

OLD SCHOLARS

newsletter

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We welcomed back a group of our newest Old Scholars, those from the Class of 2017 who achieved an ATAR of over 90, for the annual Dux Assembly. Photographed are Principal Greg Hay, Ashlee Fuchs, Shane Fantinel, special guest Tim Richens, Ann Russack, College Dux Eliza Watt, Katie Pole, Nicola Turci, Business Manager Jo Court, Ben Burgess, Bosco Deputy Principal Marc Forster, Director of Curriculum Meriam de Vries and Benedict Deputy Principal Melissa Gadaleta

Greetings to our alumni, you are remembered and always welcome.

There is a rhythm and a predictability about your old school. In some ways it is always the same. We have kept much that remains so important about your St Mark's life. The Caregroup connects with young people and the House invites us to competition and excitement. There is an invitation to a particular spirituality and lessons roll on, and on, sometimes inspiring and sometimes...well, sometimes our students might be looking out the window just as you did. Actually, they may try and sneak a peek at a mobile phone screen. These are banned of course and they get reminders, just like you did. The place remains something like that which you found precious and it has changed as well.

There is still laughter in the grounds. Hundreds of small legs still carry around energetic Benedictans. They still embrace the freshness and fun, the clear skies, space and the safety of St Mark's. There is a beautiful energy at Benedict. The teachers haven't lost their care, their spark, nor their extraordinary capacity to manage big numbers of children. Do you remember how everything at Benedict was so ordered? It hasn't changed.

There are groups huddled over at Bosco at lunchtime talking, chatting easily, sometimes dropping just a little bit of rubbish and those footballs still get kicked endlessly on the oval. The Year 12s have a soccer match in perpetual motion every lunchtime. The teams of blokes are the same; crashing bodies are the same; sweaty laughter is the same; and we have had to put a yard duty teacher up there just to keep them calm. Year 12 boys haven't changed but now

the seniors have a Year 12 Centre. They make a coffee or warm up their soup in the microwave. Old scholars have often said that we spoil them.

St Mark's families still gather in big numbers. The music nights attract a crowd in the Bishop Gallagher Centre and on Grandparents Day at Benedict, we still have to run two sessions because there are hundreds of grandparents in attendance. The Sport Days are packed, there are hundreds every Saturday morning for the hockey or netball, football or soccer. Parents still care.

The boarders still saunter out with a minute to go before the bell. Timing is everything and Mrs Arbon is still in charge. The boarding old scholars will remember her as gracious and gentle and that hasn't changed.

There are teachers here who remember you. We have loyal, long serving teachers who need just the gentlest reminder of your name but will certainly have a memory of you and your group and your particular contribution. This community is stronger with these teachers around. I hope that you get a chance to reconnect with them.

Perhaps you'll get a chance to come back. I hope so. You are very welcome and there is a Salesian quality and a Good Samaritan care to remind you of past, precious days. You are always welcome. Never be hesitant to knock on the door.

Warm regards

Greg Hay

Principal, St Mark's College

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Around the College



The tradition of the Benedict Easter Re-enactment continues with our Year 5s and 6s presenting the Stations of the Cross for the students, staff and College families



For the fifth year running, Gallagher were victorious at the Bosco Athletics Day. Pictured are Bishop Gregory, Captains Bria Vanstone and Simon Nguyen and Principal Greg Hay



St Mark's won the Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival, pictured are Captains Mason Munzberg and Alanna Mathews



Amity Williams, Robbie Gadaleta, Scarlett Johns, Hayden Scarman and Sophie Lagoudis are part of the first Year 7 class to start at Bosco Campus



Feast Day was celebrated in Term 2 with Mass, a sausage sizzle and plenty of fun activities for students, from the youngest to the oldest!



Our Year 12 Agriculture students embarked on a trip to remote stations in South Australia and the Northern Territory



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Around the College



New Developments

Our horizon is continuously changing as the new Sports Centre and Science and STEM Centre are built. Both due for completion in Term 3, students and staff are excited to see the completion of these new state of the art facilities!



Our new Outdoor Ed course took students to new heights in the Flinders Ranges



The College and Parish (and many Old Scholars!) came together to celebrate the Confirmation of many of our Year 7 students.



Our Little Lions graduated, ready to start school in Term 3



Our students immersed themselves in the Aboriginal culture under the guidance of Ernie Dingo



The new Sports Centre is taking shape



A new mezzanine floor has been built into the Science and STEM Centre



The new exterior being added to the Science and STEM Centre



Putting the size of the new Sports Centre into perspective

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Old Scholar Achievements



SASHA de VRIES, Class of 2014 was the recipient of the Playford Trust Honours Scholarship and **ELIZA WATT, Class of 2017** was the recipient of the Playford Trust Regional Science and Engineering Scholarship.



GEORGE SEPPELT, Class of 2017 has been named the The Young Rural Ambassador for both Jamestown and the Northern Areas Show Association. He had the honour of sharing breakfast with His Excellency, The Honourable, Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia and Mrs Lan Le, before accompanying them on a tour of the new Diggers Walk of Jamestown.



HANNAH OBORN, Class of 2016 was named the recipient of the Saint Marcellin Medallion for Catherine House 2018.



EMILY CONDON, Class of 2016 was selected for the Westfield Matilda's to play in the 2018 Algarve Cup.



COURTNEY GUM, Class of 1999 was voted as the best player in AFLW by her peers, making her the MVP for 2018.



BEN ERVIN, Class of 2002 was chosen to be a baton bearer for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. Ben is a committed volunteer in the Port Broughton community.

Wedding Bells



KYLIE CAPURSO, Class of 2009

Kylie married Andrew McMillan on 3 March at St Ignatius Church, Norwood. Kylie and Andrew live in Port Pirie where Kylie is a teacher at our Benedict Campus.

Kylie and Andrew's bridal party included Old Scholars Paige Lobasso, Gaeten Annese, Damien Introna, Alyce Annese, Kylie, Andrew, Bianca Page (Gray), Ellie Harmer, Peter Capurso, Ebony Spadavecchia and Christopher Annese.



CAMERON MCDONALD, Class of 2007 and COURTNEY MEYERS, Class of 2012

Cam and Courtney were married at the Saltram Wine Estate in Angaston on 3 March. Cameron is a Senior Clinical Pharmacist at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and Courtney is an Corporate Finance Analyst with the Commonwealth Bank.



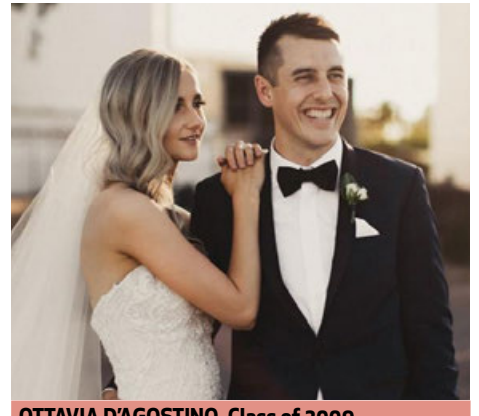
AMANDA CAPUTO, Class of 2005

Amanda married Rhys Millington on 10 March at St Mark's Cathedral, Port Pirie. Amanda and Rhys live in Port Pirie where Amanda works as a Family Support Worker at Yourtown.



JAMES SPADAVECCHIA, Class of 2004

James married Jacqueline Iley on the 17 March at St Aloysius Church in Sevenhill. James and Jacqui live in Port Pirie, where James works at Pirie Tiles and Hardware.



OTTAVIA D'AGOSTINO, Class of 2009

Ottavia married Kurtis Edwards on 7 April at St Mark's Cathedral, Port Pirie. Ottavia and Kurtis live in Port Pirie where Ottavia is an Occupational Therapist for the Child Adolescent Mental Health Service.



CLAIRE HARVEY, Class of 2011

Claire married Jordan Demarco on 14 April at Memorial Park, Port Pirie. Claire and Jordan live in Port Pirie where Claire works at Elders Insurance.



COURTNEY HEWETT, Class of 2008

Courtney married Chris Elliot on 24 March at Glen Ewin Estate in the Adelaide Hills. Courtney and Chris live in Plympton Park and Courtney works as a teacher at Brighton Primary School. Old Scholar's in the Bridal Party of Courtney and included [James Hewett], Teagan Hewett, [Josh Simounds], [Kelsea Mellow], Nick Hewett and Simone Combe.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Tim Richens

Tim Richens was our special guest at the Dux Assembly. Tim attended St Mark's from Reception to Year 12. He was Dux of his class (2013) and is an accomplished Old Scholar.

Tim returned to share his experience of 'life after school' with our Year 12's.

The College has had a chance to celebrate the achievements of 2017 Dux, Eliza Watt and we gathered very formally with our guest speaker Tim Richens (2013) to extend our congratulations to Eliza, her family and the students who achieved over 90 in their ATAR (tertiary ranking) score. It is called the Dux Assembly and was a beautiful ceremony with formal procession, gracious speeches, leadership staff wearing academic gown to celebrate scholarship and the experience of seeing really wonderful old scholars ready to launch into new futures. We were inspired by Eliza's words of gratitude and encouragement and Tim Richens spoke about never giving up and his deep sense of thanks for the support and quality relationships in his school experience. We were so grateful to Tim who highlighted some really important elements of a Year 12 experience that was valuable for the students. He connected and encouraged. It was terrific and there was a very strong sense of pride in the person that he had become. It served as an inspiration for our students. We were grateful for the manner in which he spoke of the school. As an old scholar, Tim can see the value in this place and made sure that present students appreciated it. Some of his words were:

The single most important point I want to make to anyone commencing a senior level of study- please make sure you look after each other. I tried offering help where I could, I chatted with people I hardly knew and I meant it because I really wanted everybody to feel relaxed and enjoy their final year of school.

I'm fortunate enough to have very supportive parents who helped me immensely through my studies but not everybody has that, which is why you really do need to stick together and help one another.

Be good to your teachers and be good to each other - evaluate how you treat others, and make changes if you have to.

In closing I'd like to personally thank St Mark's College for the opportunity to speak here today and for their support over my 13-year schooling life - I realise today isn't about me but I don't think this is something I've really done before and I want to highlight exactly how valuable scholarship at St Mark's really is. The foundational skills that the College helped me to develop have enabled me to pursue my dream and for that I'm extremely grateful. The staff here have always been incredibly supportive to me and without them I doubt that I'd be where I am. Trust in your teachers as they do know best, and if you work alongside them you will go very, very far.



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Our Newest Arrivals



KIRBY HOWELL, Class of 2005

Kirby and Blake Symons, along with big brother Charlie, welcomed Ivy Lynette Symons on 14 December 2017. The Symons family live in Port Pirie where Kirby is a teacher at our Bosco Campus.



BRODIE FREER, Class of 2005

Brodie and Sarah Freer, along with big brother Cheston, welcomed Arliyah Lenore Freer on 12 January. The Freer family live in Port Pirie where Brodie is an electrician and Sarah is a teacher at our Benedict Campus.



EMILY ZUBRINICH, Class of 2005

Emily and Matt welcomed their first child, Lily Mae on 23 January. The family live in Port Pirie, where Emily works as an Occupational Therapist at Child Adolescent Mental Health Services.



BRIGID BOYLAN, Class of 1999

Brigid and Dennis Vogt welcomed their first child, James (Jim) Lawrence Joseph on 24 January. The family live in Adelaide, Brigid is enjoying time off of work with her little boy!



JENNA ANDERSON, Class of 2006

Jenna and Tom Harmer welcomed their first child, Jaymes Lila on 1 February. The family live in Port Pirie, where Jenna works at Service SA.



BRIDGET CASTLE, Class of 2009

Bridget and Ben McInnes welcomed their first child Nellie Grace on 3 February. The family live in Port Augusta, where Bridget is a teacher at Caritas College.



WES JACKSON AND BELINDA PALMER, Class of 1996 AND 2003

Wes and Belinda Jackson, and big brother Asher, welcomed their son Lucas Joseph on 20 February. The family live in Port Pirie, with Wes working at Firejack (the family business) and Belinda as the Communications Executive at the Port Pirie Regional Council.



JOHANNAH GEDDES, Class of 2010

Johannah and Richard Moulds welcomed their first child, Vincent Cooper on 25 February. The family live in Clare, where Johannah is a childcare educator.



JOSEF CAPUTO, Class of 2010

Josef and Emily Axon welcomed their first child, Huey on 12 March. The family live in Port Pirie, where Josef works for Lynch and Saracino Constructions.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Our newest arrivals



ALICIA SAMPSON, Class of 1999

Alicia and Scott Smelter welcomed their first child, Emilia Hope on 16 March. The family live in Adelaide, where Alicia is a chemistry teacher at Sacred Heart College in Somerton Park.



KYLAN OXFORD, Class of 2007

Kylan and Jimmy Reddaway, and big brothers Archie and Fletcher, welcomed their daughter Lola Eve on 15 April. The family live in Port Pirie, with Kylan working at NAB.



MONIQUE HOLZE, Class of 2006

Monique and Lachlan Black welcomed their first child, Etta Maisy on 5 December 2017. The family live in Adelaide, where Monique is a Radiographer.



JENNA HOWELL, Class of 2002

Jenna and Simon George welcomed their first child, Alfie Hilton on 21 April. The family live in Port Pirie, where Jenna is a teacher at our Benedict Campus.

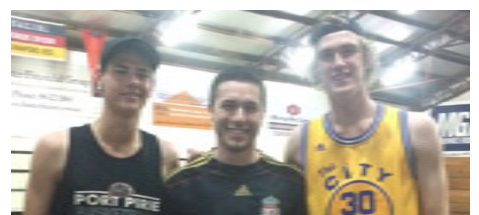
Da Friz Boyz



DA FRIZ BOYZ Lawson Munzberg, Lachlan Knibbs, Thomas Head, Mason Munzberg and Harrison Magor

A group of current students and Old Scholars with a love of basketball have joined together to promote the sport in Port Pirie. Together they offered a free basketball clinic during February and are continuing to develop youth basketball locally!

You can follow the boys on facebook:
www.facebook.com/Da-Friz-Boyz



The group is managed by Mark Giancaspro



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Social Snaps



CLASS OF 2009 Old Scholar's celebrating Kylie Capurso's wedding- Alyssa Caputo, Elise Rynne, Jessica Moore, Bianca Page, Kylie, Ellie Harmer and Brie Simpson



Old Scholars' Simone Combe and Nick Hewett have recently announced their engagement (photographed in the house they are building!)



CLASS OF 2015 Celebrating Peter Capurso's 21st were Old Scholars James Pisani and Jayden Degennar



The familiar face of Mrs Waters from Fatima and Benedict celebrating her granddaughter Ella's 21st



CLASS OF 1991 Megan Devanish (Madigan), [Louise Hahnahan], Kylie Rowe (May), Rosanna Valenti, Anne-Mairi Spadavecchia (Byrne), Kathleen Burns and Jane Crisp (Raffatry)



CLASS OF 2014 Celebrating Ella John's 21st were Eliza Fromm, Ellie Sjostrom, Ella, Chloe Buchanan and Hannah Jordan



CLASS OF 2015 Celebrating Peter Capurso's 21st were Peter and Mitchell Capurso



CLASS OF 2014 Celebrating Ella John's 21st were Old Scholars Ellie Sjostrom and Kelsey Fetherstonhaugh

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Social Snaps



CLASS OF 2011 At the wedding of Claire Harvey and Jordan Demarco were Old Scholars Liz Boston, Tess Mayes, Jessie Beattie and Paige Court



Attendants at the wedding of James Spadavecchia and Jacqui Iley included Old Scholars Samuel Spadavecchia and Daniel Spadavecchia (photographed with James)



Brothers Gerald and John Darly dropped in to see their 'old school' recently. Old Scholars from the 60s, they had many fond memories to share.



Attendants at the wedding of Amanda Caputo and Rhys Millington included Old Scholars Jenna Georgacopoulos (Audoss), Emily Lowe (Zubrinich) and El Caputo



CLASS OF 2009 Old Scholars at the wedding of Ottavia D'Agostino and Travis Edwards included Jess Kelly, Roberta Camporeale, Kimberly Ramsay, Emma Stanley, Bridget McInnes and Brittany Capurso



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Starting School



We love to see the familiar faces of our Old Scholars' as they return to the College as parents enrolling their own children at school!



CHRISTIE CAPURSO (now ROROS), Class of 2005, and Luca



NATINA PISANI (now CLARKE), Class of 2006, and Pandorah



VICKI-ANNE MEZZINO (now SMITH), Class of 1999, and Miller



KYLAN OXFORD (now REDDAWAY), Class of 2007, and Archie



MAURIE MEZZINO, Class of 2002, and Declan



JAKE DAVIS, Class of 2007, with his sons Reagan (Year 1) and Hugo (Reception)



JEMMA LIVINGSTONE (now SALVEMINI), Class of 2000, and Della



LISA BROCK, Class of 2000, and Eddie



JAMES GANLEY, Class of 2015, with his younger brother Xzavier who started Reception

Our Family Table



The Caputo Family Table- Tim Edwards, Janita Degioia, Sal Caputo, Nikki Caputo, Chloe Knibbs, Mya Giancaspro, Darren Giancaspro, Shelby Volvricht, Ellice Caputo, Anton Giancaspro, Jack Degioia, Vincent Degioia, Marco Caputo, Roslyn Giancaspro, Jodie Caputo, Irma Porta, Lisa Caputo, Val Caputo, Vic Caputo, Rhys Millington and Amanda Millington.

Family. A little bit of crazy. A little bit of loud. Always too much food and a whole lot of love.

Family has always been an important part of my life. For as long as I can remember our family has been gathering for birthdays, celebrations and most weeks just to “catch up” because we don’t already see each other enough! This photo was taken a couple of weeks ago at my Nonna’s 92nd birthday. We came together to eat, drink, chat, eat some more, laugh, and did I mention the food already?

Every Wednesday around 20 of us meet at my Auntie’s house for dinner. We barely fit around a long table in the small dining room. In the summer we complain about it being too hot, and in the winter too cold but it never stops us from coming together. We always complain that there is too much food but that never stops us from eating it all either... and it’s always incredibly LOUD!

Each member of my family who gathers for Wednesday night dinner is an Old Scholar from St Mark’s College. This dates back as far as 1967 when my Aunty graduated. Out of the 20 of us who regularly gather, four are currently students at the College and three of us work there. Admittedly, when I graduated from St Mark’s College in 2010 and moved to Adelaide to study I didn’t have any real plans to move back home. I feel so grateful now to be working in my home town and to have my family around to enjoy and share these little things in life.

There is something so special about Wednesday nights. We share so much laughter and joy and most weeks there’s some sort of argument, but I always look forward to seeing everyone! I usually say it recharges my batteries and energy for the rest of the week. It reminds me of the Good Samaritan Spirit of love, peace and compassion for one another that has been instilled upon us by the College. These values are and have always been very strong within my own family.

Nikki Caputo, Class of 2010



Old Scholar’s have donned the familiar navy, red and yellow to coach and play netball for St Mark’s Celtics.

Pictured are Annaliese Lethbridge, Adrianna Caputo, Millie Johnson, Ashleigh Schrader and Chelsey Caputo

“I’m really enjoying being back with St Mark’s Celtics and being able to give back and help out as much as I can. The girls I coach are brilliant and I’m really enjoying it!”
Ashleigh Schrader



UPCOMING EVENTS



**ATTENTION
ALL PAST STUDENTS**
of
St Mark's College
Port Pirie



You are invited to a
SCHOOL REUNION
Saturday 20 October 2018

Celebrating Anniversaries for Graduating Classes of
1968, 1978, 1988, 1998 and 2008.

- 4.00pm** Old Scholar Mass
- 4.30pm** Tour of College
- 5.30pm** Drinks and nibbles in the Bishop Gallagher Centre
- 7.00pm** Celebrations end

RSVP to the College on 8633 8800 or info@smc.catholic.edu.au



Artwork by Taylor Blieschke (Year 11 Student)

St Mark's College Teacher & Old Scholar Exhibition 2018

Current and former teachers as well as old scholars are invited to participate in St Mark's biannual SALA (South Australian Living Artist) exhibition in August 2018.

The Visual Arts department are seeking expressions of interest from both teachers and old scholars for their South Australian Living Artist exhibition, opening on the 17th of August. If you are a past St Mark's student or teacher who is either working as an artist or get creative in your spare time we would love to hear from you.

Who: Old Scholars, Current and Former Teachers
Launch: 17th August 2018

Time: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Duration: Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd August

Where: Bishop Gallagher Centre
St Mark's College Bosco Campus
The Terrace, Port Pirie SA 5540

Drinks and light refreshments provided.

For registrations please email Megan Congdon or Amy Tilbrook
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All artworks must be ready for hanging by the first week of August.



SALA



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