Welcome to the Wire

Welcome to the first edition of The PC Wire for 2016, which has been streamlined after last year’s survey. We want to hear from everyone, no news it too small – so please get on board and help us to create The PC Wire you want to read! All contributions or ideas for stories can be sent into madi.james@pc.wa.edu.au.

Our upcoming events include the Pleiades Sundowner, open to all past students from the IGSSA Schools. This year, the event will be hosted by PC at The Boulevard Hotel in Floreat on Thursday 10 March. Profits will go to Sunshine House in Cambodia. We also have our AGM on Sunday 3 April and we strongly encourage Old Girls to attend. There will be an opportunity to be a part of the committee and decide on events and direction for the OGA.

We have started our planning for our events for this year. We have reunions for the class of 2014, 2011, 2006, 1996, 1986, 1976, 1966, 1956 and everyone in the class of 1955 or earlier.

The Country Lunch will be on Thursday 15 September 2016 at Colleen Johnson’s (1988 Leaver) farm in Dandaragan and the Corporate Breakfast will be returning as well this year.

More information on all of these events is in the Save the Date section, and if you have a suggestion for the guest speaker for the Corporate Breakfast, please email madi.james@pc.wa.edu.au.

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Heritage Events

This year we are celebrating 100 years of educating girls on the Mount Lawley campus. To mark the occasion we are hosting some special events:

Heritage Walk on Thursday 2 June

Long Table Dinner on Saturday 30 July

Community Christmas Fair and Carols on Sunday 27 November.

More information on these events, including booking details will be in the Myalla and the Heritage. We hope to see you all there!
Rebecca Ganon will be studying a double degree at Australian National University; a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics. Rebecca was awarded a Certification of Distinction (English) and a Certificate of Commendation due to her WACE results. She was also selected as one of 70 members of the ANU National Scholars’ Programme (focussing on leadership training with a scholarship attached).

Victoria Meadows was awarded a Certificate of Distinction (Modern History) and a Certificate of Commendation. She plans on studying a Bachelor of Science at UWA with a Biomedical Science double major.

Imogen Braham was awarded a Certificate of Commendation and plans on studying a Bachelor of Science at UWA, majoring in Engineering Science with an assured pathway into a Masters of Professional Engineering. She was also awarded an Engineering Pursuit Scholarship.

Adelle Lantzke was awarded a Certificate of Commendation and plans on undertaking a double major in Economics and Accounting at UWA.

Erika Luk was awarded a Certificate of Commendation and a Sydney Scholar’s Award from the University of Sydney and accepted an early offer to study at Notre Dame University.

Stephanie Goetz received a Bond University Vice Chancellor’s Scholarship to study Law and International Relations, majoring in Chinese Studies.

Freya Parke will also be at Bond University, as she received an early offer to study there.

Matilda Terbio has been accepted to study at WAAPA

Nina Horeb was awarded an Edith Cowan University scholarship for students who demonstrate academic excellence, endeavour, leadership and commitment. Nina was also awarded the St Michaels Award in 2015.
Aila Dann (1992) has worked in Journalism and politics for the past 15 years and was previously a Ministerial Adviser for Brendon Grylls and Terry Redman. She has a daughter in Year 8 at Perth College. She learnt from the Judith Cottier days that ‘girls can do anything’ and when Shirley Withers spoke at a Presentation Night and said ‘you can’t escape PC!’ she now knows it is so true!

Amelia Christo (1997 Leaver) is a part of the Mums 4 Refugees action group. The primary aim of the group is to work towards an Australia that is fair, just and inclusive and which treats asylum seekers and refugees with dignity and compassion. Amelia was Executive Producer for a recent awareness strategy which was a song which was featured on Channel Ten’s The Project. See her great work here: http://www.mums4refugees.org.au/

Jacqueline Warrick (1999 Leaver) is a photographer by profession but has a business in a not-for-profit organisation named Camera Story which uses photography to reach out to people from ‘at-risk’ or ‘vulnerable’ areas. Her website is www.camerastory.com.au

Sharlene (Gethin) Mattingly (1987 Leaver) is loving being a full-time Mum at the moment after taking a break from work. Her daughter, Sophie, is in Year 6 at PC and her son Joseph is at Wesley.

Katrina (Port) Harrison (1988 Leaver) has two daughters at PC, one in Year 1 and one in Year 3. She tries to stay as active as possible in school life and works part-time as a Genetic Counsellor currently researching congenital heart disease at Royal Princess Margaret Hospital.

Colleen (Allen) Johnson (1988 Leaver) has her daughter in Year 12 this year at PC and has kindly volunteered to host the 2016 Country Lunch at her family’s farm in Dandaragan. It will be on Thursday 15 September and more information is in our events section. Colleen and her mum, Judith, also spoke at the ‘Following in their Footsteps’ event on Wednesday 3 February.

Vicki (Wynn) Hagley (1984 Leaver) also attended the ‘Following in their Footsteps’ event. She has one daughter in Year 11, and her other daughter is Madison Hagley (2014 Leaver) who is studying Commerce at UWA. Vicki also has her own financial planning business. She reports that life is good and everyone is busy and happy!

Wendy (Hine) Michetti (1989 Leaver) left Year 12 wanting to study at WAAPA. At age 17 she was too young to apply so studied other courses including Shakespeare, Musical Theatre and Make-up Artistry. It was during the Make-up Artistry course Wendy found her passion and she is now the proud owner of Museo Salon and Spa and has been for 16 years.
Jenny (Thomson) Olma (1978 Leaver) was one of our speakers for the ‘Following in their Footsteps’ event. She has been involved with the School as a student and staff member for fifty years, as she began Kindergarten in 1966.

She shared some of her special memories including:

Racing to lick the cream off the bottle tops of milk that were delivered each day, and to make sure to drink the milk before it got too warm!

The lack of filtering system in the School pool, which meant that although we were fortunate to have a pool – it was very hard to see longer than an arm length in front of you!

When the newly appointed Principal, Judith Cottier heard the words at an Interschool Swimming Carnival of ‘and of course, in 8th place, Perth College’ and she made it her personal goal to see that PC improved in all areas!

Wendy (Gooch) Gillett (1963 Leaver) attended the recent ‘Following in their Footsteps’ event and remarked that although a lot had changed at the School, the important things had stayed the same.

Julie (Wedge) Dewar (1964 Leaver) is part of a family which had four generations that have come through PC including her mum, Dorothy (Eliza) (Stephens) Wedge (1924 Leaver). While reminiscing at the Following in their Footsteps event she said that when she left PC she undertook nursing, and that her fiancé Peter Dewar was called up to go to Vietnam, although he didn’t end up going. They had a happy marriage and had four children together. She always regretted leaving PC in Year 10, but decided to do Year 12 distance education in 1986 and studied Teaching and achieved a Bachelor of Arts in Education, specialising in English and Speech and Drama. She taught until 2006 and spent most of her time at Broome High School.

She has almost retired, is living in Dunsborough and now has 13 grandchildren.

Janice (Heane) Nicholas (1963 Leaver) has two boys. She was a primary school teacher but ventured into the corporate sector in the early 1980s for 20 – 25 years and was the Executive Director of the Urban Development Institute. In her early 50s she went into boarding for 13 years and retired as Head of Karina House at Perth College in 2014. She wrote a book about Tibet in 1996 and even got to meet the Dalai Lama. The book is entitled One Stone for Tibet.

Judith (Barrett-Lennard) Magill (1957 Leaver) also attended the recent Following in their Footsteps event, as her daughter Kate (Magill) Edgar (1987 Leaver) has her daughter, Joanna at the School. Judith has just moved to a retirement village in York with a smaller garden and is very happy that her granddaughter also gets to attend PC. Jo is the fourth generation of the family to attend PC.
Pleides Sundowner

The alumni associations of Methodist Ladies’ College, Presbyterian Ladies’ College, Penrhos College, Perth College, Santa Maria College, St Mary’s Anglican Girls’ School, St Hilda’s Anglican School and Iona Presentation College have joined forces to host this event for the second year. Profits from the sundowner will be donated to Sunshine House in Cambodia.

Date: Thursday 10 March 2016
Time: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Venue: The Boulevard Hotel, corner of The Boulevard and Howtree Place, Floreat
Cost: $25.00
Dress Code: Smart Casual
RSVP: www.trybooking.com/JBVR

OGA AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on the Sunday of the Perth College Art Exhibition and will include a special tour just for Old Girls.

Date: Sunday 3 April 2016
Time: 10.00 am - Chapel Service
11.00 am - OGA AGM at the Perth College Staff Room (through Main Reception)
12.00 pm – Refreshments in the Perth College Staff Room
1.00 pm – Tour and Complimentary Entry of the Perth College Art Exhibition
Cost: Free
RSVP: For catering purposes, please advise Relationship Manager, Madi James, via (08) 9471 2133 or madi.james@pc.wa.edu.au if you would like to attend and to advise of any dietary requirements.

Reunions

More information on these reunions will be emailed to each year group, and emailed and posted out. Please contact Madi James, madi.james@pc.wa.edu.au, if you haven’t received any information.

Class      Date
2014 Leavers – 18-Month Reunion  Friday 10 June 2016 – Evening Function
2011 Leavers – Five-Year Reunion  Friday 17 June 2016 – Evening Function
2006 Leavers – 10-Year Reunion  Saturday 19 November 2016 – Evening Function
1986 Leavers – 30-Year Reunion  Saturday 5 November 2016 – Evening Function
1966 Leavers – 50-Year Reunion  Friday 27 May 2016 – Lunchtime Function
1956 Leavers – 60-Year Reunion  Friday 20 May 2016 – Lunchtime Function
1955 Leavers and earlier – Vintage Reunion  Friday 29 April 2016 – Lunchtime Function

An Evening with a Remarkable Woman

Susannah Carr is Western Australian TV news reporting royalty. Together with Rick Ardon she has presented the nightly news on Seven since 1985. Join with her and Andrea Burns for a conversation on career, life and her tips for success.

Date: Tuesday 29 March 2016
Time: 7.30 pm
Venue: Judith Cottier Theatre
Cost: Complimentary
RSVP: http://www.trybooking.com/KPZT

Open Day

Date: Monday 7 March
Time: 10.00 am to 2.00 pm
Venue: Perth College

Come and visit our old School and see what has changed!

Country Visits

PC is visiting a number of rural areas for field shows and functions. Click on the link to find out more:
http://www.perthcollege.wa.edu.au/enrolments/field-days