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A newsletter from the Mary MacKillop College Old Scholars Association

Issue 2, 2015
Message from the President

It’s time to get in touch with your friends and make a booking for Mary MacKillop College Old Scholars’ 2015 Annual Reunion, on Friday 30 October.

Please invite any teachers with whom you keep in touch too. A special welcome to the classes of 2005, 1995, 1985, 1976, 1995, 1995 and 1945 who are celebrating decade or 25 year reunions. It’s great fun to catch up on what’s happened in the lives of class mates, for some since last year, for others perhaps since school days.

A fantastic welcome to Pat Corena who has come on board as the link to class of 1985. Our old scholar network continues to grow, but to have a year representative makes getting in touch, especially with anniversary year groups, so much easier. Please think about becoming a link to your year and help plan our reunions. I know there are many who have met regularly with small groups of friends since leaving school, some for 70 years. A person from within a year level is best placed to bring the whole class group together.

The Luncheon Reunion at the Hampstead Hotel was again very popular, particularly for those who don’t like to drive at night. Time flew as we all had a great time chatting over lunch. Enjoy the smiling faces in the photographs inside.

MMCOSA congratulates and gives thanks for much loved teachers, Sisters Margaret Goodfellow, Margaret Cresp and Catherine Clark who, this year, celebrate their golden jubilee, fifty years of dedicated and loving service to others. Deo gratias!

The many and varied career paths of MacKillop girls never ceases to amaze. Thank you to Pat (Iocco) Corena and Natalie (Horne) Forde for sharing their life since College. Please send in your story, or any announcements and news for future newsletters.

Look forward to seeing you on Friday 30 October!

Trish Cain
President, Mary MacKillop College Old Scholars Association

Message from the Principal

In this Old Scholar’s Newsletter we showcase the most recent Sisters of St Joseph’s Jubilee. I have attended two of these events and I find them to be joyous occasions. At the last Jubilee Mass Father Philip Marshall talked about “a commitment of witness and generosity of service”. The Sisters honoured on that day had almost 400 years of consecrated life and service with no expectation of reward. The morning tea after the Mass, which was held at the Mary MacKillop College Gymnasium, was full of families and friends catching up amidst many cups of tea. Thank you to the Parents and Friends who generously organised the catering and the Mary MacKillop students who helped with serving and tidying up when everyone had left.

I hope that you enjoy reading the wonderful stories of those young women who leave the College with a Josephite Heart and go on to live a life inspired by the spirit of Mary MacKillop.

Kath McGuigan
Principal

ON THE COVER: Sr Margaret Cleary and Kath McGuigan Feast Day Mass

2015/16 Events

MMCOSA Annual Reunion
6.30pm Friday 30 October 2015
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MMC Open Day 2016
1pm - 3pm Sunday 6 March
Visit MMC website for updates. www.marymackillop.sa.edu.au

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Celebrate the Sisters of St Joseph’s Jubilee

Sr Catherine Clark (1956) reflects on what it is that we celebrate in Jubilee.

What is it we are celebrating when we celebrate a Jubilee, 25, 50 or 60 years ago we set out on a particular journey, which unless we circumstances beyond our control put an end to it, we would inevitably reach this day. So what is it that we are celebrating which is more than the inevitable passing of time? To find the answer to this I went back to the Judeo-Christian celebration of Jubilee.

For the people of the Old Testament, Jubilee was a very important marking of the passage of time. It called on a people, after particular periods of time to restore all to its rightful place. It was a time of restoration – a time to restore an equality of dignity to all for their contribution over a period of time, no matter how small or large that that contribution might have been.

It was also a time to show a respect for the land by ceasing to plant crops, by allowing the soil to rest and to acknowledge that God was the sower, despite their best efforts over the years. In our Eucharist we have just acknowledged the last point of Jubilee, by acknowledging God, the sower, amongst us, and have acknowledged that God will continue to sow, and that the Mission we have been on is God’s Mission. We thank God for enabling us, together with you, to share in it.

I have said that Jubilee was also a time to acknowledge the equality of dignity of all for their particular contribution, no matter how large or small, to God’s work over a period of time. You by your presence here are acknowledging our part in participating in that Mission of God over a certain period of time. But it is a time too for us to say “thank-you” for the part you have played by walking with us over the years.

To family members here today, and to family members far away or no longer with us, we say thanks for being a part of our journey, for enabling us to follow our call in life, and for always being there with a commonality and a difference that only family can provide.

To the members of our congregation who have shared with us in the ups and downs of life and ministry we say thank-you. To friends who have been a part of our lives, to those with whom we have worked in various ministries, and to all who have played a role in the preparation and celebration of today’s time together, thank-you for being with us in the journey of our life.

Vicar General Father Philip Marshall and Sister Margaret Cresp

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On Friday 7 August the Feast Day Mass of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop was celebrated. The gymnasium was transformed into a sacred space with candles lit to symbolize God’s light amongst us and altar cloths in the Josephite colours.

As the Year 8 drama class beautifully reenacted the life of our patron St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in the form of a tableaux, the College Community was able enter into a deep reflection of such a magnificent woman. She was a woman of faith, who constantly immersed herself in the life and teachings of the Church. She led by example, and in doing so, encouraged the Sisters to be more and do more. Even though she commanded total respect and obedience, she was dearly loved and respected. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop often wrote letters and in one of them she stated “I do want with all my heart to be what God wants me to be”. This became the theme for the 2015 Feast Day Mass which also reflects the College’s theme of “Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire”.

The Mass was a lovely celebration as the College Community was also joined by the Sister’s of St Joseph, parents, friends and our celebrant Fr Joseph Dooley. Throughout the Mass there were many moments for reflection on how Mary MacKillop dedicated her life to service and her complete trust in God’s providence. We thank Sr Margaret Cleary, the Regional Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph, for her inspiring reflection on St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Adriana Sotira
Religious Education Coordinator
Where are they now? Success Stories

Natalie Forde (nee Horner) - Class of 1996

Natalie Forde (nee Horner) is currently the Head of Industry Engagement & Business Development at the University of South Australia, mother of two gorgeous girls, and married to Tom, who has been a key part of her journey since finishing Year 12 at MMC in 1996. Natalie has always thought she would be a radiologist when she was at school and studied sciences and maths throughout her time at MMC with this goal in mind. However, mid-way through Year 12 a conversation with a class mate would change that plan and got her thinking about a career in business.

Natalie subsequently studied a bachelor of Management Marketing at the University of South Australia, winning the FH Faulding prize for International Marketing and a spot in a prized university internship program that provided her with the real life work experience she needed to link her studies with the demands of the real world.

Her work placement was a defining time in her life that set her on a professional career working with some of the brightest minds and talented teachers at Mary Mackillop who helped me discover my passions. I owe my success to the passionate Franco who unlocked my potential and allowed me to discover that I actually had some talents in maths, science and Italian. After finishing year 12 with good grades and obtaining a Credit in the Australian Mathematics Competition, I completed a Bachelor of Science Degree with Honours at the University of Adelaide majoring in Genetics. While I was studying Science I kept up my Italian with night classes and visiting scientists are from Italy which means I get a chance to use my Italian communication skills. I am lucky enough to be in a position which is challenging and allows me to collaborate with scientists from all around the world. Many of the visiting scientists are from Italy which means I get a chance to use my Italian communication skills. I owe my success to the passionate and talented teachers at Mary Mackillop who helped me discover my talents.

Her later thinking and ability to synthesise information, commercial acumen and ability to build relationships have been central to her professional success.

Natalie Forde
Daughter of Lyn Horner (nee Angel) 1966

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When she’s not working (which is not often!) Natalie loves spending time with her girls, her family and friends, running, art and being in the outdoors.

Advice for her younger self: work hard, trust in what you know – and be comfortable in the fact that you don’t need to know it all to have value. Embrace opportunities when they come your way, and never lose sight of the importance and potential of people.

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During my time at the school I learned importance of good habits, routines and to “self-push” in order to achieve goals. I apply these habits daily in my work and family life and I find it important to exercise on a regular basis even though I am very stretched for time. I jog 2 to 3 times a week and I participate in Fun Runs such as the 10km City to Bay and 10km Herley Classic and Dolphin Runs. Jogging and exercise keeps me in shape and improves my overall happiness and sense of well-being. Running also gives me the chance to practise the “self-push” I learned during my high school years so that I am always aware of how far I can take myself. I have a side interest in the science of fitness and I have two groups and a page on Facebook to enable me to collect and share useful information about health and well-being. “It’s just Science Fitness” and Fitness & Weight Training Group For Women over 40.

Most important of all I am a mother of three amazing girls who are 16, 11 and 5 years of age and I have an amazing husband who supports me in everything I do. Support is important too and I learn a lot from the people around me.

Thankyou Mary Mackillop for enabling me to become the person I am today.

Patricia Corena (nee Iocco) 1985
Engagements
Lisa Bradshaw (2003) and Thomas Reid celebrated their engagement in June with a party at The Generous Squire in Perth. They will marry in May next year at Caversham House in Perth. Two old scholars, Justine Davey (2003) and Monique Hoogland (2003) will be Lisa’s bridesmaids.

Marriages
Lisa Rechichi (2006) and Michael Maiorano were married at The Monastery, Glen Osmond on Saturday 18 October 2014.

Annual Reunion
Mary MacKillop College Old Scholars Association welcomes all past students, teachers, staff and friends to the 2015 Annual Reunion to be held at Mary MacKillop College.
Date: Friday 30 October 2015, 6.30pm - 10pm
Cost: $30 inclusive of food and beverages
Venue: Mary MacKillop College Gymnasium,10-14 High Street, Kensington, SA 5068
Contact Details: Email: mmcosa@marymackillop.sa.edu.au or phone Trish Cain: 8342 0785
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