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Welcome to this edition of Pen in Profile. Semester 1 was full of many highlights which I hope you enjoy reading about in the pages of this publication.

At the beginning of Term 1, coming on the heels of the announcement of our outstanding 2013 VCE results, we received the great news that three of our students had each gained a prestigious Premier’s Award. Our congratulations go to Lachlan Owens (50/50 for English & Drama), Caitlin Dwyer (50/50, Music) and Tong Huong Ly, whose VCE results placed her in the top 3 International students in Victoria. Brilliant accomplishments!

The opening of the Zammit Centre in May by The Honourable Alex Chernov AO QC, Governor of Victoria, was a wonderful occasion for our School. Following the formalities of the opening ceremony, the Governor and Mrs Chernov toured our new senior centre together with 100+ current and past members of our community. Classes were in action, so our visitors were able to witness firsthand the new style of learning that the building has facilitated. Needless to say, all left with a hugely positive impression of the state-of-the-art facility which we believe will transform the teaching and learning of our VCE students.

Later in May we hosted 300+ visitors at our Sunday Zammit Centre Open House which attracted great attention in the media. Many of our past parents and grandparents remarked that they would now “love to come back to school as a student”, once they saw the highly colourful architecture, the many collaborative learning spaces and the tertiary style cafeteria! If you would like to inspect our new building I invite you to make contact with our Admissions staff who will gladly show you through this wonderful facility of which we are most proud.

A real highlight of Term 2 was the staging of the fun-packed musical, Hairspray. Continuing more than 50 years of performing arts tradition in the School, this show attracted huge acclaim. The faultless singing and the marvellous dance routines were a wonderful testament to the talent of our students and to the coeducational environment of our School. Congratulations to Director, Brendan Carroll, and to all who teamed so beautifully at the Frankston Arts Centre to present a very special production.
I would like to particularly thank those members of our community who found themselves financially able to support our recent Annual Giving appeal. Your donations will supplement the operational budget of the School and will be put to very good use in the future development of our campus.

I am delighted to announce that the Board has recently established The Peninsula School Trust Fund in response to the growing spirit of philanthropy within our community. I particularly applaud the Founder of the fund, Harry Macdonald OA, (Headmaster 1971-1990), whose recent generous contribution will be reflected in the awarding of the H.A. Macdonald Scholarship beginning in 2015. I would encourage you to make contact with my office (97887705) if you would like to explore the possibility of making a tax deductible donation to the fund which will help to enable students, who would otherwise not be able to attend the School, experience all that Peninsula has to offer.

In closing, I would like to welcome Mr Tim Stone (Class of ’96) to the Board of the School. Following his final year as a student at Peninsula, during which time he held the position of Head of School, Tim embarked on a career as a golf professional. He has maintained a close connection with Peninsula over the years, including time spent on the TOPSA committee. Tim’s common sense approach to issues, his strong work ethic and his well-known commitment to the prosperity of our School will no doubt make him an ideal Director.

My best wishes,

Stuart Johnston
Principal
Premier’s Awards

Wonderful Achievements VCE 2013

Congratulations to Lachlan Owens (‘13) who received a Premier’s Awards for both English and Drama as a consequence of obtaining perfect scores in those subjects.

In addition, Tong Huong Ly our Dux of School for 2013, received the Premier’s Victorian Certificate of Education Award as Top International Student – an award which ranks her in the top 3 International performers in the State last year.

Equally impressive, Caitlin Dwyer who achieved 50/50 for Unit 3&4 Music as a Year 11 student, also received a Premier’s Award.

Open All Hours...

Farewell Jenny

During Semester 1 we farewelled long serving member of staff, Jenny Matheson, who retired from her role as Manageress of our Bookroom. Most of our families will have come to know Jenny over the years as she was responsible for issuing students with all of the correct items of school uniform.

Joining our staff in 1992, Jenny was renowned for kit-ting-out our students as if they were her own children, always wanting them to look smart and to feel proud of wearing our uniform. She went to amazing lengths to assist our families; mending, adjusting pants and skirts, sewing on buttons and having articles of clothing dry cleaned on behalf of parents. As an additional service to assist working families, Jenny was known to take their order by phone then drop the items off to the student’s home at the end of the day. She really was totally dedicated to ‘making it work’ for our community.

We wish Jenny well for a long and healthy retirement.

Phil Doll
Director of Positive Education & Marketing
Celebrating 20 years of coeducation

It all began in 1994 coeducation at The Peninsula School

The ELC Class of 1994 - Tobi Gibson, Branca D’Onofrio, Georgia Connolly, Miki Rinkel, Hugh Wischer, Matthew Wright, James Neale, Brent Chisholm, Jackson Hewitt, Eunwyn Jackson, Kie Fujihara, Stephanie Coles, James Renwick, John Trinca, Marcus Bastiaan, Harold Spartels, Chad Rutter, John Thompson, Lauren Donnellan, Lauren Hooper, Kasey Holderness, Jonathan Ussher, Clay Trembath, Elliot Oldjohn.

Staff: Louise Gale, Linda Mansour.

Britten Choir 1995 - note the original white collars on the girls’ dresses and the black tights!
Open for Learning...
the R.J. Zammit Centre

On Tuesday 6th of May we celebrated the opening of our newest building – the RJ Zammit Senior Centre – the new home of Learning for our Year 11 & 12 students.

The building was officially opened by His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria. The Principal, Mr Stuart Johnston also welcomed distinguished guests Mrs Chernov, the Mayor of Frankston, Cr Darrel Taylor, Chairman of the Board of our School, Mr Ron Zammit, together with current and past Directors, past Principals, Mr Harry Macdonald & Mr Ray Hille, and many past staff and students. We were also joined by Ms Tran Thu Nga, Deputy Principal of the Foreign Language Specialising School for the Gifted in Hanoi, who had flown from Vietnam for the occasion.
A gift from the Class of 2013

We greatly appreciate the generosity of the Class of 2013 who were keen to play a part in helping to furnish the Zammit Centre. They chose a metal sculpture which was specially crafted for our new building by Tyabb wrought iron artist and blacksmith Glenn Kennedy (Kirkton Forge). Each student in the year group is represented by a leaf on this wonderful installation.
Thank you for contributing to our new Science Centre...

We offer our sincere thanks to all our donors who are enabling us to build the future and especially to our donors for 2013/2014.

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and building our future...
Positive Education at Peninsula

Positive Education 2014

Positive Education is best defined as "traditional education" plus approaches that nurture wellbeing and promote mental health. Positive Education programs are underpinned by the science of positive psychology. There is substantial evidence from empirical studies that confirms that skills to increase resilience, positive emotion, engagement and meaning can be successfully taught to schoolchildren.

These skills will promote wellbeing and will help students to flourish personally and professionally throughout the lives.

Professor Lea Waters was the guest speaker at our Middle School and Senior School assemblies in Term 2. Lea spoke on the topic of Growth Mindsets, encouraging students to understand that their ability and skill levels are not fixed. She affirmed that with dedication and commitment, we can always grow our abilities. In addition, she also spoke about Kindness Circles; encouraging students to “pay forward” acts of kindness when they, themselves, are the recipient of a thoughtful gesture. As always, Lea linked her presentations to the science underpinning positive psychology.

In line with our aim of promoting our school as a centre of excellence, Phil Doll gave presentations during Semester 1 to visiting staff from Waverley College, NSW and Gippsland Grammar School. These are schools with a strong interest in incorporating positive psychology in their wellbeing programs.

Muriel Bakker and Louise Nichols Easley joined Phil as keynote speakers for Ivanhoe Grammar School’s professional development unit in June. Later this year, Muriel Bakker will be a guest speaker at the Masters of Applied Positive Psychology course being delivered by the University of Melbourne.

Positive Psychology Week

During Term 1 we staged our PosPsych Week which incorporated our Smart Arts celebrations. The campus was abuzz with a range of Drama and Visual Arts activities. Our student musicians, dressed as gorillas, lions and pigs, entertained those who were passing by our flag pole area, photo booths in which we sought to capture the best smile in our secondary school and mob dancing and singing abounded. Our senior students, dressed as valets, greeted parents in the car park with big smiles and assisted younger students with their bags. Our Design Technology students completed extraordinary feats of engineering... and much more!

These activities achieved their aim of raising the levels of positive emotion in our community. They also showed that our own happiness levels are elevated when we do something kind for someone else.

We also launched our Years 9&10 Positive Teen program during PosPsych Week. This semester-long program, which has been designed by Sam Cawthorn (www.samcawthorn.com), aims to promote positive resilience skills, positive life skills, a positive attitude and a positive sense of direction in adolescents.

Go Away Mr Worry Thoughts

Our Positive Education program encourages students to focus on the good things that are happening in their lives. With this in mind, our Early Childhood Centre hosted a travelling theatre company, Go Away Mr Worry Thoughts, during Term 2. The students were given some great advice, in a fun way, about how to overcome those regularly repeating, destructive, automatic negative thoughts.

Phil Doll
Deputy Principal
Community Relations & Positive Psychology
FROM THE HEADS OF SCHOOL

According to our Heads of School

Redefining the meaning of school leadership is a difficult task, yet a task we endeavoured to achieve. We began the year with a principle we wished to honour; Effort Equals Reward.

With academic endeavour, ambassadorial obligations and external responsibilities all in the mix, the balancing act that would define our final year at school had emerged early and showed no sign of slowing down. Amidst the academic rigour of our final year, we, along with the other members of the Prefect Body, stood proudly to represent The Peninsula School as leaders in 2014.

In February we were given the special opportunity to travel to Ivanhoe Grammar to meet with all student Heads of School from the AGSV community. While this day centred on servant leadership, a philosophy based on selfless contribution to one’s community, it also enabled us to broaden our perspectives on education and hear of the initiatives of other likeminded schools. This trip would be our first of many opportunities to come together and be a part of the diverse group of school leaders that make up the local area was an experience that inspired and motivated us in our roles from the very start of the year.

Later that month we flew to Adelaide for the National Leadership Summit. Hosted by the School Captains of St Peters College, the weekend was spent with the intention of getting to know young school leaders from around the country, share ideas and challenge our own understanding of what leadership really is. Events like this exposed us to a level of friendship, connection and community between individual schools that, prior to being appointed Heads of School, we had never witnessed. We would like to thank Mr Johnston and The Peninsula School for this experience as being a part of it was an absolute privilege.

On the 25th of April, we had the honour of representing the School at the Mornington Anzac Day Service. In front of a crowd of 1000 people, many of whom had been personally touched by the effects of war, we had the privilege of reciting the open letter written by Banjo Patterson addressed to the troops of WW1, “We are all Australian”, as well as laying a wreath on behalf of both the Cadet Unit and the School. It was a very special occasion filled with commemoration and remembrance and having had a part of it fills us both with pride.

Our other formal responsibilities included the attending of Colours meetings, the administration of school assemblies and upholding an executive role at school Open Days.

However, our success as Heads of School would be defined by our initiative and our lasting impression that we leave on the tradition of the school.

Tradition we intended to uphold and tradition we intended to create. Initiative is at the forefront of student leadership and our achievement of these aims would define whether or not we had fulfilled our role.

As Heads of School, we identified a gap in the leadership opportunities of Year 11 Students. We constructed the roles of Year 11 Mentors and elected responsible students to uphold these positions. While our connection with these students has unfortunately been limited, it is important for the Prefect Body to identify those willing to put themselves forward and to be identified as leaders in their year level.

We promoted the integration of practical positive psychology in the school environment through nominating students who upheld these traits. They were awarded peer-nominated certificates at various times throughout the year.

As leaders and students of The Peninsula School, we are incredibly privileged to be able to interact with international students from many corners of the globe within our own School community. Encouraging integration between day students and international students is an important role of the Prefect body and something we identified as crucial to our success as Heads of School. While this may appear difficult, the kindness of both the female and male Boarding Houses allowed the Prefect Body to improve relations with international students through fortnightly boarding dinners we attended. The informal atmosphere allowed us to engage with students we hadn’t previously met and promote this integration we desired to improve. We urge the future leaders of this school to further promote this integration for the benefit of unity and the School community.

The importance of unity cannot be overvalued, and we have encouraged this unity in the Senior School, particularly in Year 12. The 2014 program of Wednesday Academic Tutorials has provided us with an opportunity to bring together our Year Level for moments of enjoyment and laughter. Whether it is from Year Book activities to Christmas in July, these Prefect initiatives have allowed us to share memories, laughter and stories for the future. Furthermore, the Year 12 element of House Music was established around a need for greater House spirit. This was received interestingly amongst the cohort, however tradition begins somewhere, hopefully in our case, it has begun here.

Our role, however, is not limited to the Senior School, and we have always extended our responsibilities to the wider school community. The Prefect led Student Leaders’ Breakfast was the pinnacle of this. It focused around the practical application of school leadership rather than theory taught leadership. It brought together all student leadership groups from the Junior School and Senior School to discuss the future challenges our school faced. The purpose of this was to create ideals within all those who aspire, to encourage initiative and the movement of ideals amongst the leaders in respective Year Levels.

This year has been a hugely interesting one, something of a roller coaster! Thanks go particularly to Mrs Barlow our phenomenal Year Level mentor, the wider Prefect body for their ongoing commitment to making the School a better place and particularly to the Class of 2014. Our cohort is a family that is bonded by a lifetime of memories. Memories we hope they will cherish.

Jake Miller-Randle and Isabella Cahill
Heads of School for 2014
“Nothing Without Joy” - Learning at Prep and Year One

Loris Malaguzzi’s well-known phrase is the unofficial motto of the Early Childhood Centre which immerses its young students in a program that is dynamic, multi-sensory and designed to promote wonder.

In order to build a solid foundation for life-long learning, experiences need to be authentic. Underpinned by the key learning objectives of Australian Curriculum (ACARA), teachers have taken inspiration from the Developmental Curriculum to create a hands-on approach where all students are encouraged to investigate their own individual interests. Each day begins with practical sessions of outside play, Physical Education, gardening or student-led investigations. These independent investigations may incorporate building, painting, sculpting, water play, tinkering, constructing, composing, reading, writing books, puzzles or any topic initiated by the students or inspired from formal lessons. Our magnificent new Learnscape outside is designed for students to see the outdoors as another learning environment. Sessions are deliberately noisy, colourful, energetic and fun. Students gravitate towards like-minded thinkers to create small project partnerships or groups but they are just as welcome to work own their own. This program celebrates and respects all learning styles. The practical nature of these sessions is an ideal start to the day and creates a positive and healthy atmosphere. Exploring interests students feel passionate about allows staff to expertly craft investigative and learning techniques that are unique and specific. Inevitably, from time to time, students also need to resolve social and leadership issues that arise and these too can be addressed sensitively and practically in a safe environment. Every day therefore begins with positive learning experiences.

Explicit teaching of core English and Mathematics subjects as well as Geography, History, Science, and Health draws on topics and issues from these earlier practical sessions for students to relate to. The nature of these disciplines is necessarily more formal and structured. Students are also fortunate enough to receive instruction in the specialist subjects of Music, Physical Education, Religious Education, Sustainability, Library and Art. Amongst this busy program, the influences of Positive Psychology are strong. Formally students participate in activities that promote mindfulness, such as a Quiet Time, meditation techniques and breathing. The What Went Well circle at the end of every day allows students to focus on the positives at the end of their day. There are also sessions when students of even this age learn about how their brain works and how they can improve self-regulation. Informally, the many opportunities for students to socially construct their knowledge provide real experiences for them to practise character strengths and for teachers to continuously highlight them.

Above all, it is our aim that each child feels validated as a learner and as the unique individual they are. Learning is safe, fascinating, guided and joyful …… and a privilege to teach.

Amanda Davis
ECC and Leading Teacher.
Extension English

The Extension English groups at The Peninsula School have operated at Years 7 – 9 for the past ten years. Such classes tackle an array of tasks that encourage both critical and creative thinking. Currently the Year 8 classes are completing a sports package based on a unique race that they have devised (the expectation here is that they will produce five pieces of writing targeting an array of audiences and purposes. Students have developed some interesting (often bizarre) scenarios on which to base their compilation of writing, such as an underwater hockey competition (Alyssa Leong), a moon based triathlon (Jess Dunsmore), a wheelie bin race (Jock Roysmith), a worm charming race (Georgina Torey), an umbrella flying championship (Madison Howe) and a husband carrying competition where the lucky winning wife wins her husband’s weight in chocolate (Annabel Hayes). Mmm!

Obviously such eclectic starting points will inspire some intriguing writing. Students are including poster advertisements of their events, ticket stubs and maps detailing the ingenious race courses, profiles of prominent (and often eccentric) competitors and news reports detailing the success (or perhaps lack of success) of their chosen event.

Our next major task is a picture storybook. This activity is always a resounding success because it involves classes further down the school. Our Year 8 students will take their favourite childhood picture storybooks to share with a kindergarten class. They will then interview the younger students about their favourite stories and then use this as impetus to create their own masterpieces. Eventually the Year 8s will share the fruits of their extended labour with their younger charges. The results are always brilliant and bring enormous delight to all parties.

Essentially these classes are designed to motivate the students to experiment with a range of writing styles, prompt them beyond their immediate ‘comfort zones’ and significantly extend their thinking skills.

Karen Kennedy
English Faculty and Leading Teacher
Ukraine bristled; Russia was defiant. Bangladesh and Liberia were thwarted, while Morocco, Indonesia and Cote d'Ivoire prevailed. Deals were struck, negotiations raged and amendments were reached.

In May this year, Peak Performance students in Year 11 as well as selected students in Years 9 and 10 participated in the Model UN Conference mock session of the United Nations General Assembly. Our students had the opportunity to work with visiting students from Balcombe Grammar School, Padua College, Rosebud Secondary College, Toorak College and Mt. Eliza Secondary College. Over 60 students stepped into the shoes of ambassadors from around the globe, drawing upon their skills in negotiation and diplomacy to debate a UN resolution on the topic of human trafficking. Students had the opportunity to interact with other ambassadors, present their country’s position to the Assembly and move amendments to the UN resolution.

The day was moderated by Adjunct Professor Ian Howie from the School of International Studies at the RMIT University and delegates were addressed by Ms. Yunme Lee from Project Respect, a non-profit organisation that empowers and supports women in the sex industry. Yunme revealed that although human trafficking is a global issue it has had an impact on this country and there are many cases in which women have been trafficked throughout the local sex industry. She outlined several harrowing instances in which she had provided support for vulnerable and oppressed women in Melbourne.

The objective of the Conference was to find, through diplomacy and negotiation, the best possible solution to this issue. The aim was to reach a compromise based upon competing national interests, international responsibilities and humanitarian obligations.

By taking part in the conference, participants not only learned about UN bodies and member States, but also about the importance of dialogue, diplomacy, negotiation, and building consensus. These skills are fundamental to the development of global citizens and future leaders and our Peak Performers were able to draw upon skills beyond the repertoire normally adopted inside the four walls of the classroom.

The day was a great success, thoroughly endorsed by the students who agreed that their experience of the conference was excellent and that they would most certainly recommend it to other students in their school.

Students reported that the day was a ‘great learning experience, a chance to practice communication skills, particularly debating and persuasive skills’; and it was ‘also a very interesting and fun experience to be involved with especially with other schools attending.’ All agreed that ‘thinking on your feet’, listening to other people’s points of view and public speaking were invaluable skills developed throughout the day.

Craig Townsend
Director of Peak Performance Program
Perfect Bay Views and Great Golf!

Peninsula Golf Classic

We are indeed fortunate to hold our annual Peninsula Golf Classic at The National Golf Club in Cape Schanck. Playing groups are afforded the luxury of amazing sea views and the opportunity to experience golf on a world class golf course.

On Friday 14 March we were blessed with another beautiful day, the temperature reaching a pleasant 26 degrees with a light breeze. At 8am, a full field of golfers left the clubhouse in carts on the “Old Course” to compete for The Peninsula School’s ultimate golfing event, The Peninsula Golf Classic.

Once again, we played a “Three Ball Ambrose” competition which, in addition to matching abilities, also promotes camaraderie and networking amongst the teams. The Peninsula Golf Classic continues to be a very popular event on our Calendar. Since 2004, it has been the only annual School-based fundraising event. The purpose of the day is to gain the sponsorship of our corporate community and suppliers to raise funds for our Building Program. Recently our community began to experience the results of our fundraising efforts incorporated into our new Senior School, R.J Zammit Centre featuring state-of-the-art facilities.

After playing 18 holes, the golf groups began to arrive back at the clubhouse early in the afternoon. There was a great deal of sporting banter about the golfing achievements and challenges out on the course that continued as everyone sat down to a delicious luncheon, while the final scores were tallied. 14 raffle prizes were drawn, the major prize being overnight accommodation and breakfast for two at the Batman Hill Hotel on Collins, Melbourne.

School Principal, Stuart Johnston, commenced the official proceedings by giving a brief but informative talk on the wonderful support that our community has always given to the School and how that support has provided great benefits for current and future Peninsula students. Stuart thanked the group for their participation and for being part of our fundraising program through their participation. Stuart announced the winners of a special prize which began in 2013. Donated by Mark and Ravi Abeyaratne and their families, The Hilary Abeyaratne Perpetual Trophy for the best (team) gross score. A long-serving, dedicated and much loved teacher, Hilary had a particular gift for the pastoral care of his students, always finding time in his busy life for any student who needed his guidance. From 1975 and even after his retirement in 1993, Hilary, along with his entire family, remained highly involved in the life of The Peninsula School and the School community. This trophy honours both his memory and his love of golf.

The Hilary Abeyaratne Perpetual Trophy winners for 2014 were: Jeff Gardiner, Dave Robinson and Ian McLeary
Finally, the winning teams for The Peninsula Golf Classic 2014 are listed below:
1st Place: Gordon Elkington, Mark Engwerda, Mike Tonroe (Winners of the Ray Hille Perpetual Trophy)
2nd Place: Joe Russo, Dallas Brooks, Mike Whitfort
3rd Place: Fi Langford, Janelle Freedman, Chris Purdie
Nearest the Pin: 7th hole – Mark Abeyaratne, 13th hole – George Fletcher, 16th hole – Jeff Gardner
Longest Drive 9th Hole: Ravi Abeyaratne,
Straightest Drive 2nd Hole: Charles White

We are delighted to have the Spotless Group as our Albatross Sponsor this year. The Spotless team created a catering hub on the 1st hole and served delicious food, drinks and sweets to sustain the players as they passed through. It was also a great opportunity to enjoy the quality of their food and some great service. Our Eagle Plus Sponsor, Blue Gum, have been supporters of this event since 2004. The Blue Gum teams continue to amuse us with their good humour, creativity and matching team polo shirts, made especially for the event. Blue Gum also generously provide us with the Peninsula Golf Classic caps for the event. We offer our sincere thanks to both Brett and Jannine Kellerman.

We are proud to partner with Drummond Golf as our Eagle Sponsors, and we thank Mark Abeyaratne, Ben Jackson and their teams for their support as well as the many golf prizes they so generously donated.

Special thanks to our Birdie Sponsors who continue to support this event. They are:
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TOPSA (The Old Peninsula School Association)
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We are grateful to our Par Sponsors who donated many magnificent prizes:
Kingston Heath Golf Club (Gregg Chapple ’74)
Woodlands Golf Club (John Stamp ’74)
Autobarn Dandenong (Ashley James ’95)
Crittenden of Dromana (Rollo Crittenden ’94)
Soy Restaurant (Danny Wong ’89)
Mitre 10, Stuart Womersley (’85)
Mornington Peninsula Brewery (Matt Bebe ’87)
Bacardi Lion (James Griffiths ‘78)
House of Golf (Richard Quested ’86)
Flinders Golf Club (Tim Reynolds)
The National Golf Club
Austbrokers Countrwyide (Bruce Mournery, current parent)
Mornington Golf Club (Russell Donovan)
Elan Vineyard (Past Parent, Selma Lowther)
Core Health Club (Current Parent, Joe Russo)
Devil Bend Golf Club (Jason Glanz)
Le Garrett Scarves, Mei McLorinan (current parent)
Entertainment Publications (Leroy Harty)
Safer Storage Systems (Matthew & Melinda Bell, current parents)
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The golf day is our major annual fundraising event and it is through the continuing support and participation of our School community, sponsors, donors and suppliers that the popularity of this event continues to grow. We offer our thanks to all involved for making this event thoroughly enjoyable. In particular, I would like to make special mention of the invaluable assistance and support I personally received in the lead up to the Golf Day once again from two of our Par Sponsors, both alumni of The Peninsula School – Greg Chapple ('74) and Rollo Crittenden ('94) – to you both, my very grateful thanks!

I would also like to express my appreciation to Phil Doll, Greg Alderson, Lisa Mitchell, Melanie Cridland, Nadia Doll, Dawn Ogden-Barnes and the wonderful members of our PSPA for their contribution to making this day the success that it was. The event raised over $28K, with all funds being directed towards the R.J. Zammit Centre.

The 2015 Peninsula Golf Classic will be held on Friday 13 March, so note this date in your diary now and start getting your team organised for a great day.

Suzanne Ashley
Convenor
The Notre Dame Exchange
– always a cultural pleasure

The ‘away leg’ of the 2014 Notre Dame exchange began on a cold Sunday morning at Tullamarine as we waved goodbye to families for three weeks of travel and adventure in France. A short stopover in Bangkok was enough to stretch the legs and then it was on to Paris. We arrived at Charles de Gaulle airport early in the morning, a little bleary-eyed but ready for a relaxing trip on the High Speed train down to Bordeaux. Our first challenge awaited us as French transport workers had just begun an indefinite strike and our train was cancelled! Not to be deterred we transferred to another train and endured a slightly uncomfortable journey sharing the corridor with our suitcases and a variety of fellow travellers.

Bordeaux greeted us with warm sunshine and a short walk to our very comfortable and convenient hotel which was to be our home for the next four days. We enjoyed a walking tour of Bordeaux with a very engaging French guide and the first of many group and individual photos were taken as we had our first taste of history and culture. This was followed by a trip to St. Emillion, Dune de Pyla (a huge sand dune), an underground cave and a very leisurely afternoon of kayaking. This was interspersed with lunches of baguettes and crepes and quiz evenings after our restaurant meals and it was a wonderful opportunity for students to bond and to begin to immerse themselves in the language and culture of France at a slightly less frenetic pace than Paris!

As we boarded our train to Paris students reached for dictionaries and phrase books and compiled a list of useful words and phrases for their time with their host families. Suddenly international friendships were rekindled and students disappeared to meet their host families for the weekend. For most it was a busy start with trips to the Eiffel Tower, Music festivals, boat rides on the Seine, shopping on the Champs Elysees and introductions to family, friends and family life in France.

Over the remaining two weeks we travelled to Villers Bretonneux, site of the Australian war memorial which was as always a very moving experience, to the Loire Valley to take in the splendour of the Château de Chambord and the Château de Chennonceau and we made several trips into Paris where we became increasingly adept at using the métro system. Students took turns to plan our routes and ask for directions. We came face to face with the Mona Lisa - along with the multitude of other tourists all clamouring for a view, we took in the views of Paris from the Sacre Coeur, we were awestruck at the magnitude of the Cathédrale de Notre Dame and the size of Napoleon’s tomb, we sang a John Farnham song on the steps of the Opera and we enjoyed buskers on our metro trips. We were officially welcomed by the mayor of Verneuil and we enjoyed a brief tour of our twin school.

The linguistic and cultural significance of the exchange as well as the longer-lasting benefits cannot be under-estimated. Our students gain independence, an increased inter-cultural
understanding, exposure to the language, history, culture and family life of their correspondant, increased confidence in their French language skills as well as developing new friendships, both with their Australian peers as well as their French counterparts.

My Thanks go to my travelling companions, Daniel Casey and Linda Morgan and to our students who once again allowed us to see France through fresh, young eyes.

As always, students are the best advocates for the exchange and Michaela Mcmenamin shares her thoughts:-

**What were the highlights of the trip for you?**
I found the entire trip an incredibly enjoyable and unforgettable experience that created many memories and built many lasting friendships. I particularly loved the initial week in Bordeaux, especially our first day where we toured around Bordeaux, learning about its history and culture, travelled to St Emilion and the neighbouring wine regions. I also enjoyed this week as it allowed the group to develop special connections and friendships that would only strengthen over the coming weeks. Every individual day excursion with the school was a unique experience that will never be forgotten due to the many exquisite monuments and special moments shared. Our French families were extremely generous - taking us to iconic monuments, out for meals where we tasted the unique delicacies of France and helping us to improve our French considerably.

**How has it helped with your French studies?**
Travelling to France made me increasingly motivated to continue with my French studies and excited to complete my VCE studies. I am eager to further expand my vocab, articulate my pronunciations and practice extensively to ensure that I can achieve a good result and reach a level of French that I can maintain throughout my life.

**Anything else you want to add?**
Overall, it was an incredible journey, shared with many wonderful students, teachers, friends, families and a picturesque country. Everyone and everything made the entire journey an extremely memorable trip and I personally cannot wait to return to France, to create many more memories and reminisce on past experiences.

The Notre Dame exchange takes place every two years and is open to students in Years 10 and 11. Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Jacky Howgate
Head of Languages

**From Our Notre Dame Scholar**
Over the summer holidays, I was given the wonderful opportunity to be The Peninsula School Notre Dame Scholar for 2013. This scholarship is given to one Year 11 French student each year and allows them to go to our sister school, Notre Dame Les Oiseaux, in Paris for two months. Although daunting at first, this was an unforgettable experience which allowed me to grow as a person and to develop my French skills.

The majority of my exchange in Paris was spent at school, and this was probably one of the greatest highlights and best memories of my trip. Despite the school days sometimes being up to nine hours long, it was always full of fun, laughter and time
flew so quickly when I was there. There were a few aspects that I quickly became accustomed to; for example, standing up every time a teacher walked into the classroom; and more importantly, in a school of 3000 students, none of whom wear uniforms, it is essential that you do not wander away from crowds or you will get lost in the castle, in the forest or even just in the main building. Although I struggled at first, after a few weeks the total immersion in school life allowed me to improve my French, which helped me succeed in my other subjects too. By the end of my time at The Notre Dame School, I was particularly surprised about how far I had progressed to the extent that I was able to write about genetic mutations and different forms of cancer in my biology tests; about the geography and development of the French landscape, particularly the different provinces and river systems; as well as being able to extend my knowledge on the effect of Nazi occupation in France and the surrounding European countries during World War II, all in French. This great increase in my French understanding, speaking and writing skills would not have been possible without the support of the teachers in Notre Dame who treated me just as they would everyone else, checking that I had done my homework, involving me in all of the tests and expecting me to take an active role during class.

When I wasn’t at school, much of my time was spent visiting Paris with my lovely homestay families or friends, as well as taking walks through the nearby forest with our dog. It was arranged that I would stay with two families during my time in France, both of whom were so caring and generous towards me. They were kind enough to immerse me in their culture and daily life as well as taking me to a variety of different restaurants so that I was able to learn about true French cuisine, they took me up the Eiffel Tower, through the Champs Elysees at night to see all of the Christmas lights, to Les Invalides, to the Chateau de Versailles and shopping in some of the best shopping areas in Paris. When my family were busy, often a group of friends from my class would meet me on the train and take me to Paris for the day.

Customs I adopted whilst staying with my families included, eating a variety of different cheeses each night after dinner, something that I looked forward to every day; kissing friends and family members twice on the cheek when you saw them at the beginning of the day; as well as the importance of family, which is always appeared to be put first in the life of French people. This was particularly important around Christmas time, when all of my ‘French family’ travelled great distances, ranging from the North of France to the Swiss Alps, in order to unite and to spend Christmas together.

From the very beginning of my trip I was welcomed by my peers, my teachers and the locals, all of whom were friendly and encouraging, allowing me to be immersed in a positive and happy environment. They were fascinated with Australia, our culture and our way of life and I was honoured to be able to teach them about our history and country during my time there. This trip has improved my French language skills in all areas, something that I would not have been able to do, without such an amazing experience. I would like to extend my thanks and great appreciation to everyone involved at The Peninsula School for giving me such a wonderful opportunity.

I would strongly encourage others to venture outside of their comfort zone and to embrace an opportunity such as this one. It has been nothing less than extraordinary and as the French would say “Les jours se suivent et ne se ressemblent pas.”

Kaitlin Rust
The Peninsula School
(Canal Rd, Vikasnagar, India)

We, the members of The Peninsula School family, are delighted to tell the story of start this school in rural backward hill area of Uttarakhand state of India. It is situated in Western Doon Dehradun on Chakrata Road at Vikas Nagar, Dehradun. It was about seven years ago when Mr Gary van den Elsen visited this area and met the Most Rev. Samuel P. Prakash to discuss starting The Peninsula School, India to educate rural children of this area, with the joint efforts of The Peninsula School, Australia. This school now offers a breadth and quality of curriculum to enhance the talent of our students enrolled from surrounding rural area of Vikasnagar.

It was a bright day in the history of The Peninsula School in India when Mr. Gary participated in the school’s opening ceremony on 8th March 2007. Most of the children of this school are very poor and from the families of uneducated farmers and labourers. The Peninsula School cannot give free or fee concession to all poor and needy children. They need financial assistance and help to provide books and stationary, uniforms and mid-day-meals. The Peninsula School, India is imparts education based on Christian education. Our aim is to keep these children in education and for them to become good citizens of India.

We are grateful to The Peninsula School, Australia for providing annual financial help to this school. Last year the school completed a big tin shed 158 feet long by 35 feet wide. It has given us great help to get recognition from the government. The government requires more class rooms and now we can provide three class rooms under this tin shed. We have to surround these class rooms with brick walls and plaster.

We are grateful to the donors and the Principal and staff of The Peninsula School Australia. We pray to God almighty to bless those who contributed in the development of this School. The success in cultural and educational work is based on the talents of the school staff. The Peninsula School imparts education without any caste, race and creed. This school welcomes students from different culture, societies and religions. The school wants to use and discover the inner capacity and abilities of children. The staff and students are very keen to know more about the students and way of life in the The Peninsula School, Australia.

Archbishop Samuel P. Prakash
Chairman
The Peninsula School Vikasnagar
Dehradun, Uttarakhand India
Musical Notes

Ichika and the MSO

Earlier in the year, Ichika Matsumoto (Yr 10) was accepted into the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra’s Secondary Project, culminating in a performance with this world class orchestra on the 29th May.

The performance was held at the Melbourne Town Hall which was filled to capacity. The inspirational conductor and music educator Richard Gill, worked with the participating students alongside the MSO’s professional musicians, in rehearsal and performance of Glinka’s Overture to Russian and Ludmilia, the First Movement of Tchaikovsky’s Fifth Symphony, and the Berceuse and Finale of Stravinsky’s Firebird Suite.

Ichika worked tremendously hard in preparation and thoroughly enjoyed her experience with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, learning much along the way. Ichika had many friends and staff in the audience to support her in this major achievement.

It was a pleasure to teach and guide Ichika through this experience. She is a very talented young Violinist.

Sue Dowdell

Percussion Band update

Anzac Day March to the Shrine - April 25th

Our Marching Band once again did us proud at the Anzac Day March to the Shrine. The weather was on our side and the band did a magnificent job marching along St. Kilda Road cheered along the way by a record crowd. The band fires up again in Term Four for Remembrance Day in Mt. Eliza and then prepares for what proves to be the biggest Anzac Day parade in many years – the Centenary of the Gallipoli Landing in 2015.

A Little Night Music - May 13th

In front of a packed and enthusiastic crowd in the Lewington Room, The Junior Percussion Ensemble gave an awesome performance of “Minor Rock”. The Middle Percussion Ensemble performed the mesmerizing Latin piece “Backroads of Medellin” while the Senior Percussion Ensemble gave a wonderful performance of “Instant Carmen” featuring the themes of Bizet.

Hairspray the Musical

While the singers and dancers on stage at the Frankston Arts Centre were the centre of attention, Alex Karadasis (Percussion) and Tyson Montague (Drum Kit) were working hard below the stage in the Pit Band conducted by Mr Simon Stone. They gained invaluable experience performing along professional musicians as they powered the high energy songs with their confident playing.

Piet Collins

Move

On February 25th and 26th eleven very talented students from our Music Department participated in the annual Orchestra Victoria MOVE Orchestra Workshops at the Mornington Peninsula Theatre. These workshops are an invaluable opportunity for our students to work with professional musicians of the highest calibre and the esteemed educator and conductor, Steven Williams. The Workshops comprise two intensive days of rehearsals and tutorials for the students and culminate in a Showcase performance for the parents and local community. The students were introduced to a range of repertoire covering many musical styles. Favourites were the contemporary Overture ‘Millenium’ by Richard Meyer and popular scores including ‘The Pink Panther’ and ‘Star Wars’. I think the students would all agree that the experience is life changing. The whole process entails a lot of work and commitment from the OV management and the schools and individual teachers participating but the end result is always immensely satisfying.

Megan Smithies
A Student Perspective

The experience of being in an orchestra is unlike anything else. Not only is there the amazing sound, there is also this strange sense of joy. It simply makes you happy. The Orchestra Victoria mentors were on the ball and friendly the entire time, and I believe that over the course of just two days, I became a better musician. The course was intensive and at times very challenging, but incredibly rewarding. I cannot remember a single moment where I didn’t have an enormous smile across my face.

Jeremy Rodman
Year 9

Adelaide Fringe Festival -
In the style of Alexis Dubus’ “Cars and Girls”

We departed that morning, all thirty four, ready for this adventure and eager to explore.

Fired up and ready to go, we arrived, revived and went to our first show.

For the next four days, under the Drama staff’s gaze, we ran around Adelaide which seemed like a maze. Rundle Mall and Gluttony, with an added silent disco, all this and more, on I will go.

From power-charged backpacks to dead flying fish, poker games with puppets to polar fleece squids.

Horror films made for stage and stories about coming of age. Contemporary dancing took an interesting form, mixed with a seagull and actress who is desperate to perform.

Monday came, our final full day, we went to Glenelg for some fun time away. We played volleyball on the beach, where Mr Carroll’s team met with defeat. Waterslides and Frisbee all day long, we were all smiles and nothing went wrong.

Family dinner was a blast, our final night spent wanting to make it last. Never thinking of returning to reality, all of us still stuck in the theatrical mentality. We ended the trip with a solo and monologue, the latter the inspiration for this write-up due to its dialogue.

These are the plays we love, these are the shows we hate, but nevertheless, we shan’t complain. We take inspiration from these performers’ ways to become even better dramatis personae.

We thank our Drama staff for taking us on this incredible ride and introducing us to many worlds more wide.

Elise Dowdell
Year 11

Stage Band GIJ

This year The Peninsula School Stage Band again headed off to the amazing Generations in Jazz festival held in Mt Gambier, SA. In 2013 the band had achieved an astonishing 2nd place overall in Section 3.2. This year, however, we had lost many players to the dreaded Year 12 graduation so Mr Wesley had to pull in 9 new instrumentalists, some as young as Year 7.

We departed school at 8:30am and headed off on the long haul from Mt Eliza to Mt Gambier. Many hours later we arrived at our amazing accommodation at the Federal Hotel, a little unsure of ourselves but ready for the experience of a lifetime. Of course Jack Burmeister and I nailed the worst room out of everyone… bummer, but it wasn’t the hotel we were there for, it was the amazing… legendary… Big Phat Band! (and James Morrison).

The first night was a blast. After registering our band and enjoying dinner, we headed over to the main tent for the musical experience of a lifetime. The concert which featured our heroes was amazing – brilliant musicians everywhere!

The next day was PERFORMANCE DAY for us!!! All of the practising had come down to that day. Excited and nervous and awaiting our turn, we wandered around listening to the many great performances on offer. As our time grew near, the band grouped together and headed into the warm up tent. Mr Wes was awesome!

Then… it was time. We all huddled into the side tent and waited; the other band received its final applause, then they exited the stage. There was no turning back; we walked onto the stage and placed ourselves behind our instruments, calm settled over the room, and then a man walked on to introduce us.

It’s great to be able to report that we BLITZED IT, ABSOLUTELY BLITZED IT! We played through The Real McCoy, Europa and Attack of the Killer Tomatoes with ease and expertise. When we left the tent we were ecstatic, we had just played better than we had ever played before!

All the way home we were so proud of everyone else and ourselves. We had lost a lot of amazing Year 12s, which was quite a big blow, but we came back with 9 new players and killed it!

We ended up scoring higher than we had last year. Congrats to all the new members. All in all, it was an amazing experience and it was great to see Deputy Principal, Narelle Umbers, there supporting us at this fantastic event.

Martin Watts
Year 9
When the audience dances in the aisles, you know you have a hit!

A wave of fear and excitement washed over the production staff when we first committed to doing Hairspray as the 2014 senior school musical. A musical so loved, so brilliant, yet so notoriously hard to pull off!

At the very first rehearsal, the students gathered into the drama studio, fresh scripts in hand, and I told them: This show will never work unless it is big, bold, colourful, over-exaggerated and full of life. So be prepared to work harder than you have ever worked on a musical.

And work hard they did! This year, the commitment from the cast went beyond extraordinary. Cast-led lunchtime rehearsals became the norm. Recording, documenting and sharing rehearsal footage became essential to ensure no-one fell behind. This cast was committed to perfection and what they ended up achieving was far beyond anyone’s expectations.

Everyone who came to see the final result will agree that Hairspray was something extraordinary. There were outstanding performances from our principal cast, astonishing voices, brilliant costumes (thank you Nicole Cumberland!), bright and bold colours, seamless scene changes, energetic choreography and a sense of professionalism that made the audience forget they were watching students. But most importantly, it looked like the whole cast were having fun and loving every moment on stage!

In the words of many audience members, Hairspray was truly one of the best musicals we have produced at The Peninsula School. And this overwhelming praise would not have been possible without our amazing cast. Betsy Woofall and Georgia Carnell in their savagely mean (yet very funny!) roles of Amber and Velma Von Tussle. Ben Carr and Tammy Rozich in their touching, yet hilarious roles as Wilbur and Edna Turnblad. The ever smooth Johnathan Carter as Corny Collins. Holly Landon was side splittingly funny as the adorable best friend, Penny Pingleton. The dashing and Elvis-like Sebastian Johnston as Link Larkin. Noah Szto sang and shook his hips into everyone’s memories as Seaweed J Stubbs. Mel Bird (only in Year 9!) stunned everyone with her booming voice as Lil Inez. Maddy Corbel bought the house down in ‘I Know Where I’ve Been’ as Motormouth Maybelle and of course Sian Crowe was perfection personified as the larger than life lead, Tracey Turnblad.

The amount of talent you all have amazed me every day.

I loved the experience, I hope you all did as well. And while we are all sad that’s its over – it isn’t long until it all starts again!

Brendan Carroll
Director
Phillipines SCUBA expedition to Anilao on Luzon Island

It was July 2 2014, just shortly after 5:30 am on a freezing Melbourne morning, when a weary group of 33 travellers consisting of families and friends of The Peninsula school gathered at Tullamarine. After patiently negotiating the slowest check-in queues we have ever seen, we settled in for the 7 hour flight to Manila. This was followed by a scenic 3 hour bus trip through a landscape that gradually changed from congested urban chaos to picturesque rural chaos. Eventually, we arrived at the coastal diving paradise of Anilao, a rugged steep peninsula clad in lush rainforest.

I first became interested in Anilao when I started researching different diving destinations in The Philippines. Well known to the locals, Anilao is usually overlooked by International Tourists and is a well-kept secret, guarded by a faithful following of underwater photographers. It is located about 150 kilometres south of Manila, across the strait from Puerto Galera and is regarded as the centre of biodiversity in The Coral Triangle. My research had indicated that this destination offered us a great deal of interest with many rare and unusual creatures to be found. And we were not to be disappointed.

Our venue, Aiyalar Resort was located on a hillside with panoramic views of the superb sunsets across the Verde Strait. We settled in quickly and were soon introduced to one of the best diving operations we have ever seen, with a level of organisation and efficiency that was quite reassuring. It took little time to get into the routine of early morning breakfasts; checking and preparing gear; diving until lunchtime, then spending the afternoon by the pool or snorkelling the house reef. The occasional game of volleyball in the late afternoon tested us in the heat and humidity.

This trip was very much a family affair and it was wonderful to see Matthew and Melanie Bird once again diving with their very patient father, Neville. This was their second trip after travelling with us to North Sulawesi in 2013. Likewise, the smile on Tom King’s face, telling his mother, Sue, every colourful detail of his latest dive each day. For Tom, the highlight was diving on the wreck of a…helicopter! (I bet he’s still talking about it!) Jack Beard would return each morning only to go out again each afternoon. He set a cracking pace and earnt the new record for 15 dives in one trip, the keenest ‘newbie; we have ever seen! Jack was rarely above water and actually only dried off to eat lunch with his mum, Jane.
The water was 30° celsius and the diving was superb, with an amazing array of weird and interesting ‘critters’. In fact, every dive yielded new discoveries and that is a rare experience for me after over 2000 dives. Our dive guides were quite expert at finding these well hidden rarities and we soon learned to stick close and pay attention.

Highlights included some very rare mimic nudibranchs (sea slugs), tiny pygmy seahorses the size of your pinky fingernail and laconic Sea Turtles grazing in the shallows. The diving was so varied that this destination offered something for everyone. A unique experience was our dive on the wreck of a “floating casino” (which obviously no longer floats!) that teemed with friendly fish of all shapes and sizes. Other favourite sites included Sombrero Island and Beatrice Rocks, only 20 minutes from the resort, which presented us with healthy coral reefs, colourful crinoids and masses of Butterfly and Angelfish. The density of life was quite something to behold – movement and colour were everywhere. Further afield, Verde Island lived up to its name as one of the best dive sites in The Philippines, with Giant Trevally contrasting with masses of bright yellow sun corals and whip corals flailing in the gentle current.

Anilao is a ‘serious’ diving destination, though we did manage one sidetrip which involved an expedition climbing a volcano at Lake Taal. Here we discovered a ‘world within a world’ as we ended up looking down into a crater lake after climbing a volcano inside a massive caldera ringed with yet more volcanoes.

Anilao really has it all, from tiny macro miniature delights to blue water coral reefs teeming with fish life. We will return to this lesser known region of The Philippines. Once again, our Peninsula School students and families enjoyed a unique experience and acquitted themselves well.

Alan Wiggs
Adventure Club Co-ordinator
Peninsula School Parents’ Association (PSPA)

PSPA AGM
President’s report April 2014

Following on from the PSPA Annual General Meeting 2013, I was asked if I would be able to undertake the position of PSPA President in January 2014, following the resignation of Tammy James, who was the currently elected PSPA President. This was due to Tammy’s commitments outside The Peninsula School and as such, she was unable to continue in the role of President. I accepted this position with the utmost respect for the position and, most importantly, Tammy herself, with the full knowledge of the outstanding achievements that she had made along with the dedicated Executive Committee, Office Bearers, Class Representatives, Helpers and Parents.

The aim of the PSPA is to build lasting and strong friendships and relationships (both internal and external) and evoke a strong sense of community and to meet and encourage new and existing parents to become involved, while in turn rekindling old friendships. The support and attendance at the PSPA meetings has been outstanding with many new faces and also a notable increase in the number of Dads becoming involved. The meetings have been productive and a wide variety of topics discussed.

As a parents group, we have also been very fortunate and I wish to sincerely thank our Principal, Stuart Johnston and Heads of the Junior School, Jon Pittard and ECC, Louise Nicholls-Easley for not only attending our meetings, but also providing a personal insight into the School and most importantly making themselves available to answer any questions and concerns that parents may have. We also welcomed, Peter Ford, Narelle Umbers and Phil Doll to our meetings with great appreciation and interest as well. Louisa Warnock has been in the position of PSPA Treasurer, and we sincerely thank Louisa for her efforts. Many items that have initially been raised at PSPA meetings have been conducive to change and implementation, that have had a direct benefit to our students and community as a whole.

In addition to the passion and dedication to ensure the ongoing success of fundraising efforts; we are committed to building friendships and place great value and importance on the time given by the School by our parents to support PSPA events, such as class morning tea, luncheon and dinners which bring our parents together. Over the last year we have held some very special events such as:

• Welcome Morning tea events for our intake years K3, Y5, Y7 and many other year levels.
• The annual Mothers’ Day stall.
• The Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer Research
• The Fathers’ Day Breakfast
• A community Winter Warmer Luncheon and welcome to new families and friends.
• Annual Spring Luncheon

Additionally, the Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser at Easter was once again very successful and well supported, and the 2014 Entertainment Book which has just recently been relaunched, is showing a positive response. Special thanks to Louise McIlwraith and her team of ‘Tough Mothers’ who organised a brilliant Spring Luncheon.

The Peninsula Golf Classic and The Brownlow Breakfast, which are both financially viable events for the School and are now known to be not only outstanding marketing exercises, great fun and looked forward to with great anticipation, but also involving the wider community, young and old. The Brownlow Breakfast now has a true family focus with many families and children attending, and the 2013 Brownlow Breakfast was a true testament to this. The undertaking of this event requires the utmost professionalism and participation, not only by our valued sponsors, but also parents and students on the day. This event is driven by Suzanne Ashley, Alumni and Community Relations and I wish to on behalf of the PSPA community, sincerely thank Suzanne for her passion to ensure the continued success and growth of these two major events in addition to her work with the PSPA and Alumni (TOPSA).

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It is a privilege to be the President of the Peninsula School Parents Association (PSPA). I took over a PSPA that had seen positive change and growth and enjoying record numbers of parents attending the monthly meetings.

The PSPA exists to represent the parents of The Peninsula School, create friendships and a sense of community and support through fundraising, which allow us to give back to our school and to various charities which we annually support.

We are appreciative of the time given so willingly by our parents to support PSPA events and other casual occasions. This year we have held some very special events as depicted in our photos that follow this report.

We are currently working as a group on:

- Our Fathers’ Day Breakfast – with a surprise guest.
- Annual Spring Luncheon with guest speaker – Paul Taylor, Executive Performance Coach from the Body-Brain Performance Institute.
- Christmas Market - a great opportunity to socialise whilst Christmas shopping.

The PSPA also supports The Peninsula Golf Classic held in March at The National Golf Club, Cape Schanck and the Brownlow Breakfast – which will be held on Friday 19 September. Special guests joining the panel this year are – Nick Maxwell, Cameron Mooney and Danny Frawley. The hilarious Andrew Startin will entertain us and the event is hosted by the talented Peter Mitchell. These Fundraising events for the School are also wonderful occasions to bring our community, family and friends together.

An important objective of the PSPA is to provide a forum for discussion on issues of interest to members regarding their children’s educational and social welfare. Many items that have initially been raised at PSPA meetings have been conducive to change and implementation, that have had direct benefit to our students and community.

To this end, I will work to continue shaping the PSPA and making the PSPA an organisation run for the parents by the parents. The PSPA is for you and your support and friendship will enable the PSPA to flourish and strengthen.

I would encourage parents, especially those new to The Peninsula School, to become involved in the PSPA and its activities. It is personally rewarding to ‘give back’ and know that you are making a contribution to the life of the School.

Paul Hanks
PSPA President

The 2014/2014 PSPA Executive:

President – Paul Hanks
Vice President – Julianne Raymond
Secretary – Jacqueline Hanks
Treasurer – Louisa Warnock
Committee – Tammy James, Natasha Lyons, Lisa Denton, Jenny Di Blasi
Staff Rep. – Suzanne Ashley

Upcoming PSPA Meetings:
To be held in the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion from 9am – 10am on:
- August 20
- September 10
- October 8
- November 12

PSPA Supported Events – sponsorships and prize donations are welcome for these events:
- Friday 19 September – Annual Brownlow Breakfast at Frankston Arts Centre 7.15 – 9.15am
- Friday 17 October – Spring Luncheon 11.30 – 3.00pm, Ranelagh Club, Mt Eliza.
- Friday 28 November – Christmas Market, final details TBA.

For further details on PSPA, sponsorship or prize donations for events, please contact Suzanne Ashley, Community Relations on 9788 7825 or email: sashley@tps.vic.edu.au

Please enjoy some of the images of recent PSPA activities. Our annual Mothers’ Day stall is indeed a very special occasion for our ECC and Junior School students. The children take great delight in choosing their own special gift – or in most cases gifts for their Mum. Over 1800 gifts were purchased for the stall, catering for over 500 children on the morning. Every year many helpers are required to assist the younger children with both gift selections and finances. This year was no exception and we had a record number of parent helpers, including many new parents participating! To you all – our sincere thanks!
Our Biggest Morning Tea for Cancer Research saw many parents drop off an incredible array of items. The Peninsula School has been supporting the Cancer Council by hosting the morning tea for many years now and funds raised are directed towards research projects that may be able to change the lives of so many who have been and are yet to be diagnosed with cancer. Our thanks for your support and also to the numerous parent volunteers who helped out on the day.

The PSPA held our community Winter Warmer Luncheon in the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion on 6 June. There were 112 people in attendance on a beautiful sunny winter afternoon in the magnificently decorated room, styled by Peninsula parents, Sue Powell and Toni Nason - owners of April and Rose in Mornington and sponsors of this event. Each table was decorated differently, and the overall effect was absolutely breathtaking! April and Rose also donated several great prizes. We also thank Jenny Vickery and family for some fantastic car care packs, Georgie Merks for her Spray Tan Packs and vouchers, Tammy and Ashley James from Autobarn in Dandenong, Chloe Munro from ‘Sticky Fingers Sweet Treats’, Liz Wolfe from Style Council in Mt Eliza and Loren Wilkie who supplied us with a beautiful gift basket of Arbonne products. Thank you to everyone that attended the event and thanks again to all of our sponsors, we greatly appreciate your support and friendship!
BROWNLOW BREAKFAST 2014

THE PENINSULA SCHOOL

Danny Frawley

Cameron Mooney

with Peter Mitchell as MC & Andrew Startin

Frankston Arts Centre
Friday 19 September 2014, 7am-9.15am

Tickets: $75 Adult, $50 student. Bookings: 9788 7753
Michael Pelman came to The Peninsula School in 1975 to take on the position of Head of Middle School English. Educated at Edinburgh University, he brought with him a wealth of teaching experience having taught in a number of schools in his native Scotland and then at Scotch College when he migrated to Melbourne with his family.

Until his retirement in 1985, Michael’s great knowledge and love of Literature was willingly shared with all members of the English Faculty, Michael was especially helpful to young teachers for whom he was a wonderful and generous mentor. Greatly respected by his peers, he also enjoyed a very warm relationship with his students to whom he was a dedicated teacher with great enthusiasm for his subject.

His sporting passions were soccer, where he had gained a University Blue and golf. At The Peninsula School, Michael was the person who introduced soccer as a new sport, providing inspired coaching and innovative tactics for his players. The Pelman Cup is named in his honour.

Michael made an immense contribution to the successful development of soccer at The Peninsula School, but it is as a compassionate and caring teacher that he will be remembered by his pupils.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Pelman family.

Nadia Doll
School Archivist

Michael Pelman
31/5/1925 – 9/4/2014

The Pelman Cup

Michael Pelman taught at Scotch College before he came to The Peninsula School in 1975. He was a warm, highly organized and effective teacher with an infectious love of literature. He also had a great passion for soccer and as a boy he had represented Scotland in the Scottish Schoolboys. At both Scotch College and The Peninsula School, Michael was the person who introduced soccer as a new and alternative sport. During Michael’s first years in Australia, his enthusiasm for the game and his organizational skills had been instrumental to soccer being added to the AGS/APS competition.

In 1975, Michael’s fledgling Peninsula soccer team was not entered into the AGS competition, but he organized some informal games with local schools and then against the more experienced Scotch College team. This first match was the start of many games played between the two schools.

In his role as Master in Charge of Soccer, a position he held from 1975 until his retirement in 1985, Michael oversaw the development of a strong and successful tradition of soccer at Peninsula. Under his enthusiastic leadership and inspired coaching, interest in soccer grew dramatically and we were soon fielding teams at all levels of the AGS competition. He was especially proud that The Peninsula School had won the AGS Soccer Premiership twice during his time at the helm.

From 1989 soccer matches played between The Peninsula School and Scotch College were commemorated by the Pelman Cup Trophy which pays tribute to Michael for the immense contribution he made to the development of Soccer at both schools.

The competition for the prestigious Pelman Cup, which is played at the end of each season, is now a well-established tradition between the two schools. The Pelman Cup Challenge was played on August 15 this year and Peninsula has retained the Cup for another 12 months.

Keith Thompson
Soccer Coach & friend
The Old Peninsula School Association (TOPSA) continues to go from strength to strength. Some 7,700 alumni have been educated at The Peninsula School since 1961. All have experienced an unsurpassed education based on the sound values of: Stewardship, Integrity, Personal Excellence, Love of Learning, Community Spirit and Christian Values.

Of those 7,700 past students, the vast majority are life members of TOPSA.

The importance of staying connected with your friends and peers once you leave school is so important. The excellent reunion program run by our Executive Officer, Suzanne Ashley, facilitates these ongoing relationships.

Last year we also changed our constitution to include past staff members as members of TOPSA.

As we move into an increasingly digital world, TOPSA has recognised the need to embrace modern technologies to facilitate ongoing contact with our alumni.

We now are now using Social Media to provide instant updates of important information. If you are a Social Media user, please follow us on Face Book, Linked In and on Twitter or simply visit our website www.topsa.com.au

TOPSA has recently announced the introduction of the “TOPSA Hall of Fame”. This initiative recognises and celebrates the achievements of inspiring alumni of The Peninsula School. Some have become leaders of repute, innovators or recognised throughout the community for their endeavours. Others have been quiet achievers, but may be known to you for their efforts in society.

By promoting their extraordinary success stories, we hope other alumni and the current student cohort of The Peninsula School can be motivated and inspired to push the boundaries and realise their own dreams.

Our alumni continue to assist with ongoing school projects and this was highlighted by the overwhelming response to requests for guest speakers for the recent Careers Forum held for VCE students at the school.

It would be fair to say that those past students who attended were amazed by the new state-of-the-art learning facilities in the Zammit Centre.

Our sporting clubs continue to grow and this year we are delighted to have auspiced a new netball club, adding to the ongoing success of the Peninsula Old Boys Football Club, TOPSA Soccer Club and the Cricket Club.

My ongoing thanks to our excellent committee and Executive officer for their outstanding work in furthering the developments of TOPSA

Greg Sugars
Class of 1985
President TOPSA

The TOPSA Annual General Meeting will be held in The H.A. Macdonald Pavilion at 7.30pm on Thursday 13 November, 2014.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the TOPSA website www.topsa.com.au or The Peninsula School website from October onwards.

TOPSA and The Peninsula School Community are saddened by the loss of the following Alumni and extend our deepest sympathy to their families and friends.

John Howey (1974)
James Walsh (1993)
Tristan Bennett (1998)
Glenn Taylor (1987)
Michaela Howe (2004)
has been impacted by this terrible disease in recent times. Cath Labrooy and Jodie Prendergast did a fantastic job of organising the luncheon, which will see a significant donation made to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

- **Annual Cutlass Club Luncheon** – The Annual Cutlass Club (who are the Pirates’ coterie group) was recently held at Bell’s Hotel in South Melbourne. The event was well supported, and yet again another great opportunity for Past Players to swap yarns and relive past glories. This year, the Pirates’ Major Sponsor, Joe Calleja of APEX Steel, arranged for Manu from My Kitchen Rules (MKR) to be the special guest. Photo of Manu wearing the special Breast Cancer Pirate jumper that was worn by the teams on Breast Cancer Saturday.

- **Annual Pirate Ball** – The Annual Pirate Ball was held at the Mornington Racecourse (Gunnamatta Room) on the 9th August. Photographs and commentary next time.

- **Wet weather** – over the past month we have seen some ‘traditional’ wet winter weather, and in particular at one of the recent Seniors matches on the Harry Mac, the conditions were reminiscent of either football from bygone eras, or alternatively, the floods that Australia experienced a couple of years ago!

Peter Grigg
Vice-President POBFC

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### POBFC pirate update...

- We have reached the ‘two thirds’ mark of the VAFA season with all three Pirate sides within striking distance of the finals. Both the Seniors and the Reserves are 6th, and the Under 19s are 5th.

- We have seen some memorable wins, and yet have let a few other ‘winnable’ matches slip away. Without doubt the toll of injuries and un-availabilities has had an impact, and yet the Pirates have registered some great wins when circumstances were at their toughest. We hold strong hopes that one or more of our teams will figure in Finals action this season.

- **Annual Ladies Luncheon / Breast Cancer Awareness**
  We held the Annual Ladies Luncheon last Saturday and its was extremely well supported with over 120 guests. This year was a special event to raise awareness of breast Cancer, as the Pirate community
Season 2014/15 is fast approaching and excitement is building for the Peninsula Old Boys Cricket Club.

After four enormously successful seasons at the helm – which included two Provincial 1st XI Premierships and a semi-final appearance – Glenn Prendergast has handed the coaching reins to Matt Hyden. Recruited from Brown Hill Cricket Club in Ballarat, Hyden is a former Victorian Country representative and he will also captain the Club. A school teacher and talented local footballer, we’re delighted to welcome him to the Pirates and look forward to him working alongside Eiv Bowen (Assistant Coach) and the other leaders and players. Pleasingly, Glenn will continue to be involved as a senior player, albeit a more streamlined one after a dedicated fitness campaign over the winter!

Less fitness-inspired but no less streamlined, has been the change during the off-season at the Presidential level, where John Forrest has stepped down after a stellar four-year stint. Mick Gandy, a father of one of our young players Luke, has been installed as John’s successor and we wish him well in the new role. Ever the clubman, John will no doubt continue to keep an eye on a slew of issues, as well as taking to the field once again as a player.

On the field in 2013/14, all three of our senior sides were off the final’s pace but recorded several strong victories and importantly, were able to progress the development of a number of our young players. These included 14 year-old Tom Freeman, who made his 1st XI debut against Moorooduc and performed well, and many others from our junior ranks who showed very encouraging signs at senior level in our 2nd and 3rd XIs. Significant effort in the coming seasons will be put into continuing their progression to the highest standard of cricket possible.

On the Junior front, we were thrilled that our Under 12 Provincial team took out the premiership by defeating Mornington, while our Under 14s reached the semi-finals. At a community level, the Pirates’ Pink Stumps Day went from strength to strength, raising a record amount for Breast Cancer support in what has become a hotly contested T20 match between the POBCC and our footballing counterparts from the MPCA’s Under 14 UK Tour.

Once again John Rowe and Andrew Quill co-ordinated our junior sides with aplomb. We must also thank the great support we receive from the school for the use of the facilities. We thank Bizzy in the pavilion for assisting in use of the facility, and to the grounds staff. We have been looking to upgrade the cricket nets adjacent to the Harry Macdonald oval for some time in order to provide safer run-ups, expand the number of nets and improve the overall standard of the facility for the benefit of both students and our emerging crop of players.

A huge focus of the next couple of seasons will be the continued development of players – particularly those transitioning from Juniors through to Seniors, and creating a legacy from the Club’s strong performances in recent seasons to build a framework for sustained success.

With support from our Major Sponsor, the Canadian Bay Hotel, we’re looking forward to season 2014/15 with confidence, and training for the Seniors starts in August. We are looking at fielding four Senior sides and several Junior sides as well as entry level (formerly Milo) in2CRICKET on Friday nights.

Information regarding training dates and times can be found on our website www.pobcc.com.au, at our facebook site or by contacting Capt/Coach Matt Hyden on 0458 333 470 or for Juniors Andrew Quill on 0414 881 678.

Go Pirates!
The year began with a determined committee working hard over the summer to help get the club ready for the new season. This involved establishing new club sponsorships, new members, and an interstate club trip!

On March 16, TOPSA Soccer Club travelled to Sydney to play Northbridge FC in the club’s first ever match outside of Victoria. While we were away, members represented the club and TOPSA impeccably, and we hope to be able to do a similar trip again next year. The trip provided new and old players with an opportunity to get to know one another better ahead of the new season. Overall, the trip to Sydney was a huge success!

Off the pitch, the club has continued to grow. This year, we have more members than ever before, and we have established formidable relationships with our sponsors. Local businesses have got on board and have supported the club since the start of this year, and for this, we are truly grateful. We’d like to thank the support of Avanti Plus Frankston, Canadian Bay Travel, Canadian Bay Hotel, Bluegum, Mobile HQ, and Tactix.

On the pitch, the Boys have been promoted to the Bayside FA Premier League, showing just how far we’ve come since 2012. Meanwhile, the Girls remain in the Bayside FA Women’s Premier League and are doing very well near the top of the table. Over the past few weeks and months, performances have improved from both sides. Here’s a passage from Shane Speedie’s match report about one of goals of the season:

"The ball split free to the waiting feet of Luke Jenkins. Time slowed to crawl as he swung his foot to the ball...could it?...yes...GOAL! Our 12th man bellowed with ecstasy and delirium; the cheer easily the loudest sound I’ve ever heard on a soccer field. We rushed to the goal-scorer and the look of emotion and feeling from those boundary-side stood the hair up on the back of your neck. This had become more than a game."

This year the club has already held some social events, and will be holding many more as the season goes on. So far, we’ve held a Season Launch Party, multiple dinners and drinks at Canadian Bay Hotel, and a World Cup Breakfast in the Peninsula School H. A. Macdonald Pavilion for the Australia v. Chile match in June. We also have a Trivia Night in July and many other social events to follow.

This year the club has looked to build on its success over the last two seasons. The club is determined to build stronger relationships with The Peninsula School and TOPSA as we head into the business end of 2014 with our heads held high, as we continue to make improvements on and off the pitch. We are a social club that is proud of what we have already achieved in our short history, and we look forward to what’s to come in the weeks and months ahead.

To get involved with the club, visit www.topsasoccer.com.au or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/topsasoccer.

Joshua Sinclair
Class of 2010
President TOPSA Soccer Club
TOPSA Netball Club

continuing to grow

TOPSA netball has just commenced its second season and has experienced a strong start to the season. At the conclusion of last season our A grade team was unlucky to miss out on finals on percentage! However, the new season has already shown promising results for both Peninsula teams. Both A and B grade are currently sitting undefeated on top of the ladder; and we are confidently looking for continued success.

With the involvement of new players this season, both teams are looking to have a more consistent season with players. If you are interested in putting your netball shoes back on or looking for an extra game, please contact Michelle Ellis (A Grade Captain, Class of ‘09) or Emma Small (B Grade Captain, Class of ‘12) as we often need fill-ins and it is always better to have too many players then not enough!

Michelle Ellis
Class of 2009

‘Alumni’
- ‘the key to your past and the link to your future’

In April, 2014 I was invited by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) to co-present with colleagues from The International Christian School in Hong Kong and United World College of South East Asia based in Singapore at their Asia/Pacific Conference in Hong Kong.

Our presentations discussed our respective Alumni Engagement programs, including international Alumni engagement strategies. Our panel focused on how we can best connect, re-connect and engage with our alumni and international alumni on an ongoing basis. Our panel representatives, from three different institutions of different sizes and stages of the alumni program development, briefly described our own programs and specific challenges, faced or overcome in our unique contexts,

followed by an open question and answer discussion. I was proud to talk about our Alumni program and its journey so far, engagement strategies and plans for the future. One of the focus points of our discussions was the increase in communication via social media, and the importance of finding which social media platforms work best for your institution.

Alumni are our brand and a remarkable resource – we will lobby to support our unique brand of student experiences and share them via involvement in Careers Events/Work Experience/Jobs/Mentoring and more.

It was a fantastic experience being the speaker for the first time at an international conference, which certainly allowed me to network with my peers from Schools and Universities from around the world.

My participation raised the profile of The Peninsula School and our Alumni and opened discussion on many topics, including Positive Psychology, which is without doubt a hot topic at educational institutions throughout the world!

Sincere thanks to The Peninsula School and TOPSA for supporting my involvement at this conference.

Suzanne Ashley
Executive Officer - TOPSA
TOPSA

Yr 11 & 12

Careers Expo

TOPSA’s motto of ‘giving back’ is played out each year when alumni return to the School to share their experiences at university and in the workforce with current students. This year the program structure was changed with greater focus on 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 chose one of the areas and attended a panel presentation which addressed areas of interest.

Feedback provided from students included:

Gracie Glen - Year 11
The Careers Expo at first seemed not such an exciting prospect for your average 17 year old, but once having read the itinerary for the day, it began to spark interest. The very idea of finally being able to get a rough idea of what a person will do in their future is interesting enough, but to have someone who has actually done it themselves and donates the time to explain their choices and decisions makes pursuing a career so much easier. As for myself, I am particularly interested in ‘Arts and Journalism’, and what do you know, there was a meeting exactly for that! And so it appeared for every type of career, such as Law, Science, Accounting, Ecology and Graphic design to name a few, and each had their own selected speakers who had established themselves in a branch of that job genre. For the comfortable time of an hour and a half, my peers and I were able to indulge in information that was otherwise pretty much impossible to come by, and I was thoroughly informed on what university I could go to in order to achieve my career goals and also how much work is required.

This not only made me only increasingly keen to pursue my goals, but also gave me an insight into the current positions available in that chosen field of work and gave me realistic expectations of said jobs. The Careers Expo day was cleverly organized and informative, and if given the chance, I would definitely participate again.

Renee Tan - Year 12
On the 18 June, our Year 12 students had the fantastic opportunity of hearing from some of the past students of various years come back to share a little bit of insight and friendly advice regarding the career that they are currently pursuing.

We were fortunate to have experienced ex-students who are highly successful and qualified in their respective fields come back to speak to us and deliver some very useful first-hand information as well as tips and tricks regarding getting into the career field that we are vying for. They spoke to us about entry requirements, prerequisite subjects and possible career pathways amongst other things.

Some of the fields that were highly sought after included Law, Arts, Health Sciences, and Economics. During the one-hour session, we managed to glean some very valuable knowledge that is sure to help us in our application process to a tertiary level education.

On behalf of Careers and TOPSA, we extend our sincere thanks to the following Alumni who gave up their time to come and talk to the students. The alumni also enjoyed a light luncheon and mini-reunion with much loved staff following their talks and our feedback has been that they enjoyed coming to talk to the students and despite the years since leaving School, they could still remember how it felt to be in Year 11 and 12 making decisions about study and career choices!

BUSINESS
Laura Vatouisis (Welsh) – Class of 2004
Jess Neylon (Collins) – Class of 2004
David Colorotti – Class of 1986
Tom Stainforth – Class of 2004
Alex Alsop – Class of 1994

SPORT
Elvion Bowen – Class of 1992
Sam Buchanan – Class of 2006
Bryce McGain – Class of 1989

DESIGN
Kirra White – Class of 2007
Eddie Coghlan – Class of 2008
Michael Buffinton – Class of 1996

NON-UNIVERSITY
Tara Lloyd – Class of 2005
Linden Boyle – Class of 2002
Nathan Weymouth – Class of 2002

HEALTH
Meg Evans – Class of 2004
Jacy Saunders (Fellows) – Class of 2000
Khali Gooding (Williams) – Class of 2000

LAW
Kristen House – Class of 2004
Ryan Doll – Class of 2000
Marita Hayes-Brown - Staff

ARTS
Grant Hodgetts - Class of 1973
Hollie Woodman - Class of 2006
Michael Warner - Class of 1992

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING
John Stewart - Class of 1973
David Zammit - Class of 2000
Andrew Matheson - Class of 2000
Hayden Jackson - Class of 2000

Suzanne Ashley
Community Relations
Classes of 1973 & 74

40 Year “Warm Up Event” reunion

The ‘warm up’ reunion was a great night attended by 4 Old Boys from 1973 (Peter Thomas, John Stewart, Geoff Eldridge and Doug Thring). It was amazing how quickly common memories brought us all back together swapping yarns and experiences for hours. Highlights of the evening included Peter’s elephantine like memory of the minutia of the past, Geoff and Doug’s boarding house stories and Suzanne Ashley’s enthusiasm for her role as Alumni Co-ordinator.

In fact the decision to postpone the reunion was made due to a lack of numbers. Peter Thomas who had paid for his non-refundable ticket from Darwin said he was coming anyway. As a result Doug Thring contacted a few people to see who would be up for a meal after Geoff indicated something should be done and with John Stewart the only other taker the ‘gang of 4’ was formed.

After an informal tour of the School led by Suzanne Ashley the group retired to Vinnies the old Peninsula School Association restaurant in Mt. Eliza for a very pleasant meal that continued late into the evening. The 73/74 reunion will now be held in conjunction with the ’75 reunion next year on Saturday 30th May 2015.

So put it into your smart phone calendar. Now!!

Geoff Eldridge
Class of 1973

Class of 1984

30 Year Reunion

It was a crisp winters evening on 19 July when just shy of 40 ‘Old Boys’ from the Class of 1984 converged on the Harry Macdonald Pavilion to participate in renewing friendships of past, fondly remembering school time adventures of camps, sport and cadets. Laughter was plentiful as each new arrival stepped into the building – older, wiser, greyer, larger, fitter, and balder and other redeeming features which presented themselves.

A rousing rendition of the School song, led by Head Boy, Peter Stock impressed Neil (and Philippa) Chapple and Ray Gurry, who as two past teachers had attended to ensure everyone kept themselves nice! We remembered those classmates who are no longer with us and delighted in catching up with those who had made great effort to travel from Sydney, Canberra and the Gold Coast. Well done fellas!

Now the challenge is out there for those who chose not to attend or those who through circumstance were unable to join us – see you in 2019 for the 35th!

Fergus Nutt
Class of 1984
Where are they now?

**Steve Francis**
I am very happily married to Beatriz and have two boys “Isi (13) and Ziggzy (10) and a lovely baby girl, Olve (12mths). We live in Coburg. I have a PhD in Anthropology and maintain a Research Fellow position with the Centre for Globalisation and Citizenship at Deakin University. I have spent 20 years in the charity sector as a senior executive, culminating in the role of National Manager – Advocacy for Australian Red Cross. I am now pursuing my business interests including Forex trading, online marketing and a successful solar energy business. I have many wonderful memories of my time at The Peninsula School and I still maintain many close friendships from my school days. And by the way, the reunion events are not to be missed!!

**Scott McLeod**
Currently a senior consultant at Pearson Trueman and Associates. Living in St Kilda and still singing and acting. Recently completed an MBA and looking forward to spending some time living and working in New York next year.

**Sandy Woolley**
Married with 5 kids (3 boys and 2 girls). After completing law, working in the RAAF as a legal officer. Now in a senior commercial role at Telstra.

**Simon Begg**
Married to Louise with 16 year old twins – Sophie and Harry in Year 11. Living in Highett (been there nearly 20 years) Career in building – currently Senior Estimator with nearly 20 years) Career in building – currently Senior Estimator with 20 years. Spent 18 years in Canberra, back in Dromana, National Sales Manager at an IT company, Southern Cross. Married with three kids.

**Gaeme Scott**

**David Jennings**
Living in Sydney but preparing to move to Germany with my Australian/German family. The last 30 years have revolved around teaching and music and I am currently teaching at Sydney Institute of TAFE. I have two kids, three chooks and four vegetable patches.

**Guy Carter**
Dreaming of a world of peace and harmony!

**Simon Nankervis**
Living in New York with wife Silvana. Madison and Ethan for the past three years. Executive Vice President with Americas and Global Licensing at American Eagle Outfitters.

**Alexander Pigdon**
I have been an employee of Coles for the last 22 years. Currently the National Property Manager for the Coles Express (fuel) business. Married to Suzanne for 20 years, we have two daughters, Laura and Sophie.

**Fergus Nutt**
I have worked at Warlmont and Nutt Pty Ltd Real Estate in Mt Martha for 30 years. Together with my wife Edwina, we have two daughters Sammy and Mimi. Mimi is currently a student at The Peninsula School.

**Andrew Troy**
I am an Urologist based at the Epworth Freemasons Hospital after completing my surgical training in 2000. I treat prostate cancer, kidney stones and infertility. My wife is a Paediatrician and we have three children aged 11, 10 and 8.

**Peter Stock**
Happily married with 4 magnificent children. Hold a Bachelor of Arts (Politics and History) and Bachelor of Business from Monash Uni. Completed post graduate in Applied Finance. Own and manage the Camberwell private wealth management business with Morgan’s Financial Ltd (stockbrokers). Still a keen snow and water skier, active fisherman and frustrated Tigers supporter!

**Chris Jackson**
Married to Michelle and have 2 children, Sophie and James. Managing Director of Aquarius Pools based in Mornington. Rear Commodore at Mornington Yacht Club.

**Richard Bauer**
Completed fitter and turner apprenticeship in 1987. RMIT production tooling design 4 years part time. Married for 22 years, with four sons aged 20, 18, 16, 13. Own and manage B & S Precision Engineering employing 20 staff and manufacturing for the food, mining and medical industries. Enjoy fishing, 4WD, camping and boating. My wife Donna is the MP for Carrum for the past four years. Explored Australia via 4WD in 1990/91 and enjoy adventuring. Living in Patterson Lakes on the water.

**Martin Whitehead**
After moving with my family to Perth for a 6 month contact in the IT Departments of Bankwest, 10 years later I find myself still here. My wife Shauna and I have two children, Daniel (12) and Teigan (9). Now we’re just living the dream!

**James Gardener**
Working at RMIT in Marketing Communications. Living in Thornbury with Christine and our two children – Isabelle and Tom.

**Rob Cooper**
Live locally and enjoy being involved in golf at Mornington Golf Club.

**Jeremy La Brooy**
I married Jill Hunter (Toorak College) in 1993 and now have 2 kids (Will in Year 11 at Peninsula and Lucy in Year 8 at Toorak). Home is in Mt. Eliza and work takes me to Port Melbourne where I am a partner in Biotech Engineering (primary role is design of pharmaceutical manufacturing processes and their associated services). When time permits, I love playing golf at The National in Cape Schanck.

**Stuart Milne**
I have lived in Sydney for the past 18 years with Julie and two daughters (12 & 9). Working in financial services/industries management – currently running a consulting company which we established in 2000.

**Philip Guines**
Living on the Peninsula and working in Finance.

**Chris Dickman**
Married to Inge, with son Liam (Aged 10). Been living in Sydney for last 20 years. Co-founded Altius Asset Management, a fixed income manager, (with another ex-Pirate) three years ago. Playing Masters Grade/Shires cricket and running half marathons. Patiently waiting for the Dees next flag!
Class of 2009

5 Year Reunion

Five years after leaving TPS, the Class of 2009 descended once again into the familiar Peninsula School Pavilion for our Five Year Reunion on Friday 31 May 2014.

It was hard to believe that it had been five years since we had finished School. In a sweeping nostalgia, the room had changed little since we had last convened for our one year reunion in 2010. The spirit of our year group remained as conversation flowed and old friendships flourished. There were many stories to tell and we each had our own tales to share; university tales, entering the workforce, travels, business ventures, engagements, weddings and the beginnings of families. Yet inevitably, as the night progressed the conversation returned to reminiscing, and our time at TPS.

Some 75 of our year level were in attendance; however there were inevitably a few familiar faces missing, unable to make the journey for many a reason – notably being overseas or interstate. A number of staff made the effort to attend and we greatly appreciate all those who made it along. The TPS staff played an important role in defining the Class of 2009 and many in attendance had followed our time at school for many years – some even since from the beginning. Thank you also to those staff who were unable to attend the evening but passed on their best wishes.

It was a night where memories were able to flow again, and the class of 2009 were able to reflect upon their first five years out of the school’s sanctuary. The chatting and laughter remained constant right until the last were ushered out the door.

The reunion proved to be an outstanding success and no doubt many of the class of 2009 were able to connect with people not seen or spoken to in several years. The night was well organised by TOPSA Executive Officer Suzanne Ashley. Thank you to Suzanne, and those in the year level who helped track down people and assisted with the evening.

The School will always hold a special place in our hearts. The reunions are idiosyncratically Peninsula, and ensure the continued sense of community and belonging, even after leaving the school’s grounds. Regardless of where our lives take us, our reunion proved once again that we will always share our TPS connection.

Thank you to everyone who attended the night – students and staff. Many of us committed to meeting up more regularly than waiting until our ten year reunion. I look forward as to the year level continuing its connection with each other and hope to see many of you in the not too distant future!

Reagan Barry
Class of 2009
James Hanson

Ben Hanson
I am an Account Development Manager (ADM) at Premiere Global Services (PGL). Completed a Bachelor of Business and Commerce Degree, Majoring in Marketing and HRM.

Bros Kelly
Studied Sports Science at Ballarat University and completed Remedial Massage/Myotherapy last year. Competing professional athletics and looking forward to the next chapter of study.

Jonathan Carney
In my fourth year of medicine at Monash University and looking for research opportunities in the field of regenerative medicine.

Frederick Schneider
Assistant Manager, commercial banking ANZ. Managing Director of BAY Investment Co Pty Ltd

Harry Byrt
Completed Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Marketing at Deakin, including an amazing exchange at Clemson University in the USA. Currently working casually hoping to travel a bit more before committing to full time work.

James Owen-Smith
Finishing off a Carpentry apprenticeship. Won apprentice of the year at Holmesglen in 2014. Focusing on sailing at present. Been in a long distance relationship for about 1.5 years.

Matt Box
Still at Uni, running my first venture – Humble, which should be a household name any day now.

Jeremy Langford
Finished an engineering degree last year and currently working as a graduate project manager in Construction

Zac Gray
Finishing my Bachelor of Bioscience, Majoring in Microbiology and muscle cell phycology. Doing a 2014 honours in Skeletal Muscle Research.

Kirstel Beckwith
Living out of home with my boyfriend, have a pooh – Frank. Working as a Personal Assistant.

Steven Wang
Currently working in the city after graduating from uni 2 years ago, and travelling around at the same time; trying to figure out what to do next with my life.

Christy Hochegger
 Completing a BEd. Education at Federation Uni, in primary teaching.

Morgan Wittingslow
Working for the family carnival business.

Josh Beckwith
Studying 5th year medicine in the Barossa Valley SA at Flinders University. Enjoying it very much and hoping to study overseas next year.

Rebecca Southam
I’m a dental nurse and a Mum to a beautiful 2 year old.

Alister Macdonald
Currently studying Animal and Veterinary Bioscience, playing in the NBL for Melbourne Tigers as a development player.

Hayden Owens
At Uni doing Sport and Outdoor Education, in my final year. Playing for TOPSA Soccer Club.

Matt Ashley
Currently working at Camp America.

Carly Douglas
Currently working at Frankston High School as a PE, Health, and Psychology Teacher.

Kate Bange
Working as a Division 1 Nurse at Frankston Hospital, in the Neurology Ward.

Stephanie Manuel
Manager of Yo My Goodness, a development player.

Kate Bange
Currently studying Animal and Veterinary Bioscience, playing in the NBL for Melbourne Tigers as a development player.

Madeleine Featherby
I’m now the Managing Director of Social Media and HRM. Working for the family carnival business.

Bec Williams
Completed RMIT course in Fashion Design and Technology. Travelled extensively in Europe and Brazil for the past 2 years. Currently in a partnership with a Brazilian fashion company, launching in Australia this year.

Ruby Fox
Travelled to Cambodia and Thailand after finishing my Bachelor of Science in 2012. Then travelled Europe and now studying a Bachelor of Oral Hygiene and Therapy.

Bonnie Sein
I’m the blog editor for Lululemon Australia and New Zealand. My partner Rob and I live in Clifton Hill, however we’re planning to move overseas next year. We’ll be going to Myanmar and South America, and then we’ll play it by ear looking forward to more travelling and adventures!

Louis Brownlee
Finishing Uni.

Lucy Anderson
I finished my Business and Commerce Degree and am now completing my Masters of Primary Teaching. I’m still living on the Peninsula working in schools doing before and after school care.

Anna Harrington
I graduated from Journalism at RMIT Uni in 2013, and now work full time as a sports journalist at Global News Wire Thomson Reuters in Melbourne.

Scott Wells
After leaving school I completed my Bricklaying apprenticeship and became a fully qualified Scaffolder. Currently working for Viridian New Word Glass. Driving some of the biggest forklifts and machinery in Australia. Went to Europe and travelled around. Playing soccer for the Baxter Soccer Club.

Rob Clements
Currently employed as an Estimator with MK Building Group.

Ashley Schuuman
Final Year of Electrical and Computer Systems Engineering and Commerce (Accounting Major) at Monash Uni.

Ricky Plummer
Currently doing exactly what I was doing 5 years ago… studying Commerce/Law at Deakin Uni and trying to play a little footy along the way.

Madeleine Featherby
I am continuing to follow my passion of performance and am currently in the Victorian Opera’s “La Traviata” at Her Majesty’s Theatre. I am about to perform off-Broadway in New York City in a new musical never been performed before. The show is called The Mapmaker’s Opera and I am performing the lead role of Sofia Duarte. I have also been accepted into a two year musical theatre training course at CAP21 in New York.

Abdul Hafiz Rozali
I’m currently continuing my studies at University of Canberra (Melbourne) after taking a year break, and I am also completing a Certificate III in Tourism at Chisholm.

Thomas Mitchell
Just gone back to Uni to finish my Mechanical Engineering degree after spending some time in Gippsland working.

Chris Kenyon
Finishing Bachelor of Environments at Melbourne Uni this semester. Going on to start a Masters of Environmental Engineering in second semester and hoping to head off on exchange next year.

Paul DeKlerk
After 4 years living in Adelaide, I’m now living in Hamilton (Vic) for my 2nd last year of Medicine. I chose a rural hospital for this year of study, and so far loving it.

Caroline Roth
Studying 4th year Medicine at James Cook University in Cairns. Loving life in the tropics and enjoying my trips down south to visit family and old friends.

William Scott
I’m in my final semester of Business/Commerce degree at Monash University majoring in Marketing. In 2013 I launched my own business in the field of online retail and distribution. I expanded the business from my garage into a modern warehouse/office and currently working part time at the business, alongside my studies at Monash.

Callum Savio
After having 2010 studying at TAFE doing a pre-apprenticeship in electrical, I then decided it wasn’t for me. I took on a mechanical plumbing apprenticeship instead and am in my final months, currently working on high rise buildings in Melbourne installing air conditioning.

Dominic Tallon
I’m now the Managing Director of First National Real Estate - Tallon in Hastings. Have
a couple of units left in my Bachelor of Business Degree at Monash Caulfield. Started an investment company with Fred Schneider with our first project being the opening of an Anytime Fitness 24/7 Gym in Hastings in Dec 2013

**Meggie Hofland**

After competing our High School Education in 2009, Harmony and I saved enough money to take us around Europe and South-East Asia for 7 months in 2010. Whilst quite a common thing to do these days this was one of the greatest experiences of my life and would strongly recommend taking some time off after school. In 2011 I began my degree at Melbourne Uni. and recently finished my undergrad, majoring in Medicinal chemistry. Due to catching the travel bug early I have now returned home to save big for another adventure.

**Miranda Burmeister**

Since finishing at TPS I have competed my diploma (cert 4) in Beauty Therapy. I work at the award winning Day Spa ‘Peninsula Life Medi Spa’. I am managing the Sorrento branch and I am co-ordinator of our Elly Lukas mentoring program at Sorrento. Working full time and plan to travel before opening my own business.

**Jackson Egan**

Finished Construction Management at RMIT at the end of 2013. Now working for high-rise building company Probuild up in the city. Playing footy at Mt Eliza and still catch up with all the lads from school.

**Emma Delarue**

In 2013 I graduated from James Cook Uni with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Marine Biology and Zoology. I am now completing Honours, majoring in Zoology and Ecology. I am studying the effects of habitat structure on behaviour in Melomys Cervinipes.

**Alex McDonough**

Graduated from Monash Uni with a Bachelor of Professional Communications. Now working in Communications, Marketing and Sales for Flexible Fit Equestrian.

**Matt Tolliday**

I am an electrical fitter working for Tenix who are a major company that maintain the power grid in Australia. I bought my first house last year and am looking forward to travelling Europe this year!

**Michelle Ellis**

I have graduated with a Bachelor of Sport and Outdoor Recreation and a Bachelor of Primary Ed. I am now working full time at Lynbrook Primary School, teaching grade 2 and loving it!

**Charlotte Thring**

Completed a Diploma of Beauty Therapy at Elly Lukas. Lived and worked in London for 12 months. Travelled Europe and Asia until the funds dried up. Currently working with children with special needs.

**Katie Asherton**

I have a job working for Australian fashion label Viktoria and Woods and am working on getting my scuba diving instructors licence. I have just returned from travelling and am enjoying a bit of work before the next trip.

**Christina Stephens**

Have just returned home form 3 months in South America. Before that I worked on Hamilton Island for 7 months. Now time to get a job and start my next adventure.

**Stephan Burnell**

I graduated from a Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science in 2012. Currently studying a Master of Physiotherapy at Flinders University in Adelaide, living with Bookie Akintola and Josh Beckwith. I graduate at the end of this year and look to commence practising as a physiotherapist in early 2015.

**Annabel Huggard**

Currently undertaking a GAP half year in Poland, working as an English teacher assistant in an academic senior secondary school. After placement I plan to travel for a few months and may even take a second placement in another country! I competed a double degree in Arts and Music at Monash Clayton.

**Natasha Gore**

Working full time at the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council in Customer Service and Child, Youth and Family Services. Completed a Counselling diploma in 2013 and am currently studying Youth work. Living at my new home in Bittern, still involved with Peninsula and played soccer for Peninsula Old Girls last season.

**Mitchell Watson**

Spent 3 years at Monash Uni and graduated in 2013 with a Bachelor of Business and Commerce. Then took 6 months off to work on a sheep/ cropping farm in the western district operating machinery. Now back studying aviation.

**Lachlan Hough**

Spent the last 4.5 years working, travelling and studying. In my final year of Physiotherapy at James Cook University in Townsville this year. Currently on placement throughout QLD. Still waiting on my first long Beach run though!

**Ayla Erdogan**

Currently living and working in the city. I’m the office manager at a marketing firm – Forethought. I’m also completing my Masters in Advertising at RMIT. I travelled solo around Europe in 2013.

**Michael Cornell**

I studied Business Management at Victoria University, which I completed at the end of 2012. Following uni, I moved to London, where I spent time working at Fulham Football Club before taking up my current position in the tours and events departments at Wembley Stadium. Traveled the USA and Italy and will spend the latter part of 2014 working for the sporting charity ‘Action Challenge’ on their walk/run/ cycle marathons across Europe.

**James McHenry**

After leaving school I studied Mechanical Engineering for 2 years before deciding I wanted to do something hands on. I joined the Australian army in 2012, and since then have been living in Adelaide. I’m based at 16 ALR (Air Land Regiment) as a Ground Based Air Defender. First overseas post is to Malaysia and Thailand to train with both Armies. Also started studying Engineering through Open Uni this year and hope to finish that by the time my 4 years with the ADF is finished.

**Michael Greig**

Currently completing year 5 of my MBBS degree. Plan to start working as an intern next year.

**Nick Stetter**

Finished my Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering at Monash Uni in 2013. Recently started my career in the Construction industry as project engineer for a gas and water pipeline construction company Mitchell Water. I have been working in VIC, QLD and NSW across various projects for the last 5 months.

**Bookie Akintola**

Still living in Adelaide in my second last year of Medical School at Flinders Uni. On placement at a hospital in Southern Adelaide this year. Living with Stefan Burnell.

**Glenn Wood**

Finished my Science degree, now completing a Masters in Clinical Audiology. Still living on the Peninsula, playing plenty of golf and cricket, enjoying life!

**Daniel Gorton**

Completed Bachelor of Science (Sports) at Bond University in 2013. Due to graduate from Doctor of Physiotherapy at Bond University in 2015.

**James Troutbeck**

Since leaving school in 2011 I travelled to Ghana with Alice England and we worked there in schools and orphanages for 3 months before travelling the east side of Africa. I then moved to live on campus at uni to study Environmental Management at Deakin, which in turn took me to South Africa in 2013 to work within a game reserve which included great white sharks. Currently I am in Thailand working at an orphanage and soon an Elephant sanctuary, before heading across to Sri Lanka and later Fiji for marine conversation work/research.

**Reagan Barry**

Completed a Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) and completing a Masters of Banking and Finance at Monash. Currently working as a Finance Analyst in Global Enterprise Services at Telstra and am Chairman of the Mt Eliza Community Bank. Have remained linked to the School through the alumni and have served a term as President of TOPSA.
Where are they now?

The journey is rarely via a direct route...

Musician

**Lachlan Bryan - Class of 1998**

Lachie Bryan secured a Golden Guitar award at the Tamworth Country Music Festival in January this year for Best Alternative Country Album of the Year.

Musician

**James Reyne - Class of 1974**

James Reyne received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his service to the performing arts in this year’s Australia Day Honours List. The legendary Australian rock musician and singer/songwriter is known both as a member of the iconic 1980s band Australian Crawl and for his solo work.

Commentator

**Tim Wilson - Class of 1997**

Tim Wilson is a public policy analyst and commentator. He has been for seven years policy director of the Institute of Public Affairs and in 2013 was appointed Australian Human Rights Commissioner - Freedom.

Eventer

**Sam Griffiths - Class of 1990**

Olympian Sam Griffiths and Paulank Brockagh won the world’s most prestigious equestrian event, the Badminton Horse Trials in the United Kingdom in May. Sam is only the sixth Australian to take top honour at the premiere event.

Swimmer

**Matson Lawson - Class of 2010**

Olympian Matson Lawson took Bronze in an all-Australian finish to the 200m Backstroke at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in July. He competed in the 200 metre Backstroke at the 2012 Summer Olympics finishing 15th.

Snowboarder

**Belle Brockhoff - Class of 2011**

Belle Brockhoff is a snowboarder, who has represented Australia at the FIS Snowboarding World Championships and the Winter Olympics. She placed 6th at the Olympic Test Event in Sochi in early 2013.
Meteorologist

Andrew Watkins - Class of 1987

Andrew is Manager of Climate Prediction Services at Australian Bureau of Meteorology. He has served on U.N World Meteorological Organization expert teams on climate matters.

Cyclist

Caitlin Ward - Class of 2011

In March, Caitlin was the youngest sprinter named on the 2014 Commonwealth Games ‘Long Team’. When she missed out on selection for the Commonwealth Games, she was disappointed. But as one door closed, another opened, and Caitlin was asked to be part of the Australian cycling team to contest the Japan International Track Cup. She put on a powerful display, winning a couple of sprint events and finishing second in the Keirin.

Journalist

Gregg Borschmann - Class of 1972

Gregg Borschmann is a writer, radio producer & oral historian. He is the producer of ABC Radio National Breakfast, as well as their Environment Editor.

Singer

Henry Brett - Class of 2009

Henry Brett has won Take the Mic competition. See Henry’s performance at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-J4RZfbFGc

Traveller

Bradley Schuurman - Class of 2011

While travelling in France during ten weeks of my LSL in Term 3 last year, I had several messages from Bradley Schuurman (Head of School 2011), who was also travelling in France. We almost caught up in the Haute Savoie region, then in Annecy, then Geneva, but finally we managed an evening in Paris. Axelle Mathot (Notre Dame School) was with us at the time and eagerly came along to our dinner. Axelle knew Bradley from when she spent a year teaching at Peninsula and from the time when Bradley completed a student exchange with Notre Dame.

It was a really warm conversation in a mixture of French and English! We were also joined by Bradley’s exchange ‘sister’ Audrey and her father. Audrey’s father is obviously very fond of his Aussie “son”, Brad! It was certainly a special moment to realise that this is a lasting relationship that has developed from the Exchange.

Brad has sent me the following details about his year in France:

I am here on university exchange for one year and will be studying at the Diderot University Paris V11. I have been here in France since mid July and will be staying here until the end of July next year. I am living with Audrey and her family for the entire period and will travel whenever possible. I hope to visit family in Holland at some stage and will be doing some skiing over Christmas in the French Alps.

Anne Macindoe
(Languages Department)
2014 TOPSA Events

The following Reunions will be held during 2014 in The H.A. Macdonald Pavilion:

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

Class of 2013 – 1 Year Reunion
7pm, Friday 10 October

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

Queensland Branch Function - Brisbane venue TBA
6pm, Friday 7 November (Queensland Alumni, please register your interest now!)

* 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 correct mailing address and contact details?

Further details: Suzanne Ashley: 97887825 or sashley@tps.vic.edu.au

TOPSA Queensland
Branch Function

If you are living in or visiting Queensland in November, please join us for our TOPSA Branch function, booked to take place in a convenient city location (soon to be finalised) on:

Friday 7 November
from 6pm

Drinks and canapés provided.

*register your interest in attending this event in Brisbane, to ensure the event can go ahead.
*invitations will be mailed/emailed to all Alumni living in Qld and details will be posted on the TOPSA website www.topsa.com.au and also on social media.
*Tell your friends about the event and if you have friends located in other states or overseas; ask them to think about having their own Branch function, which can be organised via the TOPSA office at The Peninsula School with a little bit of local assistance.
TOPSA has announced the introduction of the ‘TOPSA Hall of Fame’. This initiative recognizes and celebrates the achievements of inspiring alumni of The Peninsula School. Some have become leaders of repute, innovators or recognized throughout the community for their endeavors; others have been quiet achievers, but may be known to you for their efforts in society.

By promoting their extraordinary success stories, other alumni and the current student cohort of The Peninsula School can be motivated and inspired to push the boundaries and realize their own dreams.

It is proposed that The TOPSA Hall of Fame will be an annual event from (mid) 2015, hosted by the Association.

As a secondary consideration, the TOPSA Hall of Fame will become a showcase event that will allow TOPSA to:

- Further Promote the work of the Association
- Reconnect with Alumni
- Work more closely with The Peninsula School.

Categories and Criteria

There are 6 categories within the TOPSA Hall of Fame:

1. Services to the Community or Public Service
2. Services to Sport
3. Services to the Arts
4. Services to the Sciences
5. Services to Commerce and Industry
6. Services to TOPSA or The Peninsula School

The common criteria for each category are as follows:

1. The nominee must be a past student or teacher of The Peninsula School.
2. The nominee must have completed their education at The Peninsula School, a minimum of 5 years ago.
3. The nominee should be recognised to have reached the elite or highest level within the category or field endeavor for which they have been nominated.
4. Nominees must be nominated by a fellow alumni or peer (no self nominations)
5. Only nomination on the approved nomination form will be considered.
6. A nominee may be nominated for more than one category.

• In the first year all Categories will have 5 inductees.
• Honours Colours recipients will also be inducted.

For further information/nomination form – visit www.topsa.com.au

Greg Sugars
President
Ron and Julie Zammit cutting the ribbon to officially open the R.J. Zammit Centre.