Duces 2014

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Welcome to this Autumn edition of Peninsula in Profile which I hope you will find to be an interesting archive of the many wonderful events held during the last part of 2014 and the beginning of this year.

An important goal I set myself early last year was that of meeting more families who were at the stage of considering Peninsula as an option for their children. I felt that it would be good for me to hear directly from these parents how they perceived our School from the ‘outside’ and what it was that attracted them to us. I was also keen to hear firsthand of the expectations they would have of the School, should they choose Peninsula for their children.

The vast majority of these parents told me that they have ended up in our Admissions Office or at an Open Day, following a conversation with a past or current family. Others had witnessed the impressive style, maturity and attitude displayed by our students in public; in the shopping centre or on a bus or train. Many told me that they had purposely struck up conversations with our students, just to hear their opinions of the School. I am most grateful that our parents and our students are such great ambassadors for Peninsula and I thank our community for their continued support of our School.

In 2014, the focus of our Positive Education program was on the development of growth mindsets. We spent much time encouraging students to understand that abilities aren’t fixed and that with perseverance and hard work, their attitudes and grades can certainly be improved. That work blends nicely with this year’s focus – that of ‘academic buoyancy’, the ability of students to cope well with the everyday ups and downs of life at school. Our ongoing commitment to improving student wellbeing remains a hallmark of our School.

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We can never underestimate the importance of the role-modelling provided by our senior students who help to set the campus culture by establishing acceptable behaviour patterns of the School. On this score, I particularly applaud the efforts of the Class of 2014. As a group, they wore their uniform with pride and were fully engaged in their studies and all that the School had to offer.

VCE 2014

The level of academic achievement of these students was outstanding as shown by the report which is featured in this publication. Whilst we were delighted for those who scored at the very top of the ATAR rankings, we were equally pleased for the many students who found that they had achieved a personal best when their results were released. We will look forward to following the career and life pathways beyond the school gates of our newest alumni in the years ahead. Of course, special congratulations must go to our Duces for 2014, Nguyễn le van khanh (Kelsie) and Lam Nhat Hung (Ben) who each recorded a perfect ATAR of 99.95 and by so doing, were in a small group of equal top VCE students in the State.

Our Term 1 Foundation Day was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the vision and drive of the five men who, more than 5 decades ago, dared to dream of creating an independent school here in Mt Eliza: Jim Carr, Stewart Moroney, Ron Galbraith, Lloyd Lewis and John Newton who was the driving force behind the new school. The names and deeds of these pioneers are enshrined in the history of our school. This year we will be celebrating the 50th year of The Peninsula School Cadet unit. Our current day Unit continues to provide outstanding opportunities for personal growth by fostering teamwork and encouraging an ethic of service, mateship and self-discipline. The Unit has a wonderful history of which we are very proud. I was particularly pleased that many of the past staff members who served as Cadet Officers were able to be in attendance on Foundation Day, together with the Commander of the Victoria AAC Brigade, Lieutenant Colonel (AAC) Don Shearman, who assisted with our scholarship presentations on the day.

Early last year, we received the sad news of the passing of long serving staff member Ken McGarvin. Ken was instrumental in the establishment of Peninsula’s swimming program in the early years and it is particularly pleasing that the Board of Directors has made the decision to recognise his wonderful contribution by naming our Junior School pool in his honour.
Another popular decision made by the Board was that of naming the Year 9 Building in honour of past Chairman, John Pennell. We are still enjoying the long lasting effect of John’s leadership and his generous involvement with our School years after his retirement as a Director.

Last December brought with it the retirement of two long serving staff members who each devoted much of their professional life to our School, for which I salute them: Leanne Wigg, an inspirational teacher in the ECC and Junior School beginning in 1996 and Lynne Hendrix, who completed 24 years at Peninsula as Laboratory Technician. We also farewelled Keith Maughan who gave our community 26 years of wonderful service in the role of Careers Advisor.

Last year we had much to celebrate with the opening of the RJ Zammit Senior Centre which is the new home of our VCE students. We now look forward to holding similar celebrations when we get to cut the ribbon at the opening of our next venture – a new Senior Science Block - to be built on the site of our current P Block, one of our early buildings which has served our School so well for nearly 50 years. Our staff are working hard, together with our architects, to finalise the design of this wonderful state-of-the-art facility.

I am also very much looking forward to our upcoming Senior School Production of Into the Woods in late May at the Frankston Arts Centre. This will be a great opportunity to see our students in action on the stage. Tickets for this event may be purchased from the Frankston Arts Centre.

My best wishes for the exciting year ahead.

Stuart Johnston
Principal

Paul McGuinness
After 18 years of outstanding commitment, Mr Paul McGuinness has retired from the Board of Directors. Paul’s thoughtful contribution to Board discussions and governance matters was greatly valued. He had a particular interest in supporting our Glenmaggie Outdoor Education campus when that centre was in operation and we also thank him for his generous involvement with a number of our TOPSA sporting clubs and for his hands-on work in helping to stage many parent and staff community Fun Days and School Fairs.

R.T. Zammit
Chairman of the Board
Outstanding results

Amazing achievements - VCE 2014

Particular congratulations also go to the following students who scored perfect Study Scores in the subjects shown:

- Daniel Westell (Further Maths)
- Vo Mai Linh (Physics 2014 & Further Maths 2013)
- Derek He (Economics)
- Lydia Waycott (Geography)
- Nguyen Le Van Khanh (Maths Methods)
- Phan Minh Duc (Maths Methods 2014 & Further Maths 2013)
- Lam Nhat Hung (Further Maths 2013)

Congratulations to our Duces for 2014 Lam Nhat Hung (Ben) and Nguyen Le Van Khanh (Kelsie). Each scored a remarkable ATAR of 99.95 which placed them within a small group of students who recorded this perfect score. In so doing, Ben and Kelsie were equal top of the State.

Other high performing students from 2014

- Phan Minh Duc 99.9
- Vo Mai Linh 99.9
- Phan Hoang Minh Tam 99.85
- Xie Tianhe 99.7
- He Derek 99.3

- Drew Mitchell 98.2
- Benjamin Carr 98.15
- Jake Miller-Randle 98.1
- Kate Purcell 98.05
- Madeleine Corbel 97.55
Where to now?

The vast majority of the Class of 2014 chose a tertiary study path – 94% of our students received an offer of a University place. Impressively, 70 students received their first preference and 36 gained their second preference. Some students chose to defer their studies for 12 months for work or travel reasons.

Monash University remains the most popular tertiary destination for Peninsula students. Well over a third of students received offers from Monash, with the Deakin University, the University of Melbourne, La Trobe University and RMIT the next most popular.

Another outstanding set of results - 29 students with a score of 95+ and 7 scored 99+

We especially congratulate our Duces who received offers of prestigious scholarships: Kelsie (Medicine, Monash University) and Ben (Biomedicine, University of Melbourne) and also Vo Mai Linh (Medicine: Scholars’ program at the University of Sydney) and Phan Minh Duc (Engineering: Scholars’ program at Swinburne University). Joining these students in gaining selection to some of the most highly competitive Tertiary courses were:

Commerce/Engineering (Honours), Monash
Corey Allen, Jesse Beard, Harrison Prior,
Ashley Rodgerson, Liam Swales, Jack Walker

Commerce, Melbourne University
Ben Carr, Caitlyn Dwyer, Yonsan Kim,
Jake Miller-Randle, Yuan Ming Qian

Biomedical Science, Monash
Daniel Isaac

Physiotherapy, Monash
Jane Massey

Science Advanced – Research (Honours), Monash
Drew Mitchell

Pharmacy (Honours), Monash
Tam Phan

Law (Honours)/Arts, Monash
Kate Purcell, Renee Tan

Forty nine students scored over 90, placing them in the top 10% in Victoria.

The School is very proud of the determination of so many of our students who achieved their personal best. These students have shown the value of striving for an important core value of the School: personal excellence.

There have been many outstanding achievements, the result of hard work, persistence, determination and – importantly - a joy of learning.

Peninsula Girls continue to shine with a median score of 82.5

Impressively, 19.75 per cent of all Study Scores saw students achieve a 40 or higher, ranking them in the top eight per cent of the State. Of particular note is Peninsula’s mean study score of 33.8, which places the school amongst the top performing schools in Victoria.
Top Acts

Season of Excellence

Congratulations to Jonathan Carter and Sian Crowe (Year 12) who have had their 2014 VCE Theatre Studies monologue performances selected for Top Acts, 2015.

Jonathan’s performance of Rasid from The Serpent’s Teeth (Daniel Keene) and Sian’s interpretation of Lettice Douffet from Lettice and Lovage (Peter Shaffer) saw them receive an A+ for the exam in November and following their successful auditions, they were selected to perform at the Victorian Arts Centre in March. Brilliant!

Sam Mackie
Head of Drama

Schools Art Award

Archibald Prize Exhibition

Last year the prestigious Archibald Prize was shown exclusively in Victoria at the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery from 4th October until 16th November.

The Archibald Prize was established at the Art Gallery of New South Wales in 1921 to foster portraiture and perpetuate the memory of great Australians. The current prize of $75,000 is awarded annually to the best portrait, “preferentially of some man or woman distinguished in art, letters, science or politics, painted by any resident in Australasia”. Often controversial, and never dull, this iconic award has been awarded to many of Australia’s most prominent artists including George Lambert, William Dobell, Brett Whiteley, Ben Quilty, Tim Storrier and Del Kathryn Barton.

Last year the Friends of the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery presented the FMPRG Schools Art Award to coincide with the Archibald Prize Exhibition. They received approximately 800 entries for the award and with judging completed, Lucy Mitchell of Year 12 was one of three finalists in the Year 11 and 12 category. Her photograph “Untitled” was displayed in the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery for the duration of the Archibald Prize Exhibition. Every student entry received was displayed at MPRG, retail outlets and venues across the Peninsula for the duration of the Archibald Prize Exhibition.

Winners of first, second and third place in each category were announced and prizes awarded by Karen Vickery, Director of Learning and Visitor Experience, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra at an official ceremony in the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery on Tuesday 21st October 2014.

Congratulations Lucy for being the winner of the Friends of the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery Schools Art Award 2014.

Sally Thompson
Head of Art, Design and Technology
Positive Education at Peninsula

The Peninsula School first introduced its Positive Education program in 2010. Since then, staff have received ongoing training in the tenets of Positive Psychology – the science which best explains the habits we each should adopt in order to lead a flourishing life. Students are encouraged to “hunt the good stuff” by focusing on what is going well for them on a daily basis, rather than concentrating on life’s ‘downs’.

Focus for 2015: Academic Buoyancy

Our Positive Psychology program this year is focused on raising the ‘academic buoyancy’ levels of students. This is the ability of students to deal with low-level everyday academic setbacks and challenges. It focuses on raising persistence levels, class participation and educational aspirations. These setbacks, which are a normal part of school life for most students include: patches of poor performance, isolated poor grades, threats to self-confidence as a result of negative feedback on their school work, competing deadlines, dips in motivation, minor negative interactions with family, friends and teachers.

Our catch cry this year:

**Work hard. Be kind. Be grateful.**

Year 9 Service Program

2015 has seen our Year 9 girls taking up the challenge of reaching out to girls in developing countries. The first stage of this program is to provide some of life’s essentials to those who are less fortunate than themselves.

Our girls have been very active in sourcing items that will end up overseas: small hotel-sized soaps, underwear, face washers, large zip-lock bags, etc.

More information about the project they are supporting is available at: www.projectforawesome.com

Our girls would love to hear from anyone within our community who can assist in any way.

Linda Morgan
Head of Year 9

PESA - Inaugural National Conference

The inaugural National Conference of the Positive Education Schools Association (PESA) was recently held at St Peter’s College in SA.

The conference was attended by 200 delegates, including a number from Canada, USA, Mexico, Hong Kong and Singapore. Peninsula was represented by Stuart Johnston, Muriel Bakker, our new counsellor Sarah Roney, Amanda Davis, Peter Ford and myself.

Big congratulations go to Muriel whose presentation, “The Explicit Teaching of Positive Psychology in the Middle Years”, received a great response from the audience. It was terrific to hear Professor Lea Waters give a shout out to Peninsula for our pioneering work in Pos Ed. which traces back to 2010.

It is exciting to announce that the 2016 PESA National Conference will be held in Term 1 next year - here at Peninsula.

Phil Doll
Director of Positive Education & Marketing

Head of Middle School Muriel Bakker, pictured with Professor Lea Waters at the PESA National conference
Hands for the Community Day

Staff Spirit

The Peninsula School is known as ‘the School with spirit’. We are a community in which a sense of affiliation and connectedness flourishes. An ethic of service abounds within our School family which helps account for the commonplace, selfless, individual and community actions that go to enriching the lives of others.

As a staff, we feel strongly that we are privileged in our daily working lives and understand that with privilege comes responsibility.

A new initiative for 2014 was to embark on a staff community service day as part of our end-of-year staff conference. Staff worked in groups to assist local organisations in completing a wide variety of projects, giving their time, energy and expertise to make a difference to the lives of others in our community.

The Peninsula School’s 2014 ‘Hands for the Community Day’ took place on Wednesday 10 December and was a great success. The following organisations were supported on the day:

- Abacus Learning
- Beleura Private Hospital
- Andrew Kerr Frail & Aged Care Complex
- Biala Peninsula
- Ebdale Community Hub
- Frankston Nature Conservation - Kananook Creek
- Fusion Australia Youth Services
- Moonlit Sanctuary Pearcedale
- Mornington Park Primary School
- Mornington Youth Enterprises
- Mt Eliza Anglican Parish
- Ozchild
- Pines Flora & Fauna Reserve
- Rotary Club Mt Eliza
- Royal Children’s Hospital - Education Unit
- St Peter’s Anglican Church - Op Shop
- The Briars Heritage Gardens Restoration
- The Mornington Centre
- The Salvos
- Vinnies Retail Shops
- Wallara – Sages Cottage

School staff members are now looking forward to the second Hands for the Community Day which will take place on Wednesday 9 December 2015.

Leanne Stewart
HFTC Coordinator
TPSACU

Celebrating 50 Years

The first intake of Peninsula School Cadets consisted of 50 boys who began their initial basic training in Term 3 of 1965 with Ken Walding as Commanding Officer. 1966 saw our first Cadet Ceremonial Parade for Anzac Day with dignitaries and guests present. Cadets proved to be very popular with the size of the TPS unit increasing to over 100 cadets, organised in three complete platoons, by 1968.

The first Cadet Dine In was held in 1972 in the Assembly Hall, now the Ansett Hall. The dinner was prepared and served by the mothers back then.

In 1975, the Cadet Program was axed by the Federal Government which led to the demise of the Cadets in many schools. For a short time, it seemed that the Peninsula Cadet Unit would fold too, but strong student and parent reaction ensured that the Unit was re-formed the following year, with Ken Walding back in charge. The popularity of Cadets reached a peak in 1987 with just over 300 cadets.

Today, Cadets remains very popular with our students, who are attracted to the many adventure activities and the leadership training opportunities.

TPS Cadet Unit Commanding Officers

Lt Col Ken Walding 1965 - 1979
Major Phil Stokes 1980 - 1991
Major Daryl Neal 1992 - 1995
Major Lisa Mitchell 1996 - 2006
LCDR Mangan 2007 (from the Australian Navy)
Captain Andrew Watts 2008
Captain (AAC) Jacky Howgate 2009 – 2014

Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major 2015

Some great news for the Unit. Daniel Isaac (*14), has been appointed as the Cadet Regimental Sergeant Major for 2015 to one of Victoria’s Community Based Battalions. This is a great achievement for Daniel.

Nadia Doll
Archivist
When the final bell rang for 2014 I drew breath and sat down to reflect on the previous 12 months. I remember the sense of tiredness that I felt and yet, at the same time, I was immensely satisfied and content with what I had been able to achieve in the first 12 months of my Chaplaincy at Peninsula.

Looking back to when I joined the staff at the year’s start, I remember the challenges that emerged on a daily basis as I adjusted to new structures and the size and pace of my new school. Like anyone else who starts at a new place of employment, I relied heavily on others to tell me how things worked around here, particularly the state-of-the-art technology systems. The staff made me feel part of a team very quickly and there was no shortage of people willing to help me when there was a need - which was often!

My children quickly settled into their new environment and enjoyed embracing everything a school of this size and nature has to offer. They have reaped the rewards of their hard work and positive approach and I have enjoyed seeing them thrive.

There is a poster in the Perry Building which states, ‘Be yourself, everyone else is taken!’ and this, more than anything else, is what I have strived to do. I have tried to deliver uncomplicated, simple Chapel services that focus on giving the students and staff a clear message that is consistent with the gospel and the teachings of Christ. I especially enjoyed the Chapel services with the ECC and Junior School as these students were very receptive to my style of delivery and they enthusiastically embraced the message.

I relished the new challenges in the classroom which teaching Year 10 Ethics for the first time brought. I was also able to make inroads into reshaping the Years 7-10 Religious Studies teaching programs, embracing more of a Religious and Values Education approach. I still have much work to do in this area but I have made a positive start.

The Leadership team at Peninsula places great emphasis on staff professional development. I have been able to hear from high quality guest presenters and enjoyed travelling to St Peter’s College in Adelaide to attend a conference aimed at incorporating positive psychology into school Faith programs. Our staff Triad program has seen me working closely with two other colleagues who share my mindset of continuous improvement in my classroom practice.

One of the things that has really impacted on me personally is the sheer busyness of the School. I recall quite vividly the first time I had to take my Cricket team away for a match. I arrived at the school at 6.45am on a Saturday morning to find the campus teeming with staff and students, all trying to get on the right bus for their designated sport. It was quite an eye opener.

There also hardly seemed to be an evening throughout the year when something wasn’t happening at the School so I had many opportunities to see students shine outside of the classroom.

Whilst it took me a while to adjust to the pace and different systems at Peninsula, Chapel services are Chapel services, and this is where I feel I brought a fresh approach to the school. I have enjoyed presenting the gospel message to such a wide range of students in age and in their understanding and knowledge of the Christian faith.

Throughout the year I conducted a number of baptisms and funerals within the School Chapel and prepared several children to receive their first communion. As a family, we worship regularly on a Sunday morning with the Chapel congregation and on quite a few occasions I celebrated and preached at the Sunday service.

Now that I am part way into my 2nd year, I feel I am so much better for the ‘run’ and I look forward to what the rest of 2015 will bring. My thanks go to all those staff, students and parents who have made the Sweeney family transition as smooth as it has been and for your support of me personally in my new position.

My thanks also go to the senior staff of the School whose camaraderie, helpful support and trust, I truly appreciate. It is a privilege to work at The Peninsula School. I enjoy coming to work every day and I feel well satisfied late in the afternoons as I head home.

Reverend Mark Sweeney
Chaplain
Welcome to our new staff

This year, a number of new staff have joined us. In particular, I warmly welcome:

**Kylie Maher**  
**Business Manager**  
Kylie brings with her 25+ years of industry and consulting experience across many sectors including health, government, not-for-profit, commercial and emergency services. She has recently been a Director in the Risk Consulting practice at KPMG and also held the role of Chief Operating Officer at KPMG for a number of years. Kylie holds a Bachelor of Business and is a Certified Practicing Accountant (CPA) and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

**Chris Menagé**  
**Head of Jaffray House**  
Chris comes to us from Western Australia where he has been the Head of Boarding at Scotch College. Chris’ wealth of experience in boarding will be a great boon to our international student community. He has been delighted with the welcome that he and his family have received and has been most impressed by the friendly and positive manner displayed by the boys in Jaffray House.

**Richard Vaudrey (Class of 2001)**  
**Head of Ensemble & Studio Music**  
Richard has returned from the USA to take up this exciting new role. He is a highly accomplished cellist who most recently has held the position of Adjunct Professor of Cello, Chamber Music and String Education Workshop at Western Connecticut State University. He has spent the last 6 years living, studying and working in New York, completing his Masters and Doctoral Music degrees in cello performance with a focus on technology and improvisation.

**Sarah Roney**  
**School Counsellor**  
Sarah Roney has recently joined our counselling team. She has worked as a psychologist across a number of settings. Sarah will be offering expertise in a counselling capacity and in health promotion.

Sarah is excited to be assisting with the development of strategic, evidence based, proactive pastoral programs across the school and further developing our many Positive Psychology initiatives.

**Kristen Burt**  
**Careers Counsellor**  
Kristen has had over 20 year of experience in careers advising, in both the tertiary and secondary education sectors. She is keen to get to know our young people on an individual basis and to help them establish pathways that are unique to their particular talents and goals.

After eleven years of association with TPS as a parent, Kristen feels fortunate to have had a head start in knowing a little bit about the School and how it operates.

**Congratulations**

**Kate Hadwen**  
I am delighted to be able to inform you that our Head of Senior School, Kate Hadwen, has been appointed as the tenth Principal of PLC, Perth. She will leave us towards the year’s end. Presbyterian Ladies College is one of the leading schools in W.A. and enjoys an enviable reputation within the Independent School system nationally.

Peninsula’s current reputation for excellence in learning and wellbeing is in no small part due to Kate’s enthusiasm, leadership and passion for student learning. She will be leaving our Senior School in an excellent position.

Kate holds a special place in the School’s history as the first Head of the Zammit Centre. The students of our Senior School have been the beneficiaries of her drive and determination.

It has been a great privilege to work with Kate. I have particularly appreciated her personal style of leadership which has also been very much admired by our parent and wider community.

On behalf of the entire school community, I congratulate Kate on this wonderful appointment. PLC has chosen very wisely.

We will have the opportunity to celebrate this achievement with Kate as the year progresses. In the meantime, we will start the exciting process of recruiting a successor for Kate in the near future.

**Stuart Johnston**  
**Principal**
National excellence
Peninsula Enrichment Program

Tyson Lyons from Year 6 produced an outstanding maths investigation for last year’s Maths Talent Quest competition run by the Mathematical Association of Victoria. His High-Distinction entry ‘360° of Treasure Hunting Fun’ has won him acclaim at a National level, taking out three coveted National awards including Year 5 Individual Winner, Overall Winner Years 5-8 and Most Outstanding Investigation in Mathematics (Primary). Tyson was awarded three trophies and two medallions in recognition of his exemplary work. He joined twenty-one Peninsula School students at Latrobe University who were also awarded special prizes on receiving a Distinction or High Distinctions for their mathematical projects. The Peninsula School also received special recognition winning an ‘Outstanding School Award’. These mathematical investigations take students many months to complete and are a testament to student perseverance and positive work ethic.

Chess Champions

Our Junior Primary Chess team was crowned the 2014 Victorian Junior State Premiers. These nine, small but mighty chess champions, strategized and outplayed a high class field of chess enthusiasts, including chess masters, to win the Victorian State Championships. Moksh Goswami captained the team to a nail biting, one point win. Moksh was declared the individual player of the day winning 6.5/7 games. Each member contributed to the team win with their combined scores enough to secure 1st place. Congratulations go to the following students from Year 3: Moksh Goswami, Elliott Lloyd, Kosta Samaras, Skanda Ramanan, Charlie Reeman, Jessica McIness, Leo Merks, Jenson Teleskivi and Oliver Pay.

Our Girls’ Primary School Chess Team also enjoyed success placing third in the 2014 State Girls Chess Finals. It was another highly competitive field of chess players. Our team demonstrated grit and determination to jump from fifth place to third in the final round. This was an outstanding achievement from Zoe Walton, Connie Kyriacou, Terena Phelan and Jessica McIness.

Tournament of Minds

The 2014 Tournament of Minds Challenge was held at Mount Mercy College in Lilydale. Two talented teams of seven students comprised of Year 5 & 6 students undertook two separate challenges.

The Language Literature team including Harrison Rowe, Isabelle Howe, Ben Kolasinic, Noah Williams, Jessica McDyer, Luca Agius and Katie Styles, presented a unique and exceptionally executed performance to a panel of three judges called ‘Connect to Reading’. Inspired by the recent Book Week theme, students used well known literary characters to highlight the importance of reading. The team scored very well and impressed their audience with their knowledge of literature and articulate presentation.

The Applied Technology team including Olivia Tucker, Samuel Savage, Linus Mackie, Oscar Riley, Felicity Welsh, Charlee Lycett and Browning Mummery also shone in their performance titled ‘INKredibles’. Likewise presenting to a panel of three judges, these students created a highly original TV commercial that called on the teams IT and movie making skills. Inspired by recent footage viewed in class, students produced one of the standout movies of the competition. The judges were so impressed with the team’s movie and vibrant live performance they were awarded Honours and Runners Up in their division.

Congratulations to all students for their dedication and excellence during this initiative.

Jennifer Kimpton
Junior School Enrichment
What a Start!

Life in the Middle School

Middle School students have enjoyed a hectic but exciting start to the school year.

The first 10 days of 2015 included the Year 9 bushwalk to Arthurs Seat, the rollout of the Year 7 Notebooks, the commencement of Positive Psychology classes including the VIA character strength survey, Information evenings, House Meetings and the first round of Saturday sport.

When we completed our Character Strength survey I was really pleased to see that Love of Learning was in my top 5 strengths. I also felt that I knew my best friend really well because I predicted that her top strength would be humour!

I was so excited when I received my Notebook. It is the first time I have had my own computer. I really like using the electronic books and also drawing with the stylus.

Quotes from parents...

We are so grateful our child is at The Peninsula School, we were overwhelmed with the opportunities for growth in all areas from academic to personal development. And the organisation, communications and welcome from the school has been wonderful also. Thank you for all your work, it’s much appreciated.

I’d just like to take a moment to thank you and your staff for the wonderful experience our child has had over the past week with his transition in to Secondary School. He comes home bubbling with excitement and can’t wait for the next school day to arrive. I believe this is much to do with the attention you give to each child’s individual needs as well as providing a positive and stimulating learning environment. Most importantly he talks about his teachers in a positive light, is forming new friendships and is so pleased with his Mentor I understand that none of this occurs by accident and I am so grateful for the consideration that is taken to ensure this transition, particularly for new students to the school is a positive one.

Muriel Bakker
Head of the Middle School

We welcomed several new students into our Year 9 program along with 140 new Year 7s who join us from various primary schools. The structured transition process which began 12 months ago for many Year 7 students, has now come to fruition with the commencement of secondary schooling. For some students this can be a potential cause of anxiety and stress, however we have seen no such signs in the Perry Building. Instead it has been a place of excitement, buoyed by the chance to make new friends, face new challenges and embrace the opportunities available. Supported by a team of caring Mentors the Middle School students have applauded the commencement of the year and we all look forward to what lies ahead.

After our Transition Day in December I couldn’t wait to start Year 7. I knew so many of my classmates and I really wanted to come back to school so that we could all hang out at lunchtime!

Some of my friends were going to other schools and I thought that I would miss them but I have already made so many new friends. I love Peninsula!

In PSL we had to work together to build a structure out of straws that was strong enough to support a can of soft drink. I couldn’t believe how many different ideas every group came up with. Ours didn’t work but we enjoyed working with new people.

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Muriel Bakker
Head of the Middle School
Stage Band

Wows the Locals!

2014 was a very successful year for TPS Stage Band.

Apart from our incredible trip to Mt Gambier for Generations in Jazz in May and our show stopping performance at the Grand Music Showcase, the band performed at a number of public events. September saw the band play to a packed Peninsula Community Theatre audience as part of the Peninsula Voice Family Violence Forum. In October we performed at the Mornington Food and Wine Festival. The festival was attended by a record crowd of in excess of 40,000 people and will become a regular event on the Stage Band calendar. As a direct result of these performances we have been selected to perform at the 2015 Mornington Winter Jazz Festival along side artists such as James Morrison and Vince Jones, to name a few.

I am thrilled and very excited to announce that 2015 has seen the formation of a second Stage Band at TPS. This band consists of younger players and will be a great introduction to Jazz Ensemble repertoire for students in the middle years. I envisage this new band will venture to Generations in Jazz in 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hayley Anderton, Maddy Corbel, Maggie Patston and Lauren Colin for their valuable contribution to the band. I know our “Stagie Family” will miss you.

Adam Wesley
Stage Band Director
A cut above average

Laser Technology

In this day and age current trends in technology and design education have moved far beyond hand crafted pieces into automated manufacturing and, in particular, for our school, the use of laser cutting and engraving technology.

This is not to say that hand crafted pieces are no longer relevant but there is a need for education, on some level, to keep pace with industry standards and the world at large. This notion is particularly pertinent to our senior students heading towards design fields in tertiary education.

For some time now the staff in the Art, Design and Technology faculty have been working behind the scenes, researching and investigating possible avenues of technological innovation to aid in enhancing student learning outcomes which are in keeping with current industry trends. As such, a Staff learning syndicate was formed which comprehensively investigated this concept with a primary focus on Laser Cutting/Engraving technology and its use in the classroom. An educational brief was prepared and presented to Senior Management. At the start of 2014, the Board made available funds for the purchase of an Epilog Fusion 32 Laser System.

Although the use of the Laser System is in its infancy its possibilities have already been embraced by many Art, Design and Technology classes in the middle and senior schools.

- Year 9 Product Design and Technology students have been working with Adobe Illustrator to design and create key tags and trophies using cutting and engraving into acrylic sheet.
- Year 10 & 11 Product Design and Technology students were given the challenge of developing a product utilising the accuracy and flexibility of CAD software to drive their concepts. They have created a range of three dimensional products ranging from fruit bowls, wine-racks and lamps designs using plywood and acrylic sheet.
- Year 11 & 12 Studio Arts students were interested in scanning their drawings and then engraving the designs into plastics, cardboard and wooden surfaces. Some then created more complex digital design works which were developed into installations.
- Year 10 Photography students are altering their digital photographs using Photoshop and then engraving them into a range of surfaces including plastics, wood and cardboard.
- Year 12 Visual Communication Design students created swing tags for their product presentations.

The ability to confidently engage with new technologies as they come into the mainstream is vitally important for students and their prospects. We cannot predict what they will need to know in the future; only that they will have to be flexible in their thinking and be able to adapt to new demands.

With the introduction of laser technology into the curriculum it has been apparent to the teaching staff that the students are willing to embrace new ways of thinking and designing. Precision has always been problematic with design and manufacturing, particularly at the school level. Modern CAD/CAM systems such as the laser cutter eradicate that problem instantly. When a Design student can work within one thousandths of a millimetre without error, then huge possibilities start to emerge.

Our ideas and imagination are only limited by our technological knowledge and competence. Technology can free up our thinking in ways which constantly surprise us. It will be an exciting future for those with the confidence to allow technological change to lead us into a sustainable future. Already we are seeing very creative solutions and responses to design problems in the classroom that were only dreamt about years ago.

This is just the beginning of our collective efforts. As we experiment and investigate further the possibilities for creativity and innovation will continue to evolve. By using new technologies like laser cutting and engraving, the Art, Design and Technology Faculty aims to foster divergent thinking and to provide a broad, engaging, rigorous and contemporary curriculum relevant to the needs of our twenty-first century students.

Sally Thompson, Keith Thompson, Anthony Bacon
Art, Design and Technology Department
HPV Challenge
A new generation

In late November 2014, twelve eager Junior School students headed to Maryborough for the 24th annual RACV Energy Breakthrough Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) Challenge.

Riding a newly purchased Trisled Aquilla Mk2, a composite fibreglass, kevlar and carbon fibre vehicle, but still carrying the traditional name of “Mistral,” the team finished this gruelling event in a very creditable 10th place in a field of 90 vehicles. The vehicle covered 353 laps or the equivalent of 388km.

The RACV Energy Breakthrough is designed to provide opportunities for students, teachers, parents and local businesses to work together to design and construct machines or other technology to demonstrate innovation and efficient uses of energy whilst considering their impact on humans and the environment.

Our team comprised Olivia Goudge, Grace Nelms, Shae Massoud, Audrey Cousins, Jackson Streader, Matt Womersley, Lachlan Fairfield and Archer Merks riding in relay and were ably supported by pit crew members Emma Oxley, Max Resenberger, Ged Vaughan and Jevvan Mealey.

Over three demanding and eventful days the team faced an half hour drama presentation, a comprehensive HPV scrutineering session, a wide-ranging examination of their grasp of energy sustainability issues and of the design and construction of our vehicle, a two hour qualifying session in the HPV and, finally, fourteen hours over two days of wonderful competitive road-racing on the 1.1km Holden Track against ninety other teams.

As is always the case, a marvellous time was had by all, which is a testament to both the remarkable concept and implementation of this RACV event. Over the course of the full six months our students developed a remarkable team spirit, challenged their determination and grit, considerably broadened their educational horizons and had a great deal of fun and will undoubtedly endure as a highlight of their primary school years.

With the 2015 season just around the corner, planning is well under way for yet another campaign. Maryborough here we come!

Robert Ogle and John Howard-Jones
HPV Coordinators
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Brownlow Breakfast

Up There Cazaly

On Friday 19 September, The Peninsula School in association with our Parents’ Association held the 15th Annual PSPA Brownlow Breakfast at Frankston Arts Centre.

Over 200 guests enjoyed sharing the morning with special guests Danny Frawley, Cameron Mooney, Nick Maxwell and well known comedian, Andrew Startin. The event was again hosted by the consummate professional, Channel 7 news presenter, reporter and producer - Peter Mitchell, current parent and past student (’77). We say this every year, but it is true. Peter’s knowledge of sport and especially football is incredible and allows him to interact with the players on any football related or personal topic. Indeed, there were some very funny, personal stories told this year, especially by Nick Maxwell!

The morning began with a musical item from our talented student performers Maddy Corbel, Sebastian Johnston and Maggie Patston playing a favourite football anthem ‘Up There Cazaly’ by Mike Brady and Holy Grail by the Hunters and Collectors.

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

We also thank Gold Sponsors, Stuart Davies and the team at RACV Auto Glass. Similarly we thank our Silver sponsor, Channel 7 and our Bronze Sponsor, Bluegum - Brett and Jannine Kellerman for their continued participation. All of our sponsors were recognised via a commemorative certificate of appreciation with our sincere thanks, by Deputy Principal, Narelle Umbers during her welcome, in which we learned of appreciation with our sincere thanks, by Deputy Principal, Narelle Umbers during her welcome, in which we learned of the life-long family association that Narelle’s family share with The Peninsula School.

In addition we thank our supporting sponsors – Mt Eliza Deli - Ian and Lee-Anne Wigg, Robert De Santis of The Rocks and D.O.C. Restaurants, Mount Cinder Golf Club, Stuart Plant – Fine Wine Merchant, Mt Eliza, Frankston Arts Centre, Joe Russo – Core Health Club, Ashley James -Dandenong Autobarn, Melbourne Stars, Canadian Bay Hotel, Joe Calleja, Rod Loader – SportsPro, Jag Gill - Rasoi Tandoori Indian Kitchen, Mt Eliza, Danny Wong - Soy Restaurant, Mornington, Hanks Orthodontics, Mt Eliza, Entertainment Book, Raytrade Distributors, Ford Performance Racing, Peter Wrench, The Ultimate Driver, Nicole Spierings, RA Cosmetics, Glenn Fitzgerald, Destination Group of Companies, Rob Vickery, The Horsepower Factory and Adrian Alexander. Please support all of our sponsors who so generously support The Peninsula School.

The Brownlow Breakfast is a huge undertaking to organise and this could not be achieved without everybody working together as a team. Many thanks to the following people – the student Musicians and Tim Patston who organised them, Deputy Principal, Narelle Umbers, Melanie Cridland for ticketing, Graeme Robinson for his continued involvement and support, and our Maintenance team for the myriad of jobs completed before and after the event.

Sincere thanks to our PSPA Executive team, especially Tammy James, Natasha Lyons, Lisa Denton, Jenny Di Blasi, Julianne Raymond, Mel Jacobs, Paul Hanks and Jacqueline Hanks. Special thanks to Lisa and Jenny for their ingenious table decorations which were bronzed footy boots on stands. They looked amazing and all disappeared at the end of the day, signed by the footballers and are no doubt, sitting proudly on shelves in bedrooms right now! Thank you also to the parents who helped us wrap all of the prizes and assisted with sourcing or recommending contacts for prize donations. It really is a team effort to ensure the success of this special annual event.

Finally, thank you to Rod Loader for sourcing and organising the players and packages and heartfelt thanks to Peter Mitchell.

Suzanne Ashley
Community Relations
Ideal weather for ideal golf

Peninsula Golf Classic

“One of the great golf complexes anywhere in the world”
– Robert Trent Jones Jnr

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 13 March we were blessed with another beautiful day for golf; what began as a cool and damp early morning turned into a pleasant day with a temperature of 20 degrees with no wind. At 8am, a full field of golfers left the clubhouse in carts on the “Old Course” (designed by Robert Trent Jones Jnr) 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. In 2014, our community began to experience the results of our fundraising efforts incorporated into our new Senior School, the 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. 15 raffle prizes were drawn, the major prize a silver iPad Air, and a huge picnic hamper was won by Jeff Gardner.

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. The winners of a special prize which began in 2013 were then announced. 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 2015 were:

Leon Newton, George Fletcher and Alex Marshall

Finally, the winning teams for The Peninsula Golf Classic 2015 are listed below:

1st Place: Leon Newton, George Fletcher and Alex Marshall (Winners of the Ray Hille Perpetual Trophy)

2nd Place: James Honey, Gordon Elkington and Andrew Grant

3rd Place: Stuart Johnston, Ron Zammit, and Tim Stone

Nearest the Pin: 7th hole – Andrew Poh
                          16th hole – Mark Butterworth

Longest Drive 9th Hole: Dom Cerreto

Straightest Drive 2nd Hole: Peter Lawley

We were delighted to have Higgins Coatings as our Albatross Sponsor and involved in this event for the first time this year. Our Eagle plus Sponsor, Bluegum, have been supporters of this event since 2004. The Bluegum 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 (Drummond Golf Frankston Store) 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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- National Australia Bank
- Programmed Property Services
- TOPSA (The Old Peninsula School Association)
- PSPA (Peninsula School Parents Association).
We are grateful to our Par Sponsors who donated many magnificent prizes

- Mobility Help (Current Parent, Dean Sharkey)
- 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)
- House of Golf (Richard Quested ’86)
- Finders Golf Club
- The National Golf Club
- RACV Auto Glass and RACV Batteries (Current Parents, Lina & Stuart Davies)
- Mt Eliza Chiropractic (Current Parent, George Cipurovski)
- Elan Vineyard (Past Parent, Selma Lowther)
- Sealink Marine (Simon Carter ’75 & Michelle Carter)
- Peninsula Hot Springs (The Davidson family)
- Core Health Club (Past Parent, Joe Russo)
- Devil Bend Golf Club
- Eagle Ridge Golf Club
- Le Garrett Scarves, Mei McLorinan (current parent)
- Entertainment Publications (Andy Rault)
- The Sports Injury Clinic, Frankston
- Bodybarre Pilates, Grimster family (Past Parents)
- Hanks Orthodontics, Mt Eliza (Current Parents Paul & Jacqueline Hanks)
- Peninsula Dairies
- Mornington Mazda
- Advance Trophies
- Eye of Horus (Current Parent, Nicole Spierings)

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) and Sue Dawson (past parent) – to you all, my very grateful thanks!

I would also like to express my appreciation to the wonderful Peninsula School PSPA parent volunteers and also the staff who contributed to make the day a huge success. The event raised over $25K, with all funds being directed towards the future development of our campus.

The 2016 Peninsula Golf Classic will be held on Friday 18 March, so note this date in your diary now and start getting your team organised for a great day.

Suzanne Ashley
Convenor
Let’s talk through the early stages of a giraffe’s development. A giraffe, just like all other mammals (sans monotremes – who do they think they are?), begins life in its mother’s womb, where it gestates for close to 15 months. It spends this time wallowing in the delights of free nutrition, protection and a nice warm soupy environment in which it can develop, unaware of the horrors that await in the extra-uterine world. When a baby giraffe – a giraffoid, perhaps – is born, it must endure a 2 metre plunge from its mother to the ground below. It can use these two full metres to contemplate the poor decisions that led to such an event, before it comes crashing down; a greased-up, gangly mess of limbs upon the cold, unforgiving ground. It’s not an easy way to begin, that’s for sure, but from this point onwards, regret and compunction are of no use to the giraffe. Young giraffoid has no choice but to get up and start living in the organised chaos of the savannah.

Albeit broad, this is a very fitting metaphor to describe the World Challenge experience.

Over the 2014/2015 summer holidays, three groups of intrepid students set off to Vietnam on the World Challenge, chasing the call of adventure. It was an expedition two years in the works, and one with a particular emphasis on student participation; meaning that we were in charge of creating and adhering to an itinerary and raising enough cash to get us there and back (whilst still leaving enough to aid in our charity projects). This also meant that, upon our arrival in the country, teachers and group leaders alike were forbidden from assisting us in any way, which made things particularly hard when we stepped off the plane into the hustle and bustle of Hanoi airport.

This was our unceremonious fall from the womb.

From the get-go, we found ourselves perplexed and overwhelmed. Our first challenge was to try and organise transport from the airport to our first night’s accommodation; a task much easier said than done. We were cast into a sea of frantic motion, where people spoke in tongues and offered us things we didn’t know we needed. Waves of busy travellers grew increasingly strong and threatened to split up our group, and I almost lost our budget in amidst the chaos. All looked bleak – however our redemption came in the form of a small Vietnamese woman tucked away in an information desk in the far end of the terminal. She guided us through the darkness, the shepherd to our flock of sheep, until we reached the vans that would (supposedly) take us to our destination.
We had been thrust into a foreign environment and expected to hold our own. Just like the giraffe, we had no choice but to get by. It was tough to begin with, but as we began to do this more and more, we began to thrive, and the trip became increasingly enjoyable. Converting money from US dollars to Vietnamese Dong became progressively easier, and we began to pick up some of the local lingo, allowing us to impress the locals with our limited knowledge of shockingly enunciated and somewhat crude expressions. This was only the beginning of the experiences that we shared with one another over the course of the month. Believe me, I should love to share them all with you – however I seem to have wasted a fair chunk of my word limit on detailing the intricacies of giraffe birth – so I’ll present to you an abridged version of our experiences in ‘Nam.

We hiked through the Vietnamese landscape, including the indescribably picturesque rice paddies of Sapa. We cried a lot. We ate a whole lot of pho. We swam in the waters of Ha Long Bay. We explored caves. One of us ate a duck foetus. We had slumber parties on overnight trains. Kids half our age beat us at soccer. Repeatedly. We donned traditional outfits and had locals laugh at us (before ‘friending’ us on Facebook!) We scored some wicked bargains on watches and shoes. We partied on rave buses. We shut down a midnight karaoke party with our abhorrent singing. We visited war museums. We met a man that looked an awful lot like my dad. However, perhaps most notably, we built a bathroom (complete with functioning western toilet!) for an elderly woman living in poverty. Furthermore, we bought 960 baby chicks using the money we had raised and evenly distributed them to the 64 poorest families living in Mai Chau, saving just enough money to buy books and stationery for the students in the Mai Chau primary school. These tasks weren’t easy, but they were certainly the most rewarding.

In short, we did a lot of things. And a whole lot of them were pretty rad.

If you can’t decide whether or not you want to do the trip in two years time, please take my experience on board. I loved every minute of it. I’ve made friendships that will last my lifetime, done things that I never would have fathomed had I spent summer sitting at my computer at home, and come out of the trip a much more well-rounded and experienced person. If you’re sitting on the fence, make like the baby giraffe, and just live a little.

Noah Szto
Year 11
Jaffray House
A farewell reflection

In 2014, Jaffray House was home to 50 boys of many nationalities including Chinese, Malay, Japanese, Thai and Hong Kong. Through a diverse range of programs the students were inspired to become one community – a family that worked together and celebrated together and met challenges together. To watch their journey both academically and socially and to see them take their first steps towards manhood has been amazing.

Our pillars of respect, integrity and empathy for all, formed the cornerstone of what was a happy and flourishing House. To watch our Year 11 & 12 students actively mentor our Year 7 & 8 boys and to see young men take risks and achieve what they thought they could not, is the greatest reward of all. I have always felt that the students drive the culture and the Year 12 boys have led from the front in this manner by respecting the House, its history and the legacy they wish to leave. We wish the Class of 2014 all the best on their journey. They have truly followed the creed of “Hold fast to all that is good”. It is with great pride they hand on the baton to our next group of seniors and we know the lessons they have learnt hold them in good stead for the challenges that lay ahead.

As I reflect on my years in the Boarding House I am filled with pride. The year has been full of highlights including the Yellingbo Camp set amongst the beautiful Dandenong Ranges where the students worked to meet a variety of challenges together which tested them both physically and mentally. Team building challenges put students firmly outside their comfort zone. The “I can” attitude was certainly prevalent and the roar of happiness as we left the gates left us in no doubt that many had taken great strides towards manhood. The International nights and Sunday activities program (which included IMAX, tenpin bowling, hotsprings, Gravity Zone and a trip into the city to celebrate the Chinese New Year) built on this experience and provided a strong sense of balance with the academic challenges of the classroom.

Our charter in Jaffray House continued to be the development of the whole child and we pursued this vision with vigour and effective planning. The Peninsula School continues to be a dynamic environment in which to learn and grow, whether it is academics, sport or the arts, Boarding House students were encouraged to immerse themselves in each opportunity. I am particularly grateful to our leaders, Anson, Lewis and Yonsan, who through their actions and words, set the tone for a harmonious and respectful House. Their time was given freely to younger students who needed guidance and reassuring on their journey.

A sincere thank you to all the staff and supervisors who continued to put the students’ needs first. The Medical Centre staff, catering, tutors, security and International staff form part of our Boarding House family and they all went the extra mile to ensure the students had the best and safest experience possible.

The many facets of a Boarding House including the social, academic, sporting, musical and creative aspects help to mould the whole child and we were able to provide experiences which build memories long after students have left Jaffray House. So many past students have returned recently to catch up with old friends and reflect on their time here. To see the smiles as they reminisced about their experiences within these hallowed walls and to hear of their dreams that lay ahead confirmed that the future is in good hands and we are following the right path.

My stint as Head of Jaffray House has been a great experience for myself and my family. The boys of Jaffray House have taught me the value of friendship and shown me that courage is not always about being the biggest or the strongest. I wish new Head of House, Chris Menage and his family, all the very best.

Warwick Armstrong
former Head of Jaffray House
On Wednesday 20 November 2014, the parents who had all contributed in a myriad of ways to the success of the Peninsula School Parents’ Association during 2014 were treated to a Gratitude Morning Tea, also attended by our Principal, Stuart Johnston.

2014 was yet another busy year for the PSPA and we have enjoyed many events. We are indebted not only to the committee members who work tirelessly on behalf of all parents, but also to all parents who help out with preparing for, and participating in, PSPA events. A huge “THANK YOU” to everyone.

Back in September, a large group of volunteers were required to provide an amazing Father’s Day Breakfast, which was bigger than the event last year. This is a very special event that saw us serving breakfast to over 600 people. In addition, we had a visit from the Transformers much to the delight of kids and dads! There were many other activities designed to keep Dad and children busy between 7.30 and 9.00am, and the support from staff at the school in preparing kids and classrooms for dads was immense.

Our Spring Luncheon in October supported the Weekend to End Women’s Cancers. Held at the Ranelagh Club, over $4000 was raised. It was a fabulous day and the location befitted the occasion. A great talk on nutrition and how exercise can stimulate brain cell development – there is hope for us parents yet – was widely received.

The Christmas Market was yet again another happy occasion which saw Parents and Friends of The Peninsula School, along with grandparents and our local community come together and enjoy some Christmas shopping, whilst having morning tea and listening to some of our talented Junior School students perform musical items.

We have a number of activities planned for 2015 and we plan to introduce some improvements to make PSPA events more exciting and encourage more involvement from as many parents as possible. As always, we are only able to ensure these activities go ahead with the help of our greatly valued volunteers. We look forward to welcoming current and new parents to join the PSPA in 2015. Children are most welcome; we also have a box of toys available.

Paul Hanks
PSPA President
Father’s Day Breakfast

In 2014, we were blessed with beautiful weather for our annual Father’s Day Breakfast and at 7.30am sharp almost 600 people moved into the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion, Junior Gym, ECC, Junior School and surrounds. Dads/Grandpas and special friends were treated to a sausage sizzle breakfast, muffins and fruit. Then it was time to take Dad to have a look at their classroom, and take time to listen to reading or view some of the amazing work on display. The Junior Gym was a hive of activity, to play games and enjoy some time together at School to celebrate Father’s Day!

Screams of awe could be heard when the children discovered that the Transformers were roving the School grounds and everyone (even the parents) took the opportunity to have their photo taken with Optimus Prime and Bumble Bee. On the whole, there was great excitement, although there were some children who found their sheer size a bit scary and needed a hug!

This year, Deputy Principals, Peter Ford and Narelle Umbers, helped serve breakfast and both appreciated the opportunity to be involved.

To stage such a large scale event, required the help and planning of many members of the PSPA and our community. We offer our sincere thanks to all those that helped cook and serve breakfast, clean-up, staff the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion, Junior Gym and other areas, took photos etc. We also extend our thanks to the Junior School and ECC staff who supported the event with a very early start and welcoming everybody into their classrooms.

In particular, we extend our thanks to our parent organiser, Tammy James, chief cooks, Lisa Denton and Alison Saville and also Bizzy Butterworth, Pavilion Manager.
Spring Luncheon

Over 140 ladies joined us late last year for a fabulous lunch at The Ranelagh Club on Friday 17 October. The day started with sunshine and the ladies and our gentlemen guests looked a treat dressed up in their spring fashion. It was a fabulous day with beautiful cuisine, at one of the best venues in Mt Eliza.

In 2014, the PSPA elected to once again support a group of mums known as the ‘Tough Mothers’. After being diagnosed and surviving breast cancer in 2013, Lou Mcilwraith and her band of ‘Tough Mothers’ wanted to do something proactive about beating cancer. The team is a group of everyday women who share a common drive, and are prepared to challenge themselves.

We welcomed Paul Taylor, Executive Coach, The Body Brain Performance Institute, who spoke about the importance of exercise and nutrition, and gave the audience some tips on how they can improve their own wellbeing and that of their families. Setting goals, getting moving, and eating whole foods were just some of Paul’s messages.

The Tough Mothers helped to raise over $4600 on the day through silent auctions and raffles. All of the funds raised are going toward the ‘Tough Mothers’ commitment to walk in the Weekend to End Women’s Cancer. Lou Moliwraith, team captain, also encouraged all women over 40 in the audience to call 132050 and book in for a free Mammogram with Breast Screen Victoria. Early detection is one of the most successful ways to beat breast cancer, and may spare many the experience of extensive treatment.

The Weekend to End Women’s Cancers benefiting the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre is a 2-day, 60-kilometre walk through the neighbourhoods of Melbourne. It’s going was a challenge, but the team was determined to do something bold and powerful in an effort to end women’s cancers once and for all. All entrants must raise $2,000 to be eligible to walk.

In March 2015, we participated with 900 other women and men on the weekend. Once again it was an extraordinary event with so many inspirational moments, including one cancer sufferer taking 12 hours to complete Day 1 on crutches. Thanks to the determination and passion of everyone involved and your generosity, the Tough Mothers raised over $21,000. The event collectively raised $2.7 million for Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Over the past 2 years of the Weekend, now totals $6.3 million - and that is making an incredible impact. We couldn’t have reached our fund raising targets without you, so a big thank you from all of us for the part you played in fighting against women’s cancer. We will continue to participate in 2016 so make sure you keep an eye out for the pink hats around Mt Eliza!
Christmas Market

The Annual Christmas Market was held on Friday 22 November in the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion. Several months of preparation took place prior to the event with parent organiser Mei McLorinan talking to a large number of potential stall-holders, reviewing their stock and finalising bookings. Our sincere thanks to Mei for her efforts and for organising a beautiful, sunny day for the market which helped create a happy atmosphere inside the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion.

The stall-holders have their setting-up down to a fine art and the Pavilion transformed from an empty space, to a thriving market place, in just under an hour. Parents and grandparents were able to drop off their children for class and then wander into the market to be greeted by our parent volunteers. Sincere thanks to Jenny Di Blasi, Tammy James, Natasha Lyons, Kelli Lundberg, Susie Coloretti, Jacqueline Hanks, Julianne Raymond, Mel Jacobs, and Belinda Rodman. We would also like to thank Bizzy Butterworth (Pavilion Manager) and our maintenance staff for making set-up and pack-up a breeze.

Entry to the Market was a gold coin donation and each year, the proceeds raised are directed towards ‘Beyond Blue’ to help sustain their excellent programs. This year we again raised over $2000. Special thanks to Gill Flynn, who organised pre-sales of Grandmas Puddings and staffed the stall on the day.

We had 26 stall-holders selling a wide array of quality goods including home wares, gourmet food, jewellery, beautiful ladies’ scarves, fragrant soaps, clothing and accessories, handbags, Christmas decorations, Lisa Denton’s fantastic cheese boards and the wonderful Charli’s Angels – Royal Children’s Hospital Auxiliary Stall. The stall-holders, both those who joined us for the first time and the many regulars at the market, tell us that it is their favourite market of the year, because of the friendly environment.

Everyone, including parents, grandparents, teaching staff and friends of the School, who came to the market, were able to enjoy festive music performed by our talented students and we extend our thanks to Vicki MacLachlan for organising all of the student performers.

Suzanne Ashley
Community Relations
A Golf Course becomes a school

The Peninsula School is built on what had once been the Mt Eliza Golf Course. Descriptions of The Peninsula School in its foundation decade, always mention its beautiful grounds and large airy classrooms with beautiful views of what had been the golf tees. Foundation students have recalled “the smell of eucalypts”, “the vast expanse of grass and trees”, “the grassy play areas”, “the view of gum trees from the large classroom windows” and “insect patrols in the fertile environment which made up the school grounds”. The Foundation Committee was extremely proud of the “magnificent land; ideally located”. It had taken them ten months to find the ideal site for their vision of a school where the students would, “have plenty of elbow room”.

From the very first year, the grounds and the creek running through the site were utilized for games and sport, as well as for Nature Studies and Science classes. In the early days, when funds were largely being directed towards the School’s Building Program, the Foundation Committee members along with the Parents Association were very “hands on”, they joined in countless working bees to help the School along. The picturesque site was always greatly valued and by 1963 Council members, staff and parents had personally planted 500 native trees to enhance the already beautiful campus. Today, we can admire the results of their foresight in the mature trees which grace our campus.

During the 1960s, The Peninsula School grew as Mt Eliza grew; a new community within a growing community.

The Mt Eliza Golf Course

The 9-hole Mt Eliza Golf Course belonged to the Ranelagh Club of Mt Eliza. The Club’s plan to subdivide the property for housing had been rejected but the Club was very enthusiastic about the prospect of having a school on the site, they saw the advantages of having an independent school in the area. The 1950s influx of migrants from Europe to Australia had led to an ever-growing suburban sprawl. The Mornington Peninsula was changing rapidly from holiday villages where city people owned beach shacks, to towns which housed permanent residents. The Point Nepean Road (now Nepean Highway) had been widened to allow for the extra traffic which streamed into the area.

After some negotiation over the price of the 38 acres, the Ranelagh Club accepted the offer from the new school’s Provisional Committee on May 10th 1959. The search for a site had gone on for ten months but was finally over; the members of the Provisional Council were delighted! Yes, they had paid a lot more than they had planned to, but the site was spectacular and it was in a prominent position, this was more than the Provisional Committee had dared to dream. The holding deposit they had paid was small, but large regular payments had to begin within nine months’ time. The fundraising activities would now really need to be stepped up!
Hutchins Tour

Giving it the boot!

In the first week of December our cricketers participated in a week of their favourite sport. The First X1 visited Tasmania where they played games against Launceston G.S and Scotch Oakburn before travelling to Hobart to play the Hutchins school in the annual boot game.

The Development squad played a number of games against Mentone G.S., Brighton G.S. and Hutchins.

Both teams enjoyed considerable success with the Development squad winning three of their four games and the First X1 winning all of their games, including the "boot" game, which they won in a very dominant performance.

Results of the week’s cricket are as follows:

**DEVELOPMENT SQUAD**

**Monday 1 December**
PENINSULA 143 (P.Rowe 61, S. Sturt 30, D. Shayler 12 )
Lost to BRIGHTON G.S.  

**Tuesday 2 December**
PENINSULA 4/233 ( S.Sturt 103 n.o. P.Rowe 82 n.o.  N.Vigliaroni 14 )
Defeated
MENTONE G.S.  97 ( J. Roysmith 2/3, H.Alexander 2/10, S.Sturt 4/10, M.Taberner 1/12 )

**Wednesday 3 December**
PENINSULA 153 ( W. La Brooy 26, H. Leonard 62, N.McDonald 21 ) and 5/254 ( K.Bendle 89, H.Leonard 37, B. Symons 52, O.Craig 34 n.o.  T. Harrison 13 n.o. )
Defeated
HUTCHINS 67 ( A. Grant 2/16, S.Harrison 5/11, T. Harrison 1/10 )

**Thursday 4 December**

20/20 and Billet Game

**FIRST X1**

**Monday 1 December**
PENINSULA 9/178 ( N. McDonald 34, O, Craig 27, T.Harrison 24 n.o. B. Symons 19 )
Defeated
LAUNCESTON G.S.  77 ( B.Symons 3/17, T. Freeman 2/ 11, T.Harrison 2/21, J. La Brooy 1/7 )

**Tuesday 2 December**
PENINSULA 133 ( O.Craig 18, N.McDonald 35 n.o.  H. Leonard 33, L. Gandy 12 )
Defeated
SCOTCH OAKBURN 9/104 ( A.Grant 2/ 10, S.Harrison 2/25, K. Bendle 2/11, L.Gandy 1/7, T. Freeman 1/7 )

**Wednesday 3 & Thursday 4 December**

Boot Game

**Stephen Brennan**  
Director of Sport
We mourn the passing of Mrs Barbara Macdonald, the wife of our second Headmaster, Harry Macdonald.

Barbara was a steadfast supporter of The Peninsula School. At the Headmaster’s side throughout the countless functions and events over two decades, she provided him with constant support and encouragement. Living on the School campus with Harry from 1971 until 1991, Barbara was unfailingly generous in offering the hospitality of their home.

Barbara was an active and involved member of the School Parish. During the 1980s she was instrumental in organising a craft group of parishioners to make adornments for the newly built School Chapel, involving others in her passion for needlecraft. As one of the organisers of the Bible Group for nearly two decades, Barbara understood the value of building community connectedness which was fundamental to Harry’s headmastership.

Barbara’s interest and involvement in the School did not end with Harry’s retirement; together they attended Foundation Day assemblies, concerts, musical productions, Celebration Evenings and special events. Barbara will be remembered as a warm hearted and humble person whose welcoming smile quickly put others at ease.

Barbara and Harry had recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary with their family and friends.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Harry and his family at this sad time.

Nadia Doll
School Archivist

The Wallace Family

3 generations strong

The Principal, Stuart Johnston with the three generations of the Wallace family to attend The Peninsula School.

Peter Wallace, Class of 1965 (left) is the great all round athlete, after whom the P.J. Wallace (House) Cup is named.

Molly Wallace commenced Year 7, 2015 and her father Cameron Wallace, also an athlete of note is the Class of ‘89.

They are all members of Country House.
The Old Peninsula School Association

It is with great pleasure that I deliver the Annual Report of The Old Peninsula School Association (TOPSA).

Over the past 12 months: Our membership continued to grow; 7,850 alumni have now been educated at The Peninsula School. All have experienced an unsurpassed education based on the sound values of: Stewardship, Integrity, Personal Excellence, Coeducational Learning, Community Spirit and Christian Faith.

Of those 7,850 past students, the majority are members of The Old Peninsula School Association (TOPSA). This year another 156 members took up life membership, the majority from the Year 12 graduating cohort.

A Strong Financial Position & Contributions to the School:
The Association has continued to manage its finances well and a small surplus was reported at the AGM in November.

TOPSA supported The Peninsula School in a number of ways in 2014:
- Human Powered Vehicle Sponsorship
- Careers Forum
- Year 11 Girls Function celebrating 20 years of coeducation
- Longley Memorial Scholarship

A More Modern Constitution was adopted:
For the first time, past staff were officially recognized as life members of the Association.

There was also considerable work done this year on creating a model set of rules for affiliated clubs under the auspices of TOPSA. These include the Football, Soccer, Cricket and Netball clubs.

We have actively ensured Alumni stay connected:
The reunion program has once again been a huge success and congratulations must go to our Executive Officer, Suzanne Ashley, for her excellent organizational skills. She is truly engaged with this initiative.

This year successful reunions were held for: Sydney Alumni, Class of 1994 - 20 year reunion, Class of 1984 - 30 year reunion, Class of 2013 -1 year reunion and Class of 2008, Class of 2009 -5 year reunion. The Class of 74 had a small get together (as a ‘warm-up’ event). The dates for 2015 reunions are listed on page 50.

TOPSA Hall of Fame became more than an idea:
A major strategy undertaken this year was the development of the Hall of Fame concept.

In 2015 the inaugural TOPSA Hall of Fame induction will take place at a function to be held in the H. A. Macdonald Pavilion, on Saturday 24 October.

The TOPSA Hall of Fame 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 endeavors. Others have been quiet achievers.

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 realise their own dreams.

**Mental Health Care of Alumni was identified as key area for TOPSA:** Sadly this year we lost a disproportionately high number of past students to suicide.

The TOPSA committee is actively seeking ways to promote the network of support offered by fellow alumni. We have done some initial work with Beyond Blue and will continue to develop strategies around this important issue.

**Digital Media allowed us to more broadly connect with our members:** Generational change means we must consider the way we communicate with our alumni. With the emergence of Gen Y, traditional methods of correspondence have been challenged.

The successful launch of the TOPSA smartphone app and a continuation of an aggressive social media campaign were all important strategies adopted by the Association during 2014. I encourage all Alumni to download the smartphone App or follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook or Twitter.

**Stephen Longley Scholarship for 2015:** Grace Neville (Year 11) became the latest recipient of the Stephen Longley Scholarship.

The Scholarship is awarded to a Year 11 student going into Year 12 to offset their Year 12 fees. The aim of the scholarship is to help a student who exhibits the qualities and attributes of Stephen R. Longley to continue their schooling at Peninsula. Grace well and truly represents these key qualities and attributes.

**Our Sporting Clubs Continue to Thrive:** Our Cricket, Football, Soccer and Netball clubs continue to thrive and provide an avenue for organised sport for alumni. Each club has provided a report but my thanks goes to each of the sporting clubs’ executive for their continued stewardship.

**The Glue That Holds TOPSA Together:** The tireless work of our Executive Officer, Suzanne Ashley has ensured that TOPSA remains a relevant part of The Peninsula School community. Suzanne continues to go beyond expectations to ensure our reunion and organised school based activities are memorable for all participants. Personally, I have been delighted to work with Suzanne, she is an inspiration!

I would also like to express my congratulations and thanks to the committee for an excellent contribution to TOPSA during the year. Without their voluntary input we would not have such a vibrant Association.

This year’s committee comprised:
- Vice President – Geoffrely Eldridge (’72)
- Immediate Past President – Reagan Barry (’09)
- Treasurer- Ian Cockle (’79)
- Secretary/Executive Officer – Suzanne Ashley sashley@tps.vic.edu.au
- Principal-Stuart Johnston
- General Committee – Peter Cook (’76)
- General Committee – Lachlan Patton (’80)
- General Committee – David Clarke (’82)
- General Committee – Mason Sugars (’11)
- Past Staff Representative - Rev John Leaver

* Eleanor Barry (’13) was elected to the committee at the November AGM

**Greg Sugars** (Class of 1985)
President TOPSA
All three teams (Seniors, Reserves and Under 19s) were very competitive at times throughout the season, with the Seniors holding Top Spot on the Ladder for some weeks earlier in the season. All three had reasonable prospects of playing Finals even late into the season, but ultimately fell short.

The Under 19s were yet again a very promising group of young players, with a strong legacy from TPS. When at full strength they proved to be the equal of all teams in the competition.

**Awards**

- **Club Best & Fairest:**
  - Seniors – Brett Brisbane
  - Reserves – Cam Macaulay
  - Under 19s – James Moignard

- **VAFA**
  - Under 19s – James Moignard
  - Reserves Goal kicking – Jake Archdeacon

**Coaching appointments**

The Club is very pleased to have reappointed Nick Claringbold as Senior Coach for the 2015 season. We are also delighted to announce Peter Williamson as Coach of the Under 19s, and are continuing the review of applicants for the role of Reserves Coach.

The Pirates are undertaking two key initiatives to improve our competitiveness for the coming season and beyond.

Pre-season 2015 will be sponsored by the Cutlass Club. We have engaged the services of Dave Bromley – GET (Group Exercise Therapy) to provide the support for our strength and conditioning program. This aimed at getting the entire playing group in the best possible shape to hit the season running.

**Premiership & Great Club Program**

The ‘Premiership & Great Club Program’ is a simple and powerful proven step-by-step ‘system’ that we are implementing to turbo charge the Pirates’ success, leadership, engagement and culture over the next 2 to 4 years. We are partnering with Richard Maloney and Premiership Coach for the entire 2015 home and away season.

The Pirates are as always interested to hear from potential players and supporters.

We look forward to working with TOPSA and TPS to make this great Club even better!

**Peter Grigg**

Vice-President POBFC
**POBCC**

Positive start for pirate season

The POBCC started the season 2014/15 in a positive fashion, undefeated after four rounds (for three wins and a draw) in the 1st XI under new Captain/Coach Matt Hyden. This included a hard-fought Round 1 victory over Sorrento, who have been runners-up in the past three seasons. Hyden has led from the front, with two half-centuries already, including a superb innings of 96 versus Baxter.

Evergreen all-rounder, John Forrest, leads the wicket-takers for the Pirates with 13 including 5/48 against Crib Point. He has been well supported by Adam Galilitis, Justin Parkes and Tom Feldgen - a promising young quick who has returned after a stint at Frankston Peninsula CC.

In the other grades, Cal Tranter and Nick Messinis have been solid in the 2nds while many Juniors are putting in some promising performances in Senior ranks, including Paddy Rowe, Dan Shayler, Oscar Craig and Luke Gandy. Paddy and James Long gained selection in the Under 14 South East Country Sharks team for the State Championships in January, while Luke Gandy and James La Brooy (ex-POBCC) were picked in the Under 16 equivalent. Oscar Craig was selected to represent the MPCA Under 16 representative team against the Ferntree Gully & District CA.

We are very pleased to have expanded our number of teams, which now stands at four Senior and seven Junior sides (from Under 10s through to Under 16s). We’re also offering entry level kids the opportunity to participate in in2CRICKET on Thursday nights at the School. A record number of participants from five years old to fifty are actively engaged in the POBCC.

For the Round 5 matches, POBCC players wore white ribbons in support of No Violence to Families, an initiative driven by the MPCA and of particular relevance in light of the tragedy involving Tyeabb cricketer Luke Batty.

The Canadian Bay Hotel (CBs) in Mt Eliza, along with our other sponsors, continues to provide invaluable support, and a successful Melbourne Cup Eve function was held there during the Spring Carnival. We also saw the potential to offer sponsors - along with players, umpires and spectators – enhanced value when we trialled a full colour electronic scoreboard in our opening T20 clash (which we won). This trial was conducted in conjunction with the POB Football Club and is a venture of great promise for both clubs and importantly, The Peninsula School, provided sufficient funding can be found. It was certainly a big talking point for the crowd in attendance.

Of significant importance is the upgrading and increased capacity of the training net facility. The upgrading has advanced in terms of planning and multi-faceted funding, including from peak bodies such as Cricket Victoria. In addition to assisting school, club and fee-paying net cricketers, it could be a multi-purpose area useful for fielding, football warm-ups, boarders’ activities, etc. It is our strong desire to resume discussions on this crucial project as soon as possible.

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

Go Pirates!
TOPSA Soccer Club

Kicking goals

On the field, the Boys teams were promoted to the Bayside Premier League for the first time in their short history. This was reward for their dominance on the field for the past two years. Meanwhile, the Girls team has gone from strength to strength – with membership numbers rivalling that of any other local club. This is an enormous achievement. By the end of the season, the Girls managed to secure the Bayside Women’s Premier League Runner’s Up Flag, as well as the Bayside Women’s Runner’s Up Best and Fairest, Leading goal scorer, and a handful of girls were selected in the league representative team. The Boys were competitive in their first season in the local top flight and managed to secure a few hard fought wins and tough draws against some talented sides.

Off the field, the club expanded in leaps and bounds. To kick things off, the boys travelled to Northbridge for a pre-season trip and friendly match in Sydney in March. This was followed by a Season Launch Party, World Cup Breakfast, Trivia Night, Bonfire Night, and many other social events held at local sponsors The Canadian Bay Hotel. The year culminated in an End of Season trip to Warrnambool. This trip was so successful that it will become an annual fixture of the TOPSA Soccer Club calendar. After this, we acknowledged all those who make this club a great one by celebrating the season at our annual Presentation night.

Much happened in 2014, which means 2015 has a lot to live up to. Thankfully, we know it will be even better. We expect increased membership, increased sponsorship, and an even busier football and social calendar for season 2015. Over summer, both teams conducted preseason training from January. Memberships for players and supporters are now available, so it is important that anyone who wishes to play for the club this season stay in touch with us. You can do that through visiting www.topsasoccer.com.au or by liking us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/topsasoccer.

The 2015 committee is eager to get this season underway and to live up to the success of 2014. To help us achieve this, we need support from players and sponsors from within the school community. This is fundamental to our growth as a club as we become more ambitious over the next couple of years. We know it will be even better than last season, and we hope that many people from within The Peninsula School community will share it with us.

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

Continuing to grow

I am pleased to report that all is going well for the TOPSA/Peninsula Netball Club. We completed our first year in 2014, and at the end of our second season we are pleased to report that our A Grade team finished the Round Robin season on top of the ladder and after a tough battle were Runners Up in the Grand Final. Our C Grade team finished 3rd and won their Grand Final. Well done to both of these teams.

We are always looking to grow our club...

If you are interested in playing A or B/C Grade Netball on Monday or Thursday nights at Jubilee Park, Frankston, please contact Michelle Ellis (Class of ‘09) or Emma Small (Class of ‘12) through Suzanne Ashley (97887825). The girls who have been consistently involved have really enjoyed the opportunity to take to the courts again with school friends. TOPSA Netball is a fantastic way to keep fit whilst socialising and to be part of a club.

Michelle Ellis (Class of 2009)
President TOPSA Netball Club

Grace Neville

TOPSA Stephen Longley Scholarship Winner

Our congratulations go to Grace Neville who has been awarded the TOPSA Stephen Longley Scholarship for 2015.

Grace commenced her education at TPS in Prep in 2003. Grace has taken full advantage of the opportunities available to her and has immersed herself in the co-curricular life of the School. She has represented the School in both Netball and Touch Football and more recently has become involved in Dance as her Saturday sport.

Grace was a member of the Cadet Unit whilst in Middle School and has held a number of positions of responsibility at both House and School level. She has received a number of academic and sporting awards and has made an outstanding contribution to the Music program over a number of years. This has been recognised by her appointment as Head of Choral Music for 2015. In addition, Grace has been selected to be Co-Head of School in 2015.

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

Grace is highly regarded by both her peers and staff and is an outstanding ambassador for The Peninsula School. She is a worthy recipient of this scholarship.

The President of TOPSA with Grace Neville.
Greg Sugars

Included in the Australia Day Honours

Our congratulations go to TOPSA President, Greg Sugars (Class of ’85), who was recently awarded the Order of Australia medal.

Greg’s award recognises his many years of service to the community of Frankston through his involvement with a broad range of community organisations including the Chamber of Commerce, SkillsPlus and the Rotary Club of Frankston Sunrise.

A great lifetime achievement. Well done Greg!

The Class of 2014

New members of the TOPSA community:

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

In recent years, TOPSA has provided a prize to encourage our Year 12 students to log onto our Past Student network, www.topsa.com.au The prize for 2014 was a ‘very cool’ Hero 4 Silver Go Pro, valued at $477.00.

The name of each TOPSA Life Member who logged onto the website was placed into a golden organza bag and drawn by Principal, Stuart Johnston at Valedictory dinner on 21 November at Mornington Racing Club.

The lucky winner was Mia De Santis who was thrilled to accept her prize!

TOPSA

Junior School Prize

At the Junior School Assembly on Friday 5 December 2014, Max Coloretti and Xiara McFarlane were jointly awarded the TOPSA ‘All-Rounder’ prize for 2014. Both Max and Xiara were recognised for fully embracing the opportunities available to students in the Junior School and generally showing themselves to be great role models for others.

By making the most of their opportunities, Max and Xiara have enjoyed positive and fulfilling experiences which will be of great benefit to them in the Middle School this year.
Celebrating

20 years of coeducation

In 2014, the 20th year of coeducation at The Peninsula School, the Year 11 and Year 12 girls had a Women’s Afternoon Tea to celebrate this milestone. Mothers and female staff members also attended. The guest speaker was Dr Jodi Richardson, a past sports teacher at TPS who is now working as a wellbeing and high performance writer, teacher and presenter. Jodi has a unique talent for sharing cutting edge research from the fields of positive psychology, exercise and sports science in a way that is easily understood and readily applied; and is dedicated to inspiring, teaching and supporting people to live a happier life with more meaning, more energy, better health, more peace and more passion.

Jodi came and spent an afternoon with us encouraging and inspiring us to always be who we are and to not feel embarrassed or ashamed about it. Jodi shared her personal experiences about how she came to be the person she is today and how her career first started off. Her stories, as well as being funny and interesting, were also inspiring and encouraging. She encouraged us to pursue our dreams for our not too distant future. We really enjoyed the opportunity to hear a woman talk about her career path and were all able to take something away that will be useful in our futures.

Imogen Turner

At the beginning of Term 4, many girls, their mothers and teachers attended an afternoon tea where Jodi encouraged the need for a positive mindset throughout everything you do in your day to day lives. She delivered an intriguing presentation, discussing her journey to where she is now, and the need to remain true to yourself and what you really want to do.

Michaela McMenamin

Hearing Jodi’s life story about how she dealt with different career changes to follow her passions while also balancing work with family was very inspiring. It made me realize that even if at the end of Year 12 I don’t achieve what I wanted there is always other opportunities and chances waiting for me.

Sophia Rasch

It was our pleasure to celebrate this special occasion with Dr Jodi Richardson. Jodi combines the latest research and over 15 years of experience with her knowledge and understanding of the wellbeing practices implemented at the highest levels of Australian Sport, to write feature articles and create effective and engaging programs.

Jodi was a panellist at the 2013 Australian Psychological Society breakfast alongside TED speaker and international expert on finding meaning and purpose in your workplace and life, Professor Michael Steger. She is also currently working with the wellbeing team at the AFL Players Association on a project highlighting the personal values that AFL players express through their tattoos.

Jodi earned a PhD in Exercise Science and is currently studying the science of happiness through the University of California. She is passionate about helping people to identify their strengths, understand their values and implement tried and tested positive psychology strategies so they can make the best choices for a flourishing life.
Class of 1994

20 Year Reunion

It didn’t take long for the Class of 1994 to break into the laughter and carry on of yesteryear. Around half of the students of our Year Level attended the evening and all those present didn’t wish for the night to end. The years, in many ways, brought many of us closer together with the usual questions of where do you live, what are you doing for work, how many children and marriages! Many of the faces remained the same, however, for many unfortunately it ended there. 20 years seems a long time, but it certainly felt like a far shorter time on the night. Several attendees had come from interstate, some from regional Victoria and many were local again.

The Class of 1994 was a small Year Level for the School at the time, and we all pleased to witness how the school has leapt forward over the last 20 years. The new Zammit Centre was a real highlight of the tour, which is unbelievably equipped for the future and current students. It was terrific to see some of our past teachers attend such as Keith Thompson, Neil Heron and Alan Wiggs.

It was great to catch up as a group once more, and really interesting to have those individual chats after such a long period of time for many.

Some interesting comments and observations of some members of the Class of 1994 were:

“Who is the Fabio looking guy?” aka: Julian Freitag

“Is he asleep or awake…I know he is standing but.....?” aka: Ben Szonyi.

“Did he join the circus with that Mo and leather pants?” aka: Michael Torossi.

“That’s a tough 20 years!” aka: Alex Bonner.

Thanks to Suzanne Ashley for organising the night. We are all looking forward to the next reunion.

Nick Bowman (Class of 1994)
Where are they now?

Matt Kawecki
Graduated as a veterinary surgeon from Melb Uni in 1999 and have pretty much worked in a mixed ‘James Herriot Style’ practice in Drouin, Gippsland since. Married Rachel and have 2 awesome boys aged 10 and 12 – one started high school this year! Still playing football (haven’t won that elusive premiership after 32 years playing) and basketball. Coach my boys’ football and basketball teams which I love. We live on a small farm with our menagerie of animals – 4 dogs, 2 cats, snakes, reptiles, goats, horses, chooks, peacocks, a few donkeys and some fish.

James Savin
Currently a Senior Constable at the Greater Dandenong Highway Patrol. Married with 2 children

Andrew Boulton
I have twin 2 year old girls, live in Sydney. I work at Coca Cola Amatil as the State Manager for the Grocery division.

Anthony Bacon
Teaching at The Peninsula School for the past 7 years in the Art, Design & Technology Dept.

Robert Fickling
I attended Burnley Horticultural College then started my own landscape construction business, operating successfully for 13 years before pursuing a change of career. I now service a growing niche industry with Moroak.30 designing high quality lightweight hunting gear specifically for Australian conditions. In recent years I have made a part time move to television, producing and presenting “Beyond the Divide” which is an adventure hunting TV Series, now into its 3rd season that airs nationally on the Ch44 network. I live in Langwarrin with my partner Nicole and our 3 year old son Charlie.

Paul Snowden
Living with my wife in St Kilda. Still playing music. No longer playing football due to many broken bones.

David Reith
Living and working in Melbourne as a Financial Services Laywer.

Trevor Cox
Living on a few acres in Trafalgar with wife Prue and son Xavier. Head of Year at St Pauls Grammar School in Warragul. Predominantly teaching Senior Physical Education.

Alex Bonner
Working at the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Nicholas Bowman
Married to Danielle and have two children, Sam (2) and Lulu (4). Lived in the city, now back in Mt Eliza working in the sporting goods industry as a Sales Director.

Paul Beauchamp
Living in Mt Martha. Happily married with two children. I am an Electrician.

Adam Birch
Living in McCrae and working in Mornington as a Lawyer, Father to Xavier and partner to the lovely Laura Menzies.

Adam Mackenzie
Living in Mt Eliza Married with two children. I run my own business (Fashion Agency) based in St Kilda.

Alex Alsop
I’m working in banking, married with two energetic boys – Will (4) and Tom (2). In the process of negotiating number 3. Spent some time in Hong Kong for work but now based back in Melbourne.

DavidSplatt
Living in Mt Eliza, Married with boy/girl 5 year old twins who are about to start school next year. Work for HVG as a Sales Manager in Industrial Textiles importing fabrics to many different markets. Played cricket with Peninsula Old Boys for many years and now play golf in spare time.

Mick Torossi
Living in WA or the ‘wild, wild west’! I’m a builder, acrobat, kite surfer and enjoy diving, fishing and yachting.

Neil Smith
I am a Master 4 Captain at Exmouth Marlin Fishing Charters. I also fish for ‘Blue Marlin’ at Cape Verde. I work in the Pilbara, WA in Construction at Brockman Mine.

Justin Burke
Anaesthetist at The Alfred Hospital.

Joseph Ackland
Having commenced my career as an Architect and Town Planner, studying in America and working in the UK, I had a career change into medicine and completed a degree in medicine/ surgery this year. I commence work as an Intern in Wollongong, NSW, next year. Still into running. I was unable to attend the reunion so cheers to everyone from my year!

Simon Stone
20 years may have passed, but so little has changed: the super salad rolls from the Tuckshop taste exactly the same, the rules of continuous cricket haven’t altered and those big, black crows who stole my lunch on the first day of Year 7 have sent their children to eyeball me every time I cross the quadrangle. Yes, I am still here, albeit as a teacher and parent now. But that’s OK, because half the staff who taught us are still here too!

Andrew Johnson
After graduating from Peninsula in 1994, I joined the Air Force and am still serving as a Squadron Leader at RAAF Base Laverton in Headquarters Air Force Training Group.

I completed a Bachelor of Technology in Aeronautical Engineering at the Australian Defence Force Academy in 1997 prior to being posted to RAAF Base Sale to undertake Navigator training. On completion of Navigation training I was posted to RAAF Base Richmond in Sydney to fly the C-130H Hercules aircraft where I accrued nearly 5000 flying hours and did several operational deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan amongst other places.

In my spare time I enjoy playing football and have developed a taste for adventure racing, conducting expeditions to Papua New Guinea and rowing across the Tasman Sea. I am happy to be posted back to Melbourne and am busy reacquainting myself with my old home town.
In July 2014, the Class of 2004 stepped foot onto The Peninsula School grounds once more for our ten year reunion. Many alumni took the tour of the impressive Ansett Hall, and new learning centres, which have replaced the dusty tennis courts and basketball courts of our teenage years. Stepping into the scene of our final Year 12 exams was quite emotive for some of us who had not been back to school since 2004, but the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion proved to be quite the gregarious host!

Despite the odd wrinkle, glasses, baby bump and displays of facial hair, most of the Class were recognisable, and we quickly set about reacquainting ourselves with some very welcoming familiar faces. We had a great turn out from across Melbourne, and even some interstate fly- ins, and a ‘Reunion Road Trip’ from Canberra to Mount Eliza, to join the occasion. While some were overseas, we gladly shared stories about those who were absent, but certainly not forgotten.

We were very touched that our loyal Heads of Year, Andrew Watts and Jodie Sheppard, returned to reminisce, share stories, and even absolve the infamous ‘Muffin Man’! We were graciously joined by the ever-wise Keith Maughan, and the creative Sally Thompson. Heather Evans thoughtfully provided an impressive photo board from our school years, which served as quite the memory jogger for some of our fondest school memories. Time flew so fast we barely had time to connect with everyone in the room, and some continued the reunion well into the night in Mornington.

The Class of 2004 proved to be a ‘good year’, yielding an impressive set of kind, intelligent individuals, with incredibly diverse life paths. The Peninsula School served us so well, several students had even returned as teachers, while others became police officers, lawyers, health professionals, or public servants, while others were excelling in the creative arts, marketing or as engineers and builders. While there were no red Porsches in the car park this time, many had married (including two Peninsula School sweethearts), moved across the globe, had children, or changed careers, all in the five short years since our last reunion.

A big thank you to Suzanne Ashley for organizing this reunion and bringing us all back together through TOPSA. We look forward to reuniting with old friends, or rekindling lost friendships with those we missed this time, in 2024.

Eliza Woolcock
Class of 2004
Where are they now?

Tom Stainforth
Working for Lend Lease, and living in Richmond.

Tom Britchford
I’ve spent the past 10 years in the construction industry. I am the General Manager of Concut – Concrete Sawing and Drilling Contractors. Living on the Peninsula, where I built a new house last year. Still see a lot of The ‘A’ Team.

Nat Lawrance
Working in fashion, both retail and wholesale. Still see all our buddies – The ‘A’ Team.

Sophie Bradford
Working as a Nurse (RN) at Royal Melbourne Hospital and as a support worker for children with disabilities.

James Campbell
Halfway through a Graduate program at Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development in Canberra. Still playing the bass.

Huw Nestor
Living in the city and working in Accounting.

Karl Lambardozzi
Living in Elwood, working in the city after travelling the world. Enjoying playing footy for Mt Eliza. Still hanging out with Sam Gill and Ben Drake. Life is good

Sam Gill
Temporarily living back home in Mt Eliza after returning from some overseas. Working as an Exercise Physiologist at a corrective exercise and elite sports studio in South Yarra. Still playing football at Mt Eliza.

Ben Drake

Andrew Langendam
Currently I am completing a PhD in Planetary Geoscience at Monash University. My research focuses on the geologic impacts of planetary formation processes on the habitability of extra-solar planets.

Tobias Franklin
I am working as a first Constable of Police at the Operations Response Unit. I am a part of the Public Response Team.

Maddie Cook
Living on the Peninsula and working for Peninsula Health as an Occupational Therapist. Enjoying work but always looking forward to the next holiday.

Emma Coyle
After travelling for a few months, I am now living in Seaford with my puppy Louie and working as an Occupational Therapist at Peninsula Health.

Marley Richards
I am living on the Mornington Peninsula working as a leading teacher at Mcclelland College in Frankston as Head of the Year 9 Program.

Bo Featherstone
Currently living and working in the city at Toll Logistics.

Amelia Littlechild
Working for a publishing company in Melbourne, travelling a lot for work, not enough for pleasure! Doing lots of yoga in my spare time. Happy and loving life.

Chris Fisher
Living in Melbourne and working as an Architect. Saving for travelling.

Ashleigh Doll
Living in Patterson Lakes and working in Marketing at Decor.

Catherine Hough
Living in the Eastern Suburbs. Working as a Physiotherapist at Monash Children’s Hospital which is great! Upcoming Africa travels!

Kim Ho
Living in the city with my partner. Working in various schools as a violin/viola teacher. Travelling to the Greek Islands and Turkey in 8 weeks – very excited!

James Sorensen
I am living on the Peninsula and working for Bakers Delight for the last four years.

Laura Vatousios (Welsh)
I have worked at Ernst and Young for the last six years and am now a National Campus Recruitment Manager. Married to George Vatousios (2002) in 2012 and moved to Mt Martha.

Laurel Maranino
I’m running an Industrial Design and Manufacturing Logistics business based in Keysborough called Vault Industrial Design. We design products/files for clients and manage the manufacturing process. Also teaching a 1st year Design course at Monash.

Max Lewis
I have worked as a Nurse in the Emergency Department at Maroondah Hospital. Continuing to travel and travel whenever possible.

Ken Bester
Living in Glen Iris and working as a Plastic Surgery Registrar at Maroondah Hospital. Travelling the world when I can.

Paul Schuurman
I am an Electrical Engineer, currently working in central Qld with a tier-1 construction company. I enjoy my time off spent with my daughter Tahlia, family and friends.

Courtney Short (Doll)
I’m living in Aspendale Gardens with my husband, Brendan and dog, Rusty. Working as a Marketing Campaign Manager for Bakers Delight for the last four years.

Meagan Evans
Currently working as an acute mental health clinician in the Emergency Department at Frankston Hospital. Continuing to travel and have a six week trip to Europe planned at the end of the year. Living in Mornington with my partner and two beautiful step-children, Ivy and Lucas.

Jessica Neylon (Collins)
I am working as a teacher at The Peninsula School and loving it. I was married in 2013 and live in Frankston South.

Alex Black
Service Delivery Manager at Microsoft. Living in Melbourne.

Sari Dixon
Working in marketing at Tennis Australia. Living in Albert Park.

Lachlan McKenzie
Working as a lawyer in Melbourne. Living in Richmond.

Angela Scundi
Working at the Rocky Horror Show Australia. Living in Melbourne and recently engaged.

Seam Robertson
Civil engineer for Thiess Australia, working in Darwin and living in Melbourne.

Megan Keating
Working with the Melbourne Stars and travelling whenever possible.

Kristen Beagley (House)
Associate at Tresscox Laywers, specialising in Insurance Litigation. Living in Mt Eliza with my husband and two step-daughters. We are due to welcome our first baby in December.

Penelope Walsh
I successfully completed a Bachelor of Social Work at Deakin in 2010, and a Diploma of Marketing at Swinburne in 2012. I am considering further studies during 2015 and am working in Melbourne.

Cassidy Hewitt
Working as a Year Three teacher at The Peninsula School.

Shane Jackson
Living in Glen Iris and working as a Plastic Surgery Registrar at Maroondah Hospital. Travelling the world when I can.

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Class of 2013

1 Year Reunion

Arriving at the Pavilion for the Class of 2013 One Year Reunion, a sequence of flashing images and events passed behind our eyes; the glamour of Year 10 and 11 Socials, the clapping at Colours Dinners and the croissants at various breakfasts. Brimming with nostalgia, the room was filled with hugs, laughter and familiar faces.

The four short hours were scarcely enough time to find out what everyone had been up to throughout 2014, but it was evident that the friendships formed during schooling years still held strong. Fantastic tales of international travel, various university degrees and apprenticeship work displayed the diverse talents of our Class, and how well our secondary education had prepared us for early adult life.

The effort made by past staff members to celebrate this night with us was appreciated by all, as they played such an influential role throughout one of the most memorable and demanding years of our lives.

Reminiscing over fond memories of VCE and discovering current news within the school re-established connections that have lain dormant since graduating.

With the generosity of The Old Peninsula School Association in sponsoring this event, the community that is formed through Peninsula is able to grow and develop for the duration of our lives. Many thanks go to Suzanne Ashley for her wonderful work and dedication to organizing the evening, which was once again a considerable success. Also to The Peninsula School, for maintaining a strong relationship with students past and present, and for providing us with a foundation for success in the years to come.

The next time the Class of 2013 reconvene will be at the Five Year Reunion. It will be a time period of swift change; many will have ceased to be students and be transitioning into an independent adult life. Until then, on behalf of TOPSA, I wish everyone the greatest success in their pursuits. Regardless of the direction this new phase will take us, be secure in the knowledge that we will continue to share the connection of the TPS experience.

Christiana Lees (Class of 2013)
Where are they now?

Callum Lausberg

Emma Priestley
DJ for ‘Priestley Sisters’

Kristy Brockway
Uni, Sports and working

Matilda Newton
Currently studying Pharmacy full time at Monash and working part time.

Nicola Ristrom
Studying Bachelor of Early Childcare and Primary School Teaching. Working in Real Estate.

Sara Wedding
Studying fashion merchandising at RMIT and working part time.

Alice Rattue
Deferred, working and saving for travelling

Arden Baker
Arts Language at Monash Clayton, studying Chinese, Cantonese, Korean and assorted dialects. Spending summers in Beijing, winters in Melbourne. Competing in CSL competition in Shanghai next year.

Mandy Zhao
Comerce at Melbourne, Living in Carlton – working hard.

Konnie Ambatzidis
I travelled around the world like I had always wanted and next year I will be attending Swinburne Uni

Tasman Aspinall
Working hard!

Tyrie Aspinall
At Deakin University studying a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Film and TV.

Tom Hedley
I’m a Chippie

Eli Ashley
1st Year Plumbing apprentice. Loving it

Jack O’Connell
3rd Year Apprentice Sparky

Alex Davis
Deakin Uni Geelong Architecture – Going well

Tom Davis
Industrial Design RMIT

Ana Kyriacou
Currently studying and looking forward to travelling next year.

Harry Robertson
Studying Industrial Design at Swinburne Uni of Technology and working at the Good Guys Mornington. Enjoying being busy and designing products for Uni work.

Rachel Parkinson
Studying Business at RMIT in the city. Enjoying being in the CBD and socialising at Uni. Just started working at Officeworks Mornington.

Drew Robinson
This year I am studying at Monash in the IT faculty. Focusing on the business side of IT, I am doing a 3 year course and hoping to take part in the Industry Based Learning (IBL) program, where I will get to work at a company for 6 months and gain real-life experience

Tom Antonie
Studying a double degree of Commerce and Arts at Monash Clayton.

Lachlan Blake
1st Year Bachelor of Computer Science at Monash Uni.

Grady Vickers
I am currently attending Young Harris College in Georgia USA, studying Business on an academic scholarship after being scouted by NSR in 2013 and picked by Young Harris to play in their soccer program. I am now a starting striker on the Junior Varsity team and improving with each game. I will try for a place in the Senior Varsity Team in the spring semester.

Claudia Stone
I took a GAP year and qualified as a Massage Therapist. This year, I will commence a Bachelor of Physiotherapy. During Massage training I developed an interest in working with athletes for the prevention of injuries and to enhance performance and have joined the team at Stone Strength in Mornington.

Aidan Sujecki
Science Faculty (Melb Uni)

Katy Woods
Finishing Year 12 at Frankston High School in 2014; after having to unfortunately leave Peninsula at the end of 2012 due to illness and the decision to complete Year 11 again. I am hoping to study at University in 2015.

James Clarke
Currently studying a double degree of Law and Property Real Estate at Deakin Burwood. Enjoying the course with aspirations of property development in the near future.

Nicholas Scott
Currently studying a double degree of Commerce/Law at Deakin Uni and working part time at Conrads and a local winery. In the future I hope to be a successful Lawyer.

Elyse Anderson
In 2014, I was in France working as a language assistant at our sister school, Notre Dame Les Oiseaux from September and remained in Paris, before coming back to start at Monash this year.

James Fletcher
Currently overseas (GAP year) with a few of the boys from school.

Victoria Roadnight
Currently studying a Bachelor of Arts at the Australian Defence Force Academy, majoring in Politics and Indonesian. I am a first year Army Officer Cadet and will graduate from the Royal Military College Duntroon in 2017 as a Lieutenant. Thoroughly enjoying the start of my career as an Australian Army Officer.

Matt Kazacos
I am one year into my Screenwriting course at the VCA and absolutely loving it. Thanks to connections made at the school I was recently given the opportunity to enter a contest put on by the ‘Syfy’ Production Company based in the US. I was excited to hear that the script that I entered was deemed worthy of first prize. As a result this summer I’ll be flying to America to gain firsthand experience work on the sets of such soon-to-be cult classics as Sharknado 3 and RoboCroc 2

Emily Collopy
Studying Criminology and Law at Deakin Uni, but hoping to change to Health/Science for 2015. Passionately supporting the Hawks!

Olivia Karabatsos
I am studying a Bachelor of Emergency Health [paramedics] at Monash Uni and am loving it! I’m also looking forward to travelling overseas next year.

Kelsey Chisholm
After travelling and volunteering in South Africa over the summer break I have been studying Criminology/Psychology all year at Deakin Uni Geelong Waurn Ponds. I not only study at this campus, I live there. I’m loving the social life that comes with university and recommend to anyone, if you can, take the plunge and move out of home.
Amy Kierce
Studying Psychology at Melbourne Uni

Harry Wilson
I am currently undertaking my first year of higher education at Deakin Uni Burwood doing a double degree in Commerce/International Studies.

Eleanor Barry
Currently completing my first year of an Undergraduate Science Bachelor at the University of Melbourne and have spent the past year playing with the TOPSA's alumni soccer club. I also enjoyed a European getaway during the summer break.

Lauren Clark
Attending Uni, working at a Racing Stable in Mornington and riding my own horses, including some young ones that I am aiming to sell as part of my small business – Fielderal Equestrian

Olivia Borg
Currently studying at Monash Uni and looking forward to taking a Gap year and travelling next year

Emma Weight
Took a Gap year in 2014 and spent 4 months in Europe, travelling solo then living with a local family in France as an English tutor. Currently working and set to study international studies at Uni next year.

Felicity Alonzo
Studying a Bachelor of Journalism at Monash Uni working casually at Pet Stock

Gretta Kitt
Studying to be an enrolled nurse

Rianne Albiston
I am currently studying a Bachelor of Agriculture, majoring in Production Animal Health at Melbourne Uni. After transferring mid-year from a Bachelor of Arts I moved into Medley Hall at the start of the year and am enjoying the college life, being involved in the ball committee and intercollegiate activities. In my spare time I still practise music and ballet and have enjoyed the opportunities to visit and help out with a performance with my favourite Peninsula ensemble Stage Band.

Tom Malan
I am currently working at school as the AFL Trainee. It’s been a great experience. Next year I will be studying at Deakin doing Exercise Sports Science/Sports Management.

Alexandra Lythgoe
After travelling England and Paris for 7 weeks I started studying Accounting and Banking & Finance at Monash Uni and am now the Treasurer of the Basketball Referee’s Association in Mornington.

Toby Heard
Currently having a Gap Year. Working at Fylogreen Pty Ltd

Jordan Byrne
Studying Outdoor Recreation at Chisholm.

Kaitlin Holloway
Currently studying a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne and hoping to specialise in Veterinary Science.

Kaitlyn Egan
I deferred from Health Science at Deakin to take a gap year. The first 6 months I spent working at The Peninsula School in the Junior School and ECC. Currently working at McCafe and doing a little bit of travelling. Have had offers to go to American Colleges next August.

Marcella Davies

Jarred Mullenger
Studying a 3 year full time Bachelor Degree in Photography at Photography Studies College in Southbank, City. Finished 1st year and just working.

William Crowder
Took 2014 off and went to live in Canberra of all places to play football. Ventured there for 6 months and have since moved back home where I intend to get a job and get my dad off my back

Maggie Santamaria
Deferred Uni this year and worked full time until June and decided to head off to Europe for 3 months and travel around. I toured and then stayed with family in Italy for a month and eventually travelled alone, ended up being in 17 different countries.

Spyros Karamesinis
I am currently studying a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Economics at Monash Uni Clayton. I am also working in my new business Premium Lawn and Gardens.

Lauren Witney
Studying at Uni. Keeping busy tutoring, working and going on lots of camping trips!

Rabiya Ors
I am currently studying a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) at the Australian Catholic University full time, with a minor in Visual Arts.

Ben Benton
Travelled to Singapore and Malaysia after Year 12. Studying Applied Music Performance at Box Hill Institute.

Peri Macaulay
Deakin Uni – Education (Primary)

Ashley Collins
Currently undertaking my plumbing apprenticeship

Tom Feldgen
Battling away at Monash Uni undertaking a Business/Journalism course. Keeping well in touch with the school by being the ‘ultimate Pirate’ through playing football and cricket with the Peninsula Old Boys

Quentin Roth
Under the mentorship of old boy Ben Grayson, I have spent the year focusing on music having deferred Arts/Law at Monash. Travelling through India and Nepal with Matt Kazacos at the end of the year, continuing on to Vietnam and Cambodia into the New Year.

Angus Howey
RMIT – Information Systems

Emma Slater
Studying at RMIT Uni in the city doing International Politics

Brooke Brockhoff
I’m currently studying a Bachelor of Creative Arts majoring in Drama at Deakin Uni and I’m loving it! I have moved into the city with my family. The next few years I’ll want to be just getting some life experience and then continue on to train at a specific acting school

Rebecca Webster
Studying Science at University of Melbourne, thinking of majoring in Chemistry or Genetics. Planning to travel in 2015.

Joshua Hargreaves
Apprentice Electrician.

John Radnell
Studying Secondary Education and Science double degrees at Monash Clayton. Playing with my band when I can. Tutoring maths and physics, playing soccer at Baxter SC and working two jobs.

Megan Heap

Lachlan Owens
Currently on a Gap year enjoying my freedom. Travelled to Canada and the US in June, now back home saving money to travel again as soon as possible. Working in performing arts teaching dance, and in kid’s entertainment events around Victoria and Interstate. Taking regular dance classes, and planning to study in the Arts Scholars program at Monash in 2015

Christina Lees
I am currently studying a BSC Advanced Global Challenges at Monash Uni. I’ve met many amazing people thanks to the opportunities of this course and thinking of heading towards Climate Science and Science Communication.
2015 TOPSA Events

The following Reunions will be held during 2015 in the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion:

**Class of 2010 – 5 Year Reunion**
7pm, Friday 15 May

**Classes of 1970 – 1975 – 40+ Year Reunion** and tour
6pm tour, 7pm main function - Saturday 30 May,

**Class of 2005 – 10 Year Reunion** and tour
7pm tour, 8pm main function – Friday 24 July

**Class of 1985 – 30 Year Reunion** and tour
7pm tour, 8pm main function – Saturday 8 August

**Class of 1995 – 20 Year Reunion** and tour
7pm tour, 8pm main function - Friday 28 August

**Class of 2013 – 1 Year Reunion**
7pm, Friday 9 October

**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 13 October

**Hall of Fame Inaugural Dinner**
7pm for 7.30pm – Saturday 24 October

Come and see how your old School has developed and enjoy an evening reminiscing in the H.A. Macdonald Pavilion, which adjoins the Macdonald (South or Upper Oval as it was previously known). Do we have your mailing address and contact details? If not, please contact us.

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

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**Vale**

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

Russell Mock (1974)
Marcus Hugonnet (1981)
Marcus Scott (1981)
Ben Johnston (1996)
TOPSA Hall of Fame

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.

**The TOPSA Hall of Fame inaugural dinner hosted by the Association, will be held on Saturday 24 October, 2015 in the H. A Macdonald Pavilion at The Peninsula School.**

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](http://www.topsa.com.au)

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