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On the Cover

Eloise Vernon, playing the lead character Cat in the Hat in this years' production of *Seussical*.



From the Principal



As I walk around our beautiful spring campus, I am so grateful that we have returned to being a College of great vitality, optimism and constant activity. As you read this edition of our magazine, you will realise that this past term has been particularly action-packed with an abundance of informal and formal learning in the classroom, in the Art, Drama and Music studios, on the sporting fields, in the science laboratories and beyond the campus. From the ELC to the Senior School, our students are again able to enjoy their favourite activities, as well as many new and exciting ones.

In March, I had the pleasure of speaking at both the Old Collegians' Association AGM and the Lampas Society AGM. I shared the strategic vision of the College and how we are working consistently towards a whole-school approach to prepare our girls for the challenges and opportunities of life after school. While ATAR scores and formal qualifications are still very important, we as educators and parents know that this is not enough in the new global world of study and work.

Universities and employers are looking for flexible, well-rounded individuals who can deliver results, who are capable and empathic, who hold strong values,

who are team players, and who can step outside their comfort zones. Our school programs are designed to foster relational learning through our students' contact and relationships with others.

We continually focus on the mental and emotional wellbeing of all our students through purposefully designed wellness and confidence-building programs. We are conscious of the need for students to be self assured even when they fail in activities or fall short of their own standards. These are the life skills that they will need for an increasingly volatile workforce.

It is also vital that our students develop into global citizens who are aware of international issues, and who can celebrate the wonderfully diverse cultural backgrounds of their families and friends. It is a privilege for students and staff when our Indigenous students share the enormous richness and longevity of their precious and unique culture.

Through participation in International Week and Harmony Day, our girls were given a hopeful view of the contribution we can all make both individually and collaboratively. The theme, 'Come together in Peace', offers hope while encouraging world peace and the prosperity of under-privileged citizens in Australia and abroad.

The importance of faith and hope in dealing with the injustices of our world was emphasised by Allison Troth, the inspiring guest speaker at the PLC Family Prayer Breakfast. Allison spoke about the challenging and rewarding work of Destiny Rescue, an international Christian organisation which rescues exploited and abused children. These children are given hope for their future through education and loving support.

On a more personal note, over the past twelve months I have had the privilege of working with 2018 Archibald Portrait winner, Yvette Coppersmith, as she painted my portrait as the twelfth Principal of PLC.



The portrait unveiling was a truly momentous occasion attended by students and staff in the Senior and Junior Schools with Council members, alumni, community members and my family members. Margot Shiel, our 2022 Art Captain pictured above, took us on a historical journey as she profiled each of our 11 past Principals and the significant contribution they made to PLC during their time.

I sincerely thank Yvette, pictured below, for her dedication and artistic talent and the College for the honour of having my portrait join the impressive portfolio of past Principals which graces the walls of Wyselaskie Hall. I hope that it will be a source of inspiration to students and staff for decades to come.

I look forward to all that the rest of the year will bring and to sharing with you the stimulating and vibrant world of PLC.

With my best wishes and blessings.

Cheryl Penberthy
Principal



Senior School



Unveiling of the Principal's Portrait

Students, staff, Alumni, Council, Foundation Members and other special guests were delighted to attend the official unveiling of the portrait of Cheryl Penberthy, twelfth Principal of PLC, on Wednesday 23 June.

The stunning portrait, painted by the 2018 Archibald Prize winner, Yvette Coppersmith, was unveiled by the Chair of Council, Rev Mark Chew and the 2022 Art Captain, Margot Shiel. It joins

the impressive collection of portraits of past Principals which have graced the College walls for more than a century.

Margot gave a presentation which outlined the fascinating history of PLC's portraits. Our Melba Scholar, Eloise Vernon, performed a beautiful rendition of 'Everybody Says Don't' by Stephen Sondheim.

The audience were also treated to the Principal and Yvette discussing their time spent together sitting for the portrait and how they were able to share common

interests and get to know one another, appreciating the layers and intricacies of each other's roles.

Cheryl's portrait, with its evocative shades of green and blue, strongly reflects the natural world and it is Yvette's wish that it inspire and energise students in their work and their artistic expression for generations to come.

Julie Schroeder
Executive Officer
Community Relations



Reconciliation Week

'Be Brave. Make Change' was this year's theme for National Reconciliation Week, celebrated through a number of events and activities in the Senior School.

Old Collegian Anaika Havea (2019) was our special guest speaker at an assembly where she shared her view of the importance of reconciliation and the issues that she holds close to her heart. Anaika, who is currently working in youth engagement, spoke passionately about Aboriginal culture, encouraging the

audience to embrace the theme of 'Be Brave. Make Change'. She spoke of her deep appreciation for the support of her teachers and the wonderful friendships that she made during her time at school.

Anaika also showcased a video that she helped produce for NAIDOC week, exploring the theme of 'Heal Country' through spoken word and imagery, highlighting the importance of caring for the land to promote healing.

During the week, PLC students visited Worowa Aboriginal College to participate in various sporting and cultural events. The girls and staff were warmly greeted by participants from over 20 other schools. They experienced a smoking ceremony highlighting aspects of traditional culture and lifestyle and then a Welcome to Country ceremony with the college Principal, Dr Lois Peeler. The girls thoroughly enjoyed these events that help acknowledge and celebrate Aboriginal tradition and culture.

At another special assembly, Aboriginal Indigenous Australian, Oki Penrith (Year 12) shared her life story with courage and

honesty, and spoke of the importance of reconciliation. She spoke of her family and the close relationship she has with her older sister Madika Penrith (2012) who was her main care-giver growing up. She shared about her Aunty Emma, whom she described as honest, the one who 'gets her the most' and someone who has been a significant support to her during her boarding and schooling experiences. As Oki acknowledged so eloquently, 'Reconciliation Week opens the eyes of people who don't understand certain Indigenous problems or our culture'.

Oki's talk to the girls was a crucial reminder that reconciliation is about engaging in an ongoing journey and listening to the voices of our Indigenous community so that everyone can move forward together.

Kate Stanton
Christian Studies Teacher

Year 9 Outlook Community Action

Over 4 intense weeks, 178 Year 9 students along with 19 mentors completed 20 action projects and helped raise \$2,600 for charity. This is an incredible result for this year's Outlook Community Action program.

Based on two of the Graduate Outcomes, Citizen (ethical and empathetic) and Advocate (optimistic and relational), this exciting and challenging year-long program complements the academic curriculum and directly supports girls' personal development. It focuses on students' skills

and interests to build their confidence, resilience and independence, while adopting a culture of service to benefit the community and the environment.

Embracing the opportunity for choice and agency in their inquiry, the Year 9s set out to expand their horizons and explore life beyond both the College and their comfort zones. The girls built bird boxes to increase biodiversity, prepared period packs to assist homeless women, cooked meals to raise funds for Neno Girls' School, launched the new PLC Keep Cup and performed musical pieces for local community centres.



The girls shared some of their experiences of being involved in the Outlook program:

'I enjoyed being able to bring my ideas and concepts to life and to advocate for an issue I'm passionate about.'

'The variety of opportunities allowed us to use our personal strengths and develop in other areas.'

'I loved being able to connect and socialise with people I wouldn't normally interact with.'

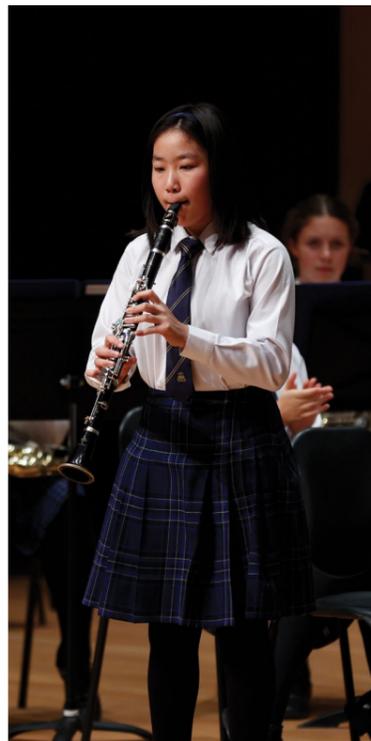
'I appreciated the freedom to decide collaboratively on what we wanted to do and how we wanted to proceed with tasks.'

'Working outside the classroom enabled us to experience real-life situations and interact with the community.'

Well done to all the girls on an exemplary level of output that will continue to produce benefits for many years to come.

Bronwen Kellett
Outlook Co-ordinator





Music Roundabout

Friends, family, food, fundraising and outstanding musical performances all contributed to an unforgettable evening at the 2022 Music Roundabout.

It was wonderful to see the audience enjoy an evening showcasing the incredible musical talents of our Junior and Senior students.

Four venues throughout the centre simultaneously came to life with performances from duos and trios to bands, orchestras and choirs.

The Centre was abuzz with audiences moving from room to room, enjoying the wide variety of musical items, culminating in the finale featuring our Senior ensembles and the presentation of Music Colours by the Principal.

Richard Squibb
Director of Music



Theatre Studies & Drama

Collaboration, team building, leadership and more: the benefits of Theatre Studies and Drama for student development are extensive. The creativity that underpins these subjects has a positive impact on girls' future pathways and supports students' development of many of the Graduate Outcomes.

In VCE Theatre Studies, students work individually as well as collaboratively to imaginatively plan, develop and present a range of theatrical experiences.

Drama is an opportunity for girls to discover their skills and talents, not only on the stage, but across every aspect of theatrical production. Lighting, sound, stage management, crew, costume design, hair and make-up and set design all offer invaluable skill development and experience for the students involved.

Year 12 student, Maddie Garwood, has immersed herself in backstage and lighting during her time at PLC. She attributes many of her problem-solving skills to these experiences, as well as her strong appreciation for working to deadlines and her ability to think outside the box for the staging of key production elements.

These skills were evident through the recent staging of *Seussical*. After months of planning, rehearsals and working through key design elements, the colourful performance came to life and captivated audiences. Filled with beautiful dancing, singing and positive, uplifting messages, the performance communicated the deeper truth of the importance of self-acceptance.

2022 Drama Captain, Eloise Vernon, who played the lead character, *The Cat in the Hat*, expressed:

'This year I have taken every opportunity to be involved in PLC's Drama program. I study Theatre Studies in VCE, where I love extending myself as an actor and learning about the processes involved in designing and putting on stage productions. I love the community and connectedness that we create as a cast through the rehearsal and staging of events.'

Grace Jin, in Year 10, also reflected on her time with the production:

'Partaking in the school musical this year has been an absolute privilege and an invaluable experience in fostering strengths integral to the core values of various Graduate Outcomes, including reinforcing the significance of collaboration when working as a team.'

The Drama Department opts for a balanced approach to stage productions and seeks to nurture a positive experience of rehearsals for the girls, as they navigate their busy co-curricular schedules and the demands of the College's strong academic program. From the initial phases of planning, to the intricate stages of development, the final performance of any show is always a joy-filled experience for the participants, on or off the stage.

Cath Garrett
Head of Drama

Junior School



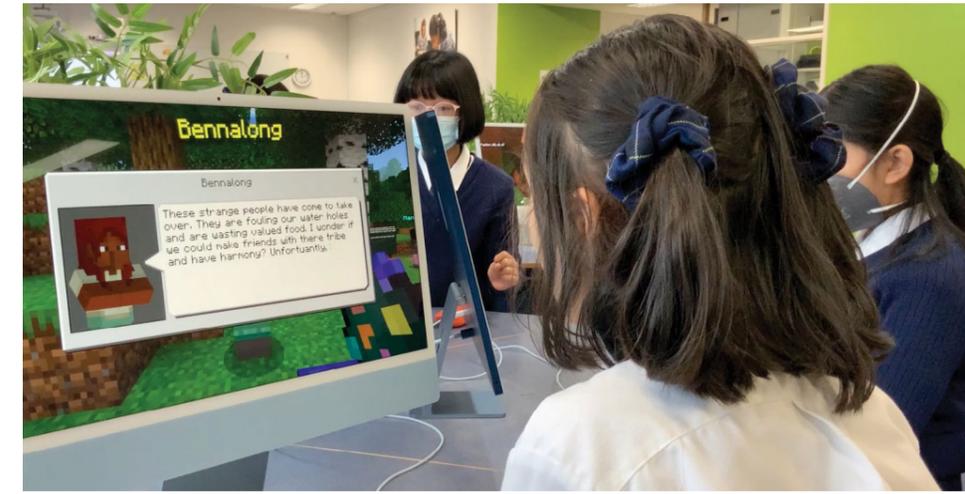
Origami Art Club

The art studio was abuzz with a focus on origami, the art of neatly folding flat square sheets of paper, fabric or cloth to transform them into sculptures of decorative designs and shapes.

Popularly linked to Japanese culture, origami refers to 'ori' meaning 'folding' and 'kami' or 'gami' meaning 'paper'. The tradition is also followed in Europe and China. It has many benefits including the development of good hand-eye co-ordination, the capacity for attention to detail, patience, sequencing and processing abilities, and mathematical reasoning.

During the session, girls in Years 1 to 6 were given a sculptural form to master before exploring other forms such as butterflies, puffy hearts, cranes and puffy stars. A big 'thank you' to the Art Captains and the Art Action Team for helping and guiding the younger students. A lot of collaboration, folding and perseverance was observed.

Francesca Frederic
Junior School
Art Coordinator



ICT Education in the Junior School

Information and Communications Technology (ICT) education in the Junior School is designed to challenge and extend girls' thinking skills to enable them to achieve goals and expand their knowledge safely and effectively. Preparing our students for the future has always been a key component of ICT sessions. This also includes the ever-expanding world of cyber safety and managing our digital life, decisions and actions. As we know, technology changes at an incredibly rapid rate, but the essential skills of collaboration, problem-solving and critical thinking can be applied to any new situation.



Our Prep students discovered their newfound computer coding skills earlier this year when programming a robot named 'Cubetto' to navigate its way through a maze of challenges. Working collaboratively helped our Preps see that problems solved with the help of others is a great opportunity to learn from their peers and achieve goals together. Making mistakes, and learning from them, were essential parts of the process.

Taking the journey into the digital world, our Year 5 students used their knowledge from their unit 'Colonisation' to recreate a virtual interactive museum using Minecraft Education. This involved working in teams, assigning roles and co-operating to achieve a high-quality digital reflection of what they have been learning about in the classroom. Their ability to adapt their knowledge into

this digital space was a result of their technological skills and collaboration.

Another example of how skilful thinking and collaboration in ICT were demonstrated was in the fine work done by our Year 3 creative coders. Students teamed up to solve challenging coding puzzles and to control our Dash Robots. As the problems became harder, the girls were able to use each other's strengths to overcome difficulties with their blue robot companions.

With so many great opportunities to explore digital co-curricular experiences across the Junior School, students are only limited by their imagination.

Paul Smith
ICT Co-ordinator

Junior School Co-Curricular Activities

Whether it be through visual arts, sporting groups, technology classes, chess or performing arts opportunities, we are indeed blessed in the Junior School to have so many co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities for our girls to explore.

There are numerous social, health and academic benefits which arise from participation in the co-curricular program. In most cases, girls must learn to collaborate effectively and work as a team for the desired end result. We saw clear evidence of this in our recent Year 6 musical, *Moana JR.*, where the girls took responsibility to learn their various parts which were integral to the overall final performance. They provided each other with constructive ideas for improvement, seamlessly stepped in for each other when lines were forgotten, and responsibly attended

the many necessary rehearsals to ensure that the end result was a tremendous performance that belied their years.

The skills of teamwork, co-operation and constructive negotiation are transferable beyond the classroom. They have a positive effect on friendships, as children can apply the skills which they have learned in a structured environment to unstructured situations in the playground. When students participate in group experiences beyond the tight circle of the regular classroom, friendships are often strengthened and new ones formed. This can be especially true when the activities involve a whole year level at a time, such as the Year 6 Musical or in SSV sports where girls from a variety of year levels participate together.

The skills of problem-solving and thinking strategically come to the fore in Chess and ICT lessons where students have the opportunity to build skills that complement those taught in the

classroom. This was most evident in the outstanding results achieved by our Junior School Chess teams during the Victorian Zonal Chess Tournament.

Participation in co-curricular activities also provides students with the opportunity to experience success in avenues beyond the classroom and can greatly improve self-esteem, while also having a positive impact on academic performance.

The co-curricular opportunities in the Junior School are an integral part of an educational environment which helps deepen the social and intellectual growth of our students. We are very proud of the work of our specialist teachers in delivering an outstanding co-curricular program providing breadth to our girls' education and nurturing passions within them which will enhance their lives both in and beyond school.

Melissa Voce
Head of Junior School



Moana JR. Year 6 Production

In mid-June, after two years of modified audience-free performances, it was thrilling to watch the Year 6 girls perform the musical, *Moana JR.*, in the Performing Arts Centre in a truly outstanding show.

With an abundance of colour, vibrant voices and energetic dancing, the girls brought to life the courageous story of Moana, an adventurous teen who sets sail on a mission to save her people. Along her journey, Moana meets the once-mighty Maui, who guides her in her quest to become a master way-finder, and they sail across the ocean on an action-packed voyage.

The performances were greatly appreciated by all and I thoroughly enjoyed bringing this wonderful production to life. It was such a joy to work with the girls and their teachers and I am immensely proud of their outstanding achievement.

The performers also shared some of their thoughts:

'Moana JR. was one of my favourite experiences in Junior School.'
Vivienne, Year 6

'Performing the character Chief Tui was a great experience. It helped me to learn so many things including stage presence and character development.'
Tiffany, Year 6

'All the nerves I had during the making of the performance were worth it because it ended up being one of the best experiences I've had at PLC.'
Nethuki, Year 6

'Standing tall as a Chief Ancestor was nerve-wracking and thrilling all at once. It was an unforgettable moment.'
Megan, Year 6

'I've always loved watching musicals and I never thought I would actually be in one. My favourite part was dancing on stage.'
Chloe, Year 6

'It was an unforgettable experience. But before I knew it, it was over.'
Arshia, Year 6

'It was a lovely experience for us to have before our Junior School journey ends.'
Yana, Year 6

Alison Bennett
Junior School Drama & Dance Teacher



Physical Education & Sport

It has been an exciting time in the Junior School with an array of sports on offer. Our first major event in Term 2 saw over 300 students from Years 3–6 battle the cold, wind and rain, running up and down hills around the Junior School for House Cross-Country. Years 3 and 4 students ran four laps and the Years 5 and 6 students completed five laps while earning valuable House points as they strove to win the House Cross-Country trophy. The competitors were cheered on by their classmates, parents and teachers, and they should all be very proud of their efforts on the day.

For the first time ever, the Junior School held a Years 4–6 House Sports Day. The girls were dressed brightly in their House colours, and were cheered on by their housemates and parents during the Soccer, Netball and Basketball competitions. It was wonderful to see the high level of participation, skill and enjoyment from the students. The results will go towards the overall points for the House Sport Trophy which will be presented at the end-of-year House Sports Assembly in Term 4.

In two separate events, our PLC Cross-Country team travelled to Jells Park to compete in the School Sport Victoria District and Division Cross Country Competitions. The competition was fierce and PLC ran exceptionally well with some girls finishing in the top twelve and progressing to the Regional Cross-Country competition.

Towards the end of Term 2, PLC competed in a Soccer Round Robin Tournament against eight other schools. Our teams played many matches during the day, with the winners progressing through to finals. Our Year 5 PLC Team was predominantly competing against Year 6 teams and should be very proud in finishing third in their pool with one win and two narrow losses. Our Year 6 team played some amazing soccer and finished second in their pool with their only loss coming in a penalty shootout. PLC then played off in the bronze medal match, losing narrowly, 1-0.

Ashley Newell
Head of Physical Education & Sport



Music in the Junior School

Music plays an important role in the life of the Junior School. Our Music staff and students have shown great flexibility as performances have transitioned between digital and real-life settings, enriching the many opportunities and experiences offered.

The Classroom Music curriculum, Instrumental Music program and the four Junior School choirs have all continued to thrive and deliver, fostering depth and breadth in the girls' understanding as well as appreciation of music.

The Junior School has remained passionate in its ongoing commitment to musical excellence and I am very proud of the girls and their achievements.

Vikki Chan
Junior School Music Co-ordinator



Dramatic Play

Young children love to immerse themselves in dramatic activities that arise from rich, imaginative play. Dramatic play enables children to break through the restrictions of reality. They pretend to be someone or something different from themselves, and create situations and actions which assist their role play.

Even very young children can become partners in an adventure of shared meanings as they travel through time and place to discover themselves in other worlds. With the support of skilled teachers, dramatic learning activities nurture and develop both individual and group skills. These activities enhance the children's abilities to communicate their

ideas and feelings through interaction and collaboration with others.

There are many long-term benefits of creative drama, including problem-solving and thinking on one's feet, collaboration skills and the development of a sense of presence, empathy and the ability to put creative ideas into action – skills which are essential for success in this ever-changing world.

The annual Pre-Prep Concert is always a wonderful celebration of the children's dramatic achievements, and this year the children were excited to present *The Secret Garden* for parents and friends. This outstanding theatrical event reflected the children's interest in the natural world, and sprang from the many explorations of

PLC's extensive outdoor environment. *The Secret Garden* presented the story of a young girl's imaginary garden containing a world of amazing creatures to discover. Bees, birds, ants, butterflies, spiders, ladybirds, fruit, vegetables, flowers and scarecrows danced and sang on the stage with everyone having a special part to play.

This concert, together with the excellent Junior and Senior School productions, highlight the importance of drama at PLC. It is truly amazing to see children achieve when they are given the time and space to imagine, create and act out the various scenarios that give meaning to their lives.

Deborah Hendren
Head of Early Learning



Henry Handel Richardson Society

Join the Henry Handel Richardson Society for "A Journey through Henry Handel Richardson's Music for Voice and Piano" with renowned pianist Tonya Lemoh and soprano, Narelle Yeo. The event will be taking place on Saturday 19 November at 2pm in the Betty Caldwell Hall. For further details contact j.runcie@bigpond.com



Boarders' Parents' Association

The Boarders' Parents' Association (BPA) meets at the start of each term, in person or via Zoom. It gives parents the opportunity to participate in, and ask questions about, Boarding House events, activities and the lives of our girls. The BPA has three elected positions for parents which act as a conduit between the Head of Boarding, parents and students and offers a voice for the girls, as well as facilitating the purchase of items for them to enjoy!

If you would like to be a part of the BPA, please email bpa@plc.vic.edu.au

Marita Dawson
Secretary
Boarders' Parents' Association

The LAMPAS Society

It was lovely to see an enthusiastic group of past staff, past parents and friends of PLC gather in the Betty Caldwell Hall for lunch, following the Lampas AGM. Beautiful music from the Senior Wind Quintet entertained the group as they shared news of friends and past colleagues. It was particularly lovely to welcome former Principal, Miss Joan Montgomery AM OBE (1943).



The group held its popular Soup Luncheon on 10 September, with guest speaker Freya Dinshaw (2005) who spoke about her role as the Acting Legal Director at the Human Rights Law Centre.

The group's next event is a visit to the studio of Old Collegian and Olinda artist Emma Jennings (1995), on Tuesday 18 October, followed by lunch at Season's Restaurant at Cloudehill Gardens.

On 12 November, Lampas members are invited to join the PLC OCA at the Melbourne Town Hall to hear Lord Mayor Sally Capp (1986), at their special end-of-year event.

I look forward to catching up with our members at these events. To share your news or events please email via lampas@plc.vic.edu.au

Janet Driver
President
Lampas Society



Senior School Parents' Association

Throughout the year, the Senior School Parents' Association has been busy fundraising and assisting the College at various events, including:

Year 7 Cocktail Night

Representatives mingled and chatted to parents to explain the importance of being involved in the life of the College.

Vision Portraits Day

This was held on the lawn area outside Hethersett Hall, with photos taken by expert photographers.

PLC Community Forum

The President addressed the PLC Council on behalf of each parent group.

PLC Year 11 in 2023 Night

Members were on hand to serve tea and coffee to parents and students during the event.

Would you like to be involved? We would love to hear from you. Please email us at plcsspa@plc.vic.edu.au

Clint Dawson
President
Senior School Parents' Association



Boarding Field Days

The College recently exhibited at the rural Boarding Expo in Wagga Wagga and the Sheepvention Field Day in Hamilton. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with Old Collegians, current and future boarding families and other members of the extended PLC family. The College will also be attending the Henty and Elmore Field Days.



Community Prayer Group

Prayer has been a strong feature of PLC life since the planning for the College's founding almost 150 years ago. The name change from 'Parent Prayer Groups' to 'PLC Community Prayer Group' is designed to communicate that a prayer opportunity is available to everyone across the PLC Community. Offering opportunities for our community to gather and pray on a weekly basis is a powerful expression of the role of Christian faith in the life of the College.

Weekly prayer meetings alternate between Monday Week A at 1:30pm in Hethersett Hall and Wednesday Week B at 8:15am in the Junior School Meeting Room. These meetings can also be attended via Zoom.

A monthly newsletter provides information about Connect Nights and prayer meetings, as well as a list of prayer items enabling personal prayer time for those who cannot attend meetings.



To subscribe to the newsletter, submit prayer requests and direct enquiries, please email prayergroup@plc.vic.edu.au

Heather Newhook, Ian Mann & May Loh
Co-Convenors
Community Prayer Group

Friends of Music School

The return of the highly anticipated Music Roundabout in May (involving both the Junior and Senior Schools) was a resounding success. With over 700 audience members attending, the Performing Arts Centre was abuzz, with queues stretching to the LRC pavilion and volunteers working hard to share the generously donated food.

It is this wonderful community and camaraderie that has drawn me to the Friends of Music School (FMS) and inspired me to become involved with helping organise music events. I am very grateful to have a wonderful group of committee members and volunteers who worked tirelessly to pack over 700 goodie bags, helped set up and pack down the evening and assisted with every aspect of the event.



After over two years of hiatus, the Music Roundabout was the perfect opportunity to celebrate the return to live performances at the College. Mr Squibb and the music staff did a marvellous job in scheduling over 500 musicians across four different venues throughout the PAC.

With performances occurring simultaneously across three rehearsal rooms and the auditorium, audience members were able to transition between each venue as they wished. The Finale was held in the auditorium and included the presentation of Full Music Colours to our senior musicians.

The FMS also hosted a silent auction with an array of wonderful items donated by our generous committee members, ranging from fine wines to a violin. Some donors flexed their creative skills and donated items for auction, such as bonsai plants and stunning artwork by talented Old Collegian, Dr Joanne Ting (1986). The funds raised from the silent auction and the proceeds from the Music Roundabout will help purchase music items in the future, as decided by the Director of Music. We very much look forward to the Music Roundabout returning in five years.

Li-Leen Tan
President
Friends of Music School



Thank you to our Donors

The PLC Foundation's mission is to raise funds for the development of major new facilities at the College. We proudly welcome our new members and thank all existing members for their ongoing support.



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Prayer Breakfast Celebrates 20th Anniversary

For twenty wonderful years, the PLC family have shared an annual breakfast at which they have encouraged and supported one another in their Christian faith.

Students, parents and staff gathered for this special celebration to hear the inspiring talk given by Mrs Allison Troth. Allison shared her challenging and rewarding work as the Manager of Partnerships for Destiny Rescue, an international Christian organisation which provides rescue and continued freedom to children who have been exploited and abused.

Despite her highly successful career as a political advisor at the highest level, Allison has found her greatest joy in seeing young girls set free from despair and empowered to believe in themselves. They are given counselling, safe accommodation and hope for their future and through education and loving support, their destinies are transformed.

Guests also heard beautiful songs of worship from Senior School students, as well as the Junior School Harmony Choir, and very meaningful prayers from representatives of the College community. This is indeed a much-loved annual event.

Hethersett Parents' Group

With the successful organisation of the House Athletics Carnival in Term 1, it is fair to say that the Hethersett Parents' Group has come back with a big bang. Judging from the stall patronage, the traditional fare of sausages and spring rolls must have tasted better this year. Even more popular was the new bubble tea offering. Served from a food truck and with the full range of classic and creative flavours on offer, the only issue was managing with the queue.

The Term 2 girls' event, Harmony Day, also saw the Hethersett Group provide a special touch. Lunch was inspired by countries most recently ravaged by war, Ukraine and Afghanistan. This special lunch wouldn't have been possible without the wonderful engagement of the parent volunteers. They not only sourced and shared traditional recipes, but also tried and tested them. Most heartening was the commitment of a

mother of Russian origin who was the 'go-to' for discerning Ukrainian ingredients and who single-handedly made the oladyi (Ukrainian pancakes).

Volunteers have always been the backbone of school events organised by the Hethersett Group. In 2022, as we find our rhythm again, the onus on volunteers is even greater. It is therefore no small feat that we have been able to host events, let alone create them with a difference. As per the theme for National Volunteer Week 2022, we really are 'Better Together'.

If you think you would benefit from the fellowship and fun of Hethersett, we would be thrilled to hear from you. To register your interest to volunteer, email us at hethersettgroupplc@gmail.com

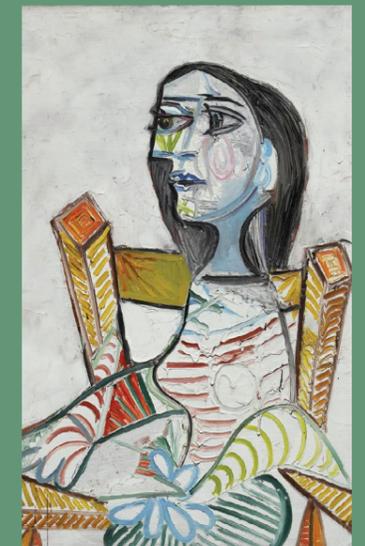
Dhakshi Ravishankar
President
Hethersett Parents' Group

PLC Foundation NGV Event

Over 70 Foundation Members and their guests attended a lecture and tour of the NGV's Winter Masterpiece Exhibition - The Picasso Century.

The Members were delighted to once again attend this unique Foundation event that is now in its fourteenth year. The highlight is always the in-depth presentation about the artist and exhibition, as well as priority entry ahead of the long queues.

The Foundation wishes to thank the NGV for continuing to host this very special event.



Christian Ministries



Porpel School

'And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.' Hebrews 13:16

It has been an exciting year for new global connections! This year, the Junior School Environment Captains teamed up with the Senior School Social Service Captains to collect laptops which PLC was able to donate overseas.

These devices travelled from the hands of our PLC girls on a long journey. First by road, then by two planes and finally by tuk-tuk. The journey continued with a 200km car trip from Siem Reap, where they finally arrived in the regional Kampong Thom Province, Cambodia. They were then hand delivered to the school principal and gratefully received by the students of the Porpel School.

The Porpel School is similar to PLC in that it has a kindergarten and school. It also has devoted teachers who work extremely hard to continue providing

the best possible education for their students. However, there are many ways in which the Porpel School is different to PLC. Porpel Primary School is in Kampong Thom Province, approximately two hours from the capital, Phnom Penh. It is one of the poorest rural provinces in Cambodia. Indeed, the United Nations considers Cambodia to be amongst the least developed countries in the world and an estimated 30 to 40% of Kampong Thom's rural population lives in poverty. Unfortunately, there are still undiscovered landmines from the war in the 1970s and this is a problem in Kampong Thom Province in particular. The latest find of live mines was only a few months ago. An unexploded US aerial bomb was discovered in the Stung Sen River which is not far from the Porpel School.

With the support of Teachers Across Borders, the Porpel School was opened in 2012, with one teacher and seven students. It now has five teachers, 73 primary students and ten pre-school students in the kindergarten who attend with their older siblings. In 2019, another



NGO, called the Running Water Project, helped them build a water well facility which gave them daily fresh water. Soon after, a toilet was built, and, with the support of donations, the school continues to grow and develop.

The students at the Porpel School not only study and learn, they are also the school's cleaners, maintenance team, gardeners and painters, as well as the ICT personnel. The students and teachers do not wear their shoes inside the classroom, to keep it clean. They regularly tidy the gardens, carry out repairs, help with painting and they even built a fence! The staff and students take great pride in their school and are proud to have the support of PLC Melbourne.

We look forward to watching this relationship grow and seeing the Porpel students learn and thrive for the years to come.

Kate Ginaylo
Junior School Spalding Co-ordinator
& Class Teacher



Would You Burn the Boat or Seek Forgiveness?

When we are on the Year 8 camp at Walkerville near Wilson's Promontory, I often like to share the story of the mutiny on the Bounty with the girls after dinner, accompanied by a warm cup of Milo while the sun sets and the sounds of waves lapping nearby.

I usually draw a rough map on an esky lid to help tell the tale. However, this year I asked if anyone would volunteer to assist. Grace in Year 8 gladly offered and quickly produced a wonderful ancient maritime map on the esky lid.

Impressed by her work, I asked if she could reproduce the map on paper for one of my Chapel talks, which she did with a stunning piece of art. She later returned with a beautiful 3D replica of the ship, the Bounty, which she had painstakingly hand-crafted with the help of her father after two weeks of YouTube inspiration sketches and sophisticated craft work.

Grace shared her thoughts regarding this creative process:

'At first, I only planned on drawing the world map. However, upon completion, I thought it looked rather flat for such a fast-moving, impassioned and intricate story. I decided to make a three-dimensional ship to help bring the story to life. After finding some inspiration online and gathering craft supplies, we completed the piece during two weeks of very pleasurable sketching, cutting, gluing, and painting to produce the Bounty.'

Grace's model ship is a truly outstanding creation of ingenuity, skill, and dedication, and it now sits proudly at the College.

Without retelling the story of the Bounty here, whether we seek forgiveness or not is something we all must face. The Bible tells us that God is compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Psalm 103:8-12 tells us:

- ⁸ The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.
- ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;
- ¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Like the sailors on the Bounty, we've all made mistakes and no one is perfect. However, God is gracious and merciful. He has shown us what His love is like in Jesus, and in Him come the power of forgiveness and an opportunity for a new beginning.

I hope that in life you don't 'burn the boat' and know that you have a loving heavenly Father who longs for you to be in relationship with Him. May you know His grace and peace in your life.

Rev Nick Curtis
Director of Christian Ministries

Old Collegians' Association

OCA President's Report

The OCA has taken every opportunity to meet at Hethersett, when restrictions have allowed, in 2022.

OCA AGM

We were all very excited to hold our 2022 AGM in person at the Betty Caldwell Hall on 14 May. The event allowed us the opportunity to thank our retiring Committee Members.

We honoured the 20 years of service of past President, Wendy Fishley (1955), by presenting her with a sterling silver server with an Australian wildflower handle, as she retires from her role in the PLC Heritage Centre.

Belinda Steel (1971) was also recognised for her diligent work over 16 years, including as past OCA President, 2013 to 2014, and Chair of Events and Catering. She received a beautiful wrap in blue, black and gold.

OCA Treasurer, Tang Li, has stepped back prior to the birth of her first baby. Our Women Out There Fellowship (WOTF) fellow, Kim Low (1978), will focus on her Partnerships for Protection conservation projects and the WOTF Selection Panel.

Naomi Wijayasinghe (2004) welcomed our new Treasurer, Sherry Tang (2001), to the role. Sherry Tang currently has daughters at PLC in the ELC and Year 1.

Amy Nahn (2006) has become the new OCA Vice President and Denise Poon (1978) has become the new Birthday League Co-ordinator.

Principal Cheryl Penberthy gave an update on the life of the College and showcased a video of students reflecting on their PLC experiences and how much they enjoy sharing them with their Old Collegian sisters, cousins, mothers, aunts and grandmothers. Their joy and excitement demonstrate how a PLC education lasts a lifetime and bonds us in a unique way with Old Collegians from previous generations.

Helen Bailey (1967) proposed the vote of thanks to Cheryl.

Dr Kim Hayes (1984 School Captain) proposed a wonderful toast to PLC where she highlighted our PLC values and education. Kim was delighted to sit with Dr Ros McMillan (1959) and Miss Joan Montgomery (1937), her own Principal. She joined in the group photo of the eleven Old Collegians and three past staff members who were at PLC with Miss Montgomery.

Dr Farzana Zaman (2010) helped me award past PLC staff members, Deirdre Casey and Gay Knox, with Honorary Old Collegian Certificates. They served students, the OCA and the wider PLC community very diligently in their various roles for over 15 years and are greatly remembered for their dedication in assisting students throughout their senior years.

Grace Brown (2010) – Olympic Cyclist and PLC Women Speaker

It was fabulous to have Olympic Cyclist, Grace Brown (2010), join us at PLC before heading overseas to train with FDJ Team for the first Tour de France Femme in

30 years. Grace told us that as a busy boarder, she was always swimming before school and arriving in class with dripping hair. She has learnt that you can't do everything by yourself, especially cycling internationally, so she now reaches out more and asks for help – her network is always happy to help her or refer her to someone who can.

We sent Grace off with a PLC drink bottle, PLC tartan hair scrunchie and a sterling silver teaspoon with a kangaroo handle, to wish her speed and balance as she competes on the world stage. Many of you will have shared my excitement and joy in seeing her win a gold medal in the women's individual time trial at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Sally Capp (1986) at the Melbourne Town Hall

All our efforts for the later part of the year will be focused on our big event at the Melbourne Town Hall with Lord Mayor, Sally Capp (1986), on Saturday 12 November 2022, from 3pm to 6pm for High Tea. We have planned an afternoon event to fit around everyone's busy lives so make sure you head to the Town Hall to enjoy this iconic location with your fellow Old Collegians and past staff to hear Sally speak about her journey from House Concerts to helping Melbourne's

homeless. We have booked the elegant Supper Room to share High Tea and hear her speak. It will be an event for the PLC history books and I encourage you to book seats on a table with your PLC friends or relatives or join a PLC decade table.

Artist Helen Johnson (1997) – MUMA Gallery, Monash Campus, Caulfield

This free exhibition runs from 11 September to 12 November at MUMA Gallery, Monash Campus, Caulfield. The exhibition will explore the varied perspectives on colonisation with a focus on the experience of women.

Ailsa Wilson (Watson 1978) President Old Collegians' Association

A. L to R, Nikki Hamilton (1978), Amy Nhan (2006), Nita Eng (1979), Ailsa Wilson (Watson 1978), Kathy Telford (1980), Belinda Steel (1971) and Terri Mackenzie (1976)

B. L to R, Dr Farzana Zaman (2010), Deirdre Casey

C. Grace Brown (2010)

D. L to R, Naomi Wijayasinghe (2004), Sherry Tang (2001)

E. L to R, Principal Cheryl Penberthy, Helen Bailey (1967)

F. AGM Luncheon group photo

G. L to R, Ailsa Wilson (Watson 1978), Dr Farzana Zaman (2010), Gay Knox



HIGH TEA WITH SALLY

Lord Mayor Sally Capp (1986) invites us to join her for high tea at the Melbourne Town Hall, Supper Room on:

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER, 3-6PM

COST: \$75 per head
RSVP: 15 Oct 2022

BOOKING DETAILS:
Book online at www.trybooking.com/CBWWG
or via email at plc.melb.oca@gmail.com

"From House Concerts to Helping Melbourne's Homeless"

Women Out There Fellowship (WOTF) - Supporting PLC Women to Make a Difference

When I was awarded the Women Out There Fellowship (WOTF) a couple of years back, I was thrilled to receive some much-needed funding for our project. I was also delighted to learn how this program is as much about supporting PLC women as funding many worthwhile projects.

In establishing this unique \$2,000 award, the PLC OCA recognises that not every Old Collegian has access to the funds that they may need to implement their project. To support a wide field of projects, the application criteria is very broad.

If you're involved in a choir, support group, wildlife shelter, children's literacy program or tree-planting program - indeed any kind of initiative that is making your part of the world a better place for all - please get in touch!

Applications to help fund a new project or expand an existing project are easy and straightforward. Simply email kim@low.st to begin the process. We'd love to help you make your plan a reality.

As we reflect on the award, it is heartening to see how successful it has been, which is testament to the OCA's mission of being a positive force in the lives of its members and the wider community.

Applications close 15 November 2022.

Kim Low
WOTF Committee Member
Co-Founder, Partnerships for Protection



Canberra Group

The PLC in Canberra Group met on 2 April to welcome the change in season and we were rewarded with an unexpectedly bleak, rainy and decidedly overcast day with a biting wind that must have come all the way from Antarctica! The gathering, however, provided much warmth, fun and interesting conversation (as always) and we were very pleased to welcome Marlo Perry (1997) to the group.



The group met again on 20 August at the home of Mrs Sheila Thompson (Mackenzie 1958) to celebrate the end of a very cold winter in the nation's capital. We were greeted by the most magnificent pink blossom tree in the front garden, followed by a very warm welcome (and a table of sweet tea-time treats) inside. We were delighted to catch up on each other's news and look forward to gathering again for an afternoon tea on Saturday 26 November 2022 at 2.00pm.

A. L to R, Gail Tregear (1957), Kaye Shelton (1974), Marlo Perry (1997), Rachel Williams (1982), Christine Bowen (Krstic 1969), Julia Mayne (1982) and Morag Donaldson (1987)

B. Back row, L to R, Jenny Hadlow (Hackett 1962), Julia Mayne (1982), Jean Farleigh (Jones 1957/58), Pip Marks (1984), Kaye Shelton (1974), Cynthia Lawler (Allchin 1968), Marlo Perry (1996), Rachel Williams (1982), Gail Tregear (1957) and Joyce Luck (Atkins 1958)

Front row, L to R, Sheila Thompson (Mackenzie 1958), Morag Donaldson (1987) and Heather Shelley (McCracken 1969)

If you'd like to join us, please email us at plcincanberra@hotmail.com or contact the Development Office at development@plc.vic.edu.au

Morag Donaldson (1987)

Mornington Peninsula Friendship Group

Thirty Old Collegians met at Kirk's Bistro in June for our Winter Lunch. Once again, the warmth of the gathering totally compensated for the chill in the air outside. With the final year of school spanning almost forty years from 1951 to 1990, we were delighted to see everyone mixing happily. The raffle, containing an abundance of prizes which were generously donated by both members and the College, raised \$225 for the Helen Hailes Memorial Scholarship Fund. The beautiful baby's quilt was made and donated by Kerrie Ternes (Price 1975).

We are planning to hold our Christmas lunch on Thursday 17 November. Keep an eye out for our invitation and if you don't receive one, please contact us via email at lemonjam.jl@gmail.com or gagabooth4@gmail.com to make sure you are included in our database. All are most welcome to join us.

This report is being written in San Antonio, Texas, USA, where I have spent three weeks with my sister, Helen Schnelzer (Morrison 1958), before spending time with another Old Collegian, Christina Pemberton (Lawton 1963), in Najac, a tiny medieval village in the south of France.

Jan Kirchner (Morrison 1963) & Pam Booth (1959)



Geelong Branch

The Geelong Branch of the PLC OCA celebrated their 72nd Anniversary with a very enjoyable commemorative lunch. The Geelong Branch is the second-longest running OCA group outside of Melbourne and they have been meeting regularly since 1950. Principal, Cheryl Penberthy, attended the lunch and shared recent developments at PLC and how much the OCA and the Geelong Branch mean to the College and our extended communities. A special thank you must go to Geelong Branch President, Anne Parton (1955), who organised the delightful day which included a beautiful celebratory birthday cake.

Mind Heart Connect Foundation

Kate Helder (1981) felt called to contribute to society in a meaningful way and consequently established the non-profit Mind Heart Connect Foundation.

When Kate learnt of the Energy Psychology (EP) modality, Emotional Freedom Techniques, commonly referred to as EFT or Tapping, her interest was sparked. EFT is a globally-researched technique that has been around for more than 40 years. It uses the fingers to stimulate acupuncture points on the face and body. Partnering with Dr Peta Stapleton from Bond University and with the support of a dedicated team, they have carved an exciting path in the EP field, training individuals and organisations throughout Australia.

The Foundation delivers training in this stress-reduction technique, designed specifically for allied health professionals and educators working in traumatised communities, with a key focus on our First Nations Australians and refugees.

For further information visit www.mindheartconnect.org



OCA Birthday League for the Helen Hailes Memorial Scholarship Fund

We are delighted to introduce Denise Poon (1978) who has been invited by the OCA Committee to run the Old Collegians' Birthday League. Denise has taken over following the dedicated work of Lauris Murnane (1955) and Pam Booth (1959). Denise was Vice-President of the PLC Old Collegians' Association from 2018 to 2022 and will be known to many in the Birthday League. She can be contacted via email at mimosacarnegie@gmail.com or via phone on **9571 1197** or **0438 365 277**. Please don't hesitate to contact her with any questions.



One of the most important offerings by the OCA is the provision of scholarships. The group actively encourages the community to give back and donate to support these ongoing scholarships, thus providing an opportunity to change the lives of the next generation of girls so they may benefit from all that a PLC education has to offer.

The Helen Hailes Memorial Scholarship was set up to honour Miss Hailes, a greatly loved Vice-Principal (1933-1954) and Acting Principal, after her sudden death in 1958.

We currently fund PLC girls through the Helen Hailes Memorial Scholarships, the Old Collegians' Scholarships and the Melba Music Scholarships. In one year, six to seven girls can receive a scholarship as a result of donations and income from our investments.

If you would like to donate you can do so by:

Bank Transfer
BSB: 063197
Account number: 00900486

Please include your name followed by 'Scholarships' in the description line

Mailing a Cheque

The cheque should be made out to 'PLC Old Collegians' (please do not put 'Helen Hailes Memorial Scholarship Fund' on the cheque).

Please send the cheque to:
Denise Poon
499 Neerim Road
Murrumbidgee Victoria 3163



All donations will go into the PLC OCA account for scholarships and will be acknowledged in PLC in Print. Please indicate in your correspondence the name you wish to be acknowledged by.

Ailsa Wilson (Watson 1978)
President
Old Collegians' Association

L to R, Denise Poon (1978), Robyn Byrne (1973), Ailsa Wilson (Watson 1978)



OCA Netball

The spring season for the OCA Netball teams has begun, with games being held on Tuesday nights at Oakleigh Recreation Centre and on Saturday afternoons at Ashwood High School. The winter season saw one of our three teams make the finals!

If you are interested in joining us and sharing in the fun, please contact Clare or Sam at plc.oca.netball@gmail.com

Clare Haysom (2016)

Join our Sydney Group

We would love to welcome new members to join our friendly group. We host coffee mornings and annual events such as the end-of-year lunch at Sous le Soleil, in its idyllic parkland setting. Our next lunch will be held on Saturday 26 November. For enquiries, please contact Julie Phillips (Rank) via email at t.j.phillips@bigpond.com

OCA Golf Day

This year, 28 Old Collegians enjoyed a 'slightly rainy' golf match followed by a delicious lunch at the Royal Melbourne Golf Club. Members of the PLC OCA Committee, including President Ailsa Wilson (Watson 1978) and Jan Dimmick (1945), presented the prizes to the winners. To join the mailing list for the 2023 Golf Day, please email Robin at robinjcollier@gmail.com

Robin Collier (Wilson 1969)



60th Anniversary Celebration of the Benalla Group

The most recent North East Group meeting and lunch was held on 1 June at the King River Café on a very cold winter's day; however, whilst the weather may have been cold, the company was wonderfully warm. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch as well as a special cake cut by Thelma Cook (Crilly 1945), one of the original members of the Benalla Group.

Robin Sadler OAM (Say 1949), a foundation and much-loved member of our group, eloquently shared her memories of the early meetings held by the Benalla Group which began at her mother's home in Benalla. Sadly, not long after this event, Robin passed away.

Judy Hirschfeld (Gunn 1956) also shared memories from those early meetings which began with the Albury Group initially. Lesley Frede (Christiansen 1957) emailed some of her memories of the early years of the Albury and then North East Group.

Although many ladies were unable to attend due to other commitments, we still welcomed 22 members including Melbourne visitors, Wendy Fishley (Olney 1955), Gwennyth Baker (Heaney 1959) and Julie Schroeder.

Julie outlined College activities and upcoming events and Wendy shared about her lovely presentation from the College upon retiring from Archives after so many years. As is usual practice, a donation collected on the day was sent to the Helen Hailes Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The third and last meeting for the year will be held in Shepparton on Wednesday 5 October. If you would like more details, please email Judy Cuddon (Clezy 1957) at jcuddon@outlook.com

Judy Cuddon (Clezy 1957)



A. L to R, Sharanya Yoganathan (2012), Angela Ng (2012), Jillian Chan (2018), Rachael Macaulay (2017), Maddie Page (2021), Ally Legge (2010) and Clare Haysom (2016)

B. L to R, Winners of the longest drive, Rosie Batten (Walker 1969), 9-hole trophy winner, Alison Davies (Potts 1972), nearest the pin and 18-hole trophy winner, Cate Monahan (Littlejohn 1973), grandmother's trophy winner, Alison Mighell (Love 1972) and 18-hole runner-up, Fiona Balfour (Meyer 1975)

C. Gwennyth Baker (Heaney 1959), Judy Phillips (Baulch 1960)

D. Thelma Cook (Crilly 1945)

E. Robin Sadler OAM (Say 1949)



Driver Cup

A passionate team of Old Collegians took on the PLC Team in the annual Driver Cup hockey competition. Although the Old Collegians won the cup decisively, the girls were also winners in the form of witnessing such outstanding role models and by competing with considerable grace and determination.



Old Collegians Share Career & Life Stories

Earlier this year, four Old Collegians returned to the College to meet our Year 11 and Year 12 girls to share some of their fascinating insights on their journeys since graduation.

Lieutenant Cindy Nguyen (2013), Rebecca Valkan (2009), Joy Chian (Chen 2005) and Laura Correa (Lippold 2003), were most engaging as they spoke about the resilience and self-belief they needed to pursue careers in the military, environmental science, art and urban planning and creative digital modelling in car design.

Organised by PLC's Career Development Practitioners, these valuable career sessions give students first-hand, practical strategies for discovering their purpose in life and help them with their own future career choices.

The audience was fascinated to hear how flexible and persistent these Old Collegians had been, accepting help when it was offered, taking on unexpected roles, and developing themselves as well-rounded people through various hobbies and interests alongside their careers. We thank them for their frank, insightful and encouraging talks.

Ms Louisa Hare & Mrs Pauline Parker Career Development Practitioners



News of Old Collegians

Engagements

Congratulations to **Tran Nguyen (2014)** on her recent engagement. Her wedding is planned for November 2022.

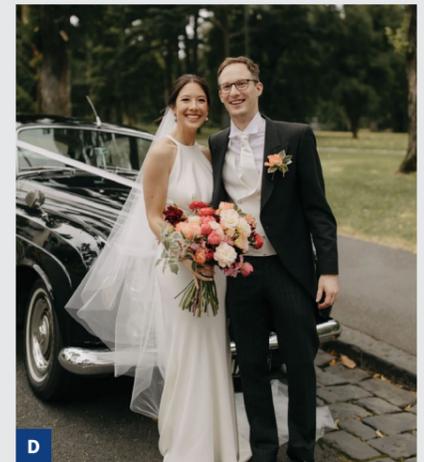
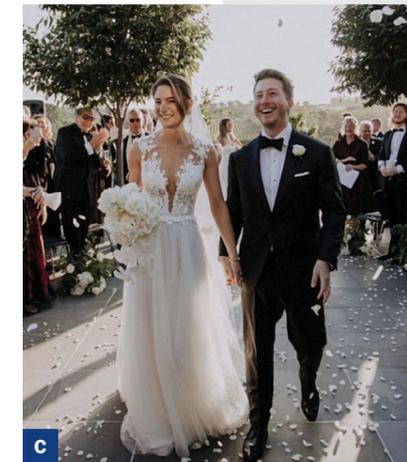
Marriages

Congratulations to **Evelyn Ek (1999)** who married Nick Etchells on 28 May 2022 in Melbourne. Sharing in the celebrations were Alicia Rennie (Owens 1999), Michelle Wong (1999), Danielle Buller (2002) and Hannah Thean (1997).

Congratulations to **Lara McDonald (2008)** who married John Collins on 22 April 2022, at Jackalope. Sharing in the celebrations were sister, Priska McDonald (2006), as well as May Lee (2008), Azusa Hyde (2008) and Nerine Konesharan (2008).

On their fifth attempt in two years, **Alison Chong (2008)** and Indrek Pernik were finally married in an intimate ceremony at the Old Treasury Building on 2 April 2022. It was not the wedding originally planned to take place in Indrek's native Estonia, but nevertheless was a very special day well worth the wait. Sharing in the celebrations were sister Rosie Chong (2013), Katrina Hammer (2008) and Rebecca Williams (2008).

On 26 March 2022, **Rosie Francis (2011)** married Russell George. The afternoon ceremony was held at Russell's 150-acre family property in Barrabool, Geelong and was followed by a cocktail-style reception. Several PLC Alumni and friends were in attendance, including maid-of-honour, Madeleine Hodgson (2011), sister and bridesmaid, Katherine Allen (Francis 2001), Master of Ceremonies, Phoebe Costello (2011), Stephanie Chew, Anita Asopa, Kara Freedman (Busuttill), Ruby Cullimore (Bulach), Dulani Goonawardhana, Jocelyn Phillips (all 2011), Russell's mother, Lynette George (Byrne 1977) and aunt, Robyn Byrne (1973).



- A. Tran Nguyen (2014)
- B. Evelyn Ek (1999) and Nick Etchells
- C. Lara McDonald (2008) and John Collins
- D. Alison Chong (2008) and Indrek Pernik
- E. Centre, Rosie Francis (2011)

Births

Congratulations to **Cecile Wise (Vaughan, 2006)** and Simon on their precious first daughter, Daisy Cecile Wise, born on 13 March 2022. Sister to Percy, Gordy and Henry in heaven.



A

Books

Grace Chan (2006) is a speculative fiction writer and doctor. Her writing explores brains, minds, technology, alien worlds, relationships, power, identity, and hidden parts of the self. Her soft-cyberpunk-with-feelings debut novel, *Every Version of You*, about mind-uploading, identity and transformation, is available from Affirm Press.



B

An author and illustrator, **Genevieve Rogers (Gawler 1999)** has written *The Hullabazoo*, a delightful story with whimsical illustrations, rollicking rhymes and amusing collective nouns. The book entertains children aged four to seven but also teaches them about diversity, second chances, reconciliation and the mistake of judging by appearances. Genevieve, who attended PLC with her three sisters and whose daughter is in Year 12 at PLC, is thankful that her teachers nurtured her love of writing and illustrating.



C

Music & Entertainment

Congratulations to **Katherine Gekas (2006)** for winning first place in A Grade Tenor, the highest grade in pipe band drumming, at the Victorian Drumming Solos Championships 2022.



D

Congratulations to **Heather Valentine (Allardyce 2000)** on debuting her play and solo performance piece, *Mastress of Ceremonies*, at the 2022 Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Hailed as 'the perfect comedy show', it is a story about love, grief, cake and public speaking and has received rave reviews. The show will return to the Melbourne Fringe Festival on 10-16 October 2022; tickets are available online at melbournefringe.com.au



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- A. Daisy Cecile Wise, daughter of Cecile Wise (Vaughan 2006)
- B. Grace Chan (2006)
- C. Genevieve Rogers (Gawler 1999)
- D. Katherine Gekas (2006)
- E. Heather Valentine (Allardyce 2000)



60 Year Reunion, Class of 1962



60 Year Reunion, Class of 1961



60 Year Reunion

It was a very special luncheon on Saturday 6 August when some of our oldest Alumnae, all of whom graduated from PLC 60 years or more ago, attended a reunion and celebration at the College.

There was lots of happy chatter and reminiscing about past school days, with one former teacher from the era also in attendance. It was also wonderful to welcome the Classes of 1961 and 1962 who were attending this annual event for the first time.



Reunion Photos



50 Year Reunion, Class of 1971



30 Year Reunion, Class of 1991



20 Year Reunion, Class of 2001



20 Year Reunion, Class of 2002



10 Year Reunion, Class of 2012



1 Year Reunion, Class of 2021



1 Year Reunion, Class of 2020



SAVE THE DATE 2022 CLASS REUNIONS

Reunion Dates

Save the date for your 2022 class reunion. Booking details are available at www.plc.vic.edu.au in the Old Collegians section.

For further information or to update your contact details, please contact the Development Office on **9805 7889** or via email at development@plc.vic.edu.au

Peer	Year	Date	Location
Class of 2017	5 Year	5 Nov 7.00pm	Aviary Hotel
Class of 1992	30 Year	15 Oct 2.00pm	Wesley Anne, Northcote
Class of 1982	40 Year	17 Sep 7.00pm	Auburn Bowling Club
Class of 1981	40 Year	22 Oct 2.30pm	Betty Caldwell Hall
Class of 1972	50 Year	6 Nov 2.30pm	Box Hill Golf Club

Obituaries

The PLC Community was saddened to learn of the passing of the following Old Collegians.



Elizabeth (Betty) Cox (Holder 1945)

Betty died in October 2021 shortly before her 95th birthday.

As an intelligent young lady, she managed to get through school easily and win a place in the Melbourne University Faculty of Science. Unfortunately, she didn't do enough work in her first year and found herself no longer a student. For a few years she worked as a librarian at the CSIRO until in 1950, as was usual then, she gave up her job when she married Kenneth Cox, who died in 1986.

Three sons were born, and Betty soon found her purpose in honorary work, initially as president of the Mothers' Club of Ashburton Primary School. She founded the Social Service Auxiliary at Scotch College and once her sons were out of the house, she devoted herself to the Citizens' Advice Bureau, first in Box Hill then Melbourne Central. Later she worked as librarian at the Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre.

She is survived by her three sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Provided by Betty's son, Graham Cox

Joan Aileen Kennedy (Dadsey 1944)

Joan attended PLC from 1941 to 1944, having been awarded a Council Entrance Scholarship. Her Old Collegian friends, especially from the North East Victoria Branch, were saddened by the news of her passing on 7 May 2022. Joan had remained an enthusiastic supporter of her old school and regularly attended the North East Victoria Branch meetings and supported appeals for College scholarships and funds. Her funeral was held at the Mooroopna Uniting Church where she was a member, followed by her interment at Deniliquin, NSW, where her husband was buried. Joan had chosen the first hymn: 'Almighty Father of all things that be, our life, our work, we consecrate to thee...reflecting thine own nature which is love.' Joan lived by these principles. The following is an excerpt from the eulogy presented by her son, Andrew Kennedy. Provided by Christine Wilson (Luke 1955)

Joan Aileen Dadsey was born to Aileen Ethel Ada Dadsey (née Hall) and John Thomas Dadsey, a draftsman with the Victorian Railways, on 27 September 1927. Joan's mother Aileen died the following day. Baby Joan was sent, as was the custom then, to her father's cousins to be raised. Joan's father, John Thomas Dadsey, served with the 5th Engineers, AIF in France in WW1. He died suddenly in 1938 when Joan was eleven years old.

Joan attended Hartwell state school, then went on to Presbyterian Ladies' College (1941-1944). She worked as a bookkeeper for a law firm in Queen St in Melbourne during WW1. Joan met and married Alexander Kennedy in 1955.

Their daughter, Christine, was born in 1956. They then moved to a soldier settlement block at Ornbarsley, near Winchelsea, Victoria. Their second child, Andrew was born in 1958 and their third child, Bruce was born in 1962. Joan busied herself being a farmer's wife and mother.

In 1974, Joan's husband, Alex, decided to move the family, along with sheep, cattle, dogs and machinery to Southern NSW, finishing up at 'Elimdale' about 40km west of Deniliquin. This property was sold in 1988 and a house with a few acres was purchased on the edge of Deniliquin, as a retirement block. In 1991 Joan's first grandchild, Emma, was born.

Alex passed away at the age of 79 in 1995. A few years later Joan moved to Mooroopna to be closer to her daughter Christine and son-in-law Len. More grandchildren followed, with

Rebecca born in 1993, Jackson in 1997 and Angus in 2000.

In 2010 tragedy struck with the death of Joan's son, Bruce, and again in 2014 with the passing of her daughter, Christine. The unit at Hutchins Crescent, Mooroopna, was sold and Joan moved to a unit in Rodney Park Village. Great-grandchildren came along, with Billy born in 2018 and Evelyn in 2020.

Joan was very social and enjoyed attending various groups including Probus and Legacy. She had a strong faith and was part of the Mooroopna Uniting Church community. Coming from a bookkeeping background, Joan kept detailed financial records and a balanced cheque book right up to the very end. The daily newspaper was a must for the crossword and word puzzles.

In 2020, just before Covid lockdowns entered our lives, with declining health Joan moved to the nursing home, Hakea Lodge in Shepparton, while awaiting the completion of the new nursing home attached to Rodney Park Village where Joan had lived happily for a few years. In 2021, Joan moved to Room 28 Campbell Court, Mooroopna Place, living reasonably contented, keeping in touch with growing grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as diminishing groups of old friends.

On 7 May 2022 at 9pm at the age of 94, Joan passed away peacefully to finally join Alex, Bruce and Christine.

Joan will be greatly missed by her family and her friends. The passing of Joan is the end of an era. Joan knew all the old names and how the relationships worked.

Provided by Joan's son, Andrew Kennedy



Elizabeth Kate (Libby) Pollard (1994)

Libby, born 27 October 1976, spent a carefree childhood in Yea with her sister Sarah (1991) and brother James. Libby attended PLC as a boarder from 1991 until 1994, an experience which made her very independent.

After her school years, Libby shared a flat with Mel Kidman (Robinson 1994) and studied Public Relations at RMIT. In PR, Libby worked on fundraising for breast cancer and organ transplantation research at the Austin Hospital, before heading overseas to the United Kingdom. Her PLC connections were reinforced in Edinburgh when Libby bumped into Mrs Ena Mackay, wife of former PLC Principal, Mr William Mackay. Returning to Australia, Libby found her dream job working for the 2006 Commonwealth Games Corporation, designing a daily Games newspaper for the athletes. After the Games, Libby's intrepid spirit took her to Quito, Ecuador where she met Alvaro Revelo, whom she married in 2007 before they settled in Geelong in 2011 to run a successful printing business.

Tragically, Libby was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia on Mother's Day 2018, when she was 41 and mother to ten-year-old Alex and eight-year-old Sofia. This terrible blow curtailed her working and family life, and involvement in various community activities, including her beloved netball. Gruelling treatment followed, with a bone marrow transplant from her sister Sarah, various clinical trials and many new drugs.

At Geelong Hospital, Libby reconnected with her old Boarding House friend, Anoushka Perera (1994), an emergency doctor. After nearly four years battling leukemia, Libby passed away on 28 Dec 2021, leaving behind her loving husband and children. While in palliative care, Libby wrote her life story for her children, recording these characteristically gentle observations: 'The World's a really big place and I would say embrace it and explore it and you'll find yourself on an amazing journey that you could never picture. Be happy and be kind.'

On the occasion of the celebration of Libby's life, Libby's family were touched by this tribute from the Class of 1994:

The teenage Libby we knew and loved was funny, happy, and cheeky! A truly special person who made friends across the school. She is remembered as full of energy and a delight to be around. Our lives are better for knowing her. Vale Libby

Provided by Libby's mother, Carol Pollard

Betty Whiteside (Curtis 1945)

Mother of Wendy Brown (Whiteside 1973) and grandmother of Meredith Brown (2001), Betty passed away on 28 April 2022 aged 94 years after a very long and sad battle with Alzheimer's disease which was diagnosed in 2010.



Betty attended PLC in East Melbourne for three years from 1942-1944 and thoroughly enjoyed her time there. She was a very good student and enjoyed her schoolwork and sports such as tennis, baseball and basketball.

During the war years, her father (a World War 1 veteran), considered that a business course would be the best career for Betty during such unstable, uncertain and worrying times. So instead of completing her Leaving Certificate, she went into the '6 Commercial' class which was an option in those days.

She did Typing and Shorthand at which she excelled and went on to get her first job at the SEC in Flinders Street in Melbourne. She became a very competent, accurate and respected stenographer, working there full time for approximately eight years, until she had to resign, as happened in those days, when she married Ron Whiteside, an Old Wesley Collegian, in 1953.

They built a house in North Balwyn and had two children, Wendy and Peter. Betty spent her early married life as a homemaker. They moved to Blackburn in 1961 and then to Vermont in 1983. In 1968, Betty rejoined the workforce. She was employed in the Advertising Department of the Ringwood Mail Newspaper which was later taken over by Leader Newspapers. She was able to continue using all the skills she had learnt at PLC. She often commented that her teachers at PLC were very good. She was a very early user of Computer Technology in her job with Leader Newspapers. Betty worked part time until the early 1990s when she decided to retire. During retirement, she was delighted to have five grandchildren. She was a wonderful Nana to them all and loved babysitting and doing a variety of activities with them.

Betty and Ron were very fortunate to travel overseas on three separate occasions and thoroughly enjoyed themselves each time. They also followed up family history in England, Scotland and Ireland which was a particular hobby which they both loved researching during their retirement.

Sadly, in 2010 Betty was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. She moved into a nursing home in 2013 and was well looked after by the staff at Strathdon Uniting AgeWell. From then onwards, it was a very sad, long and slow decline. She was a very resilient and strong person who inherited her longevity from both of her parents.

Betty was a very humble, kind, courteous and compassionate person who was always cheerful and always thinking of the other person. She was a loving and much-loved daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and mother-in-law who is very much missed.

Provided by Betty's daughter, Wendy Brown (Whiteside 1973)

(Mary) Olwen Jones (1955)

Olwen died on 17 September 2021 at Maroondah Hospital, Ringwood East. Olwen was born at Hamilton, Victoria and after attending primary schools at Quambatook, Stratford and Sale, and high school at Sale, Olwen commenced at PLC East Melbourne where she was a student for five years.

Her life path was determined at PLC when in 1954, the school was presented with two French horns. Olwen became a dedicated student of the horn and was talented to the extent that she subsequently achieved Bachelor of Music (Hons.) at the University of Melbourne Conservatorium with French horn as her major study.

After demonstrating her ability as Principal Horn in the orchestras of many theatre shows (including West Side Story, The Sound of Music and Kismet), in the orchestra for the Australian Ballet Company and also for the Sutherland-Williamson International Grand Opera Season in 1965 (with leading roles played by Joan Sutherland and Luciano Pavarotti), she spent time playing in the ABC Symphony Orchestras of South Australia, Tasmania, Sydney and Victoria.

At a time when the brass sections of symphony orchestras were exclusively male-dominated, Olwen succeeded in establishing herself as a leading player, overcoming in the process considerable hurdles and opposition. She was

a trailblazer in the field and one of the first to break through the glass ceiling – a concept that was unknown at that time.

Eventually she obtained a permanent appointment to the Queensland Symphony Orchestra in Brisbane, initially as Fourth Horn but before long as Principal, a position she held until 1980.

In addition to performing, Olwen was tutor in French horn for the Queensland Youth Orchestra and was also a much-respected teacher to a number of private pupils who went on to achieve their own success.

When the physical demands of the instrument became more than challenging, Olwen continued to work for the ABC in Brisbane as Music Assistant and then Senior Broadcast Officer, a role in which she was responsible for the production of music programs for ABC FM Radio and Radio National. This position she held until her retirement in 1992.

Olwen returned to Melbourne to spend the years of her retirement closer to family and old friends and to enjoy such non-musical pursuits as building a house, establishing a garden, learning Danish and researching family history. These activities were punctuated by travels to more unusual overseas destinations like Mongolia and Azerbaijan.

Provided by Olwen's sister, Elizabeth Fincher (1956)



Cherie Nassrawi (2006)

Cherie sadly passed away on 20 May 2022 after bravely battling cancer for four years. She will be deeply missed.

Kathleen Winifred (Katy) Moran (Mathieson 1956)

Kathleen was born on 4 July 1938 in Melbourne and passed away on 11 April 2022 in Sydney.

Katy started at PLC as a four-year-old and when she left school, she had spent longer at PLC than any other student before her! She attended university for a short time and then became a laboratory assistant. After marrying her husband, Robert, they and their two children spent many years living in Ipoh, Malaysia and various cities in the USA. In 1974 they moved to Sydney.

Katy was a member of the Old Collegians' Sydney Group, joining the Committee in 1994 where she served as Secretary or Treasurer until 2011. She was the life and soul of the group, organising many outings and lunches which were always very interesting and well planned. Her car boot always seemed to be full of rugs and thermoses of tea. She was an enthusiastic and reliable member of the group.

Katy was a tireless worker at the Warrabee Bowling Club where she ran the Bridge Group for many years. Katy and her family had many Australian and overseas adventures. She was not only a keen bird watcher, but also an accomplished needleworker – her hands were seldom idle.

Over the last few years, Katy's health deteriorated and she was in care with a very supportive family keeping an eye on her.

Katy will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Provided by Sydney PLCOCA Branch



Marjorie ('Marj') Howe (Neville 1948)

Members of the Mornington Peninsula Branch were saddened to hear that Marjorie ('Marj') Howe had passed away on 5 March 2022, aged 90.

Marj started at PLC in Year 7 in East Melbourne, so never attended the Junior School in East Burwood. After completing her Leaving Certificate, she left school and studied Accounting and Bookkeeping at night school.

Marj and her husband, Grevis, bought a block of land in Balnarring Beach in 1988 to build a home for their retirement. When they did retire there, they soon became involved in the local community and with the wider Mornington Peninsula activities, including the Mornington Peninsula Branch of the PLC Old Collegians.

As Marj had been a bookkeeper in her working life, she was an obvious choice to become the Branch Treasurer – a role she kept for many years. Fundraising for the Helen Hailes Memorial Scholarship Fund was a major activity for the branch, and at each meeting a trading table was the focus. Marj managed all the complications of the trading table with great efficiency and was usually at the table welcoming members. She kept the attendance book, knew everyone, and would cheerily greet each member by name as they arrived.

In 2013, Marj and Grevis moved from Balnarring Beach to the Village Baxter retirement centre in Frankston South. Again, they became involved in many of the activities available.

However, 2017 was a very sad year for the Howe family. Grevis was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March 2017. Marj suffered a stroke in May 2017 and was admitted to the rehabilitation facility. Grevis was moved to palliative care on the same site so, for a short time, they were able to spend Grevis's last days together before he passed away in June. Marj was moved into The Manor, the aged care facility at Village Baxter where she was lovingly cared for by the staff for the next five years until she passed away.

Marj was a very outgoing person. She met many people during her long life, and she will be fondly remembered by so many. She was a special lady in our Old Collegians' Group.

Loved ones live on in the words they said, in the lives they touched, and the happiness we feel when we remember them.

Provided by the Mornington Peninsula PLC Old Collegians' Friendship Group

Marystuart McCahon Dever (Sinclair 1951)

The family of Marystuart, whose obituary appeared in the previous edition of this magazine, kindly donated a photograph of her, and items she cherished from her happy school days, to the PLC Archive.

Joan Symington (Cornwell 1955)

1 May 1939 – 20 June 2022

Joan attended PLC from 1952 to 1955, gaining her Matriculation Certificate with three honours. She graduated MBBS from the University of Melbourne at the age of 22 and attained her FRACP, also at a very young age.

She moved to London in 1968 to study psychotherapy, and met Neville Symington, also a psychotherapist. They married in Melbourne in 1974 and returned to London to continue their careers. Joan was considered an expert



on psychotherapy with children, publishing many papers in medical journals. She and Neville collaborated on a book, The Clinical Thinking of Wilfred Bion, about the influential British psychoanalyst.

They returned to Australia in 1986 with their two sons, Andrew and David, and took up residence in Sydney.

Music was a huge part of Joan's life. She learnt to play recorder in primary school and moved on to piano, flute, French horn and oboe. She played the piano at the College's speech day. Another hobby was art. She was a skilled oil painter, sketcher and sculptor.

Although she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in her early fifties, she was able to continue working and travelling, both for work and pleasure.

Until quite recently, she could still see patients online from the nursing home where she spent the last few years of her life and where she died gently in her sleep.

Provided by Joan's sister, Beth Davies (Cornwell 1953)



Archives



Q & A: Ten minutes with... Emma Giessmann

Beginning her PLC journey as our new Heritage Gallery Manager this year, Emma joins us, having worked for organisations such as the National Museum, Old Parliament House and Geoscience Australia.

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I'm originally from Canberra, so Melbourne is quite new to me. I refer to myself as a museum's generalist as I've worked in a lot of areas across different institutions. Currently I am working towards my master's degree in Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies to complement my undergraduate studies in Art History and International Relations. My interests include examining the intangible and politics in art. I am also a bit of a hobbyist with ongoing knitting, sewing and other crafting projects.

Why are you passionate about archiving?

There is something wonderful about working with historical objects. Each artefact is like a miniature time traveller, connecting our present to the past. I find joy in helping people explore the past, whether that be a shared past (about our school, city, or country) or something more intimate such as a relative's history. Learning about history helps educate us about where we come from, where we are today and where we are going in the future.

What's the most interesting item you have come across in the PLC Archive?

There are lots of great pieces so it is hard to choose. We have some fantastic textile pieces, particularly those donated by former Head of Art, Lexie Lully. It's fascinating to see how different dyeing and weaving practices create different patterns, colours and textures, and how these practices reflect an organisation's culture and tradition. I hope to incorporate some of them in future exhibitions. Artefacts such as the 'Last wills and testaments of the 6th form' from 1973 and 'Rules for Teachers' are also fascinating and sometimes generate a giggle.

What is the strangest item?

During 1946, the school explored many fundraising options for the Rebuilding Fund for the school. Perhaps one of the more whimsical methods was the orchestration of a Grand Gymkhana, held at Hethersett. Staff, students and friends of the College hosted a day of fun and

entertainment including riding on the 'arena' or merry-go-round, and looking at the sideshows, stalls and booths. There was an assortment of animals and prizes and a celebratory picnic that helped raise over £2,000. We still have some of those amazing animal show prize ribbons.

Is there anything that you would love to receive?

Personal diaries from our Old Collegians' school days and especially any from the earliest days of the school. They would highlight how our school days have changed and perhaps also remained the same. Also anything related to WW2 and rationing, and photos from the 1940s would be very welcome.

Are there any items that we don't need?

Well, obviously we love everything that we are given. However, we do have a lot of Patchwork magazines and probably don't need any more at this stage. We are also blessed with uniforms and don't need any more from the 1960s onwards unless they are unique. All photographs, particularly labelled ones, are always welcome.

What is the oldest item that exists in the Archive?

Some of the oldest items were donated by Winifred Hilliard, the granddaughter of Reverend W.M.M. Alexander (Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Victoria 1913-1914). He had a collection of coins from all over the world. See below.



The oldest coins in the PLC Archive: Byzantine Empire, circa 491AD-1453AD; Diocletian, Roman Empire, circa 285-286AD; and Vespasian, Roman Empire, circa 69-79AD.



The Untold Story of PLC

My passion is history. Since 1993 I have been extremely fortunate to work as a professional historian who specialises in commissioned histories of organisations. Ten of my books have been school histories, and so it has become my niche. It is always a joy to write the history of a school such as PLC which deeply values its heritage and the learnings which are intrinsic to a study of the past.

In February 2022, I began work on the sesquicentenary history of PLC. A full history of the school has not been published since 1975. This is naturally an exciting project and one with considerable responsibility given PLC's important place in the history of girls' education in Australia.

I am currently immersed in archival research. A small oral history project will follow with principals, staff, Old Collegians and PLC Council members who served or attended PLC between 1957 and the present. Three-quarters of the book will encompass the period since PLC moved from East Melbourne to Burwood in 1957 - this is the largely untold story. The first quarter will cover its history up until that time.

My aim is to have the book ready for the celebration of PLC's 150 years at the start of 2025.

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