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Welcome to this Summer edition of Peninsula Profile which has the latter half of 2013 as its main focus.

In my address at Celebration Evening which was held in November at Monash University, I observed that those of us who work in schools, and Peninsula in particular, are very privileged to do so. There’s a definite buzz about working with children which has a way of keeping you young and forward-looking in attitude, if not in appearance! Being with young people at such an exciting and influential time of their lives is a truly wonderful career.

The buzz that I referred to above was very evident during Semester 2 last year. Calendar highlights included our wonderful Grand Music Showcase held at Frankston Arts Centre, a great production of Mulan by our Junior School students in our Ansett Hall and the Night of Notables at which our Year 7 students each dressed up as an historical character as a way of bringing their History studies alive in the Perry Building. The year came to a close with our ever popular annual PSPA Christmas market and a most delightful carols concert featuring our Early Childhood students.

I am very proud of the fact that Peninsula has continued to be at the forefront of the national movement to embed positive psychology practices in Australian schools, as a way of promoting community wellbeing and buffering students against adolescent mental health issues. The Positive Education Schools Association (PESA) is an initiative of ours which has now resulted in a fully constituted association of schools which have an interest in positive psychology. Professor Martin Seligman’s patronage of PESA is a wonderful testament to the Association. The official launch of PESA will take place at the 4th Australian Positive Psychology & Wellbeing Conference at the University of Melbourne in Term 1.

We are eagerly awaiting our move into our new VCE building which will bear the name of our current Chairman of the Board of Directors. This building has largely come
to fruition as a direct result of the Chairman’s astute leadership and financial acumen and it is most appropriate that it will be known as the R.J. Zammit Senior Centre. We have planned a gradual move into the new precinct during Term 1. There will be an opportunity for the community to tour the facility closer to the time of the Official Opening which is scheduled for early May.

Members of the Class of 2013 were such fine contributors to the life of our School. The level of academic achievement of these students was outstanding as shown by the report which is featured in this publication. Whilst we were delighted for those who scored at the very top of the ATAR rankings, we were equally pleased for the many students who found that they had achieved a personal best when their results were released. We will look forward to following the career and life pathways of our newest alumni beyond the school gates in the years ahead.

I am looking forward to working alongside our new Deputy Principals, Narelle Umbers and Peter Ford. Both Narelle and Peter bring with them significant leadership experience and will no doubt have much to offer our community. It is also my pleasure to welcome our new Chaplain, Reverend Mark Sweeney to our community this year. Mark has previously been the Chaplain at Canberra Grammar School and more recently at St Peter’s Anglican College in NSW.

I hope that you will agree that this edition of the Profile provides a great opportunity to look back on some of the highlights of Semester 2 and to appreciate the many wonderful accomplishments of our students and staff.

Stuart Johnston
Principal
Congratulations to the Class of 2013

Great results - many personal bests!

Dux of School 2013
Stuart Johnston congratulates our 2013 Dux, Tong Huong Ly

Our congratulations go to the members of the Class of 2013 for their fine VCE results. Special congratulations go to Dux of School for 2013, Tong Huong Ly, who recorded an ATAR of 99.6, followed closely by Lachlan Owens (99.4) and Quentin Roth (99.25).

The cohort’s median Study Score was an excellent 33.0 and we especially acknowledge the following students who recorded perfect scores in the subjects shown:
- Lachlan Owens (Drama & English)
- Marcella Davies (Legal Studies)
- Lam Nhat Hung (Further Maths)
- Phan Minh Duc (Further Maths)
- Vo Mai Linh (Further Maths)
- Caleb Wheatley (Further Maths)
- Caitlin Dwyer (Music Performance)

Impressively, 21 students received ATARs of 95+. Furthermore, 30% of our students received ATARs of 90+, placing them in the top 10% of the State.

We are particularly delighted that the girls’ median ATAR score for 2013 was 87.0 which is an outstanding result, confirming that girls do indeed flourish in fully coeducational schools.

We will proudly follow the future pathways of the Class of 2013 with great interest.

Stuart Johnston
Principal
Celebration Evening

Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University

Mr Chairman, members of the Board of Directors, parents, students, staff and friends of the School, I join with Mr Zammit in welcoming you to our Middle & Senior School Celebration Evening.

I stand here tonight very proud to be the Principal of our great school. I feel very fortunate to work in a school ...and our school in particular. There's a definite energy about teaching children, even after many years in the job.

Teaching teenagers, in particular, is something you simply never tire of. It most definitely keeps you young and forward-looking – in attitude... if not in appearance! I still believe that being with young people at such an exciting and influential time of their lives is a truly wonderful career.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of my role as Principal is to venture out each day into the life of our school and experience first-hand daily routines being played out in front of me. Games of basketball, musicians rehearsing for the next concert, cadets practising drills, teachers sitting with students on the park benches discussing classwork, the social service BBQs and of course engaged learning in all classrooms.

I see young men and women enjoying each other's company, in a positive, natural manner the way coeducation was envisioned.

I am pleased to report that in all endeavours, sportsmanship has flourished and this continues to be a hallmark of Peninsula.

Our students' commitment to personal excellence in their studies and across the countless areas of our cocurricular program, together with the dedication and achievements of our staff, have again gone to making “the Peninsula experience” an enviable one.

Students have been challenged to be the best they can be and their lives have been enriched by the creativity and hard work of our staff. I have spent much of the year in admiration of the talents and achievements of so many in our community.

In fact the School is a living and working model of Unity in Diversity

A central part of our mission is to encourage each child to pursue their interests with great passion in a community that does more than merely tolerate physical, cultural, social, religious and ideological differences – quite the opposite where we have open encouragement of diversity within an environment of mutual respect and celebration of one's talents.

The following quote by Michael Novak, American author and philosopher, describes quite aptly the culture of the Peninsula School.

Unity in diversity is the highest possible attainment of a civilization, a testimony to the most noble possibilities of the human race. This attainment is made possible through passionate concern for choice, in an atmosphere of social trust.

The result of such an environment allows us to create a complex atmosphere where we believe that difference and recognizing an individual's strengths actually enriches human connection and meaning.

Our Positive Psychology program, with its goal of recognising students’ strengths and helping to buffer against the growing epidemic of adolescent mental health issues, has bounded along this year.

This year's focus on resilience and optimism has been a great success, as has been the introduction of “Positive Psychology” – the subject - now taught in Years 7 & 8. In 2014, we turn our attention to the theme of 'growth mindsets' which will mesh extremely well with our plan to place greater emphasis on student goal setting. Parent affirmation of our Positive Education program has been quite profound and it now ranks as one of the top attractors for families seeking enrolment at Peninsula.

Our Christian faith in action has again been exemplified through the many offerings that our students make to various community service and charitable organisations.

We understand that young people who contribute to community support opportunities grow up empathetic caring, and responsible. Through involvement in activities such as ‘Relay for Life’, the Sudanese homework program, raising funds for our school in India and even by standing up for an elderly person on the train, our students have an increased sense of self efficacy as they impact on real social challenges, problems, and needs.

This year’s graduating class is particularly worthy of our commendation. Members of the Class of 2013 have committed themselves fully to getting the most
Worthy of Note

out of their school days and have set a fine example to our younger students by immersing themselves with such enthusiasm in the life of the School. This was evidenced in Term 3 when our Year 12 musicians, numbering 28 in total, were lined up across the apron of the Frankston Arts Centre stage at this year’s Grand Music Showcase, giving the audience the special chance to applaud their efforts and to recognise the service they have each given to our thriving music program. They will be greatly missed!

Our teachers’ commitment to personal and professional excellence has been very apparent once again this year. Our staff aspire to be the very best they can be.

With this in mind, I take this opportunity to congratulate the following staff for their fine achievements this year:

- Steve Wiltshire & Deb Taylor for achieving their Masters Degrees – no mean feat whilst working full time
- Anne Macindoe for attaining a State Govt Endeavour Scholarship which will take her to Paris in January to further her French language skills
- Justin Whelan whose Rotary scholarship took him to the Netherlands to examine their 1st class education system
- Tim Patston who has gained a Honorary fellowship from the University of Melbourne’s Graduate School of Education
- Kate Hadwen who has been awarded a prestigious scholarship which will see her working alongside world renowned experts in Canada during January – with a focus on student pastoral care
- Sam Mackie who has been awarded the prominent Drama Victoria’s Award for innovation and excellence.
- This year we have been blessed with 3 graduate teachers – Sean Verwey (Maths), Jacinta Richards (English) and Meg Hutchins in our Junior School.

Impressively, these young teachers have met the 1st year probationary benchmark established by the Victorian Institute of Teaching – I am delighted that they have now been admitted to the teaching profession on a permanent basis.

I express my sincere appreciation to the many parents and alumni of The Peninsula School for their significant contributions. In particular, I would like to thank the members of the PSPA for their commitment to making TPS a welcoming place for students and their parents and for all the work they do.

Our past students’ Association, TOPSA, also supports the work of the school in many fine ways; sponsoring our reunions and our careers breakfasts, providing donations for scholarships and, in particular, coordinating the various sporting clubs that are currently flourishing.

The end of year sees the departure of a number of staff who are leaving us to follow various life and career pathways. These departures are detailed in the upcoming edition of The Pen magazine. On behalf of our community I wish them all the very best for the years to come.

I particularly note the retirements of Father Dan Octigan, our much respected ECC and Junior School Chaplain and long serving piano teacher, Jan van Nooten, who will finish at the year’s end following more than 20 years membership of our Music Faculty.

We also say farewell to Reverend Peter Williams, a kind and compassionate man who has fulfilled his Chaplaincy role at Peninsula for nearly 10 years with great distinction.

I also especially acknowledge Roderick McKillop who will be retiring to spend more time enjoying his property. A foundation student, Rod has been associated with Peninsula for over 50 years. We salute this legendary master teacher.

For over 28 years, the last fourteen as Personal Assistant to the Principal, Sue Parsons has served The Peninsula School in an exemplary manner. We are going to miss her loyalty, integrity, kindness and love for the School. I have greatly appreciated Sue’s efforts to have me where I should be at any given time and her aim of having everything ‘just right’ in my daily routine.

With current Deputy Principal Steve Wiltshire’s move to a new leadership role in our pre-Senior program, our senior Executive structure will take on a new look next year. I am looking forward to welcoming our new Deputy Principals, Peter Ford and Narelle Umbers, to our community. Both Narelle and Peter have impressive credentials for these new positions and I am sure they will have much to offer our leadership team. I thank Steve for his tremendous work over the past few years.

For the past 17 years we have been very fortunate to have Phil Doll in the role of Deputy Principal. In this time I believe he has collectively done more than any other staff member to promote the School’s acclaimed image in the community through his leadership and encouragement of staff and students. He recognises that it is people, and not programs or systems, which make the biggest difference to the quality of a school. Phil will continue in a part time role next year as Director of Marketing and will continue to lead the Positive Education program which he has embedded so meaningfully in every corner of the School.

I would like to invite Phil to stage and receive our certificate of excellence in leadership from Ron…the citation on the certificate reads as follows:

“Phil Doll is an outstanding educational leader. His positive attitude and strong educational philosophy is clearly reflected in his practices. His impact on The Peninsula School and its success is without equal.”

We have a great deal to look forward to as we prepare to build upon our many successes in the years to come. High on our list for next year is, of course, the opening of our new building – the R.J. Zammit Senior Centre.

This magnificent facility, will fittingly bear the name of our current Chairman of the Board of Directors, will not only provide state-of-the-art accommodation for our VCE students, but has also served as the catalyst for us to redefine senior schooling at Peninsula. Ron has been a Board member for 20 years, the last 10 as Chair and has led the Board with great distinction and business acumen.

Peer coaching and mentoring programs will further enhance our academic and pastoral programs and will put us at the forefront of educational innovation in this area.
Other developments that will no doubt make 2014 a special year include:

- The Peninsula School Centre of Excellence in Drama – a State-wide resource for other schools will enter its 2nd year of development with much having been accomplished in 2013;
- Our Indigenous program, sponsored by Paul & Judy Williams through their charitable trust, WEST, will take another step forward when 2 male students from remote Australia will join us;
- Other schools in Asia will be joining our international VCE Colleges program;
- Our Year 11&12 Peak Performers Program will continue;
- PESA, the Positive Education Schools Association, a national initiative of ours, will be launched at the University of Melbourne with the father of Positive Psychology, Professor Martin Seligman, as its patron;
- Our ties with Monash University will strengthen through our Year 11 initiative which will see our students gaining a University credit through their studies with University staff.

Members of the Board of Directors have once again been very committed to their stewardship of the School, with significant thought being afforded the Strategic Plan which will operate for the next three years. I would like to express my gratitude to Ron, as chair, and the Directors for their ongoing support of my Principalship and for their unwavering commitment to the success of our School.

As the School moves into a new phase of its development with the opening of the Zammit Centre, the Board’s ongoing dedication to continuous improvement in every area will be essential.

In conclusion, I just want to observe that great staff are the touchstones of great schools. I feel very humble and honored to lead such a talented group of men and women who are highly professional and care passionately about our children. Their enthusiasm and devotion is the main reason that Peninsula IS Peninsula.

My best wishes to you all for a safe, happy and holy Christmas.

Stuart Johnston
Principal
Curriculum

Peninsula Peak Performance Program

Lyceum Breakfasts

Beware of dreamers, question authority and find your voice; these were the important messages from the 2013 Lyceum Breakfasts throughout Semester Two. The Melbourne historian Dr David Bird, Research Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs, Christopher Berg and lawyer, author, academic and writer in residence at Janet Clarke Hall, Alice Pung, delivered a series of papers that opened our students’ minds to new worlds and challenged them to think independently.

David Bird demonstrated that Australia was not immune from dangerous ideological infection in his lecture Nazi Dreamtime: Australia’s Enthusiasts for Hitler’s Germany. The Australia First Party, formed in 1941 by the journalist Inky Stephens, advocated an Aryan Australia, were staunchly anti-Semitic and supported a program of National Socialism similar that delivered by the Nazis in Germany. While the Nazis were undecided as to whether their program was for export a disparate group of Australians – for the most part former communists - had decided that it was. The daughter of the famous Suffragette, Emmeline Pankhurst, was a fellow-traveller. Adela Pankhurst Walsh forced Stephens’s hand when she threatened to form the Australia First Movement in the early 1940s. A talented writer but an abrasive character, she was described by a contemporary as ‘a screaming ratbag if ever there was one’. Perhaps the most unexpected revelation from David's paper was the claim that Stella Miles Franklin was a Nazi enthusiast – a claim disputed by her biographer despite the fact that Miles Franklin sat behind the speakers at the public meetings of the Australia First Movement, whose publications denouncing Jews she also warmly praised in her letters. If there was any doubt as to her support for Nazism David opined that she ‘gave a very good imitation of believing in it’. David also suggested that Norman Lindsay – who held extreme right wing opinions – ‘would have been a perfect Nazi enthusiast but he just couldn’t stand Germans.’ Even Robert Menzies praised the spirituality of leadership in Nazi Germany – a subject of bitter debate recently in Federal Parliament.

Chris Berg, in his Lyceum Lecture In Defence of Freedom of Speech: From Ancient Greece to Andrew Bolt, spoke about the competing demands of the state and the individual on the question of free thought and expression. Chris characterised the debate as an ancient distinction between Athenian and the Roman attitudes. The trial of Socrates was cited as the most famous example of the Greek view that free speech was welcome as long as it supported political society. In the Roman Republic, on the other hand, Chris contended that every Roman citizen was afforded the right to free speech by virtue of their citizenship. This was a very different view on the role of the individual in society. Chris argued that the modern-day debate over the press and free speech owed a debt to the past. The decision against the journalist Andrew Bolt in the Federal Court – when he was found to have breached the Racial Discrimination Act over comments he made about leading Aboriginal figures – was seen by Chris as evidence that in modern times Australia has adopted an Athenian position on free speech. On the question of media regulation, particularly in light of the UK phone-hacking scandal, Chris argued that it was the role of journalists to criticise and scrutinise politicians; he posed the question whether it was right, therefore, for politicians to regulate journalists. Moreover, he argued that the public could not be legislated into morality. Chris also addressed the issue of media bias and the call for balanced journalism. He pointed out that newspapers in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries were heavily and unashamedly biased – and were often funded by political parties or, at the very least, owned by media magnates. The call for ‘balanced’ journalism, Chris contended, was a relatively new phenomenon.

Alice Pung, in her paper Her Father’s Daughter: Genocide, Love and Belonging, gave a moving account of her father’s ordeal in the killing fields of Cambodia and of her attempt to write about this. After ten years working on this difficult book, Alice eventually found her voice when she understood that her father had lived a life before hers and his story of survival from Pol Pot’s regime was not in itself remarkable; the fact that he could – despite all that he had endured – still love was the point that she had missed for the best part of a decade. Her father was forced to bury friends and loved ones whose bloated bodies he had to retrieve from the river. His family was displaced and he was so hungry on one occasion that he was forced to cut his leather belt into tiny strips and boil it for his mother and sister in order to survive. He and his family endured many unspeakable hardships yet he never lost his capacity to laugh and love. Against the odds his humanity remained intact. Determined to do justice to his story, Alice spoke about her quest as a writer to find voice and story and for her desire not to tell a simple narrative but to take risks and create art. She chose to write in the third person to enable her readers to identify with her father. Wary that readers might be turned away, she structured her account so that the Killing Fields were not mentioned until the last third of the book. Alice described her quest to find a heartbeat for her father’s remarkable story, a quest that led her to make a far stronger connection with her father and do justice to his story.

The Lyceum has presented a marvellous opportunity for all students – not just Peak Performers – to open their horizons and gain exposure to ideas and that they may not have encountered before. They have been challenged to reassess their assumptions and explore their own beliefs and ways of thinking. Through the Lyceum Breakfast our students have been able to develop key learning habits, in particular curiosity, a love of learning and the ability to consider alternative points of view. They have been encouraged to see their learning as a continuous process that offers a sense of awe, wonderment and engagement.

Craig Townsend
Director of Peak Performance
Art that can be made anywhere....

**Smart Phone Photography**

I have noticed in my teaching practice over recent years that students are increasingly using their smart phones to record the development of their artistic process. Our students have in their pocket a powerful and portable device that allows them to spontaneously shoot photographs at any time and in any place. Social media is allowing them to instantly exhibit their artwork to a worldwide audience.

I wanted my Year 10 students to fully utilise the opportunities for making artworks and sourcing inspiration from the world around them, and so developed a photography project which harnessed the accessibility of smart phone technology. This project was created in association with my student teacher who was able to give me the perspective of a digital native. (i.e. a person born after the introduction of digital technologies and through interacting with digital technology from an early age, has a greater understanding of its concepts).

The students began by researching and analysing a range of photographs created using smartphones and other digital devices. They trialled a range of smart phone photography applications which allowed them to simulate various film types, frames, lighting, lenses and other photography effects. One of the more popular social media photography “apps” was found to produce images of a very low quality which were designed to be viewed on screen but were not appropriate for printing. There are literally thousands of “apps” available and the students enjoyed sharing and demonstrating their favourites to the class.

They then brainstormed concepts for their photography presentation. The objective was to create a series of nine related images which explored a theme from the world around them. We looked at the photomontages of David Hockney and talked about the possibilities for fragmentation of images, showing different viewpoints of the same object and for telling a story. The book The Art of iPhoneography by Stephanie Calabrese Roberts was an invaluable resource.

Once the students had decided on themes, they shot a wide range of images using both the native smartphone camera and through apps. They then printed a contact sheet and carefully examined their images. A series of nine images were selected and evaluated. Some students then went back into apps to edit the images further and use more filters, frames or vintage effects.

The final nine images were then imported into the computer and opened using Photoshop. Any further editing was done at this point, and then the images were arranged in a 3 x 3 grid. This was an opportunity to learn about layers in Photoshop, and to experiment with background colours, textures and gradients. The finished images were then printed, mounted, displayed and evaluated.

Assessment for this task focussed on the students’ competence in reaching the Draft Australian Curriculum Achievement Standard for The Arts in Years 9 and 10. Factors included:

- Conceptualising ideas in their art making. (Brainstorming, research)
- Demonstrating refined skills in manipulating materials, techniques and processes. (composing images, shooting, editing, applications, Photoshop, printing, mounting)
- Discussing characteristics and constraints identified in the process of art making. (Contact print, screen shots, selection and evaluation)
- Reflecting on and discussing the development of a personal aesthetic, making critical comparisons to the work of others. (Research, brainstorming, evaluation)

The resulting artworks were surprising in their diversity of technique and approach. Many artworks had a marvellous narrative quality; some were almost cubist in appearance; others were quirky and funny and very personal. All of these students have proudly uploaded their work to social media for the world to see....and to like.

**Sally Thompson, The Peninsula School**

**Ella Chapman, Monash University**
Events

Brownlow Breakfast

Jewel in the Crown

On Friday 20 September, The Peninsula School with support from our Parents’ Association presented the 14th Annual PSPA Breakfast at the Frankston Arts Centre. Once again, the event was a sell-out with 250 people in attendance. Our special guests were Matthew Richardson, Nick Riewoldt and Billy Brownless and the many football media personalities portrayed by Andrew Startin, whose accurate impersonations had people laughing constantly throughout the morning. The breakfast was again hosted by Peter Mitchell (Class of ’77), current parent and past student. Peter, a huge footy fan himself (of Collingwood!), has an incredible depth of knowledge on ‘everything football’ and ensures the morning moves along at an entertaining pace!

We were treated to a performance of Paul Kelly’s “Leaps and Bounds” by Maddy Corbel and Nathan Harris to open the day. Principal, Stuart Johnston then welcomed all in attendance.

The Brownlow Breakfast could not take place without the support of our long term valuable sponsors. In particular, Russell and Tina Lamattina from The Lamattina Group who are the Foundation Sponsors of the Brownlow Breakfast and we greatly value their support and friendship of their family and their family business, to all involved with The Peninsula School. The Lamattina Group are the major sponsor of a number of School events and we sincerely thank them for their continued support and involvement in our School and its community.

We also thank Gold Sponsors, Stuart Davies, Ross Ginns and the team at Glass Assist and Steve Higgins from SJ Higgins – builders of the senior school centre to be opened in 2014. Similarly, we thank Glenn and Madi Fitzgerald from the Destination Group of Companies and Terry Knight from Mornington BMW for joining us as Gold Sponsors in 2013.

Our Silver Sponsor is Channel 7 and our Bronze Sponsor was Bluegum. Yet again, we thank Brett and Jannine Kellerman for their involvement. All of our sponsors were recognised by Principal, Stuart Johnston during his welcome and received a commemorative certificate of appreciation and our sincere thanks.

In addition, we thank our supporting sponsors Stewart Plant (1990) - Fine Wine Merchant, Mt Eliza, Ian & Lee-Anne Wigg - Mt Eliza Deli, Robert De Santis (1986) - The Rocks and D.O.C. Restaurants, Mornington, Jag Gill - Rasoi Tandoori Indian Kitchen, Mt Eliza, Joe Russo - Core Health Club, Frankston, Ashley James (1965) - Dandenong Autobarn, Danny Wong (1989) - Soy Restaurant, Mornington, Rod Loader - Sports Pro, Mt Eliza, Joe Calleja, Lowther family - Elan Vineyard & Winery Mornington Stars and Megan Keating (2004), Mornington Golf Club, Frankston Arts Centre and the Canadian Bay Hotel. Please support all of our sponsors who so generously support The Peninsula School.

The fast paced event moved quickly with a great deal of laughter and hilarity in-between. The crowd also enjoyed an interview with Lachie Whitfield (Class of 2012), now playing for Greater Western Sydney and his reflections on his first year playing with an AFL Club, under AFL legend, Kevin Sheedy.

There were raffle prizes galore and many people went home with great prizes and exciting auction items, such as a Gold Reserve Tickets to the famous Boxing Day Cricket Event and Breakfast, Dancing with the Stars tickets, a Melbourne Stars Autographed Shirt, Golf Clubs, Medallion Club tickets and more. We organised for the special guests to sign a jumper in their footy colours, with their number on it and a Sherrin football. These items were much sought after by the crowd. Especially the children in the crowd who were thrilled with the time and attention given to them by our football ‘star’ guests!

Roderick McKillop was the lucky winner of the sweepstakes prize of $500 cash, following selection of the 2013 Brownlow Medallist, Gary Ablett.

Suzanne Ashley
Community Relations
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Junior School Production
This will be my last Chaplain’s report. After nine and a half years, I will be leaving The Peninsula School. The Reverend Dan Octigan (Assistant Chaplain) will also be leaving. Dan is looking forward to a well-earned retirement and I thank him for the eight and a half years we have worked together. Dan, Chaplain to the Junior School, has been involved in the teaching of the Religious Education curriculum, conducted the fortnightly Junior School Chapel Service and participated in School camps.

I have conducted Chapel services each Term for each year level in the Middle and Senior School, spoken at assemblies and the weekly communion service. A wide variety of topics have been addressed including: your conscience is a wonderful thing, why learning is hard work, the real value of a good name, why mistakes are good for you, making it through the day, the gift adversity brings.

This year we have had a number of guest speakers. In Term 1, Sam Hearn, 2013 Mornington Peninsula Shire Young Citizen of the year spoke about how the Christian Faith inspires him. Bob Mitchell from Anglican Overseas Aid spoke at our Term 2 service. AOA is a relief and development agency that works in partnership with local organisations overseas. A former senior partner for Price Waterhouse Coopers for many years, Bob talked about how his faith led him into his current role. He also spoke about AOA’s project providing affordable solar lights to students in the Solomon Islands.

In Term 3, we heard from Paul McDonald, CEO of Anglicare. Paul shared with students the influences on him that have led to a lifetime of service to others. He also talked about some of Anglicare’s welfare initiatives. In Term 4, Brad Chapman, from the Anglican Board of Mission challenged students to become global citizens, concerned about the needs of others beyond our shores. He spoke about an ABM project that is providing low cost solar ovens to struggling families in South Sudan.

The School’s Religious Education curriculum, Living and Faith, has continued to evolve to provide students with opportunities to explore the spiritual dimensions of their lives and the Christian faith. We also seek to inform and encourage students so that they may develop ‘respect for’ rather than merely ‘tolerance of’ those from other faiths. To this end we have continued our development of one day excursions, organised through the Mornington Peninsula Interfaith Network. Various places of worship were visited by Year 9 and Year 10 students where they were addressed by a representative of that faith. Year 9’s visited a Greek Orthodox church, a Hindu temple and a Jewish synagogue. Year 10’s visited a Mosque, a Buddhist temple and a Sikh place of worship.

Dan and I have enjoyed our time at Peninsula and we thank all those who have made it such a rewarding experience for us.

Rev. Peter Williams
Positive Psychology Program

from strength to strength

Our Positive Psychology program went from strength to strength during 2013. Associate Professor Lea Waters from the University of Melbourne continued to guide our endeavours and it is now clear that Peninsula is highly regarded as a world leader in the field of Positive Education.

Our program seeks to implement a mix of off-the-shelf and tailor-made programs. The focus for 2013 was on resilience and optimism which saw us making use of well known programs such as Bounce Back and You Can Do It very effectively in our younger years.

Last year we hosted numerous schools from around Australia who aspire to emulate our model of Positive Education. We also had the opportunity to share our knowledge at large international conferences. Jenny McKellar presented on the topic of Positive Education in the Early Years at Knox Grammar School in Sydney early in the year, whilst Tim Patston and Phil Doll gave presentations in Los Angeles in June. Several staff will also be presenting at the 4th Australian Positive Psychology & Wellbeing Conference at the University of Melbourne in February.

In 2014 we will have ‘growth mindsets’ as our program’s focal point. Students will learn that our often natural, pessimistic outlook need not determine our future as optimism can be cultivated by adopting certain behaviours and self talk habits.

The Positive Teen Program – Years 9&10, 2014

We are very much looking forward to Sam Cawthorn returning to us this year to work with our Year 9&10 students. Sam’s Positive Teen program aims to foster a positive attitude and positive self direction in teenagers.

Based on the latest positive psychology methodology, his program has measurable outcomes and is designed to produce lasting positive outcomes for adolescents.

Phil Doll
Deputy Principal
Community Relations
Announcement – Peninsula Golf Classic 2014

The date for the 2014 Peninsula Golf Classic has been booked for Friday 14 March. It will again be held at the National Golf Club at Cape Schanck.

We will be playing on the Old Course with a shotgun start at 8am and are looking forward to a great day of golf and networking… not to mention, winning a few prizes!

To make enquiries regarding sponsorship or to book in your team, please contact: Suzanne Ashley on 9788 7825 or email: sashley@tps.vic.edu.au
The Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships (ELTF) provide an opportunity for language teachers, both practising and trainee (pre-service), to improve their language proficiency and gain valuable cultural experience through a three-week in-country study program in one of ten countries.

Being an ELTF Awardee provides an opportunity for language teachers to:
- Gain new knowledge and skills, and an increased understanding of their target language and culture
- Network with fellow language teachers from around Australia
- Strengthen linkages between their school and the target country.

The awardees are pre-service teachers and teachers of the language of the nominated ELTF study programme, and come from a mix of education sectors and primary and secondary schools across Australia. In 2014, study programmes to China, Japan, Indonesia, and the United Arab Emirates, include re-training and pre-service languages teachers from universities across Australia.

The language study component of the in-country overseas study programmes will focus primarily on improving awardees’ proficiency in the language, not on teaching methodologies. The language component comprises 50 contact hours delivered over three weeks. The language study programmes will be conducted at language training institutions with experience in delivering similar programmes to language teachers from Australia or other countries.

Awardees will be provided with a schedule of activities. The ELTF study programmes are designed to maximise opportunities for awardees to improve their language skills and cultural knowledge, and group activities are a feature.

Each in-country overseas study programme will include costs of international return air travel, accommodation and/or home stays, meals, language tuition fees and field trip costs.

We look forward to Anne sharing with us, all that she has learnt upon her return!

The End of 2013 marked the conclusion of an era, with the retirement of Roderick McKillop.

Roderick first started at The Peninsula School as one of the School’s very first students when he started in Grade Five in 1961. He returned to Peninsula in 1983 as a staff member, having previously taught at King Island District School and Geelong Grammar. Since then, Roderick has spent 31 years contributing to our school.

Roderick will always be remembered as an outstanding teacher specialising in the Foundation Years as a primary teacher of Grades three, five, six and seven. Anyone lucky enough to be invited into Rod’s classroom has witnessed a master teacher who has had the ability to connect with every child in a warm and wonderful manner. His attention to detail in breaking down the steps for a young child to learn was something to marvel. Particularly notable has been Roderick’s command of the English language and his ability to teach children to write well. Hundreds of children have left his classroom with a strong and confident ability to express themselves with the written word. Young boys and girls who were taught by Mr McKillop fondly remember his continuous cricket games out on the asphalt with Roderick raising his hand to call in the next batter.

Roderick has served the School under four Headmasters: Dudley Clarke, Harry Macdonald, Ray Hille and our current Principal, Stuart Johnston. He was Senior Master of The Peninsula School for nine years where he demonstrated his excellent leadership and his compassion and commitment to his staff. During this time, Roderick was critical in helping to steer our School towards coeducation, teaching the first co-ed Grade Five class in 1996 which started with only six girls. Roderick founded the Junior School newsletter, coordinated all Study Tours during this time and created many of the structures and practices that have paved the way for our Junior School today.

Roderick will be remembered as an outstanding communicator and a rare individual with a philosophy of building relationships with staff and children as the key to a successful classroom and school. Roderick also served in the Cadets for fourteen years. A combination of humour and friendship were the hallmarks of his time in the Cadets.

We thank Roderick for his magnificent contribution to our AGS and Junior Sports program over his time at our School where coached successful teams in football, cricket, T-ball, soccer and tennis.

We congratulate and thank Roderick for his outstanding service to our School community and wish him and his lovely wife Margaret every blessing and happiness for their future.

Maureen Anstey
Senior Teacher, Junior School
higher level has put pressure on me with my school work, but I have coped with the help of the Boarding House staff who have helped me with this and with the whole boarding experience in general.

2013 has been great and I am excited to be starting Year 10 next year which will bring new experiences.

Joline Bouwer
Year 9

Hi my name is Joline Bouwer and I am one of four indigenous girls who go to Peninsula. This year is my 3rd year here and I am loving it!

Living in the Boarding House has given me so many opportunities, mainly with my sport. When I arrived in Mt Eliza I joined the Mornington Hockey Club. I have represented the Southern Metro Sharks a number of times, including twice this year. Having the opportunity to play with two teams and at a higher level has put pressure on me with my school work, but I have coped with the help of the Boarding House staff who have helped me with this and with the whole boarding experience in general.

2013 has been great and I am excited to be starting Year 10 next year which will bring new experiences.

Joline Bouwer
Year 9

Hi my name is Kamesa Sibosado, I am 14 and currently in Year 9. This is my second year here at The Peninsula School and, boy, has it gone quickly!

Year 9 has been my favorite year so far because of all the fun activities we participate in. I loved P2C and I found camp really challenging but it was a great experience. This was our first year of exams and a lot of hard work and study was required. I am still playing basketball outside of school in the Mornington Domestic Basketball League. My team, Phoenix, has done very well in the past and we are currently fighting for top place on the ladder.

I was nominated Year 9 Leader by my classmates in 9D and that has proven to me that I can be a role model to my peers and it has been a great privilege for me to represent my class.

I can’t believe I will be in Year 10 very soon. It’s like this year just flew past! I am going to miss being in Year 9 but I greatly look forward to next year!

Kamesa Sibosado
Year 9

I joined The Peninsula School in January this year. Living away from home has had some ups and downs for me but I’ve had a lot of encouragement from my friends; Holly Gray, Amanda Glew, Georgia Cassels and Shay Kaew as well as from my teachers.
Hi, my name is Kasey Councillor. I’m from the Nyul Nyul Tribe north of Broome in Western Australia in a small community called Beagle Bay. It’s a small population community with only 500 people that live there. I have a big family with 3 sisters and 4 brothers and we’re all very close to each other.

Just a year ago I applied for a scholarship to The Peninsula School. I remember the day when I found out that I had been successful. As I was ready to go to my next class my Principal asked for me to go to his office, as he wanted to speak to me about something important. He called my mum to tell her to come over as well.

At that moment he was very serious and said to me “You’ve got the scholarship to go to The Peninsula School!” My mother was very proud to think that I had won the scholarship. I was very excited, but worried, as I thought I wasn’t ready to leave my home and family to study in such a big city and large school in Melbourne.

As time went by I realised I could do this - for me and to make my family very proud. As a result of these feelings, I started to see that The Peninsula School was my 2nd home and I love the girls in the boarding house. Mrs Lawson and the girls there are so encouraging and help me through my ups and downs with school homework especially.

One of my biggest challenges was to understand the work better and push myself to another level of success. I’m now pushing myself further to get where I want to get to in life because I’ve learnt “You won’t get anywhere in life without an education”. A pencil and pen is the strongest object a child could hold in life, I have a dream to be a teacher, and I hope I’m able to reach out and grab that dream with two hands. I want my aboriginal people to be like every Australian citizen and to be treated fairly.

I’ve grown up over this year and when I go home I tell my people about the right path they can take for life and what you can achieve through education.

This could not have happened without two wonderful people, whom I thank with all my heart, Paul and Judy Williams who are the benefactors of my scholarship. My thanks also go to the wonderful Peninsula School.

Kasey Councillor
Year 7

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I came to Melbourne in December. It was the first time for me to travel, I had never been to a different State. Melbourne was so different to home. I soon realised that this was not like home, No fishing, no camping and mostly no family around here! But I adjusted well in the Boarding House and being with other indigenous girls made it feel a bit like home again.

At the start of Term 3 I finally got that feeling of being homesick. I rang my family asking them to book my flight back - I wasn’t feeling as strong I could have been. Then I realised home will still be home and my family will always be there and they will always be the same. As a result of these feelings, I started to see that The Peninsula School was my 2nd home and I love the girls in the boarding house. Mrs Lawson and the girls there are so encouraging and help me through my ups and downs with school homework especially.

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Kasey Councillor
Year 7
On Wednesday 20 November, the parents who have all contributed in a myriad of ways to the success of the Peninsula School Parents’ Association during 2013 were treated to a Gratitude Morning Tea by our Principal, Stuart Johnston followed by a tour of our new Senior School (Zammit) Centre.

2013 has been yet another busy year for the PSPA and we have enjoyed many events. This semester, a large group of volunteers were required to provide an amazing Father’s Day Breakfast - a very special event that saw us providing breakfast for over 450 people; plus many other activities designed to keep Dads and their children busy between 7.30 and 9.00am. We also had a really special Spring Luncheon in October, supporting the Weekend to End Women’s Cancers and our Christmas Market was yet again another happy occasion which saw Parents and Friends of The Peninsula School, along with Grandparents and our local community come together and enjoy some Christmas Shopping, whilst having morning tea and listening to some of our talented Junior School students perform musical items.

We have a number of activities planned for 2014 and as always, we are only able to ensure these activities go ahead with the help of our greatly valued volunteers. Our sincere thanks to every single person that has contributed to the success of the PSPA this year, and we look forward to welcoming current and new parents to join us in 2014. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 February in the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion at 9am. Children are most welcome; we also have a box of toys available.

Tammy James
PSPA President

Fathers’ Day Breakfast

The early morning wind and rain did not deter Dads and kids as they arrived in droves to celebrate the Peninsula School’s special Father’s Day celebration and breakfast.

It was a busy sight in the gym, as kids challenged their Dads to a game of basketball, ten pin bowling or the footy handball competition. Dads were invited to visit their child’s classroom and the children were delighted to show them where they sat. Those who were able enjoyed some reading time with their children, or looked at some of the wonderful work on display throughout the classroom.

There were many laughs as Dads and kids squeezed into a photo booth. Funny hats, funny glasses and beaming smiles created a keepsake that will be treasured forever!

For the second year running our Principal, Mr Stuart Johnston, together with assisting staff, donned an apron and served breakfast in the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion. The room buzzed with excitement as the yummy treats were devoured, and children proudly looked after Dad.

Father’s Day at The Peninsula School has quickly become a highly anticipated event on the school calendar, and we look forward to seeing what next year brings.

Spring Luncheon

Over 120 ladies joined us this year for a fabulous lunch at the Ranelagh Club. The day started with sunshine and the ladies and our gentlemen guests looked a treat dressed up in their spring fashion. It was a fabulous day with beautiful cuisine, at one of the best venues in Mt Eliza.

This year the PSPA elected to support a group of mums known as the Tough Mothers. The team is a group of everyday women who share a common drive to do something proactive about beating cancer.

In 2013, team Captain Lou McLlwraith was diagnosed with breast cancer, she is very happy to say she is a breast cancer survivor. Lou shared her experiences at the lunch, including how she, and her family dealt with her diagnosis, and the lessons she learnt as her treatment continued.
We had 26 stall holders selling a wide array of quality goods including homewares, gourmet food, Jewellery, beautiful ladies scarves, clothing and accessories, handbags, Christmas decorations, Children’s clothes and the wonderful Charli’s Angels – Royal Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Stall. The stallholders, many of whom have been regulars at the market tell us that it is their favourite market of the year, because of the friendly supportive atmosphere.

Everyone, including parents, Grandparents, teaching staff and friends of the school who came to the market, were able to enjoy festive music performed by our talented students and we extend our thanks to Vicki Maclachlan for organising the student performers. It was inspiring to see the pleasure gained by both the students and the parents, grandparents and all in attendance sharing their love of music.

Suzanne Ashley
Community Relations

Christmas Market

The Annual Christmas Market this year was held on Friday November in the Pavilion. Several months of preparation took place prior to the event, talking to a large number of potential stall-holders, reviewing their stock and finalising bookings. For the first time in some years, the day was beautiful and sunny, a blessing which delighted us all!

The stall holders have their setting-up down to a fine art and the Pavilion transformed from an empty space, to a thriving market place in just under an hour. Parents and Grandparents were able to drop off their children for class and wander into the market to be greeted by our parent volunteers. Sincere thanks to Vera Cipurovski, Jessica Whitfort, Lisa Denton, Christelle Walker, Caitlin Swanton, Susie Coloretti, Tammy James, Natasha Lyons, Kelli Lundberg and Estelle McCormack. We would also like to thank Blizzy Butterworth (Pavilion Manager) and our maintenance staff for making set-up and pack-up a breeze.

Entry to the Market was a gold coin donation and each year, the proceeds raised are directed towards ‘Beyond Blue’ to sustain their excellent programs. This year, we again raised over $1000.
Christmas Events

In the Kinders
Quel aventure! An exhilarating mix of travel adventure, cultural engagement, French language learning, history, geography, friendship and fun. The 2013 French trip to New Caledonia was a resounding success on so many levels.

During the first week of the September holidays nineteen excited students from Years 6, 7 and 8 flew to Noumea for seven days of immersion in a French and Pacific island lifestyle. Staying right next to the beach in the Pacifique Hotel in the Anse Vata tourist district there was plenty of opportunity to practise our French – ordering lunch, finding directions, shopping for souvenirs and gifts, completing “La Course Totes Amaze”, meeting locals at beach soccer and getting another room key from reception when it was locked inside. Formal French lessons with Michel were challenging and enjoyable with lots of practical and useful everyday words and phrases learnt.

We explored Noumea and nearby regions on various guided tours. The bright yellow Tchou Tchou train ride gave us our bearings and valuable cultural insights on the first morning. The visit to the market showed us how many Noumeans live and highlighted the cosmopolitan population of New Caledonia. The Tjibaou Cultural Centre taught us much about the indigenous peoples, their history, their lives and how they resolve their issues. On a coach ride into the countryside to the Dumbea River for a relaxing afternoon swim we also saw how the Melanesians/Polynesians go about their daily existence.

The day at Amedee lighthouse was spectacular – perfect weather to visit this island paradise, a ride over the coral reef in a glass bottomed boat, a sumptuous buffet lunch, Tahitian dancers and singers, then swimming and snorkelling in the beautiful clear warm sea watching large green turtles meander by before climbing the 223 steps to the top of the lighthouse – imagine the view! Great memories forever.

Food was plentiful and varied – baguettes, croissants, oeufs, jambon, fromage, agneau, boeuf, poulet, salade, tomates, pommes, bananes, ananas, haricots verts, tarte, glaces, chocolat….. Buying lunch, before eating it at the beach, was a daily ritual at the local small supermarket – no English spoken there – with a budget of 3000 francs between four of us. The entrepreneurial groups amongst us made sure that we ate well and still had money over for treats later in the day.

Our evening reflection sessions allowed us to consolidate the French language and culture we had encountered and also to contemplate and appreciate what we had experienced throughout the day.

A very special thank you to Mrs Jan Savory for her hard work in making sure that the tour was extremely well organised and beautifully managed so that we had the opportunity to enjoy such an experience. Our gratitude also to Mr Maesson Harbour and Mr Steve Gregory for looking after us and inspiring us to engage with what was around us.

Alex, Amelia, Annabel, Charlie, Cooper, Ed, Indigo, Isobel, Jack, Jasper, Lachie, Leah, Lucy, Matt, Nicole, Sahiba, Sam, Spencer, Zahli.

Throughout the trip we experienced many fun and interesting activities. The first night we some incredibly energetic Tahitian dancing in front of the hotel. On Tuesday we were split into three groups with the three teachers as assistants for La Course Totes Amaze (the Amazing Race), which required us to wander around the neighbourhood searching for answers to questions – we certainly needed our memories, teamwork, cooperation and some French. On Wednesday we went on the 40 minute boat cruise to Amedee Island, a picture perfect tropical island off the coast of New Caledonia. We had the chance to swim and touch the local marine life including sea snakes, gropers, turtles and many more. We also went on a glass bottomed boat tour over Amedee’s reef, getting the opportunity to feed the tropical fish with baguettes. On Thursday, we drove out of Noumea to a fresh water river in Dumbea. Here we got to jump off a rock ledge into the clear crystal blue water.

Every day for lunch we were required to get into small groups to purchase our lunch at the local supermarché. We usually had baguettes avec jambon, fromage et laitue… miam! During the trip we learnt many new phrases and words both in formal lessons - just by being in a French speaking country. We were encouraged to use French as much as possible and our confidence increased.

Jasper Hayes and Sahiba Gill
Year 6
Tall Ship Enterprise

School Camp

As part of the outdoor education program, ten of our Year 10 students sailed the tall ship “Enterprise”.

For five days the students lived aboard and sailed the “Enterprise” as they circumnavigated Port Phillip Bay. The students quickly settled into ‘life at sea’ as they worked around the clock in three hour watches, having three hours on and six off watch.

The Peninsula School crew was expected to do everything from navigation, cooking, cleaning, steering, climbing the rigging and setting sails.

Over the five days the “Enterprise” sailed down the eastern side of the bay, along the Mornington Peninsula, across the Port Phillip Heads and back to Melbourne again via the western shore line, overnight lying at anchor.

The students, whilst often busy, still had plenty of time to have some fun. Playing cards, playing music, talking and even swinging off the boat on the pirate rope to dive in the water and swim, all in September in Port Phillip Bay.

The experience of life at sea was heightened by seeing an abundance of marine and bird life. Seals were seen and quite often dolphins would swim by to see what we were up to. Sea birds were viewed following the boat around, hoping that there was maybe something for them, especially when our students tried their hand at finishing for dinner.

This was truly a great experience and something that is very different to all the other camps the students have experienced. For five days they relied upon each other working together. Team work, resilience, co-operation, patience, perseverance are just some of the qualities the students showed and developed to make it such a wonderful week.

The School would like to be able to offer this unique experience to our Year 10 students again in 2014. If you think you may enjoy this once in a life time opportunity, talk to Mr Davies or the Year Tens who sailed the “Enterprise”, they will be only too pleased to tell you all about it.

Well done to our The Peninsula School pirates!

Tim Humphris
Sailing Coordinator
Tasmanian Cricket Tour

and ‘The Boot’ was abandoned!

In the first week of December our Cricket Development squad travelled to Tasmania as part of our cricket program. They arrived in Launceston on Sunday 1st December where they stayed in the Boarding House at Launceston G.S. Whilst in Launceston they played games against Launceston G.S. and Scotch Oakburn College. On Tuesday 3rd we travelled down to Hobart where we were met by Hutchins School who billeted our students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night.

Whilst in Hobart we played two games on Wednesday and Thursday.

Results of the games were as follows;

DAY 1 vs LAUNCESTON G.S.
Peninsula 138 (Michael West 34, Henry Alexander 26, Joshua Goudge 24, Lachlan Curtis 16)
Defeated
Launceston G.S. 53 (wickets – Joshua Goudge 3, Michael West 2, Alex Robinson 2)

DAY 2 vs SCOTCH OAKBURN
Peninsula 118 (Tom Freeman 35, Austin Beckwith 12, Michael West 12, Josh Goudge 10)
Lost to
Scotch Oakburn 8/154 (Alex Robinson 1/20, Lachlan Curtis 1/7, Nicholas McNamara 2/12, Michael West 1/18, Bailey McLellan 1/6)

DAY 3 vs HUTCHINS
Peninsula 8/155 (Austin Beckwith 27, Bailey Breen 28, Tom Freeman 44, Michael West 15)
Defeated
Hutchins 80 (Nicholas McNamara 2/12, Tom Freeman 2/16, Lachlan Curtis 2/14, Jock Roysmith 2/3, Bailey Breen 1/14, Nathaniel Griege- Dickerson 1/2, Matthew Howell 1/3)

DAY 4 vs HUTCHINS
Hutchins 6/58 (Nicholas McNamara 3/11, Lachlan Curtis 1/5, Joshua Goudge 1/16) washed out.

Many thanks should also go to the staff who accompanied the boys on the tour Mr John Grant, Mr Duncan Bryan and Mrs Amanda Stoiss.

The Boot Game
The annual “Boot” game between Peninsula and Hutchins was scheduled to be played on Wednesday 4th & 5th December at Peninsula school.

Unfortunately the first day was a total wash out. Some play was possible on Thursday with Hutchins batting and reaching 4/88 off 25 overs before play was abandoned for the day.

There have been 46 “Boot” games since the first game was played in 1968.

After this year’s washout, Peninsula has won the boot on 23 occasions and Hutchins have 19 wins. There have been 4 draws or washouts over the years.

Stephen Brennan
Director of Sport
Ken McGarvin
28/8/1928 – 1/9/2013

Ken came to The Peninsula School as Master in Charge of Physical Education in 1964. As well as teaching Economics, which he did with great flair, he taught a variety of sports. However, his great love was swimming and it was in this field, in particular, that he is still highly acclaimed.

As one of the highest-ranked swimming coaches in Australia, Ken was instrumental in the development of the tradition of swimming excellence that continues to this day at the School.

Ken was the iconic swim coach of The Peninsula School from 1964 until his retirement in 1985. He coached countless numbers of students with great dedication; nothing was too much trouble for Ken if it would help his swimmers. He was one of the first to put The Peninsula School on the map in the early years through his ability to encourage elite swimmers to reach their full potential.

Even after his retirement from full time work in 1985, Ken continued in the role of Swimming Coach. He ran many Holiday Swimming Programs, encouraging all students to see the benefits of swimming. In the 1990s Ken went on to form and coach the Mornington Fliers.

Ken is fondly remembered by students and the School community for his wit, charm, care and patience. He remained involved with our swimming team as advisor and mentor until last year when his health deteriorated. Swimming was a huge part of Ken’s life; he enjoyed what he did and he passed his enthusiasm on to his students.

The fine tradition and reputation in AGS swimming that The Peninsula School enjoys today all started with Ken.

Nadia Doll
School Archivist

Worthy of Note

The popular 1980s rock band “Australian Crawl” got its name as a result of its members having been in Ken's swimming squad while they were students at Peninsula. All, but one, of the band members were past students who enjoyed a close connection with Ken’s swimming program and the great man himself.
president’s report

It is with pleasure that I report on what has been a busy and successful second half of 2013 for The Old Peninsula School Association.

Our reunion program is the heart of our Events Calendar and continues to be a strong success. The Class of 2003 10 Year Reunion was held in July. The Class of 1993 20 Year Reunion was held in September, and marked a special milestone. This reunion was the last year group to have a reunion, since TOPSA started holding reunions in 2004. As such, we can now say that every class has had the opportunity to come back to School.

The Class of 2012 1 Year Reunion proved to be the biggest reunion to date with over 130 people in attendance. It was fantastic to see last year’s graduating class returning to School in such high numbers. Special thanks to Committee Member, James Kilborn (‘12) for his work as Class Convenor.

A NSW Branch Function was held in Sydney in November for alumni now living in NSW. TOPSA will be looking at holding further branch functions interstate, as we seek to reach out to all Alumni.

TOPSA has continued to run successful careers functions for current students. A Careers Lunch was held for all Year 11 students, giving them the opportunity to hear from several past students. The Annual Women’s Breakfast was held in October, with special guest Captain Katherine Richards RAN, Commander of Cerberus, with all proceeds going to The Peninsula School in India. The inaugural Men’s Breakfast was also held in October and we offer our thanks to our speaker and current parent, Dr. Kim Wong of Peninsula Health.

Thank you to TOPSA Secretary and Executive Officer, Suzanne Ashley, for her work and continued efforts ensuring the success of all TOPSA events. 2014 will see another busy event calendar. Proposed dates are posted in this magazine and I encourage all to check details of upcoming events on the TOPSA website.

This year TOPSA members have also continued to work with the Careers department to facilitate tours for the Year 9 students at Monash University and also assist with mentoring programs. I thank those who have assisted in 2013.

The TOPSA Clubs continued their success in 2013. The POBCC were promoted this year and continues to grow and develop. I thank President Phil Coghill and his committee for their work.

The POBCC continues to be active in the local cricket scene with junior and senior teams, including Milo Cricket. The club finished last season winning the Provincial Shield and has just recently started the 2013/14 season. I wish them every success for the season and acknowledge the work of their committee.

The TOPSA Soccer Club, following on from a successful debut season, continued to grow with the addition of two teams. This included a women’s team, which marked the first ever female alumni team and is a real achievement. The season ended with the Men’s Division 1 team finishing runners up, backing up winning Division 2 in 2012; a fantastic achievement. I thank President Josh Sinclair and all involved for their work.

It is also exciting to report that a TOPSA netball club will be established in 2014, spearheaded by Michelle Ellis, Class of 2009. There have been a number of attempts to establish an “Old Girls” netball team; however none have come to fruition. In 2014 two women’s team will be entered in the local competition. I thank Michelle for her work and wish all involved the best in 2014.

TOPSA has continued to sponsor and support a variety of causes and events including; the corporate golf day, Brownlow Breakfast, HPV, Performing Arts Centre through naming rights and the Peninsula School in India through the Women’s Breakfast. The association also purchased mountain bikes for the girls in Heather Reilly House earlier this year.

We have also continued the Stephen Longley Scholarship being awarded to a current student going into year 12. I congratulate James Kosenko on receiving the Scholarship for 2014.

A new TOPSA website was launched in August this year, and the Association is working hard to ensure it utilises online and social media. In striving to expand our online presence, connect with TOPSA via www.topsa.com.au, like the association on Facebook, follow TOPSA on Twitter or connect with us on Linkedin. TOPSA will provide regular updates and information through these channels and also E-Newsletters.

The Association held its Annual General Meeting in November. I stepped down after two years as President and will take on the role of Immediate Past President. Greg Sugars (‘85) was elected President. Vice President Geoff Eldridge (‘73) and Treasurer Ian Cokle (‘79) were all re-elected to the Executive. Peter Cook (‘76), Lachlan Patton (‘80) and David Clarke (‘81) and Past Staff Representative Rev. John Leaver were all re-elected to the Committee. Mason Sugars (‘11) joins the Committee. James Kilborn (‘12) stepped down from the Committee and we thank him for his work over the past year. In addition, representatives of the TOPSA Clubs will sit on the Committee in 2014.

The past two years have been a busy two years yet rewarding and I am proud of what has been achieved. I thank committee members past and present for their service and support over the past two years. I also thank the School for its ongoing support of TOPSA, the Alumni and the past community.

My best wishes to the new Executive and Committee, as they take the reins and the Association into 2014 and beyond. I am confident that the best days of TOPSA are ahead and that the future of the Association is bright. I look forward to watching the future unfold.

My best wishes for a prosperous New Year. I thank the members and the Committee for allowing me the honour and privilege of being President of this Association and the ultimate opportunity to “give back”.

Reagan H. Barry
Class 2009
TOPSA President
Our six underage teams have all started out strongly, with many of the teams up in the top four all ready. Parry Rowe, James La Brooy and Lachie Curtis have been selected in various representative teams, as the season progresses we will see more boys included in regional teams.

The Milo cricket season started on the 12th of October, and although wet weather has affected two sessions, the numbers have been good and the skill levels quickly improving. The eight week season concluded with a BBQ on the 6th of December.

A highlight of the Thirds this year was the match v Carrum Downs where three Father/son pairs played in the same game (Darren & Lachie Curtis, Peter & Tom Freeman and Jon & Patty Rowe). All fathers agreed it was a highlight of their varying cricket careers.

During the off season, club legend Neil Franks was awarded Life Membership of the POBCC, only the 18th Life Member in 36 seasons. Amongst Neil’s many honours; he has played 151 matches, taken 243 wickets, is a former club captain coach, and was a member of the clubs 1st XI Provincial premiership in 2011. Well deserved Franksy!

Keep up to date with all Pirate news at www.pobcc.com.au or follow us on Facebook.

Andrew Parsons
Captain

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We have had a great deal of interest for the Peninsula Old Girls Netball Club.

Two teams have been entered in the mid week competition at Jubilee Park for 2014 which commenced in mid January.

If you are interested in joining there will be opportunity mid-year and of course we are likely to need fill-ins!

Please contact Michelle via email: michellek.ellis@icloud.com or via the Peninsula Old Girls Netball Club Facebook page for more information.
POBFC
‘old boy’ returns as coach in 2014

It’s good to be able to report that coaching appointments have now been made for season 2014. Nick Claringbold (1994) and ex-Sorrento premiership Coach has been appointed to the Seniors and would no doubt welcome inquiries from prospective players. Nick’s number is 0418 356 740. Adam Crean will take the reins of the Reserves again whilst Evan Kemp will be coaching the Thirds. Barry Besanko (ex Essendon FC) is to be the coach of the U19s.

Pre-Season started on the 13 November, and will be taking place on Monday and Wednesday nights at Narambie Oval Mornington, until access is available to The Peninsula School grounds following ground works. There is also City Training on a Monday night for those Pirates (and prospective Pirates) who live or work closer to Melbourne CBD. We are very much looking forward to our Training Camp scheduled for 8 February.

Please note that the provisional 2014 season’s commencement date is set for 5 April.

The POBFC AGM was held on the 17 November. Phil Coghlan has been reappointed President, Peter Grigg - Vice President, Reed Powney - Treasurer, Sally Zetter – Secretary

The Club is looking forward to a successful season in Premier C grade, after our inaugural promotion to this grade last season. We would welcome new players and sponsors who would like to become part of the Pirate community. The following contacts are available to answer questions about the Club and the upcoming season:

President – Phil Coghlan (0400 919 598)
Vice President – Peter Grigg (0419 629 806)
Senior Coach – Nick Claringbold
(0418 356 740)

Phil Coghlan
POBFC President
TOPSA

soccer up and running

With season 2014 not too far away, I am delighted to be able to reflect on the 2013 season at the TOPSA Soccer Club. On the pitch, all three teams played competitive football. Our Reserve Boys Team finished Division 2 in 7th place, and took the club on an inspired cup run which was only brought to an end by a talented Boronia side in the latter stages. Our women’s team finished the league in 8th position, but only a game or so off the top half of the table. In just their first season, this was a great effort from the girls, and next year they are already looking to better it. Finally, our Boys Seniors finished Division 1 as League Runners up. They achieved this just 12 months after finishing Division 2 as Premiers, and have now secured 2 flags for the Club’s trophy cabinet: a 2012 Premiership and a 2013 Runners Up Flag.

Additionally, I’d like to recognise the achievements of a handful of individuals at our club. Grady Vickers (Class of 2012) has accepted a US Soccer scholarship and will leave to the US sometime next year. We wish Grady all the best and the club is enormously proud of his success. We also had two girls selected for the Bayside Women’s Representative Team which competed in the VIFA Cup in October. Melanie Walker and Riana Cipollone (Class of 2010) represented our club and proved to the league that they were worthy of selection. Congratulations to all involved.

Our club is proud of its successes on the field, but even more so about our success off it. Throughout this season, the club committee worked hard to improve club culture. We did this through social events such as nights at the pub watching the Socceroos, our first Club Trivia Night, and after-match and training dinner and drinks. Experiences like this truly reflect what our club is about. We take soccer seriously on Sundays, but throughout the year, the club best represents the values and ethos of The Old Peninsula School Association.

With 2013 now behind us, the club looks forward to 2014. This year, we will be consolidating our boys and girls teams. We will also be looking to attract sponsors in 2014 after the success of our partnership with Canadian Bay Hotel. The Club is based in the heart of The Peninsula School and travels across the Peninsula, Western Port and Bayside, providing potential businesses with fantastic opportunities to promote their brand and support our club. If anyone is interested in playing for the club next season, or in sponsorship opportunities, please contact us over the summer.

2014 is set to be another huge year for the Soccer Club, probably the biggest yet. There are many ways for those within the Peninsula School community to become involved with the club. We have supporter membership options available for those wishing to support the club, and welcome everyone to attend our matches on Sundays at The Peninsula School Detmold.

I’d like to thank the hard work shown from our Coaches and Committee in 2013, and I look forward to writing again to you soon and updating you on the club’s status in mid-2014.

For more information, please visit www.topsasoccer.com.au.

Joshua Sinclair
TOPSA Soccer Club President
7th Annual
TOPSA Women’s Breakfast

Clusters of students, their mothers and grandmothers listened attentively as Kath proceeded to spend forty minutes enlightening us as to the foundation upon which her success was built, without actually talking about herself. Her Naval training has taught her that speaking about yourself on occasions such as this is not the correct thing. She managed this difficult task beautifully.

Focusing on three core pillars that resonated with her life of service and fulfilment, Kath spoke on accountability, resilience, and optimism and maintaining perspective, interspersed with titbits of her life as a female within the Australian Navy. We discovered the hardships she experienced and the adversity she has overcome in being a female officer at the forefront of command. Members of the audience would have each found something inspirational in Kath’s speech to take away from the breakfast.

We were also treated to a an amazing performance from Brooke Brockhoff, Rianne Albiston, Eleanor Barry, Kaitlyn Egan, accompanied by Ms Mancini. Emma Crouch’s solo was wonderful.

We all enjoyed a delightful morning of a scrumptious breakfast and pleasurable conversation, a great start to any day! All profits from the breakfast were donated to The Peninsula School in India, aiding in the education of children who would otherwise be unable to attend school.

Our thanks go to Suzanne Ashley, The Old Peninsula School Association (TOPSA) and also to Mrs Curtis for their superb efforts in organising and funding this wonderful event; it was a fantastic opportunity which was appreciated by all.

Matilda Newton
Head of School

Christiana Lees
Senior Prefect
On the morning of Thursday the 10th of October, a group of young and prosperous male students along with their fathers, brothers and grandfathers settled into the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion for the inaugural TOPSA men’s breakfast.

Our special guest, Dr. Kim Wong, a parent of this school, is a nephrologist and the Head of Medicine at Peninsula Health who hails originally from Malaysia. He captivated and inspired multiple generations of men with his story, and what he learnt along the way.

Dr. Wong avidly spoke about how life in general is what you make it. That money isn’t governing of your happiness in life; rather it’s having a balance of activities and interests. Living purposefully and not letting adversity overshadow life is important: for example, not letting one thing ruin a whole day or weekend. The main premise, just put behind you what’s happened and look forward to the future!

Dr. Wong drew on his own strengths of resilience on the morning when making his speech, letting us know that this type of presentation wasn’t his forte and admittedly he was out of his comfort zone. Against this adversity, a highly entertaining and genuinely inspiring speech was delivered, a testimony to his well-roundedness and contagious positive attitude.

To add to this atmosphere, the guests were treated to some amazing showcases of talent from the acclaimed trio of Josh Timewell, Quentin Roth and Matt Kazacos, accompanied by Lidia Mancini.

A big thank you to all the organisers for making this inaugural event a reality and especially to Bizzy Butterworth for arranging the delicious breakfast that we enjoyed!

James Kosenko  
Senior Prefect 2014
James Kosenko

TOPSA Stephen Longley Scholarship Winner

Our congratulations go to James Kosenko who has been awarded the TOPSA Stephen Longley Scholarship for 2014.

James is a highly regarded, motivated and mature student who has performed very well academically. In 2013, James achieved his aim of attaining his pilots’ licence which was an outstanding accomplishment.

James is well respected by his peers as evidenced by his election to the leadership position of Senior Prefect for 2014.

This scholarship honours Stephen Longley, a staff member at the School in the mid sixties, renowned for his leadership in many areas of our then fledgling school’s program.

James, who is an outstanding ambassador for Peninsula, is a most worthy recipient of this scholarship.

The Class of 2013 are now members of the TOPSA community

Always remember you are once a student, but an Alumni member forever.

In recent years, TOPSA has provided a prize to encourage our Year 12 students to log onto our past student network www.topsa.com.au The prize for 2013 was a ‘very cool’ 16GB Wi-Fi iPad valued at $A535.00!

The name of each TOPSA Life Member who logged onto the website was placed into a golden organza bag and drawn by Principal, Stuart Johnston at Valedictory dinner on 22 November at Mornington Racing Club.

The lucky winner was Christiana Lees who was thrilled to accept her prize!

TOPSA Junior School Prize

At the Junior School Assembly on Friday 6 December, Annalise Butler and Benedikt Resenberger were jointly awarded the TOPSA ‘All-Rounder’ prize for 2013. Both Annalise and Benedikt were recognised for fully embracing the opportunities available to students in the Junior School and generally showing themselves to be great role models for others. By making the most of their opportunities, Annalise and Benedikt have enjoyed positive and fulfilling experiences which will be of great benefit when moving onto the Middle School in 2014.
1 Year Reunion

It is questionable as to whether any of us will ever feel comfortable with the rapid passing of a year. As we all grow with age and wisdom, we can begin to appreciate the little time we have on this planet. Standing once again in the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion provided us with the opportunity to reflect on the past year and realise that it really does only feel like a few weeks ago since our time as Year 12s came to an end.

With a new attendance high of 125 students for a reunion, it was obvious how eager everyone was to once again convene and discuss the happenings of the bygone year. With the exchanging of experiences and stories of life outside school, it was evident through maturity levels that our once completely institutionalised existence was far behind us, as we are all becoming less dependable adolescents.

Discussing the pathways of individuals was perhaps the hottest topic of the evening, whether it was an account of the soon to be completed first year of university or apprenticeship story, or the tales of a much needed GAP year, the four hour reunion fell far short of an adequate amount of time to discuss the all exciting and fascinating adventures of the past year. Nonetheless, the foundational life skills we had obtained during our schooling years, coupled with the experiences we had acquired outside of school, demonstrated the ability and capability of each and every student of the Class of 2012 to achieve their goals.

Not only was the evening an excellent opportunity to allow for the former students to convene, but also conversing with our mentors and the wider teaching staff who guided us through our schooling years proved to be a memorable occasion. The attendance by staff members was appreciated by all, as no one could forget their important and influential role in our lives and it seemed fitting to celebrate our first year outside of school with those who sent us on our way.

The success of the reunion was clearly reflected through the considerably large turnout of both students and staff who were most grateful for the opportunity to reconnect. The efforts of TOPSA’s Suzanne Ashley cannot go unmentioned, for without her dedication and commitment to TOPSA and The Peninsula School; important evenings such as the one year reunion would not go ahead. Furthermore, as the students of the Class of 2012, we owe our sincere appreciation to The Old Peninsula School Association for sponsoring the evening. Lastly, thank you to all the staff and students who attended the reunion, and made the evening a memorable occasion.

For many of us, the five year reunion will be the next time we reconvene, so on behalf of The Old Peninsula School Association I would like to wish you all a very happy and joyful several years as you go on to complete your degrees, commence your lives in the work force and for some of you, even start your own family. I also encourage not only the Class of 2012, but all the future graduating classes of The Peninsula School to take the opportunity to attend the official reunions, and encourage them to stay in touch via the TOPSA website. The reunion ensures the continued sense of community and belonging, even after our graduation from The Peninsula School. Regardless of where our lives take us, our one year reunion proved that we will always share our TPS connection.

James Kilborn
Class of 2012
Where are they now?

Van Anh Pham
Living in Clayton, studying Commerce at Monash University and enjoying it.

Matt Forsyth
Just got back from Europe. Still working at Kmart.

James Heard
In a gap year, working for a landscaping company.

Maddison Gardner
Studying Arts (international) with a major in psychology at Monash Clayton. Trips planned for Asia and Europe next year.

Clancy Douglass
Studying Health Science – Exercise Science at Deakin University. Elected Student Ambassador and member of the Deakin University Cheerleading team. Still continuing to compete my horses at state and national level; hoping to compete internationally soon.

Nick Heggie
Went to Europe, that's about it. Studying Outdoor Education at La Trobe Uni, Bendigo.

Ashley Scholes
Second year Apprentice in Carpenter.

Colby Paulding
Studying Arts/Business at Monash and working as a Bookmaker.

Nick Halliday
Studying Engineering at Monash, Clayton and lowering the golf handicap.

Gerard Thorne
I am currently doing a marine mechanic apprenticeship and have completed my first year of study. I travelled overseas early in the year.

Alex Colquhoun
In addition to studying at Monash, I am in partnership with a premium online flat-pack kitchen business based in the city. I’m also helping structure and operate a new division of Australia’s largest independent technology retailer City Software/eStore.com.au

Leon Newton
Working at Avis Rent-A-Car.

Simon Wood
Studying Paramedics at Monash Peninsula

Lilly Witthoft
I’ve taken a gap year and went to Canada for 3 months. Over there I snowboarded as much as possible and visited 5 different ski resorts. I then came back to Australia and went to Mt Hotham for 3.5 months. For the remainder of my gap year, I’m planning to go to France for their winter season and continue to snowboard.

Nicole Lempick
I took a gap year and have been working full time at Stockdale & Leggo Real Estate in Reception/Administration but am commencing Uni Trimester 3 at Deakin Burwood, studying Food and Nutrition in November 2013.

Jacob Rogerson
Working 5 days per week at Ritchies; while studying Business at Monash, Caulfield.

Dakota Egan
This year I have taken a gap year and worked casually. Next year I plan to study a Bachelor of Communication, majoring in media at RMIT.

Caroline Carr
I am working in Childcare and studying a Bachelor Degree in Nursing at Australian Catholic University as well as a Diploma in Childcare.

Lachlan McHenry
Swimming – National Open Level. Working part time at Clark Masts, manufacturing/ assembling fast erecting telescopic masts which are used by the SES, CFA, Australian Army, NSW and Vic. Police, broadcasting networks and mining companies and more for mobile radio towers, lighting and surveillance purposes. As an extension to this job, I have been training to use computer aided design programs to create new or improve existing components. Attending Swinburne in 2014.

Kheone Cochrane
I got into a Property & Real Estate course at Deakin Burwood and have deferred until 2014, currently living at home and working as a model for a Melbourne agency and currently organising the launch of my new swimwear label.

Emma Small
Studying Health and Physical Education secondary teaching at Deakin. I have really enjoyed my course so far and meeting new people.

William Blake
Enjoying work after travelling around the USA with Abbey Tuckett and planning future travels around next year's studies.

Jack Purvis
I am the 2IC Manager at Aussie Disposals at Southland.

Emily Spender
I began the first half of the year working at Payless Shoes and also at Epworth Hospital as a Secretary, along with starting my double degree of Health Science and Social Work at Monash, Caulfield. After completing semester 1, I deferred my studies to work more and save for a couple of overseas trips in the next year.

James Kilborn
Studying Criminology and International Politics at Melbourne (Arts.) Training for Ironman Melbourne in 2014 and working at the Enchanted Maze Garden and Country Road.

Poppy Jackson
Currently studying Arts/Business (Accounting) at Monash University.

Chris Hyne
Studying Commerce at Swinburne, majoring in Marketing. I also work at the National Golf Club in Golf Operations and am still pursuing a career in golf and playing as much and as many tournaments as I can!

Joshua Casey
Studying Business and Journalism at Monash Caulfield. It has definitely been a different experience to school, but this first year has enlightened me in areas that I will pursue re: study in future years.

Olivia Gregory
I am studying Paramedicine at Australian Catholic University and working part time at the local bakery. I am enjoying my course, but looking forward to seeing what else the world has to offer.

Mitchell Weekes
Studying Business at Deakin University and working.

Georgina McMenamin
Currently studying a double degree in Engineering and Law at Monash University in Clayton.

Olivia Vanderzwan
Studying at Monash.

Emma Smith
I am currently studying a Bachelor of Arts at Monash University, Clayton and am living in Mannix College across the road.

Eve Young
Currently studying Fashion Merchandising at RMIT and working in retail.

Ben Blake
Studying first year Mechanics Engineering and Commerce at Monash Clayton. Enjoying uni life and moving to Clayton at the start of next year.

Madeleine Dwyer
Studying Bachelor of Arts at the University of Melbourne, hoping to major in International Politics and Criminology. I’m currently working part time as a Piano/ Clarinet teacher and loving it.

Andrew Kevan
Studying a general Science degree at Monash, Clayton.

Caitlin Little
Currently studying Human Movement and Exercise Science/Sports Management at Victoria University.
as well as performing at the Sterosonic Festival. Finished constructing two music production studios and am running a business which tutors producers of electronic music. Also studying a Bachelor of Management at Deakin.

**Allie Carmona**
Studying Resort and Spa Management at William Angliss.

**Yannick Davies**
Studying a Bachelor of Business in Supply Chain & Logistics at Victoria University.

**Brooke Loader**
Studying a Bachelor of Primary Education at Monash University and working part time at Boost Juice.

**Grace Marconi**
Studying Bio-Medical Engineering at RMIT and living in Docklands. Loving the city life!

**Abbey Tuckett**
Travelled to America with Billy Blake for a month and now enjoying some time off. Applied for Nursing and Midwifery at Monash in 2014.

**Cameron Pullen**
Just completed a Carpentry Apprenticeship.

**Samara Stephens**
Studying a Bachelor of Arts/Secondary Teaching at Deakin, Burwood. This year I participated in the girls TOPSA Soccer team and am still dancing through Uni.

**James Potgieter**
Studying Civil Engineering at RMIT and loving uni life!

**Anthony Lamattina**
Happily working as Production Manager in the family business.

**Ben Schreiner**
Studying a Bachelor of Business at Monash University, Caulfield. Also coaching Swimming at Flyers Swim Club.

**Beatrix Neville**
Studying a Bachelor of Arts (Global) Science at Monash University.

**Gemma Baker**
Studying Fine Arts at Monash University. I also work and have a small hobby business of birthday party and events face painting. I am currently working to make an impact in the art scene – creating artwork and having a blast!

**Tahlia Butland**
Working back at Peninsula School as the AFL Trainee and absolutely loving it. Going to Uni in 2014.

**Madeline Goodman**
Studying a Bachelor of Health Science at Monash University, Caulfield. I also work at Canadian Bay Hotel and regularly catch-up with a small group of girls from school.

**Sophie Griffitth**
After completing first year Arts/Science at Monash Clayton, I will be transferring to a Bachelor of Psychology – taking a gap year in 2014 and backpacking around Europe with old friends. The trip will be funded by bartending and waitressing endless hours at Davey’s Restaurant.

**Chloe Box**
I’m studying Nursing at ACU, and living at home. When I’m not at uni, I’m working and saving to travel in the semester breaks or hanging out with my gal pals!

**Adelle Beckwith**
I’m studying full time online at Swinburne doing a Bachelor of Communication and Public Relations. I am also working full time at Advanced Skin Technology.

**Sally Radnell**
Currently studying Paramedics and Nursing at Monash – loving it! Placements are awesome and pracs are hilarious when we take turns being the patient! Still playing Soccer for TOPSA this year as well. We’ve had some great games!

**George Constas-Inglis**
Studying Maritime Engineering – Naval Architecture at the Australian Maritime College @UTAS, Launceston Campus. Currently living in the halls on campus and really enjoying it!

**Jackson Prendergast**
Studying a Bachelor of Arts at Monash, Clayton.

**Simon Rodman**
Studying a Bachelor of Aviation/Commerce at Swinburne University whilst flying out of Moorabbin Airport with Oxford Aviation Academy.

**Tom Magliano**
Studying a Bachelor of Arts at Monash University.

**Eliza Sinclair**
Studying a Bachelor of Business, majoring in Accounting/Banking & Finance at Monash, Caulfield.

**Jackie Sannia**
Recent finalist in The Voice 2013, three singles in the Top 20 of the Australian Music Charts, debut on the Aria charts at #3. I was accepted into Top Class for...
VCE singing, achieved 100% in the solo exam. Currently recording an album to be released soon and recently opened the show for Timomatic. Hoping to study Music at Melbourne University and travel. I’d also like to thank everyone who voted for me on The Voice!

Brendan Pullen
Just about to be a fully qualified personal Trainer after completing a Certificate 4 in Fitness at Holmesglen TAFE this year.

Lachie Whitfield
Living in Balmain, Sydney and playing footy for the GWS Giants. Starting Uni in 2014.

Monty Coller
Loving meeting new people while studying Business at Monash, Caulfield. However more time required on the study component in 2014!

Sam Glenn-Smith
Currently studying Industrial Design at Monash University and loving it. I’m also helping out with summer and winter Tennis at TPS.

Jack Stannus
Studying a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne.

Benjamin Shields
Studying Arts at Deakin University.

Matt Brancatisano
Studying a Bachelor of Business at Monash, Caulfield – majoring in Sports Management and still playing footy for Mt Eliza.

Sarah Buchanan
At the beginning of the year I travelled around Australia on a National and International Athletics Tour racing the best athletes of the year in my event. After the season finished, I left Australia and headed for the USA for 3.5 months. I spent 10 weeks at a summer camp in Ohio and worked as a horse-riding instructor and lifeguard. During the rest of my time away, I travelled up and down the east and west coast of America experiencing college life. I am now planning on moving to Qld in 2014 to further pursue my athletics Career and study Health Science at Griffith University.

Ben Burton
I am studying Performing Arts at Patrick Studios, Australia – full time and loving every second of it.

Jakob O’Meara-Gill
I have just begun my course at the American Institute of Business (AIB) in Des Moines, Iowa; having received both an academic and soccer scholarship. I have a busy year ahead having been selected in the Firsts as the reserve keeper. I have already travelled to Kansas and Missouri and played four full games. As a freshman, I am living on campus and enjoying meeting students from around the world.

Sam Dunsford
Living and working overseas.

Rheede Hopgood
Currently backpacking throughout Europe on a gap year.

Jade Hopgood
Currently studying a Bachelor of Midwifery & Nursing at Monash and absolutely loving it!

Meg Ridley
I’m currently studying nursing at Monash and really enjoying it and having lots of fun! I am also working hard so that I can travel the world soon!

Matthew Jeffs
Took a gap year in 2013 to travel, and going to RMIT in 2014.

Mitch Fay
This year, I took a GAP year. It was, in my opinion, a very good idea! I’ve worked two jobs at the Thirsty Camel, Moorooduc Hwy and also Mt. Eliza. I plan to begin my course at Deakin Uni next year, studying a Bachelor of Arts/Education (to be a drama teacher!) and to move out with Ben Shields and Andy Macindoe in Burwood for university convenience. Fun times ahead!”
Class of 2003

10 Year Reunion

On Saturday 27 July, the Class of 2003 attended our 10 year reunion to catch up with peers, renew old friendships and test our memories of the names and faces of classmates who we may not have seen since we exited our final Year 12 exams on top of the world! The night was intimate with a medium sized group and gave many an opportunity to reminisce about our school days when the majority of us felt like we knew it all. On reflection were in fact so young and naïve with with ‘colourful’ lives ahead.

The night began with a tour of the School by Phil Doll, which for many was a big eye opener. Where we once slid around playing tennis had now become an amazing building dedicated to our Year 7 & 8 successors, and the work in progress on the new Senior Centre looked world class. There were some feelings of FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) for the Class of ’03 …. but also proud feelings of being part of such a wonderful school. Many thanks to Phil for providing the tour!

The laughing and camaraderie on the night was a testament to how close knit a group we all were, with the flow of conversation easy despite time and distance. The photo boards provided some humour, with Luke Barnbery’s mop of hair (now finely groomed Simon Baker style) and Ritzle’s contagious grin receiving many a remark. As always, Heidi Bond provided the tunes for the evening with some serious flashbacks to get us moving.

We took some time to reflect on our amazing friend, teacher, and role model Hammo. With our glasses charged, we ‘cheersed’ to the memory of Hammo as our Head of Year for six great years. Co-Head of year Stoissy reminded us of that infamous saying “don’t sweat the small stuff- and it’s all small stuff”- a motto which has stayed with many of us since our final Valedictory Assembly in Year 12.

It was great to see our past teachers Amanda Stoiss, Wen Yang, Debbie Taylor, Lisa Mitchell and Elizabeth McCormick, and share some humorous stories from their side of the fence! Your attendance was much appreciated by all! Lastly, special thanks to Suzanne Ashley for organising the night, and for her constant efforts in keeping us in the loop and connected through TOPSA.

We look forward to doing it all again in another ten years!

Katie Nurse
Class of 2003
Where are they now?

Cl Wang
I work as a geotechnical engineer in Melbourne. At the moment I am busy with my first daughter, Emma.

Claire Galbraith
I am working as a research assistant in the Nutritional Interventions Laboratory at Baker IDI, Heart and Diabetes Institute.

Sarah Lether
I am currently working in the Education field as a school psychologist in primary schools within the Peninsula region. I love my job and am looking forward to more travel in the future.

Ashleigh McLerie
I completed a double degree in Arts/Business & Commerce. After working for a couple of years in Human Resources, I have completed a Cert 3 & 4 in Fitness and become a personal trainer and am about to commence a two year working holiday in Canada with my husband.

Tara Stubbs
I am a Teacher at Cranbourne East Primary School. I am married and have enjoyed travelling over the last ten years.

Nicole Wright
Married with two beautiful children William (4) and Summer (1). I also work part time at Pelican Park Recreation Centre as an Administration/ Customer Service Coordinator.

Laura Makepeace
I am currently working for a life insurance company in sales. We are renovating our house and life is good!

Hayley Brew
I am studying at Melbourne School of Fashion. I still have my “Honey” girl dog!

Luke Forster
Working as a Management Consultant with Bain & Company and living in Richmond. I’m still following the Demons and working on an average golf swing.

Max Mollenkopf
Working in Wollongong Hospital in NSW.

Grace Alcorn
Working at Visy in the legal department. Living in Melbourne.

Amelia Houghton
Working at the Department of Justice on the National Emergency Warning System Project.

Hua Shen (Kelly)
Sales Manager in an importing company, nuts and snack foods.

Keyao Chen (Jason)
I’m a Chef in a cafe in Prahran.

Jason Murphy
I work full time for Hostplus Executive Superannuation as a funds administrator and account manager. As a hobby, I run my events company and have done for the past seven years at various bars and nightclubs throughout Melbourne.

Vicky Mao
I live by the beach in Melbourne and work in Doncaster. I don’t enjoy the traffic!

Daniel Kalnins
Now running our own business in mobile apps for business in Australia and the UK. I’m loving life with lots of travelling. Living in Caulfield.

Corey Hamilton
I’m a Winemaker at both Portsea Estate and Young Tree Wines.

Ian Smyth
Living in Perth, WA for the last six years and loving it. However I am bucking the trend and working in Property, not mining, like most sand gropers. I made my Mum’s worst fears come true and met a lovely girl born and bred in WA. We’ve got a dog and are thoroughly enjoying life!

Emily Biggs
I’ve been a Midwife for the last four years, which I love. I recently married and am now living in Gippsland with my husband and expecting baby number 1 soon!

Dannika Thring
After living in London for two years, I returned home to study Nursing which I have just completed and am looking to work on the Peninsula. My boyfriend and I have just purchased and moved into our first home in McCrae. Very much still love living on the Peninsula and regularly catch up with school friends.

Singrid Osmond (Robinson)
Working as a clinical nurse specialist in Intensive Care. Married Kingsley, brought a house and have a puppy rotweiler who keeps us busy.

Nick Clarke
Living on sunny Bondi beach. Currently working on maritime defence projects as an Engineer for BAE Systems.

Katie Nurse
Since school I have travelled extensively, which included a stint living in London. After completing a Bachelor of Science/Education at Monash, I came back to Peninsula in a teaching capacity. I taught secondary maths/science. I then secured a position at ANZ, where I am Manager of the Valuations team within Australia Operations. I live in Brighton and enjoy an active social life.

Lauren Eason
Still working within the Melbourne events industry, in event design and styling. I’m contracting on various projects including interiors and merchandising. Currently enjoying a European holiday.

Cameron Berechree
Completed a Bachelor of Business and Commerce, while working full time over the past six years. Recently completed a renovation, with my wife on our house in Mt Eliza. Working as an Account Manager in the automotive industry.

Briely Hudson
I’m qualified as an Occupational Therapist and have been working in Community Mental Health. Married Ben in 2010 and we have 2 beautiful girls Isabella (2 years) & Mackenzie (4 months).

Tess Chapman
Working for Carat Media in their Sponsorship Integration team. For the last two years I have worked in media alongside Hamish and Andy, Fifi and Jules in the Direct Sales Team.
Year 11

Careers Lunch

Students of The Peninsula School are fortunate to be provided with an education program that not only gives them the best opportunity to achieve in their studies, but also receive a detailed insight into what lies ahead after school. The 2013 Careers luncheon was held on 6 September for the current Year 11 group in the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion. This event mainly revolved around presentations from past students of The Peninsula School on their life after graduation, sharing their wisdom and perspective on adulthood and discussing plans and career paths for the years immediately following school.

This was an excellent opportunity for Year 11s to develop a stronger understanding of the life they have before them, how it can change so rapidly, and how it may not always work out, but proved that persistence and determination will lead you to achieving your life ambitions and goals. The luncheon also fostered a stronger sense of community to the year level by having lunch together and discussing relevant topics.

Our honored guests included David Coloretti (Class of 1986) the event founder, James Towers (Class of 2002), Tara Lloyd (Class of 2005) and Tim Schneider (Class of 1987), Mr. Stuart Johnston (Principal), Mr. Phil Doll (Deputy Principal), Mr. Steve Wiltshire (Deputy Principal) and Ms Kate Hadwen (Head of Senior School).

After being warmly welcomed, David Coloretti began the proceedings by telling us about his journey. David completed his HSC at The Peninsula School in 1986 having joined the school in 1979 in Year 5. He began his career at British Petroleum as a finance graduate in 1987. His passion has always been centered around the environment. So he headed straight to University to undertake a degree in Environmental Management.

It was a pleasure to take part in this important event on the school calendar, particularly for Year 11s. The experience provided by past students of the school was most valuable. They taught us to follow our passion, and if you do this you will start your own working adventure. They reassured us that if we were confused about the career we wanted to pursue, that everything will be ok and it may not happen immediately but you will get there! Also, and perhaps most importantly, it was explained that everything after school may not go perfectly according to plan, and that you need to embrace the challenges ahead and find something you enjoy doing.

A special thanks to Suzanne Ashley for organizing the day and Bizzy Butterworth for her catering expertise – without them, the luncheon certainly would not have been possible. Thanks also to all of the staff and students involved, who contributed to this worthwhile experience. Sincere thanks to our guest speakers for their valuable contributions; we are most grateful to them for giving up their time and sharing their knowledge and expertise with us all.

Jack Walker

Year 11
Class of 1993

20 Year Reunion

A quick tour through the school - including a visit to our Year 7 class rooms (that had the memories flooding back!) – made it clear to us all, that the school is going from strength to strength in terms of infrastructure, maturity and sheer student numbers. It was also great to have Mr Thompson, Mr McKillop and Mr Maughan (ok, ok… Keith, Rod and Keith) join us for the evening.

Those who attended were thrilled they did so. It was great to catch up as a group once more, and really interesting to have those individual chats replaying and fast-forwarding the last 20 years of our lives. And of course, there were a few notable highlights (read individuals) that stood out to us all - these are our highlight “awards” from the evening:

- The “he hasn’t aged one bit” award – Matty ‘J’ensen
- The “you definitely look like a spy” award – Campbell “Barney” Rehfisch
- The “are you sure that’s him?” award – Justin “Jubba” Whelan
- The “I think that bloke’s put on the wrong name tag” award – Mike Menzies

Good effort boys!

Andrew Heine
Class of 1993
Andrew Heine  
Father to Charlie 6 and Sammy 3, and husband to Anna. After 15 years in the Pharmaceutical Industry, I am now consulting to the Pharma and Healthcare. I have recently purchased a property in Red Hill.

Antony Dowdle  
After leaving Peninsula I studied Mechanical Engineering at Swinburne University and worked 10 years at Holden. Now I am running my own Engineering business in Clayton South. I have just moved to Frankston South with my wife Amanda and sons, Matthew (7), William (5) and Edward (1). Still playing golf at Peninsula Country Golf Club – life is busy!

Dean Smith  
I live in Cohuna with my wife and three children. I completed a double degree in Human Movement and Education. I am currently the Assistant Principal of Kerang Technical High School which is a great challenge. Outside work, my family have established a Boer Goat stud (Strzboer Goat Stud).

Ben Bryant  
Living on the Peninsula and teaching Physical Education locally. Happily married and hoping to have children in the near future.

Travis Wild  
I live in Parkdale with my wife Karen (Paganoni – Toorak ’93) and have two beautiful girls Gracie (3) and Emilia (9 months). I am the CFO of Heritage Seeds. I am a keen cyclist and an avid photographer; though mostly enjoy spending time with my young family.

Mike Smith  
Married with two fantastic daughters. We have lived overseas in Singapore and Papua New Guinea for the last five years. Currently building a LNG plant in PNG.

Glen Scarlett  
I am married with three children and have two businesses.

Andrew Baird  
Married to Amy with two children Gilbert (4) and Eliza (2). Working with Crowe Horwath in Mulgrave and living in Glen Iris. Together with my wife, we own and operate Bared Footwear in High Street, Armadale.

Andrew Roberts  
Living in Geelong and working in I.T. I have three children. Since leaving TPS, I’ve completed a Science degree and travelled a little!

Andrew Stark  
Garden Designer, Construction Company – high end projects. Horticultural consultant and advisor. Plant breeder (citrus and hedging plants). Married to Belinda and son Max is in Year 1 at Peninsula.

Campbell Rehfisch  
Living in the NT with my wife and two lovely children. Exploring the top-end and South East Asia.

Harley Over  
Living in Mt Eliza. Father of two boys. Working in the family business.

James Buffinton  
Happily living on the Peninsula with my wife Caroline, and two daughters Lola and Isla. Working as a digital sculptor for the automotive design industry as well as being a co-director with my wife of our graphic design firm, Aurora Creative.

Craig Doughty  
Having spent the last five years in Shanghai working within the automotive design industry; I have returned to Australia to work for Holden Design as Model manager for China programs. I have two children aged 7 and 5, Ashton and Madeline.

Andrew Male  
Living in Rosebud. Married for 12 years with 1 child, an eleven year old boy. Running my own plumbing business.

Justin Fox  
Select Scoota, Armadillo, Iron Baltic ATV, Eureka Mobility Parts Manager and Customer Service.

Will Davies  
Working in Moorabbin and looking after two beautiful daughters.

Michael Pretty  
Married with two children, living in Mt Eliza. Work for National Bank in Human Resources.

Steven Parsons  
Builder in the South East. Married with two children, Raphael (starting Syo Kinder in 2014) and Mia, also enrolled at TPS.

Peter Elston  
I went straight into working as an Aircraft Engineer locally at Moorabbin Airport, but I yearned for newer technology engines and went to Paris for work; returning as a tech. rep. in Australia. I now maintain all the rescue and media helicopters around Australia. I travel a fair bit with my girlfriend Noemi, seeing Australia by air as much as I can.

Nathan Hooper  
Married with three boys. Still living on the Peninsula.

Chris Hill  
Good life with a lovely family, wife and kids and a job that pays the bills!

Adrian Blake  
Living in town with my wife Emma and two boys, James and Henry. I enjoy travelling, surfing and triathlons.

Matthew Jensen  
Photographer with three children. Lived in France, now back in Melbourne.

Mike Menzies  
Principal at James An College, St Albans – accelerated learning and select entry school specialist. Employ 25 Maths and English teachers/ 400 students currently enrolled. I am happily married with a one year old daughter named Celeste Quynh Huong Menzies.

Phil Beaney  
Senior Financial Controller with Metro Trains, Melbourne.

William Weston  
Working for the past 18 years in the plastics industry. Married with two children.

Toby Utber  
Married with two great kids, Tilda (5) and Hugo (3). Now living in Hampton.

Brett Bryant  
I live in Ballarat with my wife Rachel, and 8 year old son, Darcy. I am a Solicitor and Director of Ballarat’s largest law firm and practice in litigation and dispute resolution.

Jeff Facey  
Pharmacist working in Mt Eliza. Live in Langwarrin with wife Nicole and three daughters Tahlia (9), Kirra (6) and Elise (2).

Dan Davies  
Director of Outdoor Education at TPS.

Tighe O'Donoghue  
Currently living in the Pilbara and working in the mining industry.

Matt Kellam  
Working at AusAID in Canberra, delivering Australia’s overseas aid to Africa. Married with two sons, 4 years and 4 months old!

Andrew Roberts  
Penny and I are currently living in Bayside Melbourne with our daughter Sasha (2) after several years in Jan Juc on the west coast. I am a director and founding partner of environmental consulting firm, Elgin Associates Pty Ltd., where I work as a coastal scientist on projects mostly in South Eastern Australia.

Paul Prendergast  
Haven’t moved far at all…..teaching Science, Humanities and ICT at TPS!

Rob Cannon  
Secondary teacher.

Marcus Chilvers  
Lives and works in the UK

Troy Reilly  
Three years ago I set up the Beijing Beatles www.thebeijingbeatles.com as the Beatles missed China. I play lead guitar and promote the band throughout China.

Chris Slaski  
Working in the banking industry and live locally.

Justin Whelan  
Primary teacher at Peninsula School.

Ben Grayson  
In 2014, I will be lecturing at Monash Uni (electric music course) and have recently been on Australian tours with Martha Wainright, and Pseudo Echo. I have worked on the X-Factor and am married with two children.

Andrew Drummond  
Working in the Maritime industry.
New South Wales

Branch Function

On Friday 8 November, whilst in Sydney for a conference, TOPSA Executive Officer, Suzanne Ashley, in conjunction with Committee Member, Greg Sugars (1985) organised an informal NSW Branch function at The Fox Hole Small Bar in the Sydney CBD. The night was enjoyed by a small and enthusiastic group, including Chris Mooney (1969) and his lovely wife Angela, Brad Holmes (1986) and Stuart Milne and Chris Dickman (both from the Class of 1984) who have agreed to act as Convenors for their 30 Year Reunion in July, 2014.

TOPSA and the Careers Program at Peninsula

TOPSA’s motto of “giving back” is played out each year when alumni return to the School to share their experiences in the workforce with current students.

2014 brings with it a change to the structure of the program with greater focus on the following popular subject areas:

- Commerce
- Arts including Psychology, Media, Performing Arts
- Design including Architecture
- Science including Biomedical, Environmental, Veterinary Science
- Engineering
- Exercise Science including Outdoor, Sports Management
- Health including Medicine, Nursing, Nutrition Occupational Therapy
- Law
- Trades and non-university careers, including Hospitality and Tourism
- Information Technology

Year 11 and 12 students will choose one of these areas and will attend a panel presentation which will address areas of interest.

Two days are planned:

18 June 2014
TPS Careers Expo in which ex-students will talk about the career that they have followed in their post-school years

20 August 2014
TPS Course Expo in which ex-students who are still at university will talk of their experiences to enable current students to compare the courses offered by different institutions.

We would be grateful if past students could register their interest in participating in this valuable program. Please contact Suzanne Ashley via sashley@tps.vic.edu.au or (03) 9788 7825.

Keith Maughan
Careers
Where are they now?
The journey is rarely via a direct route...

Honours Colour Award for TOPSA members

Many of our past students will be familiar with the Colour Awards of Merit, Half and Full and their associated criteria. Honours Colours are a further acknowledgement of excellence, usually beyond School and are the highest award of The Peninsula School.

At the Colours Dinner held on 25 October in the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion, past students Nicholas Warner and Roderick McKillop were each awarded an Honour Colour for outstanding achievement in their chosen fields. Nick was also the guest speaker for the evening. David Hille and Richard Vaudrey were both awarded an Honour Colour in absentia.

If you know of other past students who may qualify for this award, please contact, Stephen Brennan via email sbrennan@tps.vic.edu.au

Nicholas Warner - Class of 1968

Nick currently holds the position of Director General of A.S.I.S. – Australian Secret Intelligence Service. Education – Latrobe University and ANU Canberra.

Roderick McKillop Class of 1968


David Hille - Class of 1999

David attended Peninsula from 1992 to 2000 and was a member of the First X1 in 1997 & 1998 and was Captain of the First X1 in 1997 & 1998. He gained Combined AGSV Cricket selection, as Vice-Captain, in 1998 and was a Full Colour winner in cricket. He was a member of the First XX1 in 1997 & 1998 – Full Colour winner. He was Captain of the Basketball team in 1998. He was also an excellent swimmer and was Captain of the school team in 1968 and also competed in athletics and cross country.

Roderick McKillop Class of 1968

Richard Vaudrey - Class of 2001

Richard was a student at Peninsula from 1995 to 2001 and was heavily involved in the School’s music program. Richard has spent the last four years in New York completing a doctorate in cello performance and improvisation whilst also acting as a teaching assistant to the renowned Emerson String Quartet. He has regularly performed on New York City stages from Carnegie Hall to renowned underground venues such as the Stone. Richard is no stranger to a myriad of musical worlds from new classical, through fusion Jazz to Indie pop.

Welcome to our TOPSA President for 2014 Greg Sugars - Class of 1985

We are saddened by the passing of Craig Borschmann (1979) and extend our deepest sympathy to his family.
TOPSA Events for 2014

The following events will be held during 2014 in The Peninsula Pavilion:

Class of 1973 & 1974 – 40 Year Reunion  
**Saturday 24 May**, details TBA

Class of 2009 – 5 Year Reunion  
7pm, Friday 30 May

*TOPSA Careers Expo  
**Wednesday 18 June**

Class of 1984 – 30 Year Reunion  
7pm tour, 8pm main function, Saturday 19 July

Class of 2004 – 10 Year Reunion  
7pm tour, 8pm main function, Friday 25 July

*TOPSA Courses Expo  
**Wednesday 20 August**

Class of 1994 - 20 Year Reunion  
7pm tour, 8pm main function, Friday 5 September

Class of 2013 – 1 Year Reunion, no tour  
7pm, Friday 10 October

Women’s Breakfast  
(for Year 11 & 12 Girls and their female family members. Past Students most welcome!)  
7.15am for 7.30 sit-down to breakfast, Tuesday 14 October

Queensland Branch Function  
6pm, Friday 7 November, details TBA

Come and see how your old School has changed and enjoy an evening reminiscing in the H. A. Macdonald Pavilion, which adjoins the Macdonald (South or Upper Oval as it was previously known). Do we have your mailing address and contact details?

* Careers & Courses Expo - see article from Keith Maughan on page 45 for further details.

Further details: Suzanne Ashley: 9788 7825 or sashley@tps.vic.edu.au

Future enrolments - TOPSA members please plan well ahead!

When the majority of our past students were at the School our main entry levels were Kinder, Prep and Year 7. This is no longer the case, as we now have a Three-year-old Kinder program, which has become extremely popular, and Year 5 has also become an attractive time for many parents to start their children at Peninsula. Entry higher up the School, particularly at Year 7, has now become much more difficult for families as fewer places are now on offer.

Past students are encouraged to keep this situation in mind when contemplating enrolling their children. Be aware that we have solid waiting lists for many year levels and that we are currently confirming places 18 months ahead of time for many students.

We recommend that you make contact with our Admissions Office on 9788 7702 at least several years prior to your desired year of commencement for your child to avoid disappointment.