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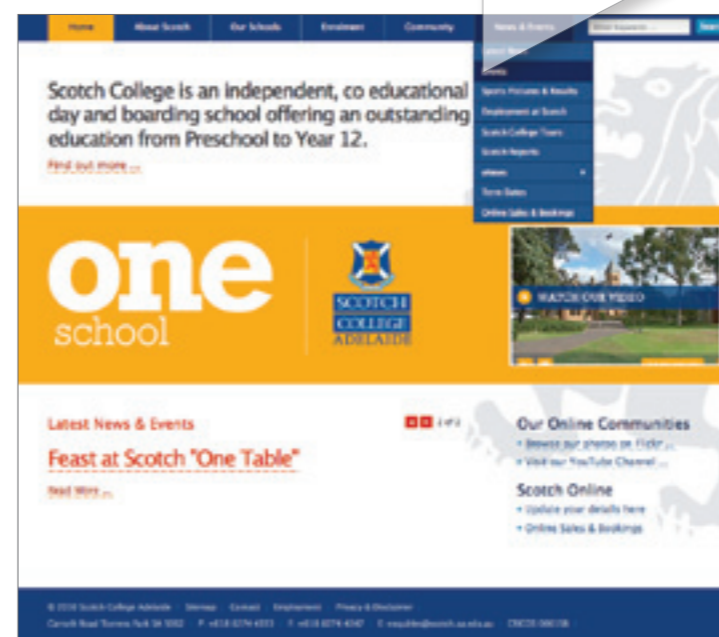




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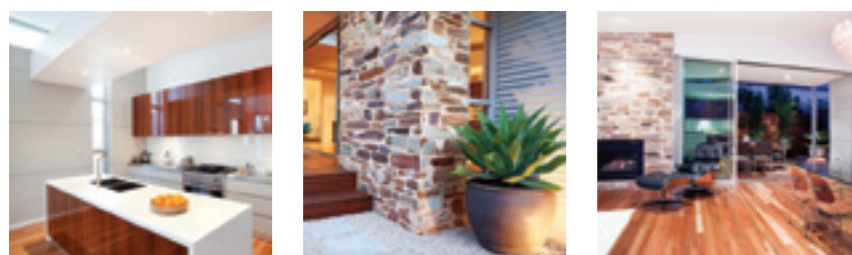
11 July – 15 July	Scotch Academy Holiday Program
29 July	Annual City Dinner (Old Collegian)
31 July	The Past Parents Group - "The Sunday Roast Long Lunch"
1 - 5 August	Old Collegians Week
2 August	Scotch Seniors Luncheon
2 - 7 August	College Musical - The Wizard of Oz
5 August	Blinman Dinner
16 August	Junior School Tour
18 August	Torrens Park Tour
19 August	The Big Sing Performance
27 - 28 August	Winter Intercol at Scotch
9 September	Middle School Grandparents Day
12 September	MS Introduction Luncheon & Tour
23 September	Junior School Sports Day
27 - 29 September	Paskeville Field Days
29 September	One Look Spring Fashion Parade
10 - 14 October	Scotch Academy Holiday Program
11 - 13 October	Rock School
10 - 15 October	Scotch Over the Rocks 4WD Tour
14 October	40 Year Reunion ('71)
15 October	Taste of the Outback Dinner, Quorn
15 October	25 Year Reunion ('86)
18 October	Torrens Park Tour
29 October	30 Year Reunion ('81)
30 October	5 Year Reunion ('06)

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Term 2	Monday 2 May - Friday 1 July
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Oscar Wight and Sophie Wellington, Captains of our highly successful Pedal Prix teams with the vehicles.

Principal's Report



Chairman's Report



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Embracing Positive Education

I am delighted to report that under the enthusiastic leadership and guidance of our Head of Middle School, Howard MacPherson, Scotch has embarked on a well structured and thoroughly researched program of Positive Psychology throughout the school. I am excited and optimistic about the program for a number of reasons but essentially because I believe it will enhance student and staff well-being. Well documented research throughout Australia, the UK and USA tells us that schools can play a significant part in enhancing the resilience of children in their care. Resilience is a critical element of student well-being and research also indicates that there is a strong correlation between well-being and student motivation and academic success.

Part of the positive psychology program involves students and staff evaluating their "character strengths" using a very

helpful survey tool, readily accessible on the internet.

The 24 character strengths identified in the survey are clustered into six virtues:

- Wisdom and Knowledge
- Courage
- Love
- Justice
- Temperance
- Transcendence

For example the VIRTUE cluster COURAGE comprises the following character strengths; Bravery, Persistence, Authenticity and Vitality. Once the survey is completed the feedback is provided online regarding an individuals top strengths. We use this information to accentuate the positive dimensions of each students' character.

In future editions of Scotch Reports we will focus some of our articles around a particular

virtue or character strength. This edition uses Courage as its theme. It is important that Positive Education embraces all that we do.

An audit of all the courses currently running across all year levels in the College that come under the Positive Education banner has been undertaken and a flow chart to represent this has been devised as a springboard for further discussion and future planning. We welcome your thoughts and comments.

Tim Oughton
Principal

Update from Council May 2011

Council wishes to acknowledge the tremendous achievements of the school's Infrastructure Committee, who in the past 18 months have steered us through some of our biggest ever capital works. To put things in perspective approximately \$11.5 million has been spent in the past 18 months to deliver the Cottle Learning Centre, the all weather courts, Middle School play space, new cricket nets on the Torrens Park campus and the Rosevear Boarding Precinct.

While we are very grateful to the Federal Government for their significant contributions through the Building Education Revolution grants, the Council wishes to sincerely thank all our donors to date and to acknowledge the achievements of the whole school community in raising almost 50% of the total funds required for this first phase of Future Scotch.

Still, Council also recognises that the delivery of the Boarding House is only the first step in the four elements of the Future Scotch vision. We now move on to the remaining 3 elements; the redevelopment of Kallawar, the continued development of Kyre campus and the redevelopment of the Torrens Park Library and Learning Resource Centre. As tempting as it is to sit back and enjoy our achievements to date, we must retain our focus and continue to raise the remaining funds necessary to make our goals a reality.

In other news, Council seeks to reassure the school community that the upgrade to the current Blythewood Road car park remains a high priority with the Infrastructure Committee already considering proposals that will deliver the best result for the school.

Finally, you may have noticed the new signage at the main school gates and on the front of the Rosevear building. This is the first step in

improving the identification of the College and supports the the goal of improving signs to help guide our many visitors.

Ross Haslam ('63)
Chair of Council

01 Tim Oughton with Barb & Max Fargher ('39), Henry Boles & Sue Chase ('76)

02 Ross Haslam ('63), His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce & Mrs Elizabeth Scarce & Henry Boles at the opening of the Rosevear Boarding Precinct

Preschool & Junior School

Wombats

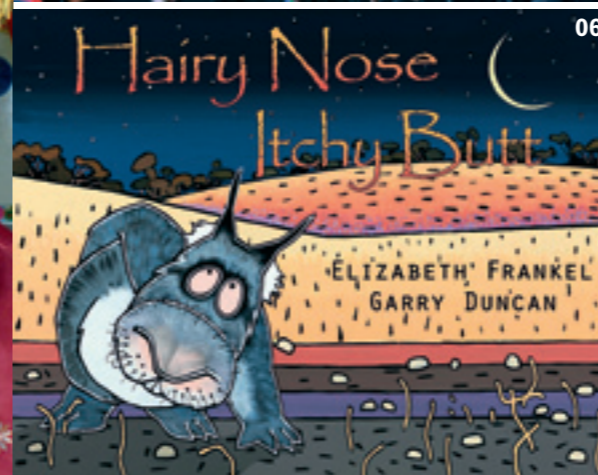
"Hairy Nose. Itchy Butt." (Elizabeth Frankel and Garry Duncan) is a new children's book about the adventures of a southern hairy-nosed wombat that has an itch he just can't scratch! Scotch College Year 1 students discovered the charm of the book when they were invited to attend the launch at the Santos Conservation Centre, and soon discovered the fun of reading along to the infectiously rhyming chorus...

*Itchity, scratchity, grumble and groan.
A shudder and shake, a snort and a moan.
A grunt and a huff, and a spitterly splut.
He said "I really need to scratch my butt."*

Whilst the students loved the fun of the book, and enjoyed imitating the sounds and actions of the wombat, they also learnt the very serious impact land clearance has on some of our native animals, and in particular South Australia's faunal emblem – the southern hairy-nosed wombat.

Part proceeds from the sale of "Hairy Nose. Itchy Butt." are being donated to Conservation Ark (Zoos SA's conservation arm) for their southern hairy-nosed wombat conservation project. Scotch College Old Collegians Dr Elisa Sparrow ('94) and Abby Bowden ('91) are both involved with this important project; Elisa is a conservation biologist who conducts the on-ground research, and Abby is the PR Manager for the conservation charity.

The book can be purchased from the Zoo Shop, or online www.zoossa.com.au, and at good bookstores. The artwork from the book will be on exhibition at the Santos Conservation Centre (open daily 10am – 4pm, free entry). Play a role in helping to conserve the "bulldozer of the bush" for future generations to enjoy!



Grandparents Day

Grandparents and other significant adults play an increasingly vital role in the lives of our children and their busy families, and so it came as no surprise that this year we attracted more than 600 to this important occasion. Whilst many came from local and country South Australian addresses, a number flew from interstate and overseas countries to join the festivities. Grandparents from England, Argentina, India, USA, Spain, Malaysia and New Zealand were all in attendance, and were treated to a range of musical items, tours of our innovative learning in action, morning tea and a tremendous feeling of community spirit. As always, our exceptional P&F team supported the

occasion in a variety of ways, including raising considerable funds through a raffle. Our students are also very grateful for the large number of library books donated by visitors on the day.

Authentic Teaching & Learning

As a leader in a school, one faces competing pressures from a variety of sources. NAPLAN, funding debates, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), requirements of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), increasing assessment and accountability requirements, just to name a few. It is easy to react to these pressures, but it is essential to remember that teaching

and learning is actually our core business, and therefore must always be at the very centre of our decision-making. We need to be providing authentic learning experiences; rich, vibrant classrooms, focusing on creative, cooperative and innovative teaching and learning.

It is often said that leaders need to look to see what is on the horizon. The challenge is to look on the horizon from the perspective of educational validity - the authenticity of the learning taking place. At Scotch we have a Teaching and Learning Committee, with

membership open to all teachers, as a forum for professional dialogue in our search for authentic teaching and learning experiences. A more recent step in the development of our Professional Learning Community is the establishment of "Learning Walks." Learning Walks are regular, focused walks in and around our classrooms, observing and collecting data, followed by reflection, feedback and setting of future goals, in a quest to ensure that authenticity in learning is paramount.

Whilst we know we are doing our jobs well, our ongoing challenge is to ensure that outcomes are maximised for individuals, as well as achieving whole school improvement. With external testing becoming more

frequent, the temptation to spoon-feed our students is sometimes there. But as we know, our students need to be equipped to thrive beyond their formal schooling and therefore the old Chinese proverb takes on renewed significance:

*"Give me a fish and I eat for a day.
Teach me to fish and I eat for a lifetime."*

Parent feedback on our performance is also valued, and for this reason we have a feedback and suggestion box on the Junior School counter.

John Robinson
Head of Junior School

- 01 Anita & Andrew Just ('62) with grandson Noah
- 02 Connie Koutsoukou, Iman Koutsoukou, William Matthews & Annie Matthews
- 03 John Olsen with grandson Jake
- 04 Max Kelly
- 05 Junior Primary Singers
- 06 'Hairy Nose, Itchy Butt'
- 07 Students Genevieve Nixon & Emilia Ellis with Old Collegians Dr Elisa Sparrow ('94) & Abby Bowden ('91)

Middle School



"All students instantly displayed a curiosity and love of learning as the engaging instructors ran us through the technique needed to surf."



Positive Psychology at Scotch

It is quite possible you have already read about or had some direct experience with some aspect of the Positive Psychology movement. The fact is, Positive Psychology is gaining traction and momentum in many spheres, from schools, to corporations, to NGOs, to the armed forces. Perhaps you have read about the science of Positive Psychology in this month's edition of New Scientist?

Scotch began its roll out of Positive Psychology in 2009 shortly after the return of three members of staff from a six day residential Positive Education Conference at Geelong Grammar School where both Dr Martin Seligman and Dr Karen Reivich were keynote speakers and presenters. That year the senior management team were introduced to the framework of Positive Psychology (Seligman and Csikszentmihalyi 2000). Essentially, this is a comprehensive scheme for describing and understanding the good life. There are three related topics in this field of science, namely, positive subjective experiences (happiness, gratification, fulfilment), positive

individual traits (character strengths, values) and positive institutions (families, schools, communities). The theory is that positive institutions facilitate the development and display of positive traits, which in turn facilitate positive subjective experiences.

In 2010 the Penn Resilience Program was incorporated into the Year 7 curriculum. This is an anti-depression course for peri-adolescents. Key elements of the Strath-Haven program were introduced into the Year 10 Personal Learning Program. This program includes explicit teaching in how to address adversity in life with optimism and strategies that counter negativity and despair. Students are being explicitly taught to be aware of the connections between their thoughts, emotions and actions. These courses are intentionally placed at key transition points in student learning and augment what we have been doing in this area previously.

In 2011 these courses are running again but are more refined, having been reviewed by key staff. Additionally, character strengths are being used as themes to guide our

communications with the Scotch community (such as eNews and Scotch Reports) and they also drive the assemblies and chapel services. Leadership training of students across Torrens Park campus now has a heavy Positive Psychology bias and teaching and non-teaching staff, are being encouraged to embrace this thinking in their daily contact with students. This week the staff, have been introduced to the concept of strength spotting. Increasingly, members of staff are being trained in Positive Psychology principles and Positive Education methodology.

For more information about Positive Psychology at Scotch go to www.scotch.sa.edu.au

Howard MacPherson
Head of Middle school

Tests of Character on Camp

What does it take to willingly volunteer to ride a bike in driving rain, up hills that a jeep would have no chance negotiating and through gaps between trees so miniscule that handlebars become plastered with bark residue? More to the point, after experiencing such an adventure, are you prepared to crawl out of a tent the next morning ready to do it all again? If you were witness to the Year 8 Mountain Bike Camp last week, the answer would have been a resounding "Yes - yes we will!" Despite the arduous conditions, the team on the bike camp did a fantastic job in both increasing their skills and overall riding ability, while also having a great time.

In terms of our character strengths, which traits highlight the aptitude and attitude of our band of waterlogged warriors?

Creativity - It's OK to mix noodles, rice and various other condiments in the one meal.

Love - Mud is soft - Mud is my friend.

Leadership - Follow me instead so Mr K doesn't get us lost in the dark forest... especially at night.

Self-Control - Personified by the example of riding safely when the desire to hang a massive skid down a mud-laden path is almost too much to bear.

Hope - in believing that somewhere there is a single-track that only travels downhill!

Teamwork - In sharing the duty as the point rider while encouraging the members of the group no matter how inexperienced they may be.

Curiosity - I wonder what happens when you grab both hydraulic brakes at the same time with equal force?

Humility - It's fine to admit the occasional mountain has sucked the life from your legs and lungs and to jump off and walk - especially with someone else.

Persistence - Is getting back on the bike just one more time than falling off.

Kindness - It's polite and considerate to ride around your mate lying on the track; rather than using them for extra traction to get through a tight corner.

Helmets off to a great bunch of kids who certainly showed that you don't need the sun to make sunshine.

Gavin Kilpatrick

The Year 8 Surf camp gave rise to a number of Character Strengths.

All students instantly displayed a curiosity and love of learning as the engaging instructors ran us through the technique needed to surf. Cleverly, they also combined humor with instruction, helping us all achieve a 'you are who' moment! What's that you may ask? Think about riding a wave, and yelling Yooo hooo! and you'll get the idea!

Our perseverance meant all of us successfully stood up on the board and had this

experience first hand. While we all knew that the option of the warm bus was infinitely appealing, we were able to find the courage to brave the cold, wet and windy conditions to get the ultimate thrill of surfing on a wave. Any trepidation we may have felt was quickly regulated and replaced by enthusiasm and zest. We surfed, wiped out and tumbled in and under the waves and helped each other master the finer technical points of surfing. In one session, a break in the weather appeared along with a beautiful rainbow, which proved to be an outstanding moment to appreciate the natural seaside beauty that surrounded us all.

A mutual understanding was reached between Mr Kasbergen, Mrs Kumar and the 17 students from Gordon and Campbell Houses. At the end of the camp, we all thanked each other for the experience in an impromptu display of gratitude.

Shawn Kasbergen

- 01 Canoeing adventurers - Molly Campbell, Alice Han & Rachel Tulla
- 02 Jaz Anderson & Saoirse Byrne
- 03 Chris Jonathan
- 04 Ollie Heard
- 05 Molly Campbell, Ken Surridge, Alice Han, Rose Dai & Charlie Toye
- 06 Matilda Wiech - Yoohoo!

Senior School



Blue & Gold Formal

This year our senior students have partnered with the Starlight Foundation to support their fantastic work with young children. The theme of the formal is 'Starlight for Starlight'. Sponsors such as Peter Shearer Menswear and Suit hire, Little Fuschia, Liza Emanuele and the Body Shop have been amazing. This initiative has been a joint effort, brainstormed in a discussion between all five of the Senior SAT Executives, then expanded and brought to life as each Student Action Team worked together in organising different aspects of this event, including a sausage sizzle and raffle to raise funds for this worthy cause.

Maddy Brenner & Henry Boles

Co Captains

- 01 Dale Bennett with some of the Student Executive, Henry Boles, Amanda Alderman & Sune Victor
- 02 Starlight BBQ
- 03 Will Goode (Year 12) speaking at the ANZAC Day Assembly
- 04 Girl boarders before the Blue & Gold. L-R: Jamie Clarke, Steph Talbot, Georgina Allan, Sarah Day, Paige Lynch, Alexandra Abbey, Sune Victor & Sinead Saint



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The vitality of community

A key aspect of Scotch that attracted me to the position of Head of Senior School was the oft repeated term "community" as part of my recruitment process. It is well understood that schools of the 21st Century need to be much more than a place of academic learning and rich co-curricular experience. Leading schools have, in many ways, developed a much wider function where elements of the wider community are connected and the "school" becomes a place where people come together for any number of purposes. Scotch appealed to me as being well ahead of other schools in this regard. Our well-established community groups are each inextricably linked to the College and give a great sense of, not only pride, but that special feeling of belonging to something important. Yet, importantly it is not driven by the machinations of the school administration. Key people drive our community. They come

from all walks of life and understand the importance of community for young people. Armed with this knowledge and expectation, our family have not been let down during our first semester as part of the wider Scotch clan.

So what do our Scotch community values look like in action?

In response to this question I have shared with you two cameo moments from my first term at Scotch. They reveal the intrinsic vitality of our community not so freely replicated in other school communities.

Values in action for the benefit of others: Georgia Button (Year 11 Cameron & boarder)

Georgia's phenomenal personal efforts this year in working for charity were the highlight of our "Mad March" community in action program. We supported the earthquake victims of Christchurch, those affected by floods in Queensland, the Uniting Church

Pancake day and the Worlds Greatest Shave. The total amount raised by Georgia for the World's Greatest Shave was \$11,128. Georgia's selfless actions are motivated by her personal beliefs and those championed by the College. She reflects...

This year I shaved my hair off for the Leukaemia Foundation's World Greatest Shave. This wonderful organisation not only provides support for sufferers of Leukaemia and other blood diseases but for their families also. My goal in participating was obviously to raise money but also to raise awareness for the cause. It was far more important to me for people to understand what their donations were going towards, and to start conversations than to have

someone put money in a tin and walk away. I quickly realised I was in the very fortunate position to be able to reach many different and diverse groups that I was involved in and made the most of that connectedness. I received donations from school friends who then went home and discussed the Worlds Greatest Shave with their parents and on many occasions I received donations from parents, grandparents and friends of friends. This is why service in a community, to build community, is so important. - Georgia Button, Year 11

In recognition of what has gone before: Will Goode (Year 12 Stewart & 4th generation Scotch)

As part of our commemoration of ANZAC Day Will delivered a very moving presentation about his grandfather's involvement in the armed services during the course of the 20th century. Here are the evocative and powerful concluding words to his presentation...

So what is the message I am hoping to leave you with today? I am trying to say that all of us in this room, like my grandfather who went to this school, have values that we would fight for even though we know we might be wounded or killed. The examples from the past, in our families and from this College, tell us that we would help each other, stand together and do the right thing regardless of circumstances. We all hope that we never have to face that time, but if it comes knowing that others like us have risen to the occasion should help us face our own trials. We are a link in a long ANZAC tradition and we are all the hope for the future. - Will Goode, Year 12

In talking to our senior students, (which I have done a lot of over the last 14 weeks!), the resounding message I hear on a regular basis is that students love coming to school. The vibe and feel of the place is unique. I have witnessed the students and staff each day coming together as one, being responsible,

showing leadership, engaging in their learning, sharing openly their particular life passions. Many are 2nd or 3rd generation and the loyalty shown to the school is significant and in my experience I wonder if other leading schools in the country would match it.

I conclude with the words of Aristotle which I believe reflect our shared community values "We do not act rightly because we have virtue and excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly" Aristotle

Dale Bennett
Head of Senior School

Around the School



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English Classes for Adults

Following the successful application of a grant from the Multicultural Education Committee we are now able to offer conversational English classes. These will be held in the Junior School in the Resource Centre every Thursday from 2.30 pm. The classes finish in time to collect your child after school.

The classes are taken by Britta Coronos. Britta is an experienced teacher who is teaching French in the Junior School. She has also taught French and English as A Second Language in the Senior School and English classes to adults.

If you would like to enrol please contact Kerri Hodby, Junior School Secretary on 8274 4271.

Heather McKinnon
ESL Coordinator

Nicole earns top Physics Award

Nicole Blinco ('10) has been advised by the Australian Institute of Physics that she has been awarded the 2010 WH and WL Bragg Bronze Medal for Physics. This is the prize for the top mark in the Physics exam for 2010.

While he is very modest about his role in this, retiring physics teacher Jeff Brock had some excellent results in 2010.

With many students over the years achieving merits including both Lisa ('08) and Nicole Blinco ('10) under Mr Brocks guidance, it is clear that he is a remarkable teacher who will be sorely missed

Nicole won't be able to be at the presentation ceremony as she is in Canberra studying at

the ANU but she is excited about the award and very grateful for the excellent teaching, study advice and support she received from Mr Brock and her other teachers throughout her time at the College. She is shown here receiving a citizenship award on Australia day awarded for her hard work on environmental initiatives whilst at Scotch in 2010.

Scotch Stage Band

The Scotch Stage Band enjoyed a wonderful weekend of performing when they travelled to Mount Gambier to participate in the National Schools Stage Band Championships, known as 'Generations in Jazz'. They achieved a solid result in their division and are looking forward to showcasing their talents at 'A Taste of Scotch' on Tuesday 28 June.

Antony Hubmayer
Director of Performing Arts
Director of Music

New Staff

It was a chance meeting with Marc Newton 4 years ago where I became involved with Scotch College and the newly formed Year 11 Fashion Design course. After working in the sewing industry in one form or another for 20 years, I decided to tackle University and completed a B.Ed. in Home Economics with a minor in Visual Arts.

This year I was delighted to be offered a position at Scotch teaching Home Economics, PLP, Research Project, Fashion Design and 'The Sewing Club'.

I am enjoying my role immensely, not only as a teacher but also as a part of the wider Scotch Community.

Jodie Monro

- 01 English Classes for Adults
- 02 Nicole Blinco ('10) receiving her Young Citizen of the Year Award
- 03 Scotch Stage Band performed at 'Generations in Jazz', Mt Gambier
- 04 1st VIII Girls pushing off for their race. L-R: Hannah Wertheim, Rachel Wertheim, Stephanie Harper, Catie Freeman, Casey Harnett, Louise Firth, Alex Miles, Samantha Bouilly & CJ Macks
- 05 Jodie Monro

The support and school spirit shown on the day by the rowers was outstanding and commented upon enviously by representatives of other schools.



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Head of the River

2011 saw Scotch host the Head of the River Regatta at West Lakes. Despite intermittent rain the Blue and Gold was prominent at the regatta both on and off the water. There was a huge turn out from the Scotch community to support our rowers, including many in their white jumpers. The bagpipes and drums of the Scotch Pipe Band resounded around the finish lake, raising the spirits of our athletes and supporters.

On the water the rowers did not let their supporters down. Our crews that had heats first thing in the morning cruised through the qualifying into the finals. This placed every single Scotch crew in their 'A' final. When all of the racing was done Scotch crews achieved

two 5th places, four 4th places, four 3rd places, three 2nds and one triumphant victory. The Boys 1st IV backed up their favouritism to win their race by 2.5 seconds over St Peters. It was a perfectly executed race from the 1st IV (Jack Colyer, Alex Llyod, Oliver Matters, Graham Cochran and Sean Gilligan) as they ran rampant over the opposition to win the Cudmore Cup for the 7th time since it began in 1932. Both 1st VIII's finished 3rd in hotly contested, tight races. These are very respectable results, a standard that we have come to expect from ever improving Scotch crews. The support and school spirit shown on the day by the rowers was outstanding and commented upon enviously by representatives of other schools.

The future of Scotch Rowing is bright with two thirds of our 1st VIII rowers eligible to row again next year and some great strength in the junior ranks. Of particular note are the twenty one Year 9 boys who showed great depth to achieve three 2nd places in their four Head of the River Races. We look forward to bringing home even more silverware in 2012.

Lachlan Archibald ('00)
Director of Rowing

01 1st IV Boys after the medal presentations. L-R: Tim Oughton, Jack Colyer, Alex Lloyd, Sean Gilligan, Oliver Matters, Graham Cochran & Brad Drake (Coach)



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A Place to Belong

Life has changed over the past few decades, much for the better but not all. Not that long ago, before Foxtel, PS3, laptops, iPhones and Facebook, people in close proximity or with a sense of commonality used to come together face to face and share their interests, aspirations and challenges and from these interactions they formed communities that supported one another.

The development of technology has changed the way we communicate and connect with our society, we no longer need to leave the confines of our enclave to connect with like minded individuals, arguably we can connect with our most compatible counterparts in the strike of a key but despite the capabilities of our technology I think we all still hold a basic underlying need to engage with others on an individual and personal level.

When I was a young child growing up our family had many communities we participated in, the Football club, the Rotary club, the Church, the Golf club, the neighbours and our family friends formed our large and extensive

community that contributed to the well-being of our family.

Today I examine my own life and I realise that our family has little of the extensive community networks that I had growing up but one place still offers that familiar feeling of belonging that I remember from my childhood... Scotch.

The offering of a good education is not enough to create a strong and vibrant community, a strong community is grounded in tolerance, empathy, gratitude and interest in one another.

One of the characteristics I most appreciate about the Scotch community is the interest that other members of the community show in our children, nothing makes me feel more engaged than hearing another parent recount their interpretation of one of our childrens encounters on the sporting field or on the stage, it heartens me to

hear the genuineness of their enthusiasm.

We are a diverse community however I am often moved by our capacity for tolerance and understanding... I only have to glance around at a swimming carnival and see our local, Indigenous, remote and International students all cheering in unity for their house to appreciate that we are a cohesive community.

That is what Scotch is to me... a place of belonging, where others are genuinely interested in the well being of our family and us in them.

The old saying it takes a village to raise a child couldn't be truer and all of us at Scotch are so very fortunate to have a place that embraces and celebrates our individuality and also our sense of community.

Fairlie Delbridge ('84)

A Dream Come True

My name is Imogen Hooper, I am in year 11 at Scotch and started here in August last year. In order to understand what Scotch is to me, you probably need to know how I came to be here.

The first thing people usually find out about me is that I live in Kenya. Now, you're probably thinking, if she lives in East Africa, what on earth is she doing in Adelaide, Australia?! My answer to that is, quite simply, Google.

I suppose I should start at the beginning: At the end of year 10 at my old school in Kenya, students either commit to staying at that school for the next 2 years or they move school. It was about three months before the end of year 10 that I decided I didn't want to stay at my old school. You might think that life in Kenya is amazing – which no doubt it has been, what with safaris and monkeys climbing around my school, but what I craved was independence – which is hard to find in a place where the driving age is 18, there is no public transport and the nearest shops are 20 minutes drive away.

The options usually available to kids wanting an alternative education to schooling in Kenya is boarding school in either South Africa or the UK. However, ever since I was three, I have wanted to come to Australia. This is how, when half-heartedly discussing changing schools with my mum, I joked about how going boarding in Australia would be the ultimate experience. Mum being mum, she took me seriously and said that if I really wanted to, I could. And thus the research began.

We were only searching for a few days when we came across a schools website that mentioned that it had its own island, co-ed boarding, rowing and a campus that looked like something out of Hogwarts. I was hooked.

For the last few months of school in Kenya, Scotch was but a far away dream, getting me through my final exams. The dream very quickly came true however, and soon enough I was on a plane on my way to a continent, let alone country, I had never been to before, had no relatives in and knew very little about.

Three days after touching down in Perth, we came to Adelaide, and still a little jet lagged, were introduced to the experience that is Scotch. When we came away, my sister, who had left school that year, was asking if she could repeat year twelve merely to go to Scotch. But this was my experience and I was about to take it head on. I moved into the boarding house on a Thursday night, and that Saturday was already representing my new school in hockey. By Monday my parents had left Australia, and I was completely alone for the first time in 16 years. Or so I thought. However, I soon realized that in a house full of Scotchies, you are never truly alone.

Up until this day I have never been homesick, bored or regretted my decision to leave home for the unknown.

So, in answer to the question 'What is Scotch to me?', being a boarder you could say it is my home away from home. Being an international student you could say it is my life changing educational experience. But being me, you could say (in a very clichéd manner) it is my dream, come true.

Imogen Hooper
Year 11

Where Great Things Happen

The more things change the more they stay the same. Despite the enormous technological changes, curriculum changes, changes of management and changes in adolescents from Gen X to Gen Y, some important bedrocks at Scotch remain the same. Scotch to me is a place where opportunities are laid before you, whether as a student or a staff member. Nothing is set in stone. There is scope to push things forward and that is something that people at Scotch have been good at for a long time.

As a student I found teachers like Bill Doyle, Andrew Jeffris and Richard Bell to be enigmatic. I believe a place like Scotch is where these people were given room to move as a teacher. The way they taught and the respect students had for them was refreshing, and ultimately inspiring. I have been teaching at Scotch for 6 years. There are always opportunities and new ideas being thrown around. Whether it's a different way of incorporating technology into the classroom, a new expedition to go on or something different for the English classroom I don't need to look far for inspiration to push things forward. So, Scotch is a place where great things can happen. It's really up to the individual to capitalise on what's around them.

Michael Rodenburg ('94)

We would love to hear your stories. Tell us 'What Scotch means to you'. Email scotchreports@scotch.sa.edu.au.

- 01** Fairlie Delbridge ('84), Campbell Delbridge, Piper Delbridge, Darcy Bilsborough, Brandon Skeen, Darren Bilsborough & Britney Skeen
- 02** A young Imogen Hooper in Kenya
- 03** Rebecca & Michael Rodenburg ('94) with baby Leo

Development Report

Feast at Scotch - One Table



Over \$120,000 was generously donated and proceeds will go towards the Future Scotch elements of Kyre and Kallawar House in the Junior school.

Scotch Community Connects

What an incredibly busy start to the year! In March we celebrated three very important community events which brought over a thousand people through our gates. At New Parents Dinner on March 1st, we welcomed over 120 new parents to our community at Scotch. We finished mad March with the fun and feasting of our popular long lunch One Table – Feast at Scotch and on March 11th we officially opened the spectacular Rosevear Boarding Precinct. We hope the photos on the following pages give you a sense of each event but more importantly, the extracts from the speeches given by Max Fargher ('36) and Henry Boles, current school captain, which delighted the audience on the night, give a wonderful picture of life for boarders both then and now.

One Table was once again a huge success. We held our breath as weather in the days before was not promising but on that Sunday the sun shone over the beautiful white marquees and over 420 guests enjoyed a great afternoon of feasting and fun.

Highlights of the day included Old Collegian and test cricketer Wayne Phillips ('75) who was hilarious as our MC and John Andrews ('72) whose acoustic painting not only provided riveting entertainment but raised over \$8000. Over \$120,000 was generously donated and proceeds will go towards the Future Scotch elements of Kyre and Kallawar House in the Junior school. We are incredibly grateful to all the volunteers and helpers on the day and to the committee – headed up

by Michael Angelakis and Kris Lloyd - who worked tirelessly for months up to pull it all together. Every contribution, from the amazing wines given by our wine makers to the auction items large and small - all donated by members of our community - make this event very special.

Bequests

We have recently been notified of several intended bequests to the College so it seems timely to remind all members of the community to give consideration to Scotch in your Will. Members of the Foundation Board are happy to discuss options directly with you and I encourage you to contact the Development Office if you have any questions.

It is up to us to create the future...

Hopefully you've received your Annual Appeal letter this year. It's never been easier to give a little bit back to Scotch with online donation, eft transfers, credit card and good old fashioned cheques some of the many options to give to our Annual Appeal. There's always a first time for everyone so why not make Scotch one of your regular donations with appeal proceeds going towards both scholarships and the renovation of Kallawar for specialist learning in the Junior school. Every donation is valued no matter how big or small. Why not consider joining Club 500 as a way of establishing a regular tax deductible gift to Scotch. Call Libby or Sarah to discuss – 8274 4305.

Welcome Sarah Freeman ('87) and Richard Blinco to Development

We are delighted to welcome Sarah Freeman ('87) and Richard Blinco to the Development team. Both have been appointed to part time roles with Sarah our new Alumni Relations

Co-ordinator and Richard Digital communications. Sarah has hit the ground running with many Old Collegians events and communications on the go and Richard has already made great impact developing a mobile web site for iPhones and androids and bringing great improvements to our web site.

Libby Blake

Head of Development

Scotch iPhone App





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Boarding House Opening

Extract of Speeches from the Rosevear Boarding House Opening

Knowing that we would be hearing later this evening from one of the oldest Old Collegians, Mr Fargher got me thinking about just how different our experiences of boarding have been. We now live under the same roof as girls, and learn each day that working and living with the opposite sex is as rewarding as it is challenging. The greatest stress now comes from whether the wireless Airport is working, so we can have face to face conversations with our families over Skype, or access a world of information we never once knew possible or who gets the front seat on the bus to Cold Rock. Bonding now consists of a Saturday Night movie on the big screen. Arguably the greatest change in boarding over the last 20 years, however, has come from the effects of globalisation. As boarders, we have the opportunity to immerse ourselves in cultures from over a thousand miles away – the chance to taste exotic Asian tea in the common room and learn language from the descendants of the oldest owners of our great land.

As of 2011, the boarding population at Scotch College is now made up of 15% Indigenous students and 15% International Students. I think the latter statistic speaks for itself – the fact that we have children travelling from such a wide breadth of locations, from Kenya,

America and South East Asia to experience what it means to be a “Scotchie” says something powerful about our school.

The other 70% of our students are quite a mixed bunch, we have people from as close as Strathalbyn to as far away as Kununarra. State regional centres such as Port Augusta and Whyalla, to the top of the territory Darwin, and literally the back of Burke in NSW.

We all come to Scotch to experience an education and home like no other. It is this diversity of the people who we have the privilege to live with that broadens our horizons. Boarders, unlike many others, can say they have friends from all across Australia and all across the world.

While I am sure some ‘day-bugs’ would beg to differ, another great advantage of being a boarder is living at school. Having an individual room on campus is proving to be an enormous benefit to all the senior students. It provides a corner of the universe that is all ours – and a great place to chew through some homework – but knowing also that the resources of the school are literally just through the big front door. And what a corner of the universe it is, we are so grateful to have a new home.

Henry Boles
School Captain



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Boarding at Scotch 1936 – Approximately 60 Boarders

Boarders today would consider facilities quite basic. The showers were always cold but we had a warm bath once a week, shared with about six others, one or two at a time! We slept approximately twelve to a dormitory, and did not have innerspring mattresses or reading lights. We were woken each morning by a Master – who had a habit of flicking the boys with a towel. We were put through cold showers like sheep through a plunge dip, before assembling in the quadrangle to march in for breakfast. There was a tuckshop which opened each day after school – London Buns cost one penny. If still hungry we went to the kitchen for bread and jam.

The boarding house matron was caring and generally understanding and handled our minor medical conditions. If we had the hint of a cold, we would ask her if we could forgo the cold shower, but her reply was that she had not heard of a cold wash harming anybody!



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There was a requirement that we kept contact with home by posting a letter each week. Occasionally we found a ten shilling note with the letter from home to supplement our one shilling and sixpence (18c) pocket money.

Daily Routine

At 8.45am we assembled with the day boys on the south side of the theatre, the Headmaster standing on the parapet, complete with gown and mortar board. After roll call and any announcements, we were dismissed to make our way to our various classrooms. On the farm we had three cows and milk was delivered to the kitchen for boarding house use each day. Watermelons, rock melons and potatoes were also produced. We ran a few sheep, 2 or 3 pigs and a draught horse and cart for farm use. I was put in charge of the milking. I recall on one occasion a cow kicked the bucket and some of the milk was spilt – the milk level was then raised from the hose nearby. Our farm master, William Angus decided we should do a bulles test that day. Peering at the test tube he was disturbed to see a very low reading and decided that we should increase the cow's feed ration immediately!

After School Activities

Various activities including cadets, football, tennis, cricket, boxing, gymnastics, music

lessons and practical work on the ag farm. After tea during spring and summer we played tennis or other sports, or relaxed to fill in time before prep. We also rolled the pitch on the main oval when necessary. The roller was manually operated. Two boys were required to pull it and the older boarders provided extra ballast. We had prep in the common room each evening, supervised by a house master and then dismissed to retire to our dormitories with lights out at 9.45pm.

Changes at Scotch

When I left Scotch in 1938 I thought I had seen and experienced great changes but at that time there were no mobile phones, computers, calculators, television, ballpoint pens, air-conditioning, GPS, pizzas or fast food. Also, I had not the faintest idea that so many Fargher's were to follow my late brother Rex and I over the next 70 years. I will leave it to others to elaborate on the massive changes since 1938. I am not able to find words to describe adequately the new Rosevear Boarding Precinct but I trust that the students, both boys and girls, receive motivation and enjoyment from the excellent facilities provided.

I am grateful to my parents for sending me to Scotch and thank the College for the ongoing effect that attending Scotch as a boarder has had on my life.

Max Fargher ('39)

Editors note. For all the photos view our flickr set on the website, www.scotch.sa.edu.au under Online Communities

- 01 Touring the Rosevear Boarding House
- 02 Scotch Pipe Band performing in the Amphitheatre
- 03 Unveiling the plaque
- 04 Tim Oughton showing the new Boarding facilities
- 05 Max Fargher ('39)

Straight Scotch

Old Collegians News

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ANZAC Day

This year Scotch students again honoured the spirit of our Anzacs by placing flags on 3500 Diggers' graves in Centennial Park Cemetery. Ninety year old Old Collegian, Mr Bob Chappel ('38), a WW2 Veteran of the 2/27th battalion, was joined by a group of current students including his grandson, 17-year-old Robbie Chappel.

As custodians of the 2/27th battalion's remembrance crosses, Scotch College has honoured our Anzacs in this way for many years. Both generations of the Chappel family acknowledge the importance of continuing this time-honoured tradition.

Lest we forget.

The Ron and Don Story

Ron Gann attended Scotch as a boarder from 1938 to 1941. His family owned the Shell Agency in Iron Knob. Ron was a fine sportsman, excelling at cricket and football and being awarded full colours in both sports.

After leaving school, he worked in the family business and became an excellent golfer. He was famous for being the only person in the world who always carried a spare wheel for his golf buggy. When asked why he did this, he replied, "Well, I play in a regular foursome at Kooyonga which includes Sir Donald Bradman. You don't think I am going to risk holding up The Don on his golf round, just because a wheel came off my buggy, do you?"

David Woodard ('43)



HELP NEEDED

Does anybody own a vintage football Guernsey as pictured above that you would be willing to donate for framing in the drawing room uniform collection?

Please contact Sarah Freeman on 8274 4256.



President's Report

Sitting in the park recently with a couple of fellow Old Collegians, our discussion turned from the mayhem being caused by our children, to our upcoming 20 Year Alumni Reunion. We reflected and laughed about our school days, the good times, the many characters, how quickly 20 years has passed and how little hair your scribe now has.

Unfortunately, I could not attend any previous reunions, so for me, it will be an occasion to catch up with some old faces, many of whom I have not seen for 20 years. Despite the apprehension that some Old Collegians may have when attending such events, I encourage as many as possible to attend their Alumni Reunions. Attendances continue to grow and the positive feedback we receive from so many Old Collegians is that their reunions are

highly enjoyable and entertaining events.

This is what the Old Collegians' Association is about, providing opportunities to reunite and acquaint with fellow Old Collegians. We all have at least one thing in common, Scotch College, and for most of us it was a significant and enjoyable part of our lives.

Old Collegians Week

Old Collegians Week for 2011 is approaching. There is a range of social activities and sporting events for Old Collegians to attend or participate in. Please check the event calendar for dates.

A highlight of the week is the Annual City Dinner. The 2011 dinner will be filled with many regular traditions, including Pipe band performances, Ode to the Haggis, live entertainment and plenty of stories.

Annual City Dinner

When: 29 July 2011
Where: National Wine Centre
Who: All Old Collegians
Tickets are available at www.scotchoc.com.au

New Alumni Relations Coordinator

I am pleased to announce that Sarah Freeman ('87) is the new Alumni Relations Coordinator. Sarah was selected from a field of strong candidates and will be a valuable resource for our Association.

Sarah is an Old Collegian and soon to be Scotch parent. She

brings a range of marketing and corporate communication experience to SCOCA, which will enable us to better engage our members. If you have any questions about upcoming events or what the Old Collegians can offer, please contact Sarah on 8274 4256.

Logie Nominee

Congratulations to Sarah Snook ('05) on her TV Week Logie nomination for the Graham Kennedy Award for most outstanding new talent, for her role in the ABC's Sisters of War. While unfortunately missing out on the award, it is a great achievement and we look forward to following her career. It is fantastic to see our Old Collegians recognised nationally for their talent and success.

Contact Details

Changed your contact details? Please log onto the website, www.scotchoc.com.au to update your information so we can keep in touch. We are launching an Old Collegians e-newsletter in the coming weeks. Please be sure to advise us if you do not wish to receive this communication. Its aim will be to keep you informed in between distribution of Scotch Reports.

Peter Harvey ('91)

President

01 Year 12 Scotch College student Robbie Chappel placing an Australian flag on the graves of returned servicemen at Centennial Park Cemetery with his grandfather Bob ('38). Bob served in Borneo in the 2/27th Battalion of the AIF and also attended Scotch College. Photo courtesy of Tricia Watkinson/The Advertiser

02 Sarah Snook ('05) & Renato Fabretti in King Lear. Photo courtesy of The Advertiser

Old Scotch Cricket Association Inc.

Under new Club Coach Anthony Tucker ('87), Old Scotch has completed another successful season highlighted by the B Grade making the Grand Final, only to be beaten in the last over of the match. The week before the B's defeated Rostrevor OC in an exciting Semi-final at Scotch. Captain Tom Kidman ('92) played an important innings & Chris Landau ('10) struck a boundary in the last over to secure the win with 9 wickets down.

Tom Emmett ('92) & Adam Niederer ('91) had excellent seasons, while Scott Lavis ('09) was outstanding claiming the ATCA bowling trophy for the LOA grade with 28 wickets.

OCSA's A Grade improved from last season & defeated Hope Valley in the last round to remain in A2 for next season. Captain John Clifford ('02) just pipped Angus Hogben ('98) for the batting trophy. Peter Harvey ('91) collected his record ninth Graeme Heard Bowling Trophy.

Importantly young bowlers Nick Blight ('03) & Henry Treloar ('07) were impressive during the season while Lachlan Giles ('08), Hugo Twopeny ('10), Harry White ('10), Chris Landau ('10) & Cameron Thorpe ('09) all made their A grade debuts which is exciting for the future of the club.

Peter Feeney ('81) led the C grade team, who were unlucky to just miss the finals. Jody

Tucker ('85) won the batting award, while Stephen Parsons ('77) claimed the bowling trophy. Phil Lavis ('06) & Stefan Carlson ('06) also made good contributions during the season.

Visit the website via www.scotchoc.com.au for detailed club information.

Sean MacGregor ('89)
President

Old Collegians Performing Arts

The Scotch Old Collegians' Performing Arts Troupe recently completed their first Fringe show at the 2011 Adelaide Fringe Festival. The show was the fairy-tale comedy 'The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon'. The project was incredibly successful, with four of seven shows selling out entirely.

The association has profited handsomely from the project, and all remaining funds will go towards the group's next production which will be the comedy 'Check Please', showing what distressing and crazy things can happen when you enter the world of blind dating.

'Check Please', will be directed by Matthew Parsons ('09) and will be produced by Thomas Goodall. The show will go on during August and we look forward to another great success.

Thomas Goodall ('08)
SOCPAT President



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Old Collegians Football

After a long pre season of training it is good to see the hard work has paid off with all three grades producing some solid victories in the first three rounds of the year.

The most pleasing aspect of the year so far for the Committee and the coaching staff is the very strong performances of the first year players from the College. Tom Sheridan ('10), Jack Young ('10) and Pete Collett ('10) have all had strong performances in the A grade. Alex DeCesare ('10), Harry White ('10), Chris Landau ('10) and Nick Harrington ('10) have all put in strong performances in the B and C grades. The club also welcomes Hugo Twopeny ('10) and Peter Collett ('10) who both commenced playing after the Easter break.

The club welcomes Ben Johnston ('09) and Angus Goode ('09) to their first season for the club. Both of these players have been valuable to the club with Ben putting in some very strong performances in the A grade and Angus in the B grade. The club welcomes back some older players including Andrew Smith ('94), Richie Fuller ('99), Lachlan Archibald ('00), Joe Cirillo ('06), Andrew Dow ('06), Tom Forbes ('07) and Nick Goode ('08). It is also pleasing to see Ollie O'Donovan (2004 and 2008 A grade Best and Fairest) return to the club after joining Scotch College in his teaching career in the Junior School this year.

The Committee wants to thank Nick Kidman ('97) for the huge amount of effort he has put in to set up the new website. Nick has been updating the website on

a regular basis with photos of pre season training and the games so far. Please take your time to visit the website at www.scotchoc.com.au/football. You can also follow the club on Facebook where regular updates of events, game scores and upcoming fixtures are supplied.

It has been a promising start to the year for the club so far and hopefully the club can continue to build and turn 2011 into a very successful year for the Scotch Old Collegians Football Club.

Lachlan Blieschke ('04)

SOCFC Ladies Day

One of the most popular events on the Scotch Old Collegians Football Club social calendar, Ladies Day, was held on Saturday 30th of April. The weather Gods didn't smile on us for the start of the day with the weather threatening to dampen the atmosphere. However, the clouds cleared and by the time the A grade started the sun and the ladies had come out in great support. With platters of food being provided, the ladies got into the spirit of the day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The day was a huge success both on and off the field. The A, B, and C's all won their matches and the day attracted over 200 people to the pavillion that night. The SOCFC Committee would like to thank both Susan

Saies and Alice Saies ('04) for their assistance with running the afternoon. We look forward to many past SOCFC players coming to our Past Players and Rampant Lions day at Scotch on the 18 June "

- 01 Old Collegians Cricket
- 02 Grimm Brothers Spectaculathon Fringe Production.
L-R: Matthew Parsons ('09), Nicole Blinco ('10), Alfie Simpson ('08), Samuel Williams ('09), Rebecca Muecke ('09) & Nick Dooland ('09)

2011 Reunions

Class of 2006

5 Year Reunion: Lauren Russell & Emily Rorrison. Sunday October 30th, venue to be confirmed

Class of 2001

10 Year Reunion: Henry Bourne. Saturday November 12th, The Adelaide Bowling Club Dequetteville

Class of 1991

20 Year Reunion: Sadie Cranston. Saturday 19th November, The Botanic Hotel

Class of 1986

25 Year Reunion: Nick Hodgson. Saturday October 15th, venue to be confirmed

Class of 1981

30 Year Reunion: Sally Hamilton & Jakki Temple. Saturday 29th October, The Edinburgh shamilton@hamilton-holden.com.au

Class of 1971

40 Year Reunion: Drew Gilmore. Friday October 14th The Edinburgh Hotel

Class of 1961

50 Year Reunion. Scotch Seniors Reunion – Tuesday August 2nd Scotch College Campus

If you require further information regarding the Reunions please contact Scotch College Development Office on 08 8274 4314 or email sfreeman@scotch.sa.edu.au



Old Collegians Basketball

The OC Basketball Club had a successful summer season with both the A and B grade teams making the finals. The A grade team moved successfully through the early final rounds to convincingly win the Grand Final. Congratulations to all involved.

The new season has recently begun and we have lost a few players through injury, travel and family reasons. As a result, there was a need to combine both our A and B grade sides. Hopefully with a few more players we can field two teams again for next season. If you would like to join our club and play Wednesday night social basketball (women's) for the summer season (commencing October), please contact Sarah Freeman on 8274 4256 in the Development Office with your details.

Old Collegians Soccer

After narrowly avoiding relegation in 2010, the Scotch Old Collegians Soccer Club is looking to rebuild in an even more competitive league in 2011. Early form for both the A's and B's has been good, with recent Scotch ('09) graduates Ryan Oszczypok, Lee Konstas and Toby Rogers all playing well. The A's had their first win of the year in the cup against

Norwood (5-1) while the B's put in their best showing to date with a fighting 6-4 loss in extra time to Immanuel. Joel Manton ('01), Brendan Rees ('00) and Toby Rogers ('09) jointly lead the goal scoring for the club, with two apiece.

Anyone looking for information about the Scotch Old Collegians Soccer Club can find it at www.scotchoc.com.au/soccer

Old Collegians Netball

The past summer season certainly had its ups and downs! The A team fought well to earn their way into the finals and finished on top of the ladder. Unfortunately the girls lost the Preliminary Final by a very narrow margin.

The B team was undefeated until the last minor round of the season and also finished top of the ladder and eased into the finals. Their opposition unfortunately got the better of them in this round, but they moved on to the Preliminary Final with fire in their bellies. Although the girls didn't progress to the Grand Final they all fought well including Kelsey Weckert who had an unfortunate head clash in the dying minutes. She recovered well the next morning with a black eye to remind her of her efforts!

Unfortunately the C team who fought hard each game, were dominated most weeks. The girls did an amazing job all season and we thank them for their efforts.

The D team had an amazingly fun season playing together after the Christmas break! Because of their new-found joy they played much better as a team, and were much more successful also. Due to some team members travelling, over seas fill-ins became permanent fixtures in this young and vibrant team, and we would like to welcome and congratulate them on their efforts. Well done on a fantastic season girls!

Our ETSA park team had a tough season also with much stronger competition. The girls decided to take the season off but have started up again for winter, much more determined I'm sure! We look forward to seeing them back in action.

With the winter season underway, all teams are showing great promise. Girls keep up the good work.

The A team have changed their body suits to match the school girls which is great news moving forward. We look forward to a big season coming up. A big thank you must go to our sponsors Holdfast Insurance Brokers for their ongoing support.

If you are interested, or know of anyone who is, in joining the club then please don't hesitate to contact either Sonia Roberts on 0411 577 561 or Belinda Gordon on 0431 074 558 to find out more.

Belinda Gordon ('05)

Welcome to the Old Collegians

On 16 February 2011 around 50 of the newest Old Collegians gathered at the Edinburgh Hotel for the annual Sundowner Drinks.

It was great to see so many of the 2010 school leavers reuniting and getting together for a social drink after their summer holidays.

This Old Collegians event provides a great introduction for the new Old Collegians into what the Association can provide. Hopefully we will see many of these faces at upcoming events.

Northern Flinders Pastoralists Reunion

30th April Beltana Station

This was the first reunion of its type held in Australia as far as we are aware, and had over 90 people attend, largely through word of mouth contact. It was open to previous and current landholders, their families, and stockmen who had been involved in the Northern Flinders.

It was organised by my father Jim Smith. Many attendees used the facilities at Beltana Station for accommodation, and Graham and Laura Ragless were excellent hosts for the weekend, with the function held in the creek near Afghan Well on Beltana Station.

The event was so successful that it was decided that the event will be held biannually in the future.

Nick Smith ('88)

Important Dates

- 29 July** Annual Old Collegians City Dinner National Wine Centre
- 1 - 5 August** Old Collegians Week
- 2 August** Scotch Seniors Luncheon
- 5 August** Blinman Community Dinner

01 Northern Flinders Pastoralist. L-R Standing: John Bell ('66), William Snell ('64), Bruce Morphet ('62), Graham Ragless ('84), Nick Smith ('88), Bentley Greenwood ('52), Max Fargher ('39), Ken Smith ('66), Keith Slade ('63). Seated: Richard Ragless ('47), Melissa Cooper (nee Smith) ('87)

02 Welcome to the OC - 2010 Graduates. L-R: Hugo Twopeny, Megan Voo, Bonnie Eley, Georgina Myers, Diana Hancock, Lachie Hughes, Izzy Russell & Charlotte Treloar

03 Welcome to the OC. L-R: Mitchell Scobie, James Burnard & Lauren Camens



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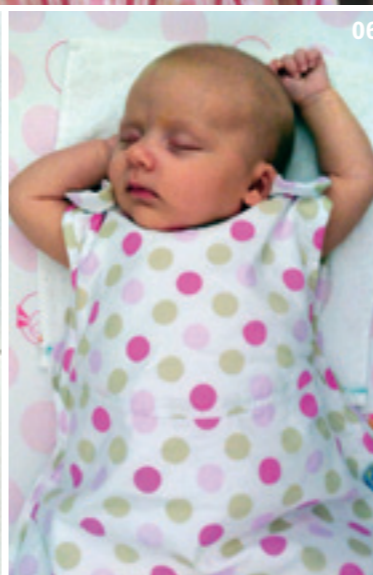
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Births, Deaths & Marriages

The End of an Era

Gordon Gratton ('35), the youngest of the three children of Norman and Jean Gratton, died on 12 April at the age of 92. He was born on 6 June 1918; a little more than six months later, his father became the headmaster of Kyre Scotch College which transferred to Torrens Park as Scotch College at the beginning of 1920.

The oldest Gratton child, Barbara James, of course did not attend Scotch; she died in her late twenties in 1944 and her daughter Diana can be regarded as the first co-ed student at Scotch when she was living for a time with her grand-parents and attended classes in the Preparatory School at the time of her mother's illness and death.

Gordon Gratton and his older brother, Gladstone (who died 12 years ago) had the perhaps unenviable experience of both living

in and attending the school of which their father was headmaster, in times which still reflected many of the customs and values of the 19th century.

Gordon was at Scotch for all his school days – 1924 to 1935. He became a prefect and was an above average student and excelled in sport. In both cricket and football, he had the remarkable achievement of playing in the Under 13 teams for three successive seasons, a testimony to his great natural talent. He was also a member of the 1st XI and the 1st XVIII for the three years 1933 – 35, gaining full colours for two years in both sports. In cricket he starred as a reliable left-hand opening batsman, (sharing with the great Bill Leak in a record unbroken first wicket partnership of 232 in 1934) and an excellent wicketkeeper. But it was at football that he really shone; in his last year, as centre, he was described as "the outstanding player in the side, playing brilliantly in both wet and dry conditions", and missing the best player list only once in the season.

After leaving school, Gordon joined the Adelaide Steamship Company, soon to be appointed purser on the M.V. "Moonta", famous at the time for providing the six day pleasure cruises known as "The Gulf Trip" – a social highlight in the lives of many Adelaide teenagers and young adults.

When Gordon enlisted in the R.A.A.F. early in World War II, he became one of the few who served in army, navy and air force, having been a member of the Light Horse Militia and then in the navy when the "Moonta" and her crew were commandeered for a short time in an abortive attempt to convert her to mine sweeping duties.

In the RAAF, Gordon trained as a pilot and in gunnery and served

in Singapore (narrowly evading the advancing Japanese), Perth, Townsville, Darwin and New Guinea, mainly flying Kittyhawks. At the end of 1943, with the rank of flight lieutenant he was posted to Parkes, N.S.W. as an instructor at the Central Flying School, almost until the end of the war.

After discharge, Gordon began to study law at the University of Adelaide in 1946, married later that year and, a little time after graduation joined Fisher Jefferies where he became a senior partner for many years. When the pressures of compulsory retirement came at age about 70, Gordon refused to give up the law and established his own legal practice in Norwood. He finally retired when he was 85.

Gordon played a couple of seasons with the Old Scholars Football Club before and after the war and remained a keen supporter in later life. He became closely involved with the Old Collegians Association, serving on the committee from 1950 to 1959 and as President in 1956 – 57. Perhaps his most

notable achievement in this time was the organisation of painting the many hundreds of pickets of the Main Oval fence, the school providing sandpaper, brushes and paint and "volunteer" Old Collegians, the labour.

Gordon and his wife Pat had four children – two boys and two girls, and family values were always of the utmost importance to him. Closely knit, the family grew over the years with the appearance of six grand children and five great grandchildren.

With Gordon's passing, the end of our association with the first and second generations of Grattons has come. But many of Norman and Jean's descendants have attended Scotch College and help keep alive the spirit and inspiration which was such a key part of the inspiring leadership given by our first headmaster.

Peter Trumble ('44)

Archivist

Deaths

David Alan Pammenter ('69)
Graham Donald McKenzie ('60)
Peter Uren ('51)
Lyle Villiers Morton ('41)
David Sutton Dolan ('66)
Robert (Bob) John Rankine ('45)
Dr John Evans Simpson Hardy ('39)
Colin George McRostie ('37)
Bruce McClelland ('44)
Reginald John Seddon ('34)
Dr John Milroy McPhie ('36)
Prof James Playford Duncan ('36)
William Theyer Dean ('39)
John Beverley Giiilchrist ('54)
Gordon Sydney Gratton ('35)
Stefan Noel Heysen ('37)
Fredrick Walter Hildebrand Stevens ('45)

We also record with regret the recent death of Naomi (Muff) Neuenkerchen. As **Miss Naomi Ward** she was the teacher of the combined Years 1 to 3 (Form I) in the Scotch College Preparatory School in 1940 – 41.

We re-discovered her only a few years ago but since then, we and some of her "old boys" enjoyed her company at the Fifty Year Reunion lunches on a number of occasions. She was the oldest, surviving former Scotch teacher. Her place is now taken by Olwyn Duncan who will be remembered by many Old Collegians from the 1940's as Ollie Kerr.

Mrs Joan McBean also passed away on 11 April. She was the widow of Colin McBean ('29) whose bequest generously funded the McBean Centre.

Marriages

Triston Casey ('99) married Kim (nee Hoyle) on 21 November 2009.

Births

Alice Angelos (nee Butler) ('95) and husband Thomas Angelos welcomed their first son Jonathon Thomas on 3 November 2010.

Kate Earl (nee Whittle) ('96) and husband Martin, welcomed a son, William James Earl on 29 March 2010 .

Emma and **Nathan Falconer ('92)** welcomed a daughter, Amelia Rose on 19 October 2010.

Yupin and **Mark Whitehouse ('93)** welcomed a son, Edward Peter Jai on 9 March 2011.

Celia Marston (nee Curkpatrick) ('96) and husband David, welcomed a daughter, Ruby Elizabeth at the Waverly Private Hospital, Melbourne on 12 November 2010. Ruby is the granddaughter of Deb and **Milton ('71) Curkpatrick.**

Clare Smith (nee Hopewell) ('00) and husband Mathew, welcomed twin boys, James Mathew and Max Edward on 13 October 2010.

Susie Pumphrey and **Piers Thompson ('93)**, welcomed a son, Oliver Hugo Thompson on 28 October 2010.

Kim and **Triston Casey ('99)** welcomed their first child Lana Renee Casey, born on 27 December 2010.

- 01 Gordon Gratton
- 02 Max & James Smith
- 03 Amelia Rose Falconer
- 04 William James Earl
- 05 Oliver Hugo Thompson
- 06 Ruby Elizabeth Marston



Get a table together and come along with your fellow Old Collegians to catch up and remember the good old days!

Where are they now?

Nicole Blinco ('10) was awarded the 2011 City of Mitcham Australia Day Young Citizen of the Year Award. With a strong environment focus she was a State winner for the National Schools Environment Challenge, a leader for the Scotch College Student Action Team for Environmental Sustainability and participated at the Youth Climate Summit. Nicole also organised the school's participation in the 'Walk Against Warming' and was involved in the Marine Debris Community Service Project and the Goose Island Boxthorn eradication.

Kristy Chase ('05) recently graduated from UniSA with a Bachelor of Physiotherapy. This year she was also awarded a Certificate of Merit for her results being in the top 15 percent of physiotherapy students at her university. Kristy is doing her graduate years working firstly at Flinders Hospital, before doing a rotation at the Repatriation Hospital and Noarlunga Hospital later in the year.

Lachlan Clyne ('00) was voted Mayor of Unley in November 2010 and became the youngest person in history to hold the title. Lachlan, 27 at the time, claimed the mayoral position by 340 votes ousting some very experienced candidates. Lachlan lost his first election to become a councillor in 2003, but this did not deter him from trying again and succeeding. He believes his age will be a positive thing, saying that he feels this will make him more approachable to everyone to discuss issues.

Nathan Falconer ('92) is living in Perth and is a director of Winmax Drilling, which is a specialist Diamond Drilling contractor providing remote location core sampling services to mining and exploration companies.

Doug Govan ('76) currently owns The Victory Hotel at Sellicks and has now also purchased the iconic 'Star of Greece' restaurant at Willunga. At the same time he is undertaking a new development to be named The Boat Ramp on the site of the old kiosk beside the boat ramp at Aldinga.

Charlie Hill-Smith ('83) has recently released a multi-award winning documentary *Strange Bird in Paradise*, his first feature film delving into the troubles of the Indonesian province of West Papua. His aim in producing the film is to open the eyes of the Australian population to the political struggles and human rights crisis being faced by our neighbours.

Strange Bird in Paradise won the 2010 Inside Film Awards - Best Documentary and was nominated for 4 AFI awards 2010 - including best director and best documentary as well as being chosen and screened at 15 international film festivals 2010 -2011.

For your copy visit www.strangebirds.com.au

Sam Kramer ('88) graduated from the LA Film School in March 2010 with honours and is now awaiting his new Visa to allow him to continue his work in the US. Since graduation, he has worked in the Art Departments of Feature Films, TV Films, TV and commercials in production companies like Funny or Die Presents (Started by Will Ferrell and Judd Apatow), The Comedy Network, as well as Independent Films.

Sam has worked with some great Production Designers and Directors, and with actors including Danny Glover and Michael Sheen. Sam has also continued his graphic design work. We wish him luck.

Sarah Snook ('05) was recently nominated for a TV Week Logie for the ABC1 drama *Sisters of War*. Having only narrowly missed out on a role opposite Daniel Craig in the remake of *Girl with a Dragon Tattoo*, Sarah's

star is certainly on the rise. Whilst studying at NIDA in Sydney, Sarah appeared in productions of *Macbeth* and *Gallipoli* and since completing her studies has appeared in the State Theatre Production of *King Lear*, amongst many others. No doubt we will be hearing more about Sarah in the future.

In March at the Bigpond Film Festival, writer and director **Matt Vesely ('04)** had his first film festival screening of his short film, *The Thing About Dolphins*. He described his 18 minute film as a surreal drama about two very different men who witness a strange event. We hope to see more of Matt in the future.

Adam Wynn ('74) the Honorary Consul General of Japan in Adelaide was staying in the Saitama Prefecture 60km north of Tokyo when the devastating earthquake and Tsunami struck in March. He was quoted as saying, "My wife Tomono and I grabbed our essentials and ran to a nearby field. It was like being on a trampoline, the ground was shaking so much it was difficult to stand." Thankfully they were unharmed.

- 01 Kristy Chase Graduation Photo
- 02 Sam Kramer. Photo courtesy of Bianca De Marchi
- 03 Strange Birds in Paradise DVD
- 04 Charlie Hill-Smith in the Indonesian province of West Papua



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