising and decoration committee who made the hall look fantastic.

Lorrae Kentwell



JUNIOR SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Year 5 Father/Daughter Dinner

The Year 5 Father/Daughter Dinner was a fantastic success this year. We had 110 dads on the dance floor, boot-scooting all night long with their daughters. The girls looked great with their tiara cowgirl hats. A big thank you to Kerri Panos and Penny Pavlakis as co-conveners of the event, and committee members Archana Hegde and Mandy Bray for all their efforts in making sure the Year 5 Father/Daughter Dinner was a memorable night for all. Also, a tremendous thank you to all the mothers who helped to decorate the hall on Friday afternoon in record time. It looked fantastic! A special thank you must also go to the Year 9 girls who gave up their Friday night to assist the committee with serving the food. They worked very hard all night. Everyone looked great in the cowgirl and cowboy hats.

TERM FOUR GENERAL MEETINGS

Family Group AGM - 7.45pm
Wednesday 12 November DMC

SSPA AGM - 8.15am
Friday 24 October Dorothy Knox Sitting Room

JSPA - 9.15am
Friday 14 November Junior School Music Room

PSPA - 9.30am
Monday 17 November Preparatory School

MSG - 7.30pm
Tuesday 21 October Music Gallery

BPA - Friday 7 November
Marden House Common Room





Black Watch Ties

From THE PRESIDENT

It's all in the timing! The Ex-Students' Union was a proud sponsor of the *Pymble* entry in this year's Rock Eisteddfod Challenge. The presentation was appropriately titled 'Woman Like Me' and depicted the challenges faced by young women today. We're delighted that our girls won the NSW premier division. This sponsorship is one of the many opportunities that the Union has to support both current and past students. The Artist in Residence Program, scholarships, prizes and the Black Watch Women forums are an integral part of connecting current and past students with each other and the Union.

We encourage you to read the information in this Pymbulletin about the Indigenous Program at *Pymble*. One of the wonderful parts of a *Pymble* education is appreciating the responsibility of privilege. We are looking forward to working with the College to assist this program in any way.

We are always looking towards the future and next year the Union turns 80. A celebration lunch is planned after Commemoration Day. To move forward we need new people and ideas.

In addition to the regular reunions, professional connections, networking and mentoring is an invaluable resource we are not utilising to its full potential. We would love to hear from someone interested in bringing together with our support a group of *Pymble* women from a particular industry. A *Pymble* education is an investment in our future of which we should be making the most.

All' Ultimo Lavoro
Diana Brown (Mickle, 1982)
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Our College Artist

The wonderful Reverend Dr Bernard Thorogood, member of College Council from 1993 to 2003, and great friend of the College has indulged the Ex-Students' Union with a collection of four drawings of the College for our use to raise funds. With these four drawings, combined with two graciously provided from the Gillian Moore collection we have produced correspondence cards. For a set of 12 cards with envelopes please send \$25 (including delivery) payable to the Ex-Students' Union to PO Box 15 Pymble 2073. If you would prefer to pay by credit card details can be sent by mail or to esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au



Diana Brown with Rev. Dr. Bernard Thorogood

Welcome to our Newest Members – Year 12 2008

This is the most exciting time of each year when we welcome a new group of members to the ESU. For any girls who have not yet joined, please contact us on esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au. Membership ensures that you continue to be part of not only your year group, but of the wider *Pymble* community as you go on to study, to travel and to work – you will always find *Pymble* girls in your new networks, at university, in the city and the country, in New York and London, and many places in between. You will receive a copy of the Pymbulletin for the rest of your life, and also we will be able to keep in touch with you so that you are invited to reunions of your year group or other interest groups through the years. Keep in touch with our online networking facility, and be included in our new initiatives of mentoring and networking groups in the coming years.

Email us Today:

We would like to be able to keep you informed of ESU activities in a more timely and cost effective manner, and ask that you drop us a quick "HELLO" email so that we can add you to our email addresses ESU@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au

Coming Black Watch Events

Anyone for Golf?

Friday 7 November 2008 at Asquith Golf Course, Lord Street, Mt Colah

Pop on your hat, grab your clubs and come along for a friendly competition between ex-students of all ages and abilities - no need to organise a partner. Friends of *Pymble* are also very welcome, and remember, there is a special trophy for girls from "other" PLCs – so if you know of any girls who attended other PLCs, do bring them along too.

Golf and Lunch \$70
8.30am shot gun start – no handicap required
Lots of prizes – 4BBB, longest drive, nearest the pin
Electric buggies and carts available for hire –
Pro shop 9477 1403

RSVP by 2 November – esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au
Gill Ross-Edwards (Clarke 1976) M: 0401 287 045

Ex-Students' Union Inc.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Pymble Ladies' College Ex-Students' Union will be held at 6.30pm on Friday 31 October 2008 in Miss Knox's Sitting Room at the College.

Nominations are sought for new members to join our Committee. We meet once a month during term time in the evening, and we would welcome members with new ideas on connecting with our membership in the first 10 – 15 years after leaving the College. We would particularly welcome some representatives of our membership working in professional capacities in the city to assist with the further development of our networking and mentoring programs to mark our 80th Birthday in 2009.

We would be delighted if members attending the AGM would like to join the Committee for dinner afterwards at St Ives.

RSVP Diana Brown esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au or Phone 0418 225 986

London Reunion

Many thanks to the wonderful girls in London – they are arranging another reunion for 29 November 2008 – they would love to see all *Pymble* girls living or visiting the UK – these gatherings are becoming a regular event on the London circuit, so contact Fiona for details: Fiona Schreuder (Hayman 1986) E: fionaschreuder@hotmail.com

Dorothy Knox Remembered - *Your last opportunity to contribute*
 One of the great joys of the task I have undertaken is to have been in touch with so many ex-students of all ages. I thank very sincerely all who have contributed with stories, both written and spoken, memorabilia and photographs. Your information and support has been invaluable in adding colour and life to the story of a remarkable woman who was our Principal for 31 years. But, the final hour is approaching. Your last chance to contribute will be 30 November 2008 otherwise your story cannot be knitted in to the book which will be available on Commemoration Day 2009.
 Hope I will see you there.
Margaret Coleman

NEWS:

- **Sally Macready (Captain of Boats, 2000)** was part of a four-person crew that created history last December when they became the first Australians (and first women!) to row across the Tasman Sea. Sally Macready and her crew mates Kerry Tozer, Steven Gates and Andrew Johnson, left Hokianga Harbour in NZ on 29 November and arrived in Sydney Harbour 31 days and 2250km later.



Sally Macready (right) and her triumphant crew

- **Northern River News: Diana Hughes (1956), Robyn Ford (Marshall, 1960), Judith Stuart (Clarke 1960) and Alison Hope (Chambers, 1960)** pictured below, try and get together once a year as they all live in close proximity. Here they can be seen lunching at Alison's home in Mullumbimby NSW.



Upcoming Reunions 2008

Below is a list of the initial details for upcoming reunions. Everyone should receive their invitations in the mail. If you wish to organise a reunion in 2009, please contact Amanda Leverett on 9855 7793 or email esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au.

Event	Year	Date	Contact
5 Year Reunion	2003 Leavers	Saturday 29th November, 6.00pm Firehouse Bar, 86 Walker St, North Sydney	Alicia Norman M: 0401 343 602 E: leashnorman@yahoo.com.au
10 Year Reunion	1998 Leavers	Saturday 15 November 2008, 7.30pm at The Blacket Hotel	Stefanie Benson E: stefanie.benson@mallesons.com Skye Keatinge (Whiddon) E: skye_keatinge@hotmail.com Annabel Gay E: annabel.gay@macquarie.com
25 Year Reunion	1983 Leavers	Saturday 15 November 2008, 7.30pm at home of Libby Hollebon (Ireland) 1 Dangar Street, Lindfield Bring a bottle and plate of food	Libby Ph: 9416 9408 This night has been linked as a fundraiser for women's cancers and a link to the event can be found at www.girlsnightin.com.au
40 Year Reunion	1968 Leavers	Saturday 1 November, 11.00am David Macfarlane Centre, Pymble Ladies' College	Sue King (Bristow) Ph: 07 4630 3581 E: suses@westnet.com.au
47 Year Reunion (belated 45)	1962 Leavers	Saturday 21 March 2009, 11.00am David Macfarlane Centre, Pymble Ladies' College	Susannah Smith (Stirling) Ph: 9974 1998 E: susannahsmith@bigpond.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENGAGEMENTS:

- **Jessica Wraight (2000)** to Paul Stibbard

MARRIAGES:

- **Amy Chellev (1998)** married Matt Prentice on 16 February 2008 at the Riverview Chapel. The reception was held at Doltane House, Pymont.



Kate Chellev (2000), Edwina Grier (1998), Amy Chellev (1998), Louise Anderson (Bransgrove, 1998)

- **Sally Dowsett (1998)** married Rod Collins at Pymble Ladies' College Chapel on 17 May 2008. The reception was held at Mona Vale Golf Club.



- **Alexandra Flynn (2001)** married Johann Lenffer on 2 February 2008 at Christ Church St Ives with a reception at the Museum of Contemporary Art at the Rocks.



All 2001 Pymble Leavers: Suzie Riddell, Sarah Sutherland, Jacqui Hayes, Sally Fawcett, Alex Lenffer (Flynn), Fiona Roughley, Claire Butler, Michelle Trebeck, Caroline Davies, Kate Cameron

BIRTHS:

- **Penny Aiken (Maine, 2000)** and husband Nick (Knox Grammar, 2000) are delighted to announce the birth of William Alexander on Saturday 9 August 2008, a brother for Jaime, 20 months.
- **Kate Brewer (Clarkson, 1991)** and husband Jason are delighted to announce the arrival of Charlie James on 12 May 2008. A little brother to Isabella.

- **Katie Cash (Jensen, 1996)** and husband Nathan have been blessed with an angel to love and are delighted to announce the arrival of their first child, Joshua James, born 23 February, 2008.

- **Alexandra Chadban (Miller, 1989)** and husband David are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their first son, Oscar Ian, born on the 29 December 2007.

- **Rebecca Colvin (Clarkson, 1996)** and husband Scott are thrilled to announce the birth of their first son, Oliver George, on 12 June 2008.

- **Louise Craighill (Fawcett, 1990)** and husband, Ian, are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, Emily Heather, on 30 June 2008 – a much loved little sister for Ben and a surprise wedding anniversary present for her parents!

- **Jane de Andrade (Gordon, 1991)** and husband Paulo are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Samuel Edward, on 6 July 2008, a little brother for Oliver.

- **Jennifer Houlth (Barrett, 1994)** and husband, Matthew are delighted to announce the arrival of their first child, William James, born on 20 June, 2008 in Singapore where they are currently residing.

- **Georgi Ryan (Graham, 1987)** and husband Joe are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Kate, on 16 July 2008. A little sister for Olivia and Hunter.

- **Fiona Small (Kelly 1987)** and Cameron are thrilled to announce the birth of their second son, Max, on 10 August 2007 at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, London. A little brother for Oscar.

- **Sally-Jane St.Clair (Windeyer, 1991)** and husband Rodney are delighted to announce the arrival of their son, Toby James, born 23 July 2008, a little brother for Claudia and Xanthe.

- **Peta Taylor-Smith (Taylor, 1986)** and proud husband David wish to announce the birth of Ebony Taylor-Smith on 17 July 2008. She has two older brothers Jackson and Clarke.

- **Caroline Webb (Gilfillan, 1990)** and husband Brett are delighted to announce the arrival of another little girl into their family. Skylah was born on the 7 November 2007. A little sister for Zali and Cooper.

VALE:

- **Margaret Eliot (1961)** passed away earlier this year at the age of 64 from cervical cancer. She is survived by her partner, Roger, and her sister Ruth.

- **Colleen M. Parker (Lockley, 1960)** died on 7 March 2008. Colleen was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in mid 2007 and passed away from complications relating to the disease. Colleen will be remembered as a vibrant, motivated and energetic person as well as one of Australia's foremost women artists of recent times. Most recently, Colleen was recognised by being awarded a Highly Commended at the 2005 Sydney Royal Easter Show Art Awards and was one of the few artists hung in the 2006 and 2007 Mosman Art Prize. Colleen has painted and exhibited extensively overseas and in Australia. Her many trips and experiences fed her fertile imagination and creativity, allowing her to create her well-known Kakadu landscape and Ayers Rock paintings, Coober Pedy landscapes and desert themes. Colleen is survived by her artist husband Colin, son Adrian, daughter Jane, brother Harley and sister Gretchen Lockley (1966). She will be remembered by the many wonderful paintings that grace the homes of Australia's art-lovers; she had a full heart and a most generous spirit and is greatly missed by her family and friends.

Robyn Ford (Marshall, 1960)

Ex-Students' Union Inc.

Recent Black Watch Events

Tennis Day

We were blessed by perfect tennis weather and enjoyed playing on the newly-laid AstroTurf College courts. With Tildesley days familiar in our minds, we battled to return some sizzling serves. Anna Davis (Gissing, 1979) emerged the winner to take home the trophy. Thank you to all who attended. We hope to make this a yearly event and appreciate the support of the College to allow us to use their facilities



Commemoration Day Service

A beautiful sunny July day welcomed us to the Chapel where we were greeted by the beautiful voices of an outstanding choir of ex-students. We were delighted that so many new choristers came forward this year, and hope to hear even more young voices next year. Our new principal, Mrs Vicki Waters, was our guest speaker, sharing her journey with us.



The Ex-students Choir, led by Jillian Cranney

Athletics Carnival

Ex-student mothers were delighted to join some much more recent College leavers in a relay against their own Year 12 daughters and some very fit staff – what a thrill to actually run along the hallowed surface of Homebush to the cheer of the girls. No pulled muscles or other injuries to report, but lots of fun and laughter. We hope this will be an annual event, and encourage all Year 12 mums to pop on their runners and join in the fun....oh, and yes, we came home with a ribbon!



35 Year 'Coral' Reunion

The wonderful catering staff at *Pymble* had to virtually turn out the lights to get the 58 guests of the Class of 1973 Reunion to leave in the late hours of Saturday 9 August! It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces from our 30th Reunion and some new ones that we have not seen in 35 years! They came from Germany, Hong Kong, ACT, Queensland and just about everywhere in New South Wales - a bit grey, a bit wrinkled but happy, wise and content with ourselves! An outstanding group of women, full of fun, chatter and laughter - something a *Pymble* girl never loses! Voted the best reunion yet, we are already planning the 40th for September 2013! Our thanks to all who came, all who wanted to come and all those who will come next time!

Sally Gulson (Sherman) and Janette Norrie (Morell)

55 Year Reunion

Four round tables set for nine with scarlet and navy serviettes on a white cloth, and a centrepiece of red, blue and white silk starflowers amid sprigs of rosemary, for remembrance was the setting for the 1953 Leavers 55th Year Reunion lunch. Just before 1.00pm, Meg Henderson welcomed members and Judy Heath said grace; then table by table lined up to fill plates with chicken, beef, vegetables and salad. Julie Price (Gavel), as Senior Boarding Prefect, proposed a toast to the College and everyone joined in the School Song. Time then for dessert, but at no time did the buzz of conversation dwindle; a ripple of laughter ran around the room when Meg spoke of keeping records up to date "So if you change address or die please let me or the school know." Nametags were a great help in jogging memories – not all had left in 1953, some had moved to other schools in later years but are still glad to keep up with their *Pymble* friends. Soon after 3.00pm the group dispersed with hopeful promises of "See you again at our sixtieth! See you in 2013!"

Judy Heath

60 Year Reunion

The 60 year reunion commenced with the annual commemoration day service. Those present were impressed with Mrs Waters and the superb chorale presentation. Thirty-eight ex-students then met for lunch at Ruth Alcock's *Pymble* home, many travelling from as far away as New Zealand Queensland and country NSW.

Former boarders and day girls were able to catch up with each other, as faces and voices were easily recognisable, in spite of the passing years. We all had a great time and look forward to getting together again, sooner rather than later! Many thanks to Ruth Alcock (Inglis) and Joan Scougall (Cadwallader) for organising the day.





YEAR 12 BODIES OF WORK EXHIBITION

The Year 12 Bodies of Work Exhibition showcased a stunning display of talent from all areas of the Visual Arts curriculum. The exhibition was held from Friday 25 July to Tuesday 28 July and was open to the whole College community. The pieces presented were the practical component of the Visual Arts HSC course, which makes up a large component of the HSC mark for the subject.

Each student produced a 'body of work', which was inspired by the events, people or places of relevance to her. Work on each piece began in term four last year and continued until this term. The works included photography, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, painting, metal work, pottery and multimedia.

The exhibition was of great interest to current students of Visual Arts who found inspiration for their own possible major for works when they reach Year 12. For the Year 12 girls there was a great feeling of pride and achievement in seeing their works displayed. The works have now been sent to HSC marking centres for assessment and for consideration in this year's 'Art Express', the annual art show that features the very best Visual Arts students from across New South Wales.

Thanks must go to the Visual Arts staff who worked tirelessly with each student to obtain the best outcome for her work. This year's Year 12 Art Exhibition has truly been a pleasure to visit and we wish all the girls the very best of luck for the final appraisal of their artworks.

Julianne Lipman, Year 11



You're Invited...

The Principal, Mrs Vicki Waters, and the Visual Arts Department warmly invite you to attend the opening of an exhibition and sale of artworks by artist in residence



Mitsuo Shoji

International ceramic artist and painter
To be opened at 7.30 pm by Mr Nobuhito Hobo
Consul-General of Japan
Thursday 30 October 2008
6.00pm-9.00pm
Gillian Moore Centre for Performing Arts

The gala evening will be supported by
Tetsuya Wakuda
AZUMA Japanese Restaurant, Chifley Plaza
Spotless Services

RSVP 17 October 2008 Ph 9855 7799
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