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Old Scholars Newsletter



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Mary MacKillop College
Kensington

2014 Events

General Meeting - MMCOSA
Monday 19 May, 6 -7pm
The Mary MacKillop Centre
Corner Philip and High St, Kensington

MMCOSA Luncheon
Wednesday 28 May, 12 noon
Hampstead Hotel
143 North East Road, Collinswood
Bookings 8342 0785

Come'n'Try MacKillop Days 2014
Primary students are offered the opportunity to spend the day as a MacKillop Girl.
Thursday 5 June
Thursday 11 September
Thursday 30 October

Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass
Friday 8 August, 9.15am
Mary MacKillop College Gym

MMCOSA Annual Reunion
Preliminary Notice

Friday 24 October, 6.30pm -10pm
Mary MacKillop College
Music Courtyard

Tickets will be available in Term 2, via Trybooking on the Mary MacKillop College website - \$30 each.

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ON THE COVER: The freshly landscaped welcome entrance to Mary MacKillop College with the relocated St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Statue, and the new LED monument sign.

Message from the President



It was a delight to return to the College for a very successful MMCOSA 2013 Annual Reunion. The less formal format and menu was enjoyed by all, and enabled people to readily move between tables to talk with old friends. For many, the reunion has become an annual event and those from classes of 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993 and 2003 were warmly welcomed. Thank you to College staff for their hospitality, and especially Matt from Mary MacKillop College for catering the scrumptious feast.

25 years on, the opening of the time capsule in November generated interest far and wide, and many came in person to collect their contribution. Another great gathering, details inside.

It is 70 years since the first formal roll call in 1944 of St Joseph's Higher Primary, then located in Queen St. I'm delighted that many in those early classes receive this newsletter and also to see Eileen Taylor rsj (1944) looking at the College honour board with past principals. Congratulations to Joan Barry rsj who celebrates a 65 year association with Mary MacKillop College, having first joined the staff in 1949. The bonds of friendship formed in College remain strong. Welcome, and congratulations, to the Class of 2013 receiving their first MMCOSA newsletter. Make sure to keep in touch. In his address to the graduating class at the Beginning of Year Mass, Dr Neil McGoran, Chief Executive, SACE Board, spoke of their challenge, as students educated in the Josephite tradition, to continue to be inspired by a sense of service and social justice, 'never see a need without doing something about it', to live out that tradition in a new world, in their chosen professions, to benefit their community and society at large. Indeed a challenge for us all!

The Convent Chapel was full on Sunday 16 March for the Old Scholars' Mass, a few days ahead of St Joseph's Day. During the afternoon tea that followed, Margaret Emery farewelled and thanked departing Province Leader, Marion Gambin rsj, for her valued support of old scholars. We then sang a hearty "Happy Birthday" to Mary Cronin rsj who celebrates her 90th birthday this month. All are very welcome to attend 10.30am Mass in the Chapel on the 8th day of each month (except Sundays).

There will be a general meeting of MMCOSA from 6 -7pm on Monday 19 May in the Mary MacKillop Centre, corner Philip and High Streets Kensington. All are welcome. Come and help keep our MMCOSA network growing, plan reunions, maintain contact, especially if it is a 'special' reunion year for your class group. To have all year groups represented would be fantastic. Put the Annual Reunion date in your diaries now, Friday 31 October, held on the last Friday in October annually. For those who prefer a daytime reunion, the Old Scholars' luncheon will be held at the Hampstead Hotel at noon on Wednesday 28 May. Bookings 8342 0785. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Trish Cain

President, Mary MacKillop College Old Scholars Association

Message from the Principal



As we begin 2014 we are very pleased with the refurbishment of the tennis courts and the reception area of the school. Many people have commented on how well the school looks and our neighbours are delighted with their view especially the statue of Mary being moved to the front of the school.

Our Open Day was a great success and many visitors commented on our Tour Guides and the way in which our girls conducted themselves and their obvious pride in the school. Trish Cain and Telma Martignago were kept busy with many old scholars stopping for a chat about their time at school.

The new Honour Boards in the corridor of the Administration Building are a source of much conversation when I interview prospective students or we have visitors to the College. They are also a quick and ready guide to the history of the College. If my records are correct 2014 marks 70 years for Mary MacKillop College on the High Street site. We aim to mark this with a commemorative ribbon for the girls. We are also looking ahead to 2016 which is a particular significant anniversary for Josephite Education in Australia.

Please enjoy Edition 4 of the Old Scholars newsletter and please keep in touch.

Kath McGuigan

Principal



Time Capsule Opened

25 Years on - the Mary MacKillop College 1988 Bicentennial Time Capsule contents is revealed.

Mary MacKillop College celebrated a moment in history with the past students of 1988 who were remembered and acknowledged as the College community came together on Sunday 24 November 2013 to celebrate the opening of the Bi Centennial Time Capsule.

Locked away 25 years ago, the College community anxiously awaited the opening, marked as a significant event in College history. The opening saw not only current families, staff and The Sisters of St Joseph, but many students and staff from 1988 returning to the College, some for the first time in 25 years, to witness the revealing of the contents of the time capsule.

Students from 1988, who had placed an envelope inside the time capsule addressed to their 2013 selves, were once again custodians of their 1988 school work, artwork, letters, and memorabilia in what was a nostalgic and sentimental afternoon, with many joyful memories exchanged and laughs shared.

As past and present came together, the College community celebrated the richness of its history and compared the journey of the College in 1988, to what it has become today. The student envelopes from the Time Capsule are available to past students from 1988 and may be collected via the Mary MacKillop College website, and filling out the request for postage form: <http://www.marymackillop.sa.edu.au/community/mmc-old-scholars/reunions-events>.

Final call for collection of envelopes

The last date to collect your envelope placed in the 1988 Time Capsule is 30 June, 2014. Please visit the Mary MacKillop College website and fill out the Request for Postage form on the Old Scholars page:

www.marymackillop.sa.edu.au/community/mmc-old-scholars/reunions-events



Kath McGuigan cuts the honourable ribbon on the 1988 Bicentennial Time capsule



FROM THE Archives



1974
Class Leaders



2004
12 Blue



1984
Sports day



1994
Year 11 Debating



1974
Matriculation



2004
12 Gold



2004
12 Green



1994
Ladies



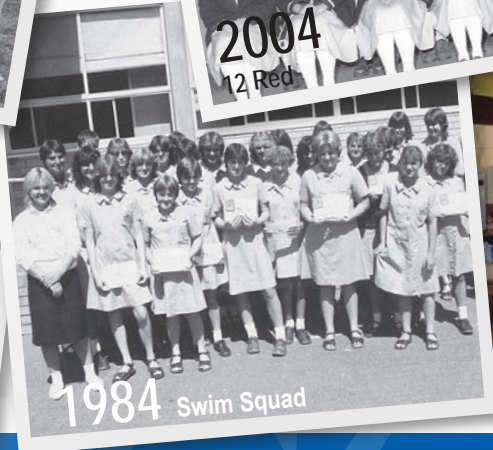
1974
Softball Team



2004
12 Red



1994
Social Committee



1984
Swim Squad



1994
Home Ec



MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE Refreshed presence

The Mary MacKillop College statue of the honourable St Mary of the Cross MacKillop has been proudly relocated to the freshly landscaped, welcome entrance to the school.

The beginning of the new school year often brings with it some surprising changes to the school, some of these changes are necessary and some are aesthetic, and all changes are for the continuous development of our beautiful school. To begin 2014, the installation of the tall monument sign in the front entrance inspired a rejuvenation of the plants and landscaping through our welcome gates. With these changes the Statue of St Mary of

the Cross MacKillop, that has resided in the Centre Courtyard for the past 15 years, was relocated to compliment the front entrance walkway, where she proudly receives each visitor to our school with her welcoming poise.

Our four college tennis courts also underwent a full restorative resurface, featuring brightly coloured support turf, they provide added benefits to the many college sports activities undertaken at the school.



Jada Alberts, Awarded

Jada Alberts, former Mary MacKillop College Student, has won The Balnaves Foundation Indigenous Playwright's Award.

Jada attended Mary MacKillop College from 1996 to 2001, and in August 2013, was announced as the winner of The Balnaves Foundation Indigenous Playwright's Award 2013.

The Balnaves Foundation

The Balnaves Foundation is a private philanthropic organisation established in 2006 by Neil Balnaves AO to provide support to charitable enterprises across Australia. Dispersing over \$2 million annually, the Foundation supports eligible organisations that aim to create a better Australia through education, medicine and the arts with a focus on young people, the disadvantaged and Indigenous communities.

Jada is a Larrakia, Bardi, Wadaman and Yanuwa performer, she graduated in 2006 from the Adelaide Centre for the Arts with an Advanced Diploma of Performing Arts. Some of her stage credits include Yibiyung (Belvoir/Malthouse); Frost/Nixon, Cat (Windmill Performing Arts); Wulamanayui and the Seven Pamanui (Darwin Festival); She appeared in the feature film Red Hill and on television in Rush, Redfern Now and the upcoming series Wentworth. In 2007 Jada won the Adelaide Critics' Circle Award for Best Emerging Artist for What I Heard About Iraq (Holden St Theatre).

Where are they NOW?



Natasha Parletta & Daniella Lamparelli Class of 2010

Natasha and Daniella were lucky enough to have experienced Mary MacKillop's Canonisation in their final year of school. Graduating in 2010, over the past four years, they have shared and experienced many fond memories and life lessons. They say that Mary MacKillop has shaped and guided them through their

experiences.

Natasha Parletta

Finishing in 2010, I was happy and proud with what I had achieved at Mary MacKillop College, carrying with me five years of fond memories, which I had shared with some of my closest friends. Four years later and I still continue to be happy with what I have achieved so far in my life. I am currently studying in my fourth year of Junior Primary/Primary Education and I would not see myself doing any other profession other than teaching. Four years of hard work and dedication has been a long journey, but it will slowly come to an end, concluding my studies at the end of this year. I cannot wait to be a teacher and eventually have my own classroom.

Throughout my time at Mary MacKillop College, I was heavily involved in the music department and believe without their support and guidance at the time I would not be where I am today in terms of my music career. I have continued with my music journey, singing at many gigs – English and Italian, and am in the progress of beginning a duo acoustic group. One of

my most treasured experiences is the employment I have recently received as a singing teacher at a performing arts school. The passion from my singing students helps me love my job. I feel so satisfied in knowing that I am making students happy, sharing the same experiences I have had with my singing teachers. 'Live without fear, Love without limits' is the way I will continue to journey through life sharing it amongst friends and family.

Daniella Lamparelli

Throughout my five years at Mary MacKillop College I built many life time friendships and shared many memories and experiences with my closest friends. Since graduating, I have been studying at the University of South Australia, currently completing my fourth year of Junior Primary/ Primary Education. I have had many experiences on school campuses completing my Practicum and believe that these experiences have concreted my decision into becoming a teacher. University has brought four years of hard work, however my passion and determination to become a teacher has pushed me through it. At the end of this year I am happy to say that my studies will conclude and I will be able to get into the real world and teach and fulfil my life-time desired career.

Even though we are yet to fulfil all of our goals and aspirations, slowly but surely they will be achieved. One of my plans it to travel overseas next year, with some of my closest friends. In hope of this, I look forward to experiencing the world and share life time experiences and memories with friends. Although I miss the high school days where the teachers were continuously there for support , the lessons were fun, shared with great people and the lunch time chats with the girls were indescribable, we are ready to step into the next chapter of our lives, prepared for whatever it may bring.



Carla Citti Class of 1979

When I think back to my time at Mary MacKillop College, I think back to where my passion for the Italian language and all things Italian all began. After I graduated from high school, I took a year's sabbatical to work for a small winery and then travel to Italy. Upon my return I attended Flinders University completing my Bachelor of Arts majoring in Italian and French. I then accepted a job offer with

the ANZ Bank as one of a small group of graduates in Adelaide.

My career in banking and finance would lead me to my second passion for the world of finance and investments and continued for well over a decade. I initially progressed through the graduate program in Adelaide but spent the main part in Melbourne. Moving through the ranks, I worked in many areas of the bank, everything from Retail Banking, International Trade Services, Group Finance, Corporate & Business Banking, Private Banking, Wealth Management and Risk Technology.

My travels also continued throughout this period, not only within Australia but also to Europe, the US and Canada, the Middle East, Japan, Indonesia and other parts of Asia. My travels inspired me to continue to study other languages, such as Japanese and modern Egyptian as well as working as a volunteer on weekends with City of Melbourne, Tourism Services whilst also completing a Tour Guiding course. I guess the world did become my oyster.

In they year 2000 I reached a turning point in my life and decided it was time to move on and follow my dreams and my first passion and leave Australia to live in Europe, Italy. In Italy I became a teacher of English and Italian working in the North East of Italy, Bassano del Grappa, Marostica, Vicenza and Verona. In 2004 I headed to Rome to complete my CELTA training from Cambridge University through the Academia Britannica and taught for three years. Italy had become my heart and soul and the essence of my persona and I thrived and grew in many ways that I could never imagine. I was an enthusiastic teacher and also took on translation. I had the best of both worlds, living and teaching my native English in Italy while perfecting my first language, Italian. I had become a true bi-linguist in every sense.

After this chapter, I moved back into the world of finance to live just outside of Venice. Due to my linguistic skills, I had the opportunity to work for an innovative Italian company with an international flavour. I dealt with international clients and projects and some of the European market leaders. The highlight was working for NATO HQ in Brussels and their many offices throughout Europe, UK, Scandinavia and the United States. My translation and interpreting skills were also put to good use and my initial intent to work in this field, came to fruition!

After almost 10 years of living "la dolce vita", I decided it was time to come home to Australia. The years in Italy were amongst the best and happiest years of my life and I realised I had come full circle. So from my humble beginnings, which began at Mary MacKillop College and all those Italian lessons, I can still recall Mrs. Franco and her famous line..."Ci siamo"



UNVEILING OF THE Honour Boards

Mary MacKillop College pays tribute to honour past Principals and Staff.

In recognition of past Principals and long serving staff at Mary MacKillop College, the School community celebrated the unveiling of newly established honour boards that pay tribute to these admirable people. The Honour Board project, undertaken more than twelve months ago, was to find a place within the campus to tell the story of the School and make the history of the College visible for all. A way to do this was to display each of the past Principals of the College and to recognise ten or more years of service of staff, on beautifully presented glass Honour Boards in the Administration foyer.

Held on Friday 1 November 2013, past Principals and staff gathered for the official unveiling of the Honour Boards. More than sixty people

attended, including past Principals, staff, The Sisters of St Joseph and students. Principal Kath McGuigan officially welcomed guests, as Sister Marion Gambin cut the ribbon and welcomed past Principals to be the first to view the Honour Boards. As guests reflected there were many friendships renewed and stories shared of their memorable time at Mary MacKillop College.

While the College values and acknowledges the significant contributions of past leaders, the next aspiration in making more of the College history visible, and to celebrate student achievements, is to create Student Honour Boards which will display Student Leadership and Academic Excellence.

2013 Reunion



Announcements

Marriages

Viviane Vicario (2006) married Shaun Wallace on 26 October 2013 at St Josephs Hectorville with a reception following at the Royal Adelaide Golf Club.

Ilana Pavia (2000) married Rino De Palma on 6 October 2013 at The Monastery, Glen Osmond. She was attended by Old Scholars Maid of honour, Natasha Mignone (2000) and bridesmaid Nikki Boffo (2000). A reception for 150 guests was held in the upstairs ballroom at the Palais Semaphore. Ilana wore a Martina Liana gown with peep toe booties by Mary Kyri shoes. The honeymooners made their way to Hawaii and Fiji.

Head Prefect **Daniella Luciano** (2004) married her childhood sweetheart Adam Albanese at St Laurence's Church, North Adelaide followed by a reception at the John Di Fede Reception Centre. The couple were attended by Sarah Ranieri, Deana Luciano, Natalie Albanese, Maria Rebecca Miranda, Tayla Petrilli, Adrian Ranieri, Chris Gallace, Robert Albanese, Adam Musolino and Adam Luciano.

Births

Rosanne Mavrantzas (Vignogna 1991) and Bill had a baby girl Sarina Rose, born on 9 September 2013.

News

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Mazzei** (Keane 1960) who was honoured with AM in Australia day awards
" For significant service to nursing through a range of professional and voluntary organisations and to the community"

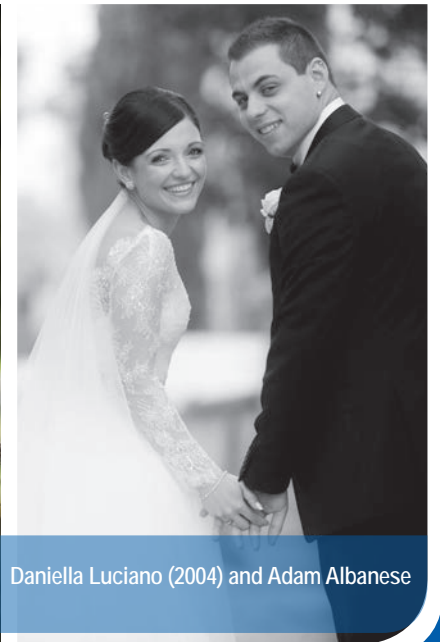
Congratulations to **Jessica Spiniello** (2006) whose business 'Senses 5 Spa' was a finalist in the 2013 Australian Beauty Industry Awards.



Viviane Vicario (2006) and Shaun Wallace



Ilana Pavia (2000) and Rino De Palma



Daniella Luciano (2004) and Adam Albanese

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