

# OLD SCHOLARS

## newsletter

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Old Scholars from the Class of 2009 enjoyed celebrating their 10 year reunion at the College.

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

I come to learn the preciousness of our traditions with every official Old Scholar gathering and with every Old Scholar who comes in as an enrolling parent and speaks about their experience here. They speak of this place with esteem. In recruitment we seem to have a number of Old Scholars who apply for positions. They do very well on the question about Salesian culture and importance of the community. Their return to the College seems to stir something within their hearts. And so with all of our alumni visitors memories are precious, sometimes fragile but often there is a great sense of gratitude. Each person I meet sparkles a little about a particular teacher or a time together with a group of friends. I have laughed through a few outrageous stories about an incident or a personality. I have heard of the loyalty of House, the mischief of a few and the deep importance of care. A return of an Old Scholar reaffirms the importance of the heart. It is that Salesian imperative when they tell us that good relationship creates the environment to thrive and to become all that is possible. The Salesians ask us to look to the heart of the person; to see the best part of that person; see the best and expect the best. I don't get a chance to forget that when an Old Scholar returns for a visit. I see what that imperative achieves. We have some impressive Old Scholars.

We welcomed back the Old Scholars from 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009 for a formal reunion this year. It had all of those elements of a happy gathering. The nervousness of coming back, the surprise at developments, the excitement of stories and the refocus of memory. (Dare I mention the enthusiastic clinking of glasses). The return to the College in a formal reunion gives so many an opportunity for fun and to try and define a little more clearly what was once so important. It helps identify how they have been influenced by buildings and teachers, friendship and experience.

One significant moment in our last reunion was when we stopped at the Memorial Garden. This is a recent landscape development. It is a series of pavers outside of the Administration Building that honours those who have passed in their time at the College. Names and dates are inscribed. It remembers a person and the power of their life. There is a beauty and poignancy about the memorial. My tour group stopped for quite a while at the garden and remembered and valued.

The Old Scholars reunion itself was a marvellous success. I reassured them that the spirit of this place remained even if the buildings had changed. What was so valuable once remains. The groups quickly united and the storytelling went into the night.

Warm regards

*Greg Hay*

Principal, St Mark's College



## Around the College



**GRADUATION:** Our graduating Year 12s, the Class of 2019.



**CAPTAINS:** Congratulations to our 2020 College Captains Harry Mead and Chloe Hillier pictured with Principal Greg Hay and 2019 Captains Jack Dickeson and Millie Tubb.



**MISSION WEEK:** With fundraising efforts over the College, Mission Week saw \$3251.25 raised for Catholic Missions and \$917.00 for the Bushfire appeal.



**SPORTS ASSEMBLY:** Old Scholar Andrew Waters from the Class of 1999 inspired our students as he spoke about growing up in Port Pirie and his career at Tennis SA. He is pictured with his family, Jack Dickeson, Mrs Pauline Waters, Tilly Johns, Jane Dickeson (1984), Sally Johns (1986) and Maggie Dickeson (2017).



**MEMORIAL GARDEN:** Staff worked together to create the Memorial Garden honouring students and staff who sadly passed away during their time at the College. The Memorial Garden was officially blessed during November.





# Around the College



**GRADUATION:** Our graduating Year 6s, the Class of 2019.



**COLOUR BURST:** Hundreds of people burst with colour, raising \$5000 for local organisations



**RESULTS:** Over 50% of our Year 12s achieved an A Grade (A+, A or A-) for their Research Project.



**MUSICAL:** Students across the College brought Beauty and the Beast to the Northern Festival Centre stage in August.



**IMMERSION:** Year 10 and 11 students immersed themselves in the Filipino culture on the Philippines Immersion.



**READY, SET, GO:** Our Little Lions are ready and excited to start school.



**CANDLE:** As a College we farewelled our Year 12s at the traditional candle Mass.



# AROUND THE SCHOOL

## Reunion for 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009 Classes



**CLASS OF 1989:** The Class of 1989 celebrating their 30 year Reunion



**CLASS OF 2009:** Matt van Gieson, Zachary Bishop, James Zubrinich, Ethan Stephenson and Matt Dunstall



**CLASS OF 2009:** Roberta Camporeale, Eliza May, Emma Stanley, Kimberly Ramsay, Bridget McInnes (Castle) and Elise Ganley



**CLASS OF 1999:** Back, L-R Peter Pana, Dan Williams, Greg Phillips, Daniel Roeters, Rowan Sims, Bret Swensson and Leah Kelly  
Front, L-R Melissa Radley, Catherine Caspers (Willson), Loren Jones (Eberhard), Jenny Scarce, Luisa Fetherstonhaugh (Keane) and Vicki-Anne Smith (Mezzino)



**CLASS OF 1989:** Melissa Gadaleta, Belinda Baker (Clarke), Susie Smart (Atkinson), Bridget Lange (Bourke), Monica O'Neill (Ryan) and Elise Appelt



**CLASS OF 1979:** Peter Keane and Jack Keain from the Class of 1979



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# Memories from 1979



## Jack Keain spoke at the Old Scholars' Reunion about a very different time of schooling, the memories from the Class of 1979.

I started school here in 1973 as a 10 year old going into Year 6 at the then Salesian College here on the Terrace. At that stage there were four Catholic school campuses in Port Pirie. Fatima was the junior primary site, Gertrude Street was upper primary, the Girls High school was on Wandearah Road (which is now Benedict) and the boys attended at Bosco from Years 6 - 11.

My Year 6 class had about 20 boys. I immediately settled in here and felt right at home. I didn't realise it at the time but in my class I had a first cousin, a second cousin and 2 third cousins and pretty well the whole class came from Catholic families.

Back then there was about four Priests and one Brother, all from the Salesian Order, teaching us boys and living in the Residence which is now part of the Boarding House complex.

I remember about Salesian College was that the P+F held a yearly fete. These were exciting days for us kids with many activities we enjoyed. The most unique event would start the week before when about 4 or 5 old cars would be lined up in the schoolyard. At an allocated time during the fete teams of men would attack the old Holdens, Fords, Valiants or Volkswagons with sledgehammers smashing the crap out of them. I think the winner was the team that did the most damage in the given time. Perhaps that's one today's P+F could bring back it was great to watch!

Around 1975 the school became co-ed and was renamed St Mark's College. The girls came over and our year level was split into two classes. Two Good Samaritan Sisters also joined the teaching staff.

Facilities here were very basic, we had a very small library with second-hand books, a small science lab and very little sports equipment. Lunch and recess times were spent kicking the footy or soccer balls on the oval. Cricket or tennis was played in Summer. We wore our school uniforms for PE as there was no change rooms back then. There was Mass every day at about 8am before school and at least once a week a full school Mass.

Sometimes in summer we would go to the town

pool for swimming, the town students who nearly all rode pushbikes would ride there. Any others like myself who were country students and didn't have bikes would pile into the Priests old grey EH Holden station wagon and be ferried down for lessons. Sometimes we went out to the Napperby Scout Hall with the same arrangement and once we had a huge day riding out to Port Germain taking it in turn sharing the bikes carrying food and fishing gear.

In High School we began sharing Technical facilities with Pirie High and the old Technical College where the John Pirie Gym is now located. After classes we would have to walk back to school along the Terrace which seemed a very long walk at the end of the day for us worn out kids. Some of the memorable teachers from those days included Fr Pulis, Fr Cantamessa, Brother Wilson and Sister Leonard.

In Year 10 we all transferred to the Wandearah Road Campus to complete our education with Year 12 now being added to the curriculum. As a country student we travelled to school in the Yellow buses- who then weren't allowed by law to drop us at our private school. We had to be dropped off and picked up at Risdon Primary. I remember the choking smell of sulphur as we would walk along Drage Street before the large stack was built at the Smelters. I also remember getting swooped by the angry magpies which probably still happens today.

In Year 11 we were encouraged to learn old style ballroom dancing. Every Monday night we would gather in this hall and be taught the Waltz, the Military Two-Step, the Canadian Barn Dance and many more. Our teachers were Mr and Mrs Scott and Mr and Mrs Kutzer with some parents helping out and often telling us off for our lack of skills and interest.

In 1978 St Mark's took a huge leap forward when it purchased its first computer. We were very excited even though we didn't have a clue what a computer was and we thought we would all be learning to use it very soon. I never ended up clapping eyes on that computer and I think only one person who did use it was Mr John Cellotto, it remained a mystery to the rest of us.

Some of the well-known teachers from my senior

high school years were Fr Rennie, Fr Omara, Mr Nitsche and Fr Ray Cau. Fr Ray as he was known kept a cricket bat in the classroom for discipline and was known for giving troublesome students '6 of the best' on their backside which seemed to improve their attitude no end.

At that stage classrooms weren't air-conditioned but we saw major improvement when ceiling fans were installed. Students used to throw things at the fans, sometimes a pen a rubber or ruler even our ties all got chucked at the fans. I remember a young teacher Mr Robert Cronin catching us out as he stepped back into the classroom after being out for a while. He was nearly hit by a flying projectile flying off the fan blades. Needless to say he wasn't happy and went psycho with the feather duster, whacking a few of the troublemakers so hard the feather duster shattered.

Looking back over my school years here I remember all the good times we had and the many friends made. With the passing of over 40 years my grade has lost five of its students. Today I'd like to remember Lorreta Raftery, Peter Murphy, Joanna Sherry, Pauline Kerin and Pat Lauritsen who are all together in the big classroom in the sky. Most of our teachers have passed on to but some who are still with us include John Mullin, Merrill Riechelt and of course Robert Cronin who still teaches here today.

It pleases me so much to drive past this school and see the growth of facilities at both campuses of the College. When I was a student here improvements were always talked about however nothing ever seemed to happen but the year after I left the classrooms here on the northern fence were all built and things began to improve.

I remember with fondness and gratitude the toil of the Priests, Nuns and Brothers who worked so hard to give us an education. These days I always get annoyed when their collective reputations are smeared in the media by the wrongdoings of a few. To them and to all my teachers I say thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I wish the teachers and staff of today all the best and thank you for organising this reunion.  
*Jack Keain*



# AROUND THE SCHOOL

## Memories from the Classes of 1979, 1989, 1999 and 2009



**CLASS OF 1979:** Year 10 Gold, photographed in 1977



**CLASS OF 2009:** Lunch time hang outs, Lucinda Porcelli, Taylor Johanson, Nikita Porcelli and Nigel Walsh



**CLASS OF 1999:** Celebrating graduation- Ryan Hewton, Peter Pana, Ben Evans, Rowan Sims, Jeffrey Ellsmore, Bret Swensson, Eammon Maloney and Steven Cantell



**CLASS OF 1989:** Check out the white tux's and big hairdos... It must be an 80's graduation!



**CLASS OF 1989:** The boys lunchtime handball competition was popular



**CLASS OF 1999:** The final day of Year 12, Luisa Keane, Catherine Willson, Hannah Burgess, Penny Lynch, Anne Gregor and Jess McShane



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# Memories from 1999



## Luisa Fetherstonhaugh (Keane) shared her memories from the Class of 1999 at the Old Scholars' Reunion.

At first I wasn't quite sure I was a good choice to speak on their behalf for our era given they are both amazing, high achieving people. However, as I reflected on my school years and the time that has passed since and contemplated what I might say today, I came to realise that my connections to St Mark's are strong and very much valued by me to this day and I am honoured to represent the 99ers.

I may have left school as a student 20 years ago but it turns out the school has never left me... St Mark's is very much a tradition and an institution in our family. My parents sent all four of us through St Mark's but there was only one year that we actually all attended together (1987 was the year I started Reception and my brother was in his final year) so between us all they were College parents for a long time. In addition to that there have been many other cousins, friends and relations who have also attended and my sister Katie is now a long standing member of staff along with a few of our 99ers Catherine, Greg and Bret. Over the last 20 years there have always been rellies or friends going through St Mark's who keep me in the loop of all the latest news and it has never really left the conversation in my life.

St Mark's also delivered me a husband in the form of Tyson also an old scholar, not that I knew him at school. It wasn't really on my radar to be checking out the Year 9 boys when I was in Year 12! I now enjoy attending the occasional pick up, Sports Day (where I still cheer for Polding), special Mass or assembly for my niece and nephew and it is great when I attend the school to see some familiar staff from my school days still there. I also have the pleasure now of working with other old scholars of the College, even though they are all younger than me and make me feel a bit old. Now that I have my own two boys we are attending the Mini Marks playgroups in the school holidays and soon it will be time to bring it all full circle and hopefully enrol my oldest to begin his school days here via the lovely Little Lions program and my days as a College parent will begin.

Now for a change of pace and on to the reminiscing....Walking into the school today I was transported to the year 1999 and could almost hear the sounds of Greenday's - Time of

Your Life playing in my head and instinctively thought about the location of my last locker and Caregroup. I wondered how we all managed to survive the Millenium Bug that everyone was so worried about...and almost expected to see Father Joe pop up with his camera and little black book. All the names of the iconic teachers of us 99ers ran through my head the likes of Mr Griffin and his satin shirts, Hobes reading the paper up the front instead of teaching Geography, Mrs Caddy who's smile never wavered, Mr Boyle and his one liners, Mr Bastock and his freewheeling views on life, Fr Ray who made sure we all knew we were the ugly ones and the list goes on. Mr Fantinel is particularly memorable for me being the only teacher to ever throw this nerdy/goody two shoes out of a classroom, still not sure to this day what exactly I did but it gave Mr Ford a good laugh when he walked past and saw me sitting shell shocked on the steps of the transportable.

I am proud to be part of the small but special group of students who started in Reception back in 1987 and continued the journey right through together until we graduated in 1999. For those who remember Fatima Campus it was the 'little school or infant school' where we first learned what this school business was all about in an environment free of the 'big kids' and full of stories, games, songs, fun and some wonderful and nurturing teachers. The likes of Mrs Jordan, Sister Monica, Mrs Cheesman, Mrs Faulkner were some of the teachers who still bring a smile to my face to this day. As we moved on from infant school to primary school at Benedict Campus we met another crop of great teachers who moulded us further. Miss Ciufoli, Mrs Keain, Mr DePalma, Mr Celotto, Mrs Lacey. As our time at Benedict drew to a close there was a really strong feeling that we had been a part of a very special experience and we all felt like one great big school family. Commencing high school the 99ers experienced an influx of new students, largely boosted by the group affectionately referred to as the bumpkins who in turn used to call us leadheads. Our year level was now a talented but diverse bunch ready to tackle those important last few years of school. Bosco challenged us and drove us to embrace our own strengths and look to the future... Sport was always prominent in school life and camps and

socials always provided much needed distraction from school work and plenty of gossip.

Perhaps the greatest of the gifts that I have taken from my time at St Mark's are a beautiful group of friends who I am lucky enough to have formed friendships with that I am sure will last our lifetime. We love to share our girls trips or family getaways and have seen each other through the great highs and lows in our lives of which there of course have been many over 20 years. We often have a laugh remembering good times together here at school and when I asked the girls for some help to jog my memory on stories from school a flood of responses came back which had us all giggling, unfortunately most of them were totally inappropriate for public sharing. It scared me just how much I couldn't remember from school (Loren on the other hand remembers everything!)... However I guess it is 20 years later after all and we are getting to the time of life where it's essential to invest in a good eye cream.

The Class of 99 are now in our late 30s and despite our joints starting to creak we have all in our own ways achieved a great deal whether it be creating families of our own, exciting careers and professional success, sporting achievement, creative passions, travel or anything else that brings us happiness. St Mark's gave us a strong sense of community and helped us identify our own gifts to take out into the world. School at the time seems like the whole world but in reality it is just the foundation on which to build the rest of your life. St Mark's College was our first community and gave us all the education, support and values for a solid foundation on which to build our dreams and I'm sure holds a special place in our hearts and memories. I am excited to see all of the old scholars and staff here this evening, especially the 99ers as I missed our 10 year reunion due to living overseas and look forward to hearing about the last 20 years in your lives. I wish all the different 10 year groups a great catchup as you reminisce and reflect on your school days and share all your different paths in life. So let's all share our stories and enjoy a great night.....cheers to the next 10 years for the Class of 99!

*Luisa Fetherstonhaugh (Keane)*



# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## Old Scholar Achievements



**BRAD BOWMAN, Class of 1998** recently graduated with a Master of Information and Communication Technology in Education. Brad lives in Ceduna where he is a Student Wellbeing Coordinator at Koonibba Aboriginal School.



**FLIGHT LIEUTENANT S, Class of 2010** Old Scholar Flight Lieutenant S (unnamed due to defense security reasons) flew over his hometown of Port Pirie in a F/A-18A/B Hornet Jet as part of a special commemorative trip on the way to Edinburgh for the Air Show.



**SHAYA LEWIS-DERMODY, Class of 1996** was a named a finalist for Thought Leader of the Year in the Lawyers Weekly Women in Law Awards for her work for firm The Family Law Project.



**JAYDEN LOBASSO, Class of 2018** continues to improve his soccer skills playing National Premier League soccer for the Adelaide Comets.

### **CHRISTOPHER LACEY, Class of 2009**

After finishing school in 2009, Christopher went on to complete a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Nuclear Medicine) and has since spent several years in the UK. It was during this time abroad that he developed a passion for shoes – in particular unisex boots.

In 2018 he worked with a Shoemaker in London to produce a pair of boots to support his application to RMIT (Melbourne) in 2019.

Christopher was accepted into the Certificate IV in the Custom – Made Footwear course. He worked throughout the year in order to develop many techniques in order to produce a bespoke pair of unisex boots for the recent retail Initiative Exhibition and Award night in Melbourne.

To his mother's delight Christopher was presented with the Certificate of Excellence for Best Student of the Year 2019.

Christopher plans to return to the UK in 2020 to further develop his creative skills.



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# Our Newest Arrivals



**AMANDA CAPUTO, Class of 2005**

Amanda and Rhys Millington welcomed their first child Macy Reese on 12 August. The family live in Port Pirie where Amanda works at Your Town.



**KRISTA YOUNG, Class of 2003**

Krista Young and Naomi McLaughlin along with big brother Archer welcomed Callan Bryce on 16 October. The family live in Port Pirie where Krista works for SAPOL.



**BLAKE SIVIOUR, Class of 2005 and  
KIMBERLEY RAMSAY, Class of 2009**

Blake and Kimberley welcomed Willow Audrey on 3 November. The family live near Port Broughton, Blake is a truck driver and Kimberley is a nurse.



**NATASHA GADALETA, Class of 2006**

Natasha and Khord Kopu welcomed their first child Harlow Johanna on 20 July. The family live in Adelaide where Natasha is an Occupational Therapist.



**DANIELLE HADGES, Class of 2001**

Danielle and Sasha Dedic welcomed their son Remy on 20 June. The family live in Adelaide and Danielle is a teacher at St Joseph's Hindmarsh.



**COURTNEY WADE, Class of 2005**

Courtney and Josh Smith along with big sister Quinn welcomed Bronte Lee on 10 November. The family live in Port Pirie where Courtney is a teacher at John Pirie Secondary School.



**COURTNEY HEWITT, Class of 2008**

Courtney and Chris Elliot welcomed Beau James William Elliot on 4 June. The family live in Adelaide where Courtney is a teacher.



**STEPHANIE MAAS, Class of 1999**

Stephanie and David Spilsbury along with Zoe and Aidan welcomed Stella Faye on 20 September. The family live in Melbourne where Stephanie is a nurse at The Alfred Hospital.



**JAMES SPADAVECCHIA, Class of 2004**

James and Jacqueline Spadavecchia welcomed Eloise Kaye on 16 September. The family live in Port Pirie where James works at Nyrstar.



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## Our Newest Arrivals



**CLAIRE MUDGE, Class of 2008**

Claire and Marc Magliulo welcomed Harrison George on 29 August. The family live in Port Germein and Claire owns her own photography business, Country Made; Images by Claire.



**KENDALL PRETTY, Class of 2012**

Kendall and Nathan Nunan welcomed Rory James on 1 July. The family live in Port Pirie where Kendall is a teacher at Pirie West Primary School.



**OLIVIA DEGENNARRO, CLASS OF 2009 and  
SHAUN SADLER, CLASS OF 2004**

Olivia and Shaun Sadler along with big brother Bentley, welcomed Miley Judith Allison on 29 June. The family are living in Port Pirie, where Olivia works at Bank SA and Shaun is a Cabinetmaker.

## In Memory



**JAMES ELLIS-NUNN**

Old Scholar, James Ellis-Nunn from the Class of 2018, who was tragically taken on 21 November 2019.

"We remember James, often so quiet, always so reverent, ever hinting at a smile. We remember the love of Soccer and Baseball, that group of cheeky mates, the way he stood as Toby's sponsor at Confirmation. I remember flying that indigenous flag so proudly when he got his SACE last year", Greg Hay



**CARMEL SAYNER**

We remember Old Scholar Carmel Sayner from the Class of 1976 who sadly passed away after a short illness on 8 October 2019.

Carmel finished school in Year 11 at St Mark's College. More recently, she lived in Burrum Heads with her partner of 32 years Dave Wearne.



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## Love is in the Air



**ELKE HOLZE, Class of 2010**

Elke married Jarrad Adams on 5 October at their home in Coonamia. Elke and Jarrad live in Port Pirie where Elke works as a teacher at our Bosco Campus.



**TOM CLOTHIER, Class of 2010 and HANNAH YOUNG, Class of 2012**

Tom and Hannah Clothier were married on 5 October on their farm at Merriton. Tom is a farmer and Hannah is a teacher.



**KARLEIGH SMITH, Class of 2005**

Karleigh married Dylan Perriseau on 9 November in Sylmar, California. Kendall and Nathan live in Los Angeles where Karleigh is a freelance entertainment and royal journalist.



**ELIZABETH BOSTON, Class of 2011 and SEAN CLARKE, Class of 2011**

Liz and Sean Clarke were married on 16 November at St Aloysius, Sevenhill with the reception at Elderedge Wines. The couple live in Port Pirie, Liz is a teacher at our Bosco Campus and Sean works for O'Dea Electrical.



**DYSON STEPHENS, Class of 2015**

Dyson and Katie Stephens were married on Saturday 30 November in Auburn. The couple live in Adelaide where Dyson has an apprenticeship to be a Roof Plumber.



**NIKKI CAPUTO, Class of 2010**

Nikki Caputo was engaged to Tim Edwards on 13 July and celebrated their engagement with family and friends at the Port Broughton Football Club in October.



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# Out and About



Alyssa Caputo (2009), Terese Annese, Nikki Caputo and Alyse Edwards (Lynch) from the Class of 2010 celebrating Nikki and Tim's Engagement



Hannah Clinton, Hannah Oborn, Jessie Veitch and Patrick Williams from the Class of 2016 celebrating Hannah's 21st



Sean Clarke and Liz Boston's bridal party included fellow Old Scholars' from the Class of 2011 Claire Demarco (Harvey), Corey Binney, Courtney Sandow, Daniel Olivastri, Kane Turner and Paige Court



Old Scholars' from the Class of 2016 at Lachie's 21st; Quade McLaughlin, Chloe Anderson, James Hunter, Will Pittaway, Josh Koumitzis, Lachie Waters, Sam Jacobs, Jesse Coleman, Maddison Kennedy and Josh Kammerman



Helen and Esther Preece from the Classes of 2007 and 2009 respectively, visiting the Sahara Desert. Esther is a Paramedic in London and Helen is going to work as a Psychologist in Berri.



Taylor Smith (centre) joined Old Scholars' Tayla Stevens (2012), Hannah Clarke (2008), Elke Adams (Holze - 2010), Hannah Horsnell (2012), Mae Camporeale (2010), Jesslyn Byerlee (Oxford - 2005), Kylan Reddaway (Oxford - 2007) celebrating Elke and Jarrad's wedding



# Out and About



Kirby Symons (Howell - 2005), Mae Camporeale (2010), Greg Phillips (1999), Elke Adams (Holze - 2010) and Jess Byerlee (Oxford - 2005)



Some Old Scholars' from the Class of 1984 caught up recently; Andrew Wauchope, Pauline Button, Jane Dickeson (Waters), Sue Ganley (Faulkner), Sean Mullin, Tim Connelly, Kylie Nelson, Kaylene Willson (Hanlon), Anthony Fox and Nic Keain



Old Scholars' from the Class of 2016 at Lachie's 21st; Josh Kouimtzis, Oliver Cosmai, Jedd Nance, Jake Brooks, Lachie Waters, Brodie Wauchope, Jacob O'Dea, Blake Davies and Kyle Zubrinich



Hannah Clinton, Hannah Oborn, Jessie Veitch and Patrick Williams from the Class of 2016 celebrating Hannah's 21st



Old Scholars enjoying Nikki and Tim's engagement were Katiana Saler (Saracino - 2000), Sophie Porcelli (2011), Nikki Caputo (2010), Angela Jordan (Madigan - 1977) and Teresa Gadaleta (2010)

## Old Scholar Squash Showdown

The recent Spring Grand Final of the Port Pirie Squash Association was played with a number of old scholars on the court.

Matt is a fast and relentless player and Ben has a powerful hit that swishes past opponents. They are in the recently renovated Sporting Precinct which included the state of the art squash courts. A regular pennant competition is played.

*Greg Hay*



Matt van Gieson retrieving a ball hit by Trevor Cugley



Ben Dunbar is in action in a winning performance



# Celebrating our Graduates



Meg Connelly from the Class of 2015 celebrating her sister Brigid's Graduation



Graduates Damian Turci and Domenic Albanese with their Mother's, Dina Turci and Sophie Albanese from the Call of 1989



Sarah Watt from the Class of 1990 with her daughter Mollie



The Turci family, Dina (1989), Nicola (2017) and Colin with Graduate, Damian



Old Scholar Maggie Dickeson (2017) with her brother Jack



Old Scholars Lee and Kendall Jackson (Tiller) both from the Class of 1994 celebrating their daughter Peggy's graduation



Old Scholars Nick and Carmel-Ann Gaudio (Annese - 1993) with their children Caitlin and Liam



# Goodbye and Hello!



As we farewell our Year 6 families from Benedict, we welcome back many of our Old Scholars as parents of our Little Lions who will start Reception in 2020!



Janita (Tridente - 1995) and Vinny DeGioia (1993) with their children Jack and Sarah



Old Scholar Rosanne Smith (Caputo - 1994) with her daughters Sophie and Kealee



Old Scholar Chris Caputo (1997) with his wife Michaela and children Caitlin and Hamish



Old Scholar Hannah Lavis (Harris - 2002) with her daughter Molly



Bianca McBride (O'Brien) Class of 1998 with her husband Mat and their daughter Aliza



Old Scholar Catherine Caspers (Willson - 1999) with her daughter Mae



Old Scholar Shilo Pavlich (Murphy - 2005) with her daughters, Adelyn and Lahnee



Jenna Tiller (Gale) Class of 2005 with her eldest son Henry



Old Scholar Carrissa Curtis (Farewell - 1998) with her daughter Jade



Katiana Saler (Saracino) Class of 1990 with her daughter Mia



Old Scholar Cathryn Higgins (1998) with her son Jacob



Leoni Deed (Pellegrini) Class of 2003 with her son Spencer



# UPCOMING EVENTS



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



You are invited to a  
**SCHOOL REUNION**  
Saturday 17 October 2020

Celebrating Anniversaries for Graduating Classes of  
1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2010.

**4pm** Tour of College

**5pm** Drinks and nibbles in the  
Bishop Gallagher Centre

To register your interest please contact  
the College on 8633 8800.

Keep up to date with news and events via the Facebook event.

## We want to hear from YOU!



New baby? Just tied the knot?  
Maybe you have graduated from Uni?  
Or simply caught up with old school friends.



Send your photos or news to:

**[info@smc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@smc.catholic.edu.au)**

and we will include it in the next newsletter!



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*Christmas  
Blessings  
from  
St Mark's  
College!*

Our Receptions,  
Year 3s and 6s  
enjoyed being  
part of this years  
Christmas  
Pageant.