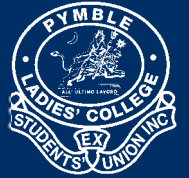




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## Principal's Pen

Vicki L Waters

At Pymble Ladies' College we are deeply committed to service, contribution and giving back to the community. With regards to community service I am proud to say that at *Pymble* we really do 'walk the talk'!

A passion and energy to serve the community and to do well in all endeavours is what life at *Pymble* is all about. It is a delight to witness the proactive initiatives of our students, ex-students, staff and parents in these areas.

As members of a global community our service to those requiring assistance extends far and wide. On the home front, the entire College gathered on the main oval in May to raise funds for the Cancer Council, Year 7 students raised money for Westmead Children's Hospital and students have competed in the Balmoral Burn in support of the Humpty Dumpty Foundation. Internationally, our focus has been directed towards raising money for a sister school in South Africa, knitting squares to help make rugs for those in need across 75 countries and Year 10 students reflected on women's rights and status across the world at WOW Day.

At *Pymble*, we are fortunate to have such a beautiful setting and maintaining our green surrounds is high on our agenda. Nurturing our environment and caring for what we have supports our College values of care, courage, integrity, respect and responsibility.

Students in Years 5 and 6 have formed a group called Envirokids and have been active in promoting a 'green' Junior School. As reported on page 7 in this issue of the *Pymbulletin*, they have looked at the issue of paper waste, raising awareness of the amount of paper used and the need to recycle. The girls have also introduced wrapper-free Fridays encouraging students to bring their recess and lunch in reusable containers.

The design of the new Senior School Centre, to be opened for the beginning of the 2011 academic year, has incorporated 'green' features in support of our commitment to environmental sustainability. Mixed-mode air conditioning, low energy floor heating in the main areas, lights controlled by movement and daylight sensors, high performance glazing and insulation and the harvesting of rainwater for WC flushing and irrigation are just some of the features incorporated to support our 'green' commitment.

*Pymble* is a richly diverse community. In August we celebrated our Indigenous connection with a week-long celebration of Indigenous culture. A full report on the week's activities, including the highlight of the week, an Indigenous Art Exhibition, *Sharing Cultures*, opened by Mrs Evonne Goolagong-Cawley AO MBE, will be reported in the December issue of the *Pymbulletin*.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of the *Pymbulletin* and the many stories of the outstanding efforts by our students.

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## Pymble saves endangered zones

*Pymble* has commenced work on the regeneration and rejuvenation of two critically endangered environmental zones in the College grounds.

“The College is fortunate to have a Blue Gum High Forest and an urban creek which supports a riparian ecosystem native to this region,” said College Principal, Mrs Vicki Waters. “We are working closely with Ku-ring-gai Council, State and Federal Government authorities and under the guidelines of a Vegetation Management Plan to protect and restore the zone.”

“These works confirm our commitment to environmental awareness and our vision to nurture and develop the College as a green site,” said Mrs Waters.

The Blue Gum High Forest is listed as a critically endangered ecological community under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 and as an endangered ecological community in NSW under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995.

The forest once covered areas of the shale-capped ridge tops of Sydney’s northern districts. Today there are only small remnants of the forest left in the region.

*Pymble*’s protected zones cover an area of 2140 square metres of Blue Gum High Forest, 1160 square metres of bank regeneration under the riparian system rejuvenation and a peripheral area of 175 square metres.

Stage one of the two year project has been completed. This involved the removal of non-indigenous plants and indigenous plants not native to the area. The zones are now being stabilised with erosion-control matting and the bank of the riparian system will be sewn with a temporary crop cover.

Native plants identified under the Vegetation Management Plan are being propagated in readiness for planting in the zones later this year. Students will become involved in the Vegetation Management Plan, including the planting of native plants in the zones.



## Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) launch

*Pymble* Ladies’ College Indigenous students represented the College at the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation (AIEF) launch of its 2009 Annual Report on 27 May in the Commonwealth Bank’s head office in Sydney.

*Pymble*’s students were amongst 80 students from AIEF partner schools, including Kincoppal-Rose Bay School, Presbyterian Ladies’ College Sydney, St Catherine’s School, St Joseph’s College Hunters Hill and St Vincent’s College, to attend the event.

The report was launched by Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of New South Wales and AIEF Patron, and recognises a year of outstanding and inspiring results achieved by all Indigenous students from across the network of AIEF partner schools, including *Pymble*’s students. Our students met many of the dignitaries at the launch, including the former Chief Justice of the High Court, Sir Anthony Mason AC KBE, Squadron Leader David Glasson, journalists Ray Martin AM and Caroline Jones AO and Indigenous leader Warren Mundine.

AIEF is a non-profit organisation focused on empowering Indigenous children in financial need to build a future through quality education and careers. *Pymble* partnered with AIEF in 2009.



# Preparatory School

## Activities beyond the classroom

Milking a cow, searching for minibeasts, watching chicks hatch, patting a kangaroo, meeting lifesavers and sitting in a naval helicopter were just some of the diverse and interesting activities enjoyed by Preparatory School students during Term 2. These direct learning experiences play an important part in the school's curriculum, providing students with the knowledge, skills and motivation to 'Strive for the Highest'.



## Year 1 girls depict Australian animals in amazing artworks

A highlight of Year 1s unit of work on Australian fauna was an outing to Featherdale Wildlife Park where the girls saw our unique marsupials plus native birds and reptiles. After their excursion, some amazing art and craft work, plus some interesting projects were produced by the girls. To conclude this popular topic, each girl designed and made a natural habitat in the form of a diorama for an animal of her choice.



## Farm chores enjoyed by Kindergarten girls

Kindergarten girls experienced life on a farm when they visited City Farm in Term 2. From milking a cow and cuddling baby animals to inspecting the crops and enjoying a bumpy ride on a tractor, their hands-on experiences increased their knowledge of farms and the source of our basic foods. The farm excursion, a presentation on Dog Safety and Chicks 'R' Us provided the foundation for a wonderful term's work.



## Curious creatures

Year 2 girls foraged for minibeasts on the forest floor and in ponds when they went on a bushwalk at Camp Kedron in Ingleside. The consolidation of knowledge and research skills developed by the girls on the excursion was displayed during Project Week in their creation of information reports, life cycles, diagrams and creative activities.



## All about 'Families'

The unit of work on Families began with a fascinating look at the family trees presented by Year 2 girls during news time. Class discussions, poetry, computer mind-mapping and plays were incorporated during the unit as interesting ways for the girls to learn about their families and relationships.



## Freaky forces, slime and senses

Years 1 and 2 girls were excited to learn about friction, fluids, gravity and the senses when the Science Squad from Questacon in Canberra visited the school on 27 May. The Science Squad presented two exciting shows for the girls. In 'Freaky Forces and Slime', Year 2 learnt some new and interesting facts about friction, fluids and gravity. In 'Senses', Year 1 explored the five senses and discovered the special senses of some native animals. The girls were fascinated in the bubbles demonstration where the intriguing properties of detergent films were used to create beautiful bubbles, unusual bubbles and a giant bubble which formed over a girl's head!

## Alice, puppets, animals and fairy tales

*Alice in Wonderland* activities were enjoyed by all Preparatory School classes in Performing Arts leading up to the Preparatory School Father Daughter Dinner in Term 2. Kindergarten participated in a unit of work on animals - Australian animals, farm animals, jungle animals and pets. The girls loved playing percussion instruments as well as singing, composing songs, learning poetry, dancing and dressing-up.

Year 1 focused on Fairy Tales with each week's lessons based on a different story, including *Cinderella*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Little Red Riding Hood* and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*.



They sang, danced, sat in the 'Hot Seat' in drama and even rapped!

Year 2 had a rhythmic time, engaging in drumming games for much of the term. After the inspiring performance *Puppetease*, they created their own puppets and developed a puppet show. It was a wonderful learning experience for them to write their own scripts, develop a character and a voice for their puppet, as they worked co-operatively in small groups.

## Navy helicopter landing for Year 1 girls

The arrival of Australian Navy officers, Lieutenant Prescott, Sub Lieutenant Martin and Able Seaman Paul, at the College on 19 May attracted much attention and excitement when they landed in an Australian Naval helicopter on the main oval to speak with Year 1 girls. The Navy officers spoke with the girls about the Navy, what they use the helicopter for and how they help people in Australia and overseas, as part of the girls' study unit 'Workers in our Community'. The girls were also privileged to sit in the helicopter and had the opportunity to get a closer look at all the controls.

In this study unit Year 1 girls have been learning about the roles and responsibilities of people who help in the community and those who serve our country. These people include doctors, nurses, vets, teachers, police officers, fire fighters, lifeguards and, of course, the Navy! Another highlight in the unit was a visit by lifeguards Rod Kerr (Kerrbox) and Ryan Clarke (Whippet) from *Bondi Rescue*.



# Junior School

## Sporting stars in action!

Junior School students have always done very well in sport and in 2010 *Pymble* Junior School students have had some amazing achievements. In two terms, we have had 77 girls represent *Pymble* at IPSHA level, 21 girls at the NSW CIS level and five girls at the National School Sport Australia Championships. This is an extraordinary achievement.

The school year commenced with the swimming season. In 2010, our Senior Relay team became the NSW Primary Schools Sports Association champions. To add to this we won a silver medal in the Junior Relay. Congratulations to Clare Robertson, Emma Parsons, Lily Hoang, Reena Oh in the Senior Relay team and Eloise Riley, Tahire Wijetilaka, Samantha Robinson, Madeleine Gallager in the Junior Relay team.

At Homebush in the diving pool we have had some amazing diving performances this season with *Pymble* girls placing first, second or third in every age group from the 8 Years to the 12 Years. Imogen Dixon-Smithers, Olivia Hill, Johanna Volos and Brittany O'Brien represented the NSW Primary Schools team in Brisbane at the School Sport Australia Championships with some remarkable achievements.

*Pymble* girls excelled in several other team sports too. Alana Bourgeois, Year 6, competed in the CIS tennis team and came second. Natasha Warrell and Aubrey Wood will be playing in the CIS Softball team later in the year and Jacqueline Girouard and Isabella Nucifora travelled to Bateau Bay in June to play in the CIS Football team. Morgan Blamey and Eliza Whiteley were selected in the CIS Hockey team. Rose Georgiou in Year 6 was a member of the CIS Basketball team which sadly lost by one point in the final. Rose has now been selected for the NSW team to compete at the School Sport Australia Championships in Darwin later this year.

It is also important to congratulate all the girls in the Junior School who play Saturday sport for *Pymble* each weekend, who come to our athletics and cross country training sessions each week, or participate in the netball clinics, Aussie sports, gymnastics, swimming and tennis programs on offer. They demonstrate commitment, participation and enthusiasm. Well done!



## Year 4 journey through time

Scarlet Lindsay, 4D

Year 4 experienced a journey back through time on an excursion to Elizabeth Farm and Experiment Farm in Parramatta.

At Elizabeth Farm we did lots of things you don't normally do every day. We were convicts working for our ticket-of-leave! Some of us were maids and some of us were cooks. The maids tidied the beds and the cooks made scones. We ate them and they were delicious. We all had to wash John and Elizabeth Macarthur's clothes. My mum was so surprised that I did it! We also visited Experiment Farm, which was once owned by the ex-convict James Ruse. It was very interesting.

Everyone enjoyed being able to travel back to 1788 and live the lives of the convicts. It made us realise how hard life was back then. I had so much fun at this excursion and learned a lot.

## Envirokids – the Junior School goes green!

*Katrina Jimenez, Year 6*

Envirokids is a new group of Years 5 and 6 girls who want to help the environment. They meet every Thursday lunch time in Mrs Mouton's room.

One of the activities Envirokids organised to help raise awareness in the Junior School was a waste survey to find out how much recycling we do. At the completion of our survey, we made a PowerPoint showing how much paper we use in a term and how many trees were cut down to make it.

Envirokids was also instrumental in having recycling bins placed in every classroom and in all the year blocks to encourage the girls to use less paper and to recycle more.

A great initiative is a program we started called 'Lunch Box Friday'. Every student in the Junior School is encouraged to bring their wrapper-free recess and lunch in reusable containers (or things that can be recycled) every Friday.

The Junior School also contributed to Earth Hour in March. During the week we all put our best efforts into turning off our computers and classroom lights for one



hour. Some classes went outside for their lessons. We did this between recess and lunch time.

Envirokids is working hard because there is still a lot that we can do to help our environment and to make the Junior School greener. We have many more exciting ideas for the rest of the year.

## Our trip to Canberra *Emily Donaldson and Isabella Nucifora, Year 6*

In a downpour of heavy rain, Year 6 students made a quick dash to their bus to travel on an exciting adventure to Canberra on 19 May. We were all going to Canberra to study our current HSIE topic, 'Federation and Democracy'.

During our visit to Canberra, we went to many great sights and attractions including Questacon, Old Parliament House, The

Australian War Memorial, The National Gallery of Australia and the National Museum of Australia. We also toured Parliament House and learned about how the Senate and House of Representatives work. We even got to have our own House of Representatives debate!

We really enjoyed our trip to Canberra and had a very educational and enjoyable trip!

## Excursion to the zoo

*Jessie Lum and Carmen Umbers, 3D*

On Tuesday 15 June, Year 3 went to Taronga Zoo to learn about Australian animals.

We saw some seals in an enormous pool; they were diving in and out of the water. Next we went to the Education Centre. We saw a tawny frogmouth owl, a ring-tailed possum, a shingleback lizard and some feathertail gliders. We also stroked some kangaroos.

We also visited the nocturnal house where we saw sleepy wombats and some spiders. In a huge cage we saw red-bellied snakes and then we went to the reptile house where we saw a very lengthy stout snake. We also saw some lizards including one massive Komodo dragon!

As we were eating lunch we watched the elephants play with their toys. The baby elephants were so cute!

It was a great day at the Zoo and Year 3 really enjoyed themselves.





# Oarsome rowing at HOPE Regatta

The *Pymble* community, a vibrant mix of students, staff, parents, ex-students, Council members and friends and families, came together on Sunday 30 May at the *Pymble* Rowing Shed in Leichhardt for the 2010 HOPE Regatta.



More than 400 members of our *Pymble* community gathered on the banks of the Parramatta River to compete in one of the 19 crews of eight or to cheer on our competitive rowers.

With aptly named crews, the *Spartans*, *Prep Princesses*, *Shark B8*, *Worth the Weight*, *3FOARS* & *5STX*, *Wild Women Afloat*, *The HOPEfuls*, *Excel-Oar-8*, *Snow Boat to Pymble*, *SupOar-Mums*, *JaguOars*, *The Termin-8-Oars*, *CouncilOars*, *BraveStarts*, *BraveHearts*, *The Dazzle-Oars*, *Hot-Ex's*, *Motley Crew*, *Educ8* & *Real Est8*, our rowers embraced the challenge of the 2010 *Pymble* HOPE Regatta.



Congratulations to our ex-students' crew, the *Hot-Ex's*, who were the overall champions on the day, narrowly defeating the *Boarding dads* crew, the *BraveHearts*.

A highlight of the day's celebrations was the official opening of the Club's pontoon. Leichhardt Rowing Club and *Pymble Ladies' College* celebrated the opening by unveiling a plaque to commemorate the occasion. The new pontoon provides space for two eights on the main edge and two fours on the inside edges, setting a benchmark for other Sydney rowing pontoons!



# Academic Opportunities



## Pymble student represents Australia in Olympiad

Year 12 student, Vivian Li was awarded a silver medal and achieved 30th place in the world when she travelled to Korea in July to represent Australia in biology at the 2010 International Science Olympiad.

Vivian was one of just thirteen students from Australia to compete in the competition. She was selected for the Australian team after participating in a demanding series of advanced classes, exams and study sessions, plus a rigorous Summer School training program at Monash University, Victoria, conducted by Australian Science Innovations.

At an Assembly at the end of Term 2, Vivian wore her special Olympiad blazer and told students that she was looking forward to meeting gifted people who share her passion for science at the Olympiad and also learning more about science. She also showed students her medal at an Assembly in Term 3.



## WOW Day reflects on women's rights

*Karina Curry-Hyde, Year 11*

"I think women should have equality, no matter where they live."

This statement, made by Chloe Dalton of Year 10, reflects the important lessons learned on WOW Day. WOW Day, an acronym for 'Woman Of the World', is a day held each year for Year 10 geography students in order to learn about women's rights and status across the world.

Understanding the status of women across the world is an extremely important part of every individual's education. This was reflected in the College's WOW Day. Following the student's presentations, students then enjoyed belly-dancing lessons from Jane Jardine. Mehal Krayem, United Muslim Women's Association, enlightened the students on how to live with a religion. The girls also enjoyed a barbecue lunch on the lawn.

At WOW Day the inequality between men and women was highlighted. The universal health of women was focused on by presenters, Linda George, NSW FGM Education Program and James Grainger, Hamlin Fistual Aid and Relief Fund. WOW Day showed the girls that every single woman, no matter where they live, or who they are, are individuals with the same rights as everybody else. No matter what their religion, their beliefs, or their circumstances, they should be treated with respect; nor should their religion, beliefs or circumstances hinder their opportunities.

*Pymble* students are instilled with the College's core values of care, courage, integrity, respect and responsibility in their treatment of others; however, such consideration of others is not universal. The saddening inequalities around the world must be identified and then improved. WOW Day highlighted the inequality of women across the globe and showed students that they can help their female counterparts. This is an irreplaceable day, much appreciated by the girls and will go on to serve them for many years to come.

Many thanks to Mrs Schumacher and the other geography teachers, without whom this day would not have gone ahead.



## Spicks and Spooks

*Virginia Wang, Year 11*

At the onset of dusk on a crisp Autumn day, Year 8 Latin students gathered together for 'Spicks and Spooks', a special event organised by *Pymble's* Classics Department. Following the trend of popular TV game shows such as *Talkin' Bout Your Generation*, *Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader* and the music quiz show *Spicks and Specks*, girls participated in a trivia game of all things Classics-related. The quiz included questions on Roman history and mythology, as well as issues relating to pop culture. Girls had to work in groups to figure out the answers to questions such as 'What is the English title of the recent animation film *Laetus Pedes*?' (The answer is *Happy Feet*.)

Following the Latin Trivia, girls gathered for a session of storytelling by candlelight. Dr Emily Matters, Head of Classics at *Pymble*, gave thrilling renditions of two very different Greek stories.

A number of girls truly got into the spirit of the evening, dressing up in the everyday Roman garb of togas and sandals. Classics Captain Lydia Zhou declared the evening to be "a superb success... It's wonderful to see Classics becoming a more significant part of *Pymble*."

Many thanks to Dr Matters, Mrs Brunning, Mr Brown and Year 11 Latin students who ensured the smooth running of the event. Hold your breath for another evening of spooks and thrills soon!

# Performance and the Arts

## Uplifting performance at Three Choirs Festival

*Diya Pacheco, Year 11*

A choir of 130 superb voices from the *Pymble* Chorale, Barker College Chamber Choir and St Aloysius' College Choir ignited the GMCPA with an afternoon of magnificent choral music in the second Sydney Three Choirs Festival at *Pymble* on Sunday 16 May.

The choirs were privileged to be trained under the expertise of Stephen Leek, one of Australia's leading composers, whose work has been performed by elite choirs worldwide. The *Pymble* Chorale launched the concert with Stephen Leek's classically Australian *Hey Rain!* This was followed by *Butterflying*, a contemporary Australian piece and Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater & Ament*. The *Pymble* Chorale concluded its exhilarating repertoire with a composition commissioned especially for Mrs Sabina Turner, *Pymble's* Director of Music, *Out There* by Dan Walker. Barker College created an invigorating atmosphere with the Gospel tune, *Praise His Holy Name* while St Aloysius' College Choir enthralled the audience with their engaging performance of *The Lonely Goatherd* (with choreography) and an impromptu rendition of *Route 66*.

The second half of the concert saw the coalescence of the three prestigious choirs under the qualified baton of Stephen Leek. He had been working with the choirs the previous week and after long hours of rehearsal, spurred on by copious amounts of mutual inspiration, the three choirs presented a breathtaking selection of choral music. The concert was a moving experience for the audience and provided an uplifting and rousing choral experience. Stephen Leek was an inspirational conductor, motivating the musicians with his quirky sense of humour, his profound musical wisdom and his wholesome passion for music.

## Dame Joan Hammond Recital

*Isabelle Galet-Lalande, Year 11*

*Pymble's* most gifted piano scholars performed on the College's magnificent Concert D Steinway Grand Piano to an audience of family, friends and classical aficionados at the annual Dame Joan Hammond Memorial Recital in the Gillian Moore Centre for Performing Arts on 6 May.

Enjoying the music of renowned composers including Chopin and Beethoven, the audience was enthralled with the sheer maturity of each girls' performance. Angela Liang (Year 8), Theresa Yu (Year 9), Katrina Tang (Year 10), Shoushan Sariyan (Year 10) and Jessica Sun (Year 12, Captain of Music and the Arts) played astounding renditions of a range of pieces.

"The level of talent was extraordinary," commented *Pymble's* Director of Music, Mrs Sabina Turner. "All of the girls were so poised, so mature in their interpretation of the music. If you closed your eyes, you wouldn't have known that it was school students who were playing."

Held every year in honour of the world-renowned Australian opera singer and ex-student of *Pymble*, the Dame Joan Hammond Recital saw a new development in 2010. For the first time, *Pymble* invited a Guest Artist to perform as part of the recital. This year we welcomed the world-renowned Australian concert pianist, Gerard Willems, who has performed with Australia's major orchestras and has gained accolades for his numerous classical recordings, including two ARIA Awards.

Also a world class piano adjudicator, Mr Willems held a Masterclass with several of our piano scholars prior to the recital.

To complete the evening's entertainment, the audience was treated to a short recital by Gerard Willems, which included a recently published, little-known *Nocturne* written by a young Frederic Chopin which, as Mr Willems explained, the Polish composer had deemed 'unworthy' of publication while he was alive.



## Pymble Masterchef 2010

*Christina Guo and Cissy Ye, Year 11*

*Pymble* students embraced the popular television show, MasterChef, taking on the challenge of the *Pymble* Masterchef.

In the fiery, competition-filled kitchens of *Pymble's* Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) Building, students competed in teams of three. The budding *Pymble* amateur chefs chopped, boiled, fried and stirred their way through a gruelling five weeks of competition, with participation by numerous 'Celebrity Chef' contestants, including a team consisting of Mrs Vicki Waters, Principal, Mrs Nikki Wyse, Head of Upper School and Mrs Kerrie Come, TAS Department.

After winning three rounds of competition in the kitchen each, a Year 11 team, Christine Kynoch, Amy Sales and Hannah Grimbale, and a Year 8 team, Jemima McGahey, Holly McGahey and Angela Liang, played off in the *Pymble* Masterchef finals at lunchtime on Thursday 17 June, with the Year 11 team winning the title of the first *Pymble* Masterchefs 2010!



## Year 11 Visual Arts on show

*Kumuthini Ravindra, and Christina Guo, Year 11*

### Year 11 Art Camp

On Wednesday 12 May, the Year 11 Visual Arts students travelled to Vision Valley in Arcadia, for a creative and exciting three-day Art Camp.

Each year at camp, a guest artist is invited to mentor the girls in their art making, and this year the girls were lucky to have sculptor, Anita Larkin, at the camp. All of the students spent one day in a workshop with Anita, learning concepts of her art practise to create a conceptual sculpture of their own, made from a found object. The workshop resulted in the creation of a number of outstanding sculptures created by the girls. The rest of the time at camp was allocated studio time, allowing the girls to work on their individual works using their respective media. These bodies of work were then displayed at the Year 11 Art Exhibition.



### Year 11 Art Exhibition

After a flurry of activity-filled weeks following the Year 11 Art Camp, the Year 11 Art Exhibition was opened on 3 June with 67 artworks on display by Visual Arts students.

*Pymble's* Ferguson Building Art Gallery and the Sculpture Garden outside were crowded with relatives and fellow students, appreciating the student's creative artworks. There was a myriad of works made from a selection of medias, including drawing, painting, digital media, photography and sculptures.

Though drawing common inspiration from the bush environment at Vision Valley, it was amazing to see the wide range of interpretations of the subject matter, using so many different forms and media.



## Pymble Ladies' College students winners in Wool Fashion Awards

Pymble Ladies' College students have once again

left their mark at the Australian Wool Fashion Awards with three students receiving awards in the Secondary School Section at the 2010 Awards.

Year 12 student, Christina Ruhno was awarded a Raffles College of Design and Commerce Scholarship as well as a Medallion. Year 11 student, Elsa Cocqueral was a Medallion recipient and winner of work placement with Charlotte Smith, Curator of The Fashion and Textile Gallery in Sydney. Natasha Sviderskas, also from Year 11, was awarded a work placement with Charlotte Smith.

*Pymble* ex-student, Ashleigh Rowe, was also recognised in the Awards, coming second in the Tertiary Section and also winning a work placement with fashion label, Gordon Smith.



## Two Weeks with the Queen

*Eleanor Agnew, Rebecca Gulia and Alexandra Tingey, Year 10*

Year 11 Drama students produced an adaptation of *Two Weeks with the Queen* on 27 to 29 May in the Gillian Moore Centre for Performing Arts.

Year 11 students were responsible for all facets of the production. Directed by Charlotte Salusinszky and Dorothy Liu, featuring Claire Jackman and Olivia Ronan, amongst others. Costumes and set were also designed and created by the Year 11 girls as well as all the behind the scenes work.

The story follows the journey of Colin, a young Australian boy (Claire Jackman) to England in search of a cure for his brother, Luke's (Olivia Ronan) Cancer. Whilst in England, he forms new relationships and his newly found wisdom changes his views and relationships with his family and cousins.

*Two Weeks with the Queen* exhibited a *Pymble* first as the company and audience were both situated on the stage, thus creating an intimate environment which suited the atmosphere of the play as the audience felt involved and attached to the action. Their use of this

black box theatre enabled the audience to clearly understand and feel the emotions of the characters that were only centimetres away.

The Year 11 performers were realistically committed to their characters. As an audience, we actively shared their journey and emotions, leaving many laughing and/or crying. Casting was excellent and commitment was shown through all parts in the play.

The lighting and set changes were minimalist, again creating the appropriate raw drama on stage which was embellished with costumes befitting the modern time and effectively aiding their characterisation. Lighting was utilised to create a climactic point at the end of the first half, using a spotlight effect to symbolise the discovery of the two boys infiltrating the walls of Buckingham Palace, a long anticipated event.

Overall *Two Weeks with the Queen* was a highly effective, emotionally well portrayed and brilliant interpretation that engaged the audience with exuberance. The Year 11 Drama students of *Pymble* definitely deserve the highest praise for their production.

# Community Service



## Sun shines down on Biggest Morning Tea

*Sarah Bird, Year 11*

With ominous grey clouds looming in the skies above, the *Pymble* community gathered together on the Main Oval on 24 May to enjoy a cup of tea and celebrate the Biggest Morning Tea.

Luckily the rain held off and the sun shone through the clouds. With a sense of excitement in the air, the entire College, from the youngest of Prep-schoolers to the Year 12 students and the entire body of *Pymble* staff gathered on the Main Oval to share morning tea. The atmosphere was buzzing as food of all shape and sizes arrived at the oval in the hands of smiling *Pymble* students and staff.

This event is one of the uniquely special occasions that the entire *Pymble* community gets together. It is probably the largest gathering for the event in the suburb of Pymble, with close to 2,400 people attending the morning tea at the College.

The Biggest Morning Tea is a fundraising event in support of the Cancer Council. The event is held in May each year where people of all ages are encouraged to get together and raise money in the fight against Cancer.

*Pymble's* Biggest Morning Tea raised \$5,153.70, which was an outstanding effort and huge achievement. It was a fun morning and our aim is to raise even more money at next year's Biggest Morning Tea.



## *Pymble's* Oaktree Seedgroup raises money for sister school

*Cecilia Chang, Year 11*

In 2010, the Oaktree Foundation's Seedgroup at *Pymble* has been participating in the 'Schools 4 Schools Program', to raise money for *Pymble's* partner school in South Africa, Kwavutha Secondary School.

Oaktree is an entirely youth-run international aid organisation and the Schools 4 Schools Program is aimed at providing sustainable funding for projects which tackle challenges facing young people living in poverty, at the same time as educating young Australians and their school community about global poverty.

With the help of Mr Howard Clark and Seedgroup School Mentor, Mr Leighton Scott, *Pymble's* Seedgroup organised a series of fundraising events to help support Kwavutha Secondary School.

The first fundraising activity was a Mother's Day Stall, selling cards and bookmarks, designed and made by *Pymble* students. This was followed by a two-day fundraiser, with a sausage sizzle and a cupcake and cans stall. The *Pymble* girls' efforts in Term 2 raised over \$1,000 for their partner school.

*Pymble* was also very fortunate to host Djmabika Phakamani, a Gold Facilitator for Oaktree in South Africa as a guest speaker. Mr Phakamani spoke to the girls with great passion about issues including AIDS and teen pregnancy in his community in South Africa and also his own personal involvement with Oaktree and the Schools 4 Schools Program, which greatly inspired all the girls to continue their fight against global poverty.

Term 2 has been highly successful for *Pymble's* Oaktree Seedgroup and the girls hope to continue their success throughout the rest of the year.



*Sarah Parker, Estelle Liu, Ciara Smart, Mrs Shirley Chiew, Natasha Voysey, Emily Peacock.*

## Wrap with Love

A group of Year 9 students participated in 'Wrap with Love' for the community service section of their Duke of Edinburgh award.

To kick start their knitting they attended the 'Knit In' at the ABC studios at Ultimo on 7 June. The Family Group President, Mrs Shirley Chiew, was also at the 'Knit In' and gave the girls some tips on knitting.

In 1992 'Wrap with Love' began with the idea to help as many people as possible by providing warm wraps to ward off hypothermia. Over the past 18 years more than 221,700 wraps have been sent to people in over 75 countries, including Australia, thanks to the help of hardworking and generous volunteers.



## Pymble students hit the street for Humpty Dumpty Foundation

*Mr Paul Bulmer, Year 10 Advisor*

On Sunday 30 May, 18 teams of four students from Pymble Ladies' College participated in the annual Balmoral Burn, a fun run requiring entrants to race 420 metres up the steep incline of Awaba Street in Mosman.

This event assists in raising money for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation which purchases medical equipment for under resourced hospitals in Australia and Timor. Twelve of the 18 teams were from Year 10 Tutor Groups who undertook this initiative as part of their Children's Hospital focus for charity and community service in 2010.

*Pymble* had the most number of teams entered in the school girls relay, an outstanding achievement. As part of the lead up to the day the Year 10 Tutor Groups raised an impressive total of over \$3,500, well in excess of what was required to register for the event.

The day was a major success and all of the *Pymble* entrants conducted themselves in an exemplary manner demonstrating the traditional *Pymble* spirit of good sportsmanship.

At a special Assembly on 21 June, the *Pymble* Balmoral Burn entrants, which also included some students from Year 11, presented Mr Paul Francis, Humpty Dumpty Foundation with a cheque for the money raised in the lead up to the event.

Well done to our *Pymble* Balmoral Burn runners – an amazing achievement all for a great cause.



## Teddy Bear's Picnic

*Jessica Stevens and Jennifer Peng, Year 7*

Year 7 students held a very cute and cuddly Teddy Bear's Picnic on 21 June to raise money for Westmead Children's Hospital. The event was a huge success, enjoyed by all and we raised over \$600 for the hospital.

Girls were asked to dress up their soft and cuddly teddy bears and enter them in one of six categories to participate in this special day. The categories were Best Dressed Bear, Biggest Bear, Smallest Bear, Most Unusual Bear, Most Loved Bear and the Cutest Bear.

The overall winner was Claudia Marshall, with a fabulous bear showing true Aussie spirit. Prizes were awarded for every category. The difficult task of judging the adorable teddies was undertaken by the Deputy Principal, Mrs Julie Shaw, the Head of Middle School, Ms Lindsay Bosch, and Year 7 Co-ordinator, Mrs Irene Smith.

There was also a 'Dance with Your Bear' competition held in the hall, with Amber Dutkiewicz winning the main prize.



## Spiritual life of Pymble

*Mrs Greer Dokmanovic, College Chaplain*

Spirituality is explored and expressed in many different ways at Pymble Ladies' College. Here is a snapshot of some of the things that have been happening in the first semester of 2010.

### Heritage Service

This special celebration of the Jewish festival of Shavuot and the Christian festival of Pentecost, saw a number of girls read in the three languages of Jesus' time. The Ten Commandments were read in Hebrew, the account of Pentecost recorded in Acts 2 was read in Greek and the Lord's Prayer was read in Latin. Secondary School students joined voices to sing a Jewish *Hallelujah* and a hymn sung in both Latin and English.

### Passion Play

Every Easter, Turramurra Uniting Church conducts a Passion Play. This year, a number of our boarders attended a special performance of this moving production. As each scene developed, the girls moved from room to room. This powerful Easter experience helped us remember and reflect upon this week of Jesus' life and what that means to us today.

### Chapel Captains

This year has seen the inaugural position of Chapel Captains. Each year, the role of Chapel Captain will be filled by two girls who demonstrate Christian leadership within the College community. These girls will work with the Chaplain and students to help improve Christian worship at *Pymble*.

Philippa Horn and Laura McLean have done a wonderful job of being *Pymble's* first Chapel Captains. They have lead services, presented reflections in Assemblies, helped to co-ordinate the Chapel teams, and have beautifully demonstrated servant leadership.

### Community Chapel Services

At the beginning of each term, the *Pymble* community gathers for a Community Chapel Service. This new initiative provides the opportunity for staff, students, parents and members of our community to gather together. Together, we sing praises, we pray, we reflect on God's word, we share in communion together and we enjoy the beauty of being a community.



# Beyond *Pymble*

## Historians brought to life

Cissy Ye, Year 11

Year 12 Extension History students braved the inclement weather on 26 May to travel to Surry Hills for an excursion to the Tom Mann Theatre for a presentation on different approaches to interpreting history.

Being able to listen to real life experts talk about ancient historians “brought them to life,” said Sophie Whitehead. One of the speakers talked about the Greek historian Herodotus, “the father of history” whose subject matter was the Peloponnesian Wars. The girls found him a particularly interesting character as he looked at both sides of the conflict, attempted to eliminate bias from his work and was the first one to attempt to do so. The girls also listened to an expert who spoke about Leopold Von Ranke, “the father of modern history” who questioned the reliability of sources and introduced the empirical method.

The girls all agreed that the highlight of the excursion was listening to real life controversial historian Keith Windschuttle. He was passionate, contentious and forthright in his opinions and attracted much criticism. He presented a post modern perspective of looking at history which discarded minority groups such as Aborigines and migrants. Although he was criticised for his “racist views,” the girls thought he raised some valid points and admired his methodical, evidence supported claims. They all believed they came out with a better understanding of him and his approach to history.



## Classics immersion for *Pymble* students

Lisa Gao, Year 11

Years 10 and 11 Classics students enjoyed a fantastic day of immersion into classical languages when they attended the preliminary rounds of the Latin Reading Competition at the University of Sydney in June.

On arrival at the campus, the *Pymble* students were greeted with the festive tolling of the carillon graduation bells. With this triumphant mood set, the Greek and Latin reading team walked confidently into the Kevin Lee Room where the judges awaited. The Year 10 team, consisting of Matilda Howard, Sarika Suresh, Katrina Tang, Lisa Wang and Nicole Zhou, read a stirring passage of the triumph and ominous premonition of the Trojan War from Virgil's *Aeneid* and the Year 11 Latin readers Lisa Gao, Joanne Kuk, Monica Ma, Virginia Wang and Lydia Zhou, delivered an excerpt of philosophical musings from the poet Lucretius' *De rerum natura*. The Greek readers, although small in number, were by no means diminished in passion, with Alice Han and Virginia Wang reading a passage from Euripides' *Hippolytus* with beautiful pronunciation and expression.

Following the competition we visited the university's Nicholson Museum, one of Sydney's most prestigious Ancient History museums. Viewing artefacts from Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Egypt and the Near and Middle East, the highlight was a mummified body wrapped in linen which lay beside its ornately decorated sarcophagus.

We were also privileged to view the Rare Books Collection at the Fisher Library and listened to a special presentation by Dr Bones, the curator of the books, on the techniques of ancient documentation and the history surrounding the ancient manuscripts in the collection.

The excursion to the University of Sydney was truly an unforgettable experience, giving Classical Languages students a much deeper appreciation for the languages we so dedicatedly pursue.

## A United Nations experience for *Pymble* students

Sarika Suresh and Ankita Kapoor, Year 11

Six *Pymble* girls from Years 10 and 11 participated in the Rotary International Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), hosted at Ravenswood School for Girls on the weekend of 29 and 30 May.

The two teams were sponsored by Ku-ring-gai Rotary Club. More than 147 student delegates from 40 schools gathered as global citizens representing a particular UN country to debate on matters of world political and social concern. Each team consisted of three students representing a country from the United Nations General Assembly.

It was a colourful sight with students wearing the national dress of the country, their country flag flying high with research folders on the country and colourful message notes spread on the table.

The teams from *Pymble* were Qatar represented by Nikki Raftopoulos, Isabel Janssen, Emma Sykes and Argentina represented by Maxine Malaney, Sarika Suresh and Ankita Kapoor. The teams spent the weekend debating “resolutions” on topics such as women's rights,

terrorism, guest workers and climate change. The results were excellent with the team from Qatar coming third overall out of 43 countries!

Participating in MUNA gave us all a good understanding of how each of the global issues affected the various countries in different ways. We made many friends in different schools, while trying to compromise and form alliances. Whether we were sending notes to the delegates from France... in French, or rallying support for an amendment, MUNA was a great experience for all of us. We all thoroughly enjoyed the event and certainly look forward to participating again next year.





## Year 11 Legal Studies students in court

*Zenobia Katrak, Year 11*

On 22 April 2010, the Year 11 Legal Studies students of *Pymble* visited the Local and District Courts and the Justice Museum.

With an early 7.30am departure from the College we arrived at the Downing Centre, which houses the Local and District Courts to be met by a Court Officer.

Before we sat in court as members of the public to listen to real-life cases, the Court Officer explained the procedures of the court, as well as the various roles used in a court of law.

We all enjoyed lunch at Circular Quay, before visiting the Justice and Police Museum. The Justice and Police Museum had many displays which informed us about the legal system over the centuries. With various displays relating to crime, punishment and a replica of a local court from the 1800s, we found the museum both interesting and enjoyable.

Legal Studies is just one of the many subject choices offered to students for the Higher School Certificate. Since its introduction into the school syllabus, Legal Studies has been a popular choice with students, offering an enjoyable and informative course.



## Remembering a legend

*Alice Han, Year 11*

*Alice Han won the Simpson Prize for 2010. Alice and seven other students from Australia travelled to Gallipoli in April for ANZAC Day commemorations.*

As part of a Government funded initiative for students to learn more about the ANZAC chapter of our nation's history, a Simpson Prize contingent set off during the Term 1 holidays to visit Istanbul and Gallipoli. We were a group of eight self-professed history enthusiasts from our respective states and territories around Australia accompanied by an all-knowing guide, Andrew Gray, and two other teachers. We landed safely on Turkish soil and quickly became intoxicated with the delights that Turkey had to offer. After exploring the bustling metropolis and markets of Istanbul we travelled to the serene Gallipoli peninsular.

During our seven day stay on the peninsular we made a pilgrimage to the main cemeteries such as Ari Banu, The Nek, Lone Pine and Baby 700. The Turkish story was also reflected upon when we visited several Turkish memorials and museums.

The two ANZAC services were a recapitulation of the symphony of experiences and stories we had gained from Gallipoli. At 1am on 25 April we arrived at the Dawn Service, seeing a sea of green and gold 'Fanatics' and groups of people nestled in their sleeping bags waiting for dawn. There were a few tears shed as we watched a light display beneath the Sphinx, accompanied by profiles of individual ANZACs and the eerie, cathartic power of a symphony composed especially for the occasion.

After dawn, the *Last Post* and the *Reveille* we departed ANZAC Cove to make a sacred trek up to Lone Pine via Artillery Road, arriving before the Australian masses.

Lone Pine Service was more of an Australian affair and as the Simpson Prize Group we earned the great honour of presenting wreaths to the ceremonial wreath-layers, amongst them the Governor-General Quentin Bryce, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, John Key, and politician Malcolm Turnbull.

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## Bond University high school mooting competition

*Chloe Kim, Year 11*

On 4 May 2010, I joined with my fellow *Pymble* students, Alice Han and Olivia Chang to participate in the Bond University High School Mooting Competition.

For a semester, our team of three Year 11 girls worked hard on a moot, a legal argument conducted by opposing teams before two or more judges. The argument involves the application of legal rules to fact situations like those dealt with by the courts every day.

Our team was placed in the Highly Recommended section in the region. I was also awarded the State Region Advocacy Merit Award.

After many months of preparation, the moot was a successful day, where we learnt an incredible amount about not only advocacy skills, but also about the legal court and justice system. It was an experience which has been encouraged by *Pymble* over many years, and continues to bring about much success and interest from the participating Year 11 students.



## Pymble sprints to success

Miranda Middleton, Year 11

The *Pymble* cross country team sprinted to success, winning the 2010 IGSSA Cross Country Carnival at Frensham on 14 May.

The dedicated and determined team was thrilled to secure a convincing win of the Carnival for the second year in a row! Congratulations to every athlete who ran with such strength and determination after months of training, and to all our reserves whose support throughout the day was really appreciated.

The 12 Years competed in the first race of the day, in which Casey James, Fiona Glover and Alexandra Hunter were the first three *Pymble* girls to cross the line after a tough three kilometres. In the 13 Years, Olivia Dooley finished second, with Portia Olsen and Elizabeth Graham also finishing in the top 10.

After a gruelling four kilometres, Charlotte Culver placed third in the 14 Years, with Olivia Modesto and Annika Clayton completing *Pymble's* 'top three' in this age group. In the 15 Years, Ellen Dobrijevic who finished third, Jessica Shipp and Charlotte Walker combined as *Pymble's* first team of three runners to win their age division! In an extremely close race, Aleisha Wawn placed third in the 16 Years, with Sarah Caldwell and Melanie Ballard also running extremely well. Our most convincing win of the day was in the 17 Years division. With Frances Schmiede finishing first, Miranda Middleton second, Jessica Drummer fourth and Chloe Dalton seventh, *Pymble* was unbeatable, winning the gold medal for this age group.

During the final race which was over a distance of six kilometres, all competitors cheered on our 18 Years athletes, as they competed in their last IGSSA Cross Country. Whilst our top three runners were Georgina Alcock who came fourth, Katie Shipp and Georgia Adams, every one of *Pymble's* eight 18 Years athletes ran extremely well.

At the conclusion of an exhausting but incredibly fun day, the *Pymble* team cheered and celebrated their well-earned victory.

Thank you to Mrs Andra Priestley, Coach Miss Deb Walsham and Cross Country Captain Stephanie Gelder for all their hard work, and good luck to the girls chosen to represent IGSSA at the CIS Cross Country Championships!



## Pymble dives into the medals at Championships

Mrs Christine Lang, Diving Co-ordinator

*Pymble* divers have once again ensured that hard work and commitment has its rewards.

Six *Pymble* divers competed in the School Sport Australia National Championships held in Brisbane in Term 2, with Grace Rowe being named Vice Captain of the NSW Team.

Our divers ranged from our youngest Olivia Hill and Imogen Dixon-Smithers, in the 10 Years age group to our oldest, Michaela Janu, in the 17 to 19 Years age group. Completing the team were Brittany O'Brien, Grace Rowe and Katie Oag.

The medals achieved by our divers were an added bonus to the experience, camaraderie and enjoyment gained from this level of representation. First place awards were achieved by Brittany O'Brien (10 to 12 Years Girls Synchronised Diving and State Team Challenge) and Katie Oag (14 Years Girls Springboard). The girls achieved an amazing list of placings in all events they entered.

As a coach/manager of the NSW team I commend all the girls on their outstanding level of sportsmanship and the way they embraced the spirit of the event way beyond just their achievements on the boards.

We now look forward to taking diving to the next level inspired by the memories of School Sport Australia Diving 2010.



## Kina Birkby and dad kept the pace in half marathon

Kina Birkby, Year 12

Year 12 student, Kina Birkby, and her dad competed as a father and daughter team in the 2010 Sydney Morning Herald Half Marathon on 16 May raising \$1,200 for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).

After weeks of gruelling and rigorous training, father and daughter ran the 21 kilometre race with great results, placing 5,819 and 5,820. Kina came 22nd in the Under 19's Female category and together they finished 15th in the Parent and Child category.

"Looking back on the race, the last 10 kilometres was definitely the most challenging, because of the pain and ache we both felt in our ankles, knees and hips," said Kina. "Dad and I both found it gratifying that we had actually managed to complete the full distance, without walking."



# Boarding @ Pymble



## Goodlet goes to Luna Park

*Sally Taylor, Year 11*

On Friday 18 June, 50 excited Goodlet girls visited Luna Park for a night of fun. We spent the night competing in "who could go on the most rides" and spending hours re-riding the Tango Train and despite many green faces at the end of the night, it was undoubtedly a beneficial night in terms of getting out of the Boarding House and bonding somewhere where many of the girls hadn't been before.

## Waratahs match

*Sally Taylor, Year 11*

Pymble boarders were filled with excitement when they went to see the Waratahs play the Hurricanes on 14 May. It was a night of fun shared with family, friends and fellow boarders. It was a great experience and for some, the first rugby game that they've ever attended in Sydney.



## Goodlet night games

*Sally Taylor, Year 11*

In Term 2, Goodlet boarders started the 'Goodlet Night Games', an event of fun-filled activities held on Wednesday nights. From Giant Twister to Zumba, we have had fun taking part in some wild, very spirited games and we have definitely seen a different, far more competitive side in both our staff members and peers. Although we were hesitant at first of the idea, it eventuated as being very advantageous for us because we were able to take a break from assessments and participate in some good quality bonding with the rest of our Boarding House friends.



# Family Groups

## Bollywood night of a thousand colours

Years 3 and 4 girls and their Dads looked resplendent in their saris and Indian shirts when they danced away at the JSPA 'Bollywood Night of a Thousand Colours' in May. The hall was transformed into a colourful fantasy land and the girls and their dads were treated to a fantastic dance display. Many thanks to Anne Riley, Jackie Choo and the many mums who helped to set up and assisted on the night!



## Busy term for JSPA

It's been another busy term in the Junior School with many events.

The Mothers' Day Stall was a huge success and was ably manned by a team of Dads to keep the gifts a surprise!

Year 6 ran a very successful Cupcake Day in support of the 40K Foundation. The SRC organised a very popular movie afternoon and refreshment stall with the proceeds going to the Senior School Centre.

We said farewell to Miss Sarah Guy at a special afternoon tea and she was presented with a gift from the JSPA.

We also welcomed Mrs Carol Bower as Acting Head of the Junior School and are very much looking forward to working with her over the coming months.



## PSPA Father Daughter Dinner

On Friday 7 May, the Main Hall was transformed into the enchanting world of *Alice in Wonderland* for the Preparatory 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' Father Daughter Dinner.

The girls and dads looked amazing in their costumes and had a wonderful evening together. Thank you to the many parents who helped make the incredible decorations in the weeks leading up to the event, as well as helping with the set up of the hall during the day. It really was a magical night!

The annual Cupcake Day held during the last week of Term 2 was a great success, with the girls enjoying a lovely cupcake during morning recess. Proceeds raised from the event were donated to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Thank you to the many parents who made the delicious cakes and who helped on the day.





## A 'Starry night' success at *Pymble*

The Family Group's major fundraiser for the year, 'A Starry Night at *Pymble*', was an outstanding success enjoyed by all who partied the evening away under the sparkling stars decorating the College gymnasium on Saturday 5 June.

From the moment the first of over 300 guests sashayed down the red carpet and were transported into the celestial heavens, everyone was ready and willing to party at the 'Starry Night' cocktail party and dance.

Delicious food by Katering, the odd glass of sparkling wine and electric entertainment by the Enormous Horns had everyone in the party mode for every minute of the five-hour event.

Beautiful fairy lights and drapes transformed the gymnasium into a galaxy of silver stars and exquisite lighting creating a heavenly atmosphere for a first-class evening of fabulous fun, renewed friendships and special memories. While guests scrambled to buy raffle tickets with prizes including the luxurious Louis Vuitton Carryall and a bottle of 1991 Grange, others vied for one of the fabulous silent auction items which included everything from the pampering to the luxurious to the entertaining to the quirky!

This special celebration in support of the Senior School Centre, brought our *Pymble* community together to enjoy the spirit of the evening and "embrace the past and build the future".



## From the President

In 2010, 'X' really does mark the spot. What a momentous time in our history with Australia's first female Prime Minister being appointed by Australia's first female Governor General. Regardless of the length of time in office I am proud to acknowledge the achievements of women in Australia in politics and in government. I have no doubt that as a leading school for ladies the women of *Pymble*, past and present, will resonate with the significance of this accomplishment. The future for women certainly looks bright.

The ESU has again been active in supporting the College and in bringing together past and present students. If you haven't yet explored the new College website, I urge you to do so. You will see the ESU tab on the front page. You can access all the details of our current and upcoming events on this page. The Black Watch Ties is here also where you can log on to register your current details and see where our community of ex-students are and what they are up to.

### HOPE Regatta

On 30 May 2010 after many early morning training sessions and with nerves of steel, the team of Ex-Student rowers – **the Hot Ex's** – triumphed over 18 other teams competing in the HOPE Regatta to win the event. Our fearless Captain Katrina Corcoran, also Secretary of the ESU, has not stopped celebrating the win since! Mrs Vicki Waters took great pleasure in awarding the winning team, being an all-women team, with beautifully engraved beer mugs. Other team members included Alex Handley (2005), Emily Creighton (2004), Isha Caufield (2005), Laura Carter (2005), Stephanie Brown (2004) and Ali Murphy (2004). Ex-Students also participated in a number of other crews including the *Prep School Princesses*, the *BraveStarts*, and the *Snow Boat to Pymble*. The day was organised by the Rowers' Support Group at *Pymble* and was also memorable for the dedication on the day of the new state-of-the-art pontoon at the Leichhardt/*Pymble* Boat Shed in honour of Jill Campbell, an ex-Olympian rower and major supporter and coach for *Pymble* Rowers.



### A Starry Night at Pymble

A truly celestial evening was enjoyed by more than 300 parents and friends of the College on the evening of 30 May 2010. This was an event organised by the Family Group at *Pymble* to raise funds for the Senior School Centre.

It was a fantastic evening with many photos now doing the rounds attesting to the fun and friendship of the evening. I am particularly proud to boast that the organising Committee included Ex-Students (Diana Brown, past President of the ESU and member of College Council, Wendy Dreyfus, Katrina Corcoran, Sophie Sedgwick) and the husband of an Ex-Student. Even the lead singer of the band that entertained us on the evening, the Enormous Horns, is married to an Ex-Student!

### Wagga Wagga

On Saturday 22 May 2010 I flew to Wagga Wagga to represent the Ex-Students at a *Pymble* Community event in the country. My family and I attended a similar event last year, which was held at Mudgee. The Wagga event coincided with *Pymble's* presence at the Boarding Schools Expo. It was, as usual, a great pleasure to meet current parents of boarders and former students of the College.

### Commemoration Day Chapel Service

It is often said that the Chapel is the heart of the School. Each year, the Ex-Students arrange the Commemoration Day Chapel Service to commemorate the dedication of the College in 1919.

The ESU Choir was well-rehearsed for the annual performance at the ESU Commemoration Day Chapel Service on 25 July 2010 under the esteemed leadership of Jillian Cranney. We were delighted to have as this year's guest speaker Mrs Sabina Turner (Scales, 1975), Director of Music at *Pymble*.



### Year 12 ESU Membership and Assembly

I am very much looking forward to an upcoming Year 12 Assembly in Term 3 where we will take great pleasure in offering Life Membership to the current Year 12 girls before they leave the College. Our Vice President, Leona Blanco, is on the organising committee for the Valedictory Dinner to be held in late September 2010. We will be welcoming the next generation of girls to the ESU.

### All' Ultimo Lavoro

**Sue Everingham (Taylor, 1977)**

[esu@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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.

**USA** - Susan Talbot (Thompson, 1953) E: [susantalbot@usa.net](mailto:susantalbot@usa.net)

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## Upcoming events

<b>Term 3 Garden Party</b>	18 September 2010
<b>Term 4 Golf, Tennis and Bridge Day</b>	29 October 2010
<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	29 October 2010

## Garden Party

Visit the ESU stall at the Garden Party  
 Saturday 18 September, 10am to 3pm  
 Enquiries /volunteers email: [lamberton5@bigpond.com](mailto:lamberton5@bigpond.com)

## Brisbane Reunion

The Queensland and Northern NSW Ex-Students' luncheon will be held on Saturday 2 October 2010 at 12.30pm.

### Era Bistro

102 Melbourne Street (corner Merivale Street)  
 South Brisbane (not far from South Brisbane Rail Station)  
 Undercover parking available

Contact: Helen Gibson (Colton) Phone: 07 5496 6544 (after 6.00pm)  
 Email: [research2@hotmail.net.au](mailto:research2@hotmail.net.au)

## Pymble in London Independent Schools Show

*Pymble* will be at the Independent Schools Show on Friday 29 October 10.00am - 5.00pm and Saturday 30 October 10.00am - 4.30pm at the Battersea Evolution, Battersea Park, London. Please come and see the Director of Boarding, Mrs Deanne Elliott and Mrs Margaret Craig from Marketing and Communications at the *Pymble* stand.

For further information, please contact Margaret Craig at [mrcraig@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mrcraig@pymblelc.nsw.edu.au) or on +61 (0)2 9855 7799 or visit <http://www.schoolsshow.co.uk/>

## London 10 Year Reunion

2000 leavers residing in or visiting London are invited to a 10 Year Reunion on Saturday 16 October 2010.  
 Paramount Bar and Restaurant at 1.00pm.

Contact Alexandra Egan on [alexandra.egan@hoganlovells.com](mailto:alexandra.egan@hoganlovells.com)

## Upcoming Reunions

Calling all 2011 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 in 2010 and 2011 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, 7pm The White Horse, Surry Hills	Clare Burgess E: <a href="mailto:cbur6007@uni.sydney.edu.au">cbur6007@uni.sydney.edu.au</a>
10 Year Reunion	2000 Leavers	Friday 8 October 2010, venue tba	Elizabeth Webster E: <a href="mailto:pymble2000reunion@hotmail.com">pymble2000reunion@hotmail.com</a>
20 Year Reunion	1990 Leavers	Saturday 30 October, 2010. Afternoon College tours, dinner at the Commodore Hotel, North Sydney, Sunday 31 October, Family BBQ/Picnic, venue tba	Kim Berry (Palmer) P: 02 9944 0740, M: 0412 742 696 E: <a href="mailto:allconsuming72@gmail.com">allconsuming72@gmail.com</a>
30 Year Reunion	1980 Leavers	Saturday 18 September 2010, 7pm Alberts Hotel, 100 Mount Street, North Sydney, \$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 at 12.30pm For venue please contact Louise Bain	Louise Bain (Studdy) M: 0417 413 952 E: <a href="mailto:thebains@bigpond.com">thebains@bigpond.com</a>
40 Year Reunion	1970 Leavers	Saturday 16 October 2010, 12 noon David Macfarlane Centre, <i>Pymble</i>	Pam Gordon (Somerville) E: <a href="mailto:pamgordon@bigpond.com">pamgordon@bigpond.com</a>
45 Year Reunion	1965 Leavers	Saturday 25 September 2010, 12 noon David Macfarlane Centre, <i>Pymble</i>	Elsbeth Hodge (Loewenthal) P: 02 9439 1234 M: 0414 439 500
2011 50 Year Reunion	1961 Leavers	Saturday 29 October 2011, 12 noon David Macfarlane Centre, <i>Pymble</i>	Anne Stephen (Priddle) M: 0407 487 872 E: <a href="mailto:stephenb@bigpond.net.au">stephenb@bigpond.net.au</a> Margaret Mullen (Langsworth) M: 0408 979 598 E: <a href="mailto:margmullen@yahoo.com.au">margmullen@yahoo.com.au</a>
2011 55 Year Reunion	1956 Leavers	Saturday 15 October 2011, tours of the College at 11.30am followed by lunch in the David Macfarlane Centre, <i>Pymble</i> , at 12.30pm	Barbara Wood (De Groot) E: <a href="mailto:groota@iprimis.com.au">groota@iprimis.com.au</a>
2011 60 Year Reunion	1951 Leavers	Saturday 14 May, 2011, 12 noon David Macfarlane Centre, <i>Pymble</i>	Jan Harper (McPhee) E: <a href="mailto:jharper@netspace.net.au">jharper@netspace.net.au</a>

## Engagements

- **Natalie Beedon (2005)** to Chad Schneider
- **Nina Audrey Mintorn (1996)** to Andrew James Pether

## Marriages

- Congratulations to **Ava Davar (1994)** on her recent wedding to Thomas Agnew. The wedding was held at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron in Kirribilli and was attended by numerous *Pymble* friends.



From Left: Sally Lyndon (Baveystock), Helen Barrett, Josephine Lim (Pang), Catherine Cook, Ava Agnew (Davar), Tania Betts, Chennelle Hindmarsh (West), Caroline Gaal (Harkness). Missing from the photo was Tanya Taylor (Grennan) and Gretta Howard.

- **Emily Phippen (1998)** married Ben Carlyon on 2 October 2009 at Mona Vale Golf Club. Her sister Lisa Whitworth (Phippen, 1996) was her bridesmaid and niece, Sophie, was a flower girl. They had a gorgeous honeymoon in New Zealand and are very happy living in their new home in Allambie Heights.
- **Amy Seton (2006)** married Andrew Marks at St Andrew's, Roseville on 28 November 2009.



## Births

- **Katie Caistor (George, 1994)** and husband Eddie are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter, Alison Georgina, born 17 January 2010.
- **Joanna Graham (Elsey, 1998)** and husband, Matt are pleased to announce and are blessed by the birth of Jeremy Campbell, born 30 May 2010. He is the little brother of Amelia.
- **Michelle Hodges (Dinnell, 1997)** gave birth to her fifth child, born 30 March 2010, Aliesha Sapphire Hodges.
- **Jennifer Hault (Barrett, 1994)** and husband Matthew are thrilled to announce the arrival of their second son, Edward Lloyd, on 26 March, 2010 in Singapore where they are currently residing. A little brother for William.
- **Jane Morgan (Johnson, 1987)** and husband Stephen are thrilled to announce the birth of Niamh Isabelle Morgan, born 9 January 2009. A little sister to Connor (3 years) and Jessica (9 years).

- **Katrina Salisbury (Macdonald, 1997)** and her husband Tim are the proud parents of Heidi Claire Salisbury. Born 26 March 2010 in Melbourne.
- **Emily Swift (Ross, 1994)** and husband Ed are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Annabel, born on 20 May 2010. She is a little sister for Penny born 22 January 2008.
- **Lisa Whitworth (Phippen, 1996)** and husband Mark are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Thomas Charles Oliver on 31 March 2010. Two year old, Sophie Gai is proud to have such a gorgeous baby brother.

## Vale

- **Margaret Knight (Mulley, 1939)** passed away on 17 June 2009, aged 86. Margaret was the eldest daughter of Daniel (Surveyor General NSW) and Winifred Mulley. Margaret was a champion swimmer representing the school and state in carnivals. She was well versed in literature and the arts (two interests in which she maintained a life interest).

After completing her studies, she became a Nurse at Prince Alfred Hospital. Moving to Tasmania as a charge sister, she married Dr L W Knight AM, a cardiologist. Margaret maintained a lifetime interest in horticulture becoming the first female secretary and president of the Australian Rose Society and was the first Tasmanian and first woman awarded the TA Steward Memorial Award (highest honour conferred upon a rosarian in Australia) and created history in being a first for a lady to get the coveted award.

Margaret was a female "pioneer" fly tyer and fly fisher liking nothing more than to "escape" to her central highlands shack (named Camelot) with her husband Bill, and later with her daughter Heather. We grew up with many stories of how wonderful her years were at *Pymble* as a boarder and the facilities. We were lucky enough to have Miss Knox stay with us in Tasmania when we were younger so it was great to hear many tales from her. One thing that was interesting, was that Mum even then addressed her as 'Miss Knox' as though she was still a student. Margaret is survived by her daughter Heather and grand-daughters Emily and Elizabeth, son-in-law Robert, and sister Joan. Her husband Bill, sons James and Richard and daughter Susan, predeceased her. Until the day she died Margaret remained a fond and proud graduate of *Pymble* and spoke fondly of her time as a student, and life as a boarder.

*Heather Noga (daughter)*

- **Margaret (Pixie) Rourke (Kirby, 1961)** commenced at Pymble Ladies' College in 1956. As a 10 year-old who had spent her childhood years on Lord Howe Island at Pinetrees, the oldest and largest guesthouse owned and operated by her parents, Pixie became a regular passenger on the sea-plane service between Lord Howe Island and Rose Bay. After finishing at *Pymble*, Pixie attended a Tresillian mothercraft course, met and married Ed Rourke and sailed to London in 1968. Returning to Sydney in 1970, Pixie began a career in travel, working for East West Airlines.

In 1976, after her mother died, Pixie, her husband Ed, sister Kerry and her husband Bruce McFadyen, returned to the Island to take over and operate Pinetrees. Pixie worked tirelessly at Pinetrees restoring the guest house to its former glory. She took on the voluntary position of Chairwoman of the Lord Howe Island Tourism Association, using her marketing talents and tenacity to rebuild the Island's tourism industry.

Pixie, who passed away in July 2010, is survived by Ed, her daughter, Dani, sisters Kerry and Jenny, and her granddaughter, Elsie. Her son, Harry, was killed in an accident in 2002.

## Ex-Students News

### Australia Day Honours congratulations

- **Kathleen Constance Readford (Mein, 1970)** of Dubbo received an Order of Australia in the General Division (OAM) in the Australia Day Honours 2010 for service to people with dementia and their carers.
- **Audrey Myrtle Cummins (1941)** of Springwood received an Order of Australia in the General Division (OAM) in the Australia Day Honours 2010 for service to the community as a church organist and musical director.



### Orthopaedic success for Nicole Williams

**Nicole Williams (1995)** has successfully completed the Fellowship Examination in Orthopaedic Surgery. She will spend 2011 in Portland, Oregon and Adelaide to gain further experience in childhood deformity correction before commencing work as a Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon.



### Prestigious award for Alison Turner

Congratulations to **Alison Turner** who left *Pymble* at the end of Year 11 in 1971, for winning an award in the United Nations Public Service Awards. In June, Alison travelled to Barcelona to accept the Award as the winner in the category of 'Advancing Knowledge Management in Government'. She accepted the award on behalf of the National Blood Authority (NBA), a Commonwealth government agency responsible for the management and

planning of the blood sector in Australia. She has held the role of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NBA since it started in 2003. Prior to this she was CEO of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority for six years.

The United Nations Public Service Awards are the most prestigious international recognition of excellence in public service and aim to promote the role, professionalism and visibility of public services worldwide. Australian organisations have only won a United Nations Public Service Award on three previous occasions.

### Impressive law award for Sheridan McMahon

In April 2010, **Sheridan McMahon (Cox, 1990)** was awarded the inaugural Sandra Paul Memorial Prize for best graduating student in the Masters Applied Law (Family Law) degree at the College of Law. The award was presented to Sheridan by Justice Peter Rose, Judge of the Family Court of Australia.

Since swapping a career in advertising for law in 2006, Sheridan has been practising in Family Law and is currently Vice President of the Hunter Valley Family Law Practitioners Association and a very busy mother of three.

## Ingleholme Reunion

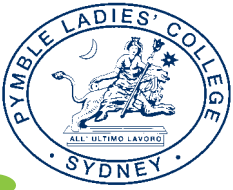
On 10 February 1960, 69 girls walked through the doors of Ingleholme. We ranged in age from four years to nine years. On 13 February 2010 the original Kindergarten group, the first group to complete the seven years at Ingleholme, had a very special reunion. It was time to celebrate, as we have known each other for 50 years! A strong bond had formed with us all, as Ingleholme was a very special place.

We all had a terrific time catching up chatting about our present lives but most of all reminiscing about the fun times we had at Ingleholme. The struggling synapses were firing as we remembered playing in the doll's corner in Kindergarten, saying our tables in third class, drinking warm milk in the courtyard, painting in the art room and sweeping in the summer houses and much, much more. The laughter was constant and like true *Pymble* girls we were not stuck for conversation. We are so lucky to have known each other for 50 years.

*Chris Phippen (Lamble 1972)*



Back Row: Margaret Long (Boase), Judy Ainge, Margaret Gauld (Tulloch), Chris Phippen (Lamble) and Anne Cook (Rutherford).  
Middle Row: Wendy Lambert (Kirkpatrick), Libby Stanton-Cook (Harris), Sue McIntosh (Turnbull), Margaret Powell (Angel) and Wendy Marks.  
Front Row: Amanda Porter (Sexton), Alex Hearl (Lester) and Shirley Simonson.



# Pymble Ladies' College



## Garden Party All welcome

**Saturday 18 September 2010, 10am to 3pm  
Avon Road, Pymble**

Come and enjoy a day of family fun at our fair with food, entertainment, games, produce, craft, rides and much more.



Pymble Ladies' College is a school of the Uniting Church for girls from Kindergarten to Year 12

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