Heritage to hold with care
Dear Friends

As we approach the end of the year, anticipation is building for the Perth College triennial Fete on Sunday 3 November – a much-loved event in not only the School community but also Mount Lawley.

Organising an event such as this is no small task. In previous years, up to 10,000 people have walked through our gates. A dedicated Fete Committee has been working since late last year to ensure a fantastic day. Students, their teachers and parents have also been beavering away since Term One to create arts and craft, Christmas gifts, preserves, sweet treats and woodwork for more than 120 stalls.

With a sideshow alley, games, gourmet food, traditional treats and entertainment, Perth College will come alive and the hustle and bustle will be a sight to behold. In this edition, we have provided a sneak peek to show you what to expect from this year’s Fete.

It has been heart-warming to see the School community band together to ensure this event is a success. Just as inspirational is the support for the centenary of our Old Girls’ Association.

We have had a year of celebrations and there is yet more to come, as you will read about in these pages. I am so pleased to see how many former students are eager to maintain friendships and their connection to Perth College.

This year, we also opened our doors to the wider community for a variety of InsideOut workshops. The response was overwhelming and it gives me great pleasure to announce the School is now the Australian facilitator of the GirlPower friendship programme. InsideOut is making a noticeable impact on the lives of our students. Staff and parents from other schools across the city and regional Western Australia are also eager to learn more about the programme and how it can benefit their girls.

With 2013 rapidly drawing to a close, we have enjoyed annual events showing the academic, artistic, musical and dramatic talents of our students, who have worked hard throughout the year to achieve their personal best, and wish them well for their final exams.

At the end of Term Four, we will farewell English teacher, Astrid Drakes, who has made an indelible impact on the lives of countless students over 41 years. We recently said goodbye to our long-serving Registrar, Helen Stephens, who served as the first point of contact for every family enrolling at the School and worked at Perth College for 30 years. Perth College is a better place for the service of these remarkable women and their presence will be sadly missed.

Best wishes

Jenny Ethell
Sharing the GirlPower message
Perth College has become the national facilitator of the GirlPower friendship programme following an overwhelming response to Dana Kerford’s workshops at the School during May.

The agreement with the Canadian Founder of the courses for ‘tween’ girls means InsideOut presenters will lead any of the GirlPower classes requested by schools and community groups around Australia or organise appropriate educators.

Teachers and 600 girls from 40 schools across Perth attended Mrs Kerford’s workshops at Perth College in May, learning how to manage friendships, develop self-esteem and prevent bullying.

InsideOut Director, Deb Perich, said the interest from both independent and public schools was proof of the need to empower young girls to stand up for themselves and teach them positive ways to resolve friendship conflicts.

“Our status now as a national facilitator of GirlPower shows Perth College is a leader in girls’ education and the innovativeness of the InsideOut programme is having a noticeable impact on the students,” she said.

Two workshops have already been scheduled in Sydney during October.

Students make powerful impression
Senior School students who volunteered at the Dine for Life charity fundraising dinners in late November 2012 have been recognised for their contribution.

Dine for Life launched this year’s event at Linton and Kay Galleries during April, thanking the 19 girls who acted as official ambassadors at a simultaneous dinner held across 18 restaurants in Perth. The students, from Years 10 and 11, greeted guests at each venue with a welcome speech and a message about South East Asia Investigations into Social and Humani

InsideOut programmes to young girls around Australia.

Business School, led by Professor Kerrie Unsworth, an internationally-remowned expert in leadership development, with the assistance of several Perth College staff – including Principal, Jenny Ethell.

Professor Unsworth introduced students to techniques and strategies to take responsibility for their own learning, development and growth, empowering them to improve their personal and school lives instead of relying on teachers, classmates or friends.

InsideOut Director, Deb Perich, said the course was based on the premise that change comes from within.

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“The aim of Paul’s visit was to separate the fact from the fiction when it comes to alcohol and drugs, especially given the amount of misinformation in social media, and help the girls make informed choices,” Deputy Principal – Students, Felicity McCarthy, said.

“Girls in Years 10 and 11 are at the age where they are being invited to parties and Paul provides them with information to take responsibility and keep themselves and their friends safe.”

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Immersion tours inspire PC girls

A group of Year 10 students has seen firsthand the impact education can have on the lives of underprivileged children.

Twelve girls participated in the Solomon Islands immersion tour during July while 14 travelled to Cambodia in April, and all described their experiences as life-changing.

Solomon Islands

Accompanied by Father Barry Moss and Year 11 Co-ordinator Rachel Shotch, Perth College students pitched in to help at the Christian Care Centre; the only women’s refuge in the Solomon Islands.

The facility helps women and children fleeing violence in their homes and communities, and has been jointly managed by the Sisters of the Church and the Sisters of Melanesia since it opened in 2000.

The girls donated secondhand clothes, painted classrooms, and created an outdoor mural depicting floating fishing village, markets and the sombre Killing Fields.

“TheSolomons were a very complex environment for the girls to visit,” Father Barry said.

“There are many different cultural streams and 70 languages spoken, and activities such as basket weaving and carving gave them an insight into how the people live and support themselves.”

The girls also spent time on the island of Savo, where they experienced village life and visited scenic spots to relax. Meeting the Australian High Commissioner, Matthew Anderson, and then Trade Minister, Richard Marles, gave the girls the opportunity to ask about the complexities of the Solomon Islands and Australia’s support programme.

Cambodia

Staying in a dormitory at Sunshine House, near Phnom Penh, has given Perth College girls firsthand experience of the everyday lives of children orphaned or abandoned due to HIV/AIDS.

Since its establishment in 2000, Sunshine House has developed into a small village and become a place of rescue, shelter, protection and education. Over seven days, the tour group performed chores, cooked, painted the girls’ dormitory and played games and sport with the children.

A highlight was taking all of the Sunshine House children on a day trip to the beach – a sight many had never seen before.

Intensive fundraising in the lead-up to the immersion tour also enabled the girls to purchase educational materials and other resources for their hosts.

While in Cambodia, the girls sampled local delicacies at traditional roadside food stalls and also visited Angkor Wat and other temples, a floating fishing village, markets and the sombre Killing Fields.

Bella Marslen said the trip showed the immense cultural, social and political differences between Australia and Cambodia.

“So to the people of Cambodia are happy wouldn’t be accurate as they are still recovering from recent history, but it’s the hope and resilience they have that makes this place truly incredible,” she said.

Dancing a skill for life

Humphreys Dance Studio has been training dancers for more than 40 years – and in May it became the turn of Year 10 students from Perth College and Guildford Grammar School to learn Latin and ballroom styles.

Ten hours of dancing lessons – stretched out over five Friday afternoons – culminated in a Dance Sport Social at the Italian Club in North Perth on Friday 21 June.

Year 10 Co-ordinator, Aastid Drakes, said the event celebrated the students’ progress over the duration of the course.

“The girls learned a variety of dances including the cha cha, jive, slow rhythm, some fun, progressive dances and even a line dance,” she said.

“The course is an important part of the social and artistic education Perth College provides and most of the dances the girls learned are classic and fun styles that will stay with them for life.”

Kids helping kids

Since its inception, Perth College has instilled in its students the importance of making a difference in the community.

Already this year, students have collected canned goods for a food appeal, organised a fashion parade to raise money for Anglicare’s Young Hearts programme and volunteered at the Highgate Primary School Big Night Out, the Hyde Park Fair (for the Rotary Club of North Perth) and an annual Lifeline fundraising brunch hosted by Inglewood Butcher, Vince Garrefa, for which Perth College has provided student helpers over the last three years.

“The girls who attended our Mondo Community Warriors brunch were of invaluable assistance,” Mr Garrefa said.

“Their wonderful, cheerful, can-do attitude and the physical work they assisted with in set-up and clear-up was very much appreciated and noticed by all.”

During June and July, a group of Year 10 girls gave up their lunch breaks and time during Form to decorate caps for children at Princess Margaret Hospital, using sequins, beads and buttons.

Social Science teacher, Brooke Toney, took four girls to PMH on Wednesday 7 August to present the gifts as well as comfortable, huggable cushions decorated with soft fabrics by about 20 students in the Year 9 Textiles class.

“We wanted to provide some cheer and comfort to the patients in Ward 3B, the Oncology unit, and just let them know other children are thinking about them,” she said.

Congratulations

As a youth member of the Scout Association, Shannon Black (Year 8) was rewarded for her fundraising efforts for the Ticket to Life project, which helps Scouts in Manila who live on the streets.

Shannon travelled overseas in July to present a $6,000 cheque to the leaders of the Manila Scouts, accompanying the Western Australians Deputy Chief Commissioner and the Branch Commissioner of Scouts.

Co-curricular
A fairy story

A red carpet lined by mushrooms and topiary trees led the way into a fairytale-themed party in the Year 1 classroom on Friday 5 July.

Students dressed as fairies, princesses, witches, black cats and mermaids to celebrate the end of term, during which they used iPads to create their own folk stories. Parents were invited to see the final results and also share some tasty treats for morning tea.

“The girls have enjoyed using the iPads and were excited to read their stories aloud and show the technology they have been using in class,” Year 1 teacher, Kristine Sanders, said.

Going back in time

Visits to heritage-listed places and a monastic town have enhanced the History curriculum across the Junior School.

The Year 1 class trialled a National Trust of Western Australia programme when it visited Woodbridge House, in Guildford, on Wednesday 26 June, dressed in clothing reminiscent of the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Tranby House in Maylands was the site of a visit by Year 5 students on Tuesday 21 May, when the girls wore period costume to tour one of the first farms in the Swan River colony and the earliest residence still standing in the Perth area.

During both excursions, the girls learned about the families who ran the properties and looked at how life has changed or remained the same over time.

A visit to New Norcia on Wednesday 15 May gave Year 6 students a brief insight into the town’s unique monastic, European and Aboriginal heritage.

Touring historic buildings helped them to understand the Benedictine monks and their impact on Western Australian history.

Year 1’s Biggest Morning Tea

Cupcakes, fruit skewers, honey joys, sushi, macarons, croissants, pikelets, lamingtons, fairy bread, lemonade and more – it could have been a birthday party but instead, it was the Year 1 class’s version of Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea.

The girls hosted the event in the Founders Centre for Early Learning on Monday 17 June, helping to raise $500 for the Cancer Council.

They brought some delectable finger food from home to tempt students and staff in exchange for a gold coin donation. Proudly wearing white chef’s hats to man the stall, the girls delighted in serving sweet and savoury food and persuading their customers to support a worthy cause.

Dancing up a storm

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 kicked up their heels in the Pavilion on Friday 21 June for the Junior School Disco.

Games, dancing, music, a sausage sizzle and stalls run by Senior School students – including face and nail painting and temporary tattoos – kept the girls entertained for the evening.

Book Week

Learning the art of Manga drawing was a highlight of activities held from the 19 to 22 August to mark Book Week in the Junior School.

Girls from Years 2 to 6 were privileged to attend workshops run by Illustrator, Nami Osaki, who brought along her own artwork and demonstrated the Japanese genre of cartoons, comic books and animation.

Other activities to promote reading and literacy included the Great Book Swap; for a gold coin donation, the girls were able to purchase a book donated by other students, with funds raised donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Kindergarten and Preparatory students hosted their parents and relatives for a morning session in the library, a competition was held to design a bookmark, Head of Junior School, Jenny Dougan, spent time reading to the girls, and, on the final day, all of the students dressed as their favourite book character and enjoyed a performance from the zany but lovable ‘Aunty Peach’, who shared the magic of storytelling using Roald Dahl’s twisted fairytales.
From trash to treasure

A group of Year 10 students has given a new lease of life to secondhand furniture and old family treasures. The girls collected pre-loved chairs from op shops, roadside collections or closer to home and lovingly restored them as part of a Design and Technology class project and a longer-term focus on sustainability.

Their teacher, Holly Pepper, has introduced environmental and social themes into the subject area and encouraged students to consider their place in an increasingly commercial society.

“The girls have developed skills throughout the term to fix and repair furniture and have also been learning about our disposable design culture,” she said.

“They were surprised to discover less than three per cent of our purchases are in use six months after they were bought.”

Business brains

A world champion pizza maker and a fashion designer seemingly have nothing in common – but both have given Senior School students a behind-the-scenes peek into life as a business owner.

Kevin Raphael, who creates custom wedding dresses and helped to establish Galleria Couture in Perth 15 years ago, welcomed students in the Year 11 Business Management and Enterprise course to his studio on Wednesday 12 June.

He focused on marketing and emphasised the importance of product quality and differentiation, client relationships and promotion using several case studies.

Renowned pizza chef and owner of Little Caesars Pizzeria, Theo Kalogeracos, shared his secrets to success with Years 11 and 12 Business students on Tuesday 14 May.

In between running three stores, promoting a cookbook, media commitments and securing markets for new products, he spoke with the girls about how his life has changed since opening his first restaurant 16 years ago.

“Music is key to success,” he said. “You need good staff and good music. The girls were treated to three types of pizza as Theo explained how he set up his business and covered topics such as workplace culture, supplier relations and franchising.”

Tripping around the world

Perth College girls have travelled far and wide this year as they put skills learned in the classroom into practice.

Nineteen students in Year 11 returned home in early May after nearly two weeks on a cultural and sight-seeing visit to France. They made their first stop in Paris for six days, visiting well-known places such as the Champs Elysees, Notre Dame Cathedral, Montmartre and the Louvre.

During the next leg of their tour, the girls took the high-speed train to Nice, where they spent 10 days with host families and attended intensive French classes at the Alpha.b language school. The jam-packed itinerary left the girls – and staff members Alex Harle, Marie-France Leopold and Pina Christie – exhausted but helped them to further refine their language skills.

In April, five Year 12 girls travelled to Yogayakarta and Bali for an Indonesian language study tour with Languages teacher, Noni Wardani, who graciously opened her home to the students. They were fortunate to have an individual tutor for six days in Yogayakarta, visit Borobudur temple and underprivileged children at local schools, where they donated sports equipment and basic resources, and undertake lessons in batik and silver making as well as cooking.

Also during April, 16 Years 11 and 12 Social Science students spent the first week of the school holidays touring Canberra, braving the cold weather to visit landmarks such as Government House, the High Court and the National Portrait Gallery. The group also met then Opposition Leader, Tony Abbott; and attended the ANZAC Day national ceremony at the War Memorial. In Sydney, the girls learned about Australia’s economic policy at the Reserve Bank, and enjoyed a cruise on the harbour.

Dining with dad

Year 12 students were joined by their dads for the annual father-daughter breakfast at the School on Wednesday 8 May.

Grand Vernon, the Chair of Council and himself a father of three (including two girls), delivered a memorable speech, giving the girls tips about navigating life’s journeys – mostly notably “how to herd cats”.

Senior School students are privileged to learn in and out of the classroom - guest speakers and excursions have broadened minds and inspired the girls.
Dancers in a SPIN

A cast of 140 Senior School dancers showed off a variety of wildly different styles in this year’s SPIN: Through Time production.

The show, which ran from 27 to 29 June, highlighted how movement has changed through the ages and impacted on society.

It was opened by a group of Indigenous students, who collaborated with Ochres Dance Company, and then moved into a masquerade theme with classical dancing. The audience quietened during a haunting piece inspired by Picnic at Hanging Rock but tapped along to a lively 1940s routine featuring the Belleville Gypsy Swing band (with Music teacher, Charlie McCarthy, on violin) and students from Guildford Grammar School.

Moves from the 1960s were fused with contemporary dance in an item that also starred two Junior School students before the disco balls were brought out, the music turned up and the audience clapped along for a 1970s number. The fast pace was maintained for a cheerleading spectacular featuring jazz dance and amazing acrobatics.

Year 12 Dance Captain, Melanie Wozniak, was joined by her sister and 2009 Leaver and Dance Captain, Zoe, for a special performance showing the bond between family members, accompanied by sisters Sofia and Zoe Tsagalis (Year 11), who sang live.

SPIN: Through Time came to a close with an electronic music craze and a cast of dancers who amazed the crowd with breakdance, crumping and hip hop.

“The production was so vibrant and emotionally-charged; we were fortunate to have guest artists work with our staff and students to choreograph the pieces and a support crew did a fantastic job to bring the stage to life,” Dance Co-ordinator, Jane Murray, said.

Across all facets of the Arts, Perth College girls are excelling.

Trio triumphs at art awards

Three Perth College students have been recognised for their artistic talent in the prestigious Atwell Youth Awards.

Renee Boylen (Year 10) won the overall prize for her year group with a still life acrylic painting based on the theme Food, Glorious Food. The series of three paintings portrays an apple which goes from fresh, to bitten, to almost eaten.

Livia Mangione (Year 7) was highly commended for her bird jewellery, created with Fimo clay and wire, which also won the May Mason award for wearable art. Molly Stenning Alexander (also Year 7) was highly commended for a Fimo and wire peacock brooch.

Perth College submitted artworks by 20 students from Years 7 to 12.

Inspiring the next generation

Senior Art students had an insight into life as a professional artist when Thomas Hoareau visited Perth College.

He is best known for his work depicting various scenes from across Perth and spoke with Stage 2 and 3 Art classes about his sources of inspiration and influences on Monday 24 June. The Western Australian contemporary artist provided some fascinating background about his A Case of Déjà vu exhibition, which toured regional areas during the first half of the year with Art on the Move.

He brought along his oil painting Like Tears in Rain and discussed the process of its creation, showing the girls original 1920s photos that it was based on depicting life on the Swan River.

“I found these old snapshots in a suitcase I collected from an op shop and thought I could develop a painting out of that,” he said.

“Paintings can come from all sorts of places and this is the second one I’ve done as a result of those images.”

Matinee medley

Year 6 students combined with the boys from Trinity College’s Years 5 and 6 classes for an energetic rendition of a Mary Poppins medley at this year’s IPSHA Performing Arts Festival.

The choir gave a matinee performance at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre on Tuesday 25 June and provided an evening show for their parents and family. Junior School Music teacher, Sofie Cumming, said the biennial event involved more than 1800 student performers from 24 schools.

“It is an opportunity for boys and girls in junior and primary schools to show off their singing and dancing skills,” she said.

“The performance was a lot of fun and we had three or four combined rehearsals to practice the different songs and learn the dance steps.”
Year 12 artists ahead of the pack

Georgina Bower has trumped students from 42 schools to win an award at the prestigious St George’s Art 2013 exhibition.

Her oil painting, Halfway Cone, (pictured on the front cover) was named best 2D artwork by Years 10 to 12 students in the annual event showcases the best work at the of of these students go on to exhibit their work in the Year 12 Perspectives exhibition at the Art Gallery of WA.*

Georgina’s painting was one of three submitted by the School for St George's Art 2013, which celebrates the achievements of emerging young artists and is part of the City of Perth Winter Arts Season. Melanie Fraser and Emily Johnson also represented Perth College at the event.

PC girls are powerful performers

The School has some of the city’s most talented public speakers and performers, and as the results of the Perth Speech and Drama Festival show, Miette Xamon (Year 12) won the Goddard Lawrence Award for most outstanding Year 12 poetry performance with her reading of Sylvia Plath’s poem, The Arrival of the Bee Box. She also won the Karen Goddard & Suzanne Lawrence Perpetual Trophy for Year 11/12 poetry. Her classmate, Georgia Kalynik, placed first in the Year 12/Open Prose and was highly commended in the AMEB Speech and Drama Monologue Award after reading a moving piece about Isadora Duncan.

Piraya Quach-Thanissorn won the Year 10/11 Prose, while winners in the Poetry section included Alice Gillies (Year 6), Sophie Storey (Year 8) and Jessie Hiscox (Year 9). Speech and Drama specialist, Deb Mitchell, said the courage, composure and poise of all of the Perth College performers was admirable and the result of much preparation over several months.

“One of the judges made a point of telling me how impressed he was with the sophistication, intelligence and vocal ability of our students, particularly against some tough competition,” she said. Miette’s award earned her a cash prize of $150 and the perpetual trophy (as well as a replica trophy to keep).”

“Miette has been a consistent prize winner in various festivals over the last three years and has great poise and presence, and a powerful yet flexible voice that she projects with subtlety and skill,” Ms Mitchell added.

Congratulations

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Artwork by Year 12 student, Sophie Mueller, was selected as a finalist in the third annual META/SERPHina Art and Design exhibition, run by the Central Institute of Technology gallery to promote excellence and originality amongst senior secondary school students.

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**Budding soccer stars**

Two Senior School footballers have shown they are among the state’s most talented, representing Western Australia in national competitions.

Tessa de Leo (Year 7) was a member of the under-13 girls team which was undefeated in the group G division at the National Youth Championships held in Canberra from 2 to 9 August. WA National Schools Championships in state soccer team which competed at the Manon Gebauer (Year 11) was part of the

The annual event, held in Colls Harbour from 8 to 12 July, attracted 330 of the country’s best young female footballers.

Manon Gebauer (Year 11) was part of the state soccer team which competed at the National Schools Championships in Canberra from 2 to 9 August. WA finished the tournament in second place, behind New South Wales.

As a result of her sporting achievements in 2013, Perth College nominated Manon for the Pierre de Coubertin Awards, which are handed out by the WA Olympic Council to recognise senior secondary students who demonstrate values consistent with the Olympic movement.

**Clean sweep for Bedford**

Clarissa Luk and Emily Hoare were the champion athletes for their age groups while the Years 7/8 Mini Olympics was held at Challenge Stadium on Friday 7 June. Rebecca Jackson and Eve Bergessio were runners-up.

Bedford was the overall champion House with 584 points, with Barron, which finished on 576, Campeon (529) and Lawley (517) finished in third and fourth places respectively. In a clean sweep of the competition, Bedford was also judged the loudest in a cheering contest at the end of the day.

**Barron’s athletes the best**

Barron topped the leaderboard at the House Athletics Carnival on Thursday 4 July to finish the event as champion with 3,834.5 points.

Girls from Year 9 to 12 showed plenty of spirit and the high participation rate ensured a close competition. Lawley placed second on 3,644.5 points while Campeon was third, with 3,558. Bedford finished in fourth with 3,216. Lawley won the John Lefroy Cup for team events.

Molly Nind, Hannah Piesse and Dimity Moloney were champion athletes in their year groups while Taleitha Valentine, Rebecca Attam and Deborah Dewar were the runners-up.

The winner of the Colin O’Sullivan Trophy for the 100-metre sprint was Sabrina Quiskamp (Year 11).

**Hockey history**

Perth College has secured its first hockey pennant in 14 years after the Year 7/8A side finished the ICSSA season undefeated.

Coached by Director of Sport, Claire Moloney, the girls were clear favourites throughout the Term Two competition. The Senior A team finished third in its division and the School finished the season sixth overall, improving on last year’s performance.

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The event was a great introduction to rowing for new School families and staff were swept up in the spirit of the day, forming a team to race a Year 9 crew. The girls claimed the victory, however, and Bedford was the champion House after a fiercely-contested event.

**Rowing wrap-up**

Perth College rowers placed second in this year’s Head of the River at Champion Lakes on Saturday 10 August to finish second overall for the season.

The Federal IV and Year 9 VIII crews as well as the Year 10 B IV all won their races, and the vast majority of the other PC entries placed in the top three in their divisions.

During celebrations to mark the end-of-season, Abby Nicholson (Year 10) was named Most Improved rower, Chloe Smolenski (Year 9) received the Best Novice trophy, and Mackenzie Huggins (Year 12) was awarded Best Oarswoman.

**Hayes family honoured**

At the start of the 2013 season, the School recognised the Hayes family for excellence in rowing and its contribution over many years to the sport at Perth College by naming the new lightweight girls VIII in its honour.

Alexandra Hayes, who graduated in 2005 and rows at an elite level, including Australian representation, and her parents, Christopher and Lesley, were on hand at the House Rowing Regatta on Saturday 18 May when Father Barry Moss blessed the boat.

**Congratulations**

• Yasemin Ray (Year 7) won gold and silver at the Australian Canoe Sprint and Marathon Championships held in Western Australia in water polo at the National Schools Championships in Perth during June. Manon scored one goal in the WA School Girls 1 defeat (7 – 12) to New South Wales in the gold medal game.

• Hockey players, Elvira Burvill (Year 12) and Alesha Power (Year 11), were part of the WA team to compete at the Australian under 16s national championships in Canberra from 2 to 13 July.

• Imogen Keilich (Year 9) won gold in the javelin at the 21st MOE-WALAA-SSSC International Athletics Championships held in Kuala Lumpur in early July. She won with a throw of 33.87m in the U15 girls division and also competed in the 100m hurdles and 800m sprint.

• Sian Webster (Year 12) won gold in the women’s sabre at the Oceania Fencing Championships held in Noumea, New Caledonia, during the July school holidays.

• Brittany Harmon (Year 8) became the national champion for her level after competing in diving’s Australian Elite Junior Championships held in Brisbane from 8 to 10 July. She performed eight different dives to place first in her division (National Talent Identification level two). Brittany trains for 27 hours every week.

• Swimmer, Brianna Throssell (Year 12), won silver in the 200m butterfly at the Australian Swimming Championships in Sydney during August, setting a new WA record in 2:08.41.

• Saffron Tamby-Rajah (Year 7) represented WA at the International Taekwondo Championship in Kuala Lumpur during August, earning silver.

• Yasemin Ray (Year 7), partnered with River Armenti (Mercedes College) to win the girls U14 division at the Junior Avon Descent in August.

• Georgina Collin (Year 11) won the junior ladies wildwater K1 title at the State Championships during August.

• Brooke Rego (Year 7) competed at the School Sport Australia Swimming Championships in Adelaide from 8 to 14 September as a member of the WA team.
Junior School students now have an elaborate outdoor playset on which to burn up their energy during recess and lunch. The much-anticipated new playground was installed during the July holiday break, replacing ageing equipment that was originally intended for younger girls when the Kindergarten operated from the adjacent building.

Head of Junior School, Jenny Dougan, said the eye-catching playground was installed.

It features a twisting Jacob’s Ladder, a ring and climbing ropes, a rocking triangular suspended swinging platform, hanging plates and a climbing wall. A ring and poles that all spin have also been installed.

Junior School girls have let their imaginations run wild, with the number of different games they can play meaning hours of excitement.

“Most of the play equipment is really challenging, which makes it more fun,” Year 5 student, Olivia Bruzzese, said.

The Friends of Perth College contributed $10,000 towards the cost of the $130,000 project.

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“The edge of the pool will be nearly flush with the level of the water, making it easier for the girls to climb out of the water, or lower themselves in,” he said.

With the pool emptied, works began during the July holidays to decrease the height of the walls and also re-line the surface. The plant room in the basement of the Science block was also completely renovated in the break and a new filter installed.

Mr Fielding said the project would include new starting blocks as well as an aggregate finish to replace the brick-paving, ensuring the surface surrounding the pool was no longer as slippery when wet.

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From servicing the entire School with technology queries, the department now had the capacity to assist the girls in a faster timeframe and to the environment of the other staff.

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Expect gourmet food stalls, traditional old favourites and tastings – everything from sushi to roast beef rolls, Devonshire teas, cakes, lollies, slushies, and wood-fired pizza.

Market stands will offer Christmas crafts, plants, books, pre-loved toys, jewellery, candles, dress-up and vintage clothing, soaps, balloons, decorated hats and woodworking.

Some fabulous prizes have been donated for a silent auction and raffles – including a $10,000 Platform Software website design package, champagne and wine, a $10,000 Fashion package, gardening tools, Metropol, computer printers and exercise equipment, a stay at Crown and a $10,000 Platform Software website design package, champagne and wine, a $10,000 Fashion package, gardening tools, Metropol, computer printers and exercise equipment, a stay at Crown

Sideshow alley will take over Lawley Crescent and across the grounds, visitors can visit the cuddly animal farm, paint their faces, don a temporary tattoo, decorate cupcakes or dig for treasure. Will you get revenge on your teachers at the dunking machine?

Visit www.perthcollege.wa.edu.au for the full list of stalls.

**Behind-the-scenes**

The Fete is a much-loved event for the Perth College family and the local community.

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Visitors to the fete should keep an eye out for roving performers. While this year’s event maintains the tradition of music and dancing on the main stage in the Chapel Quad, performers will also traverse the School grounds, taking entertainment to the patrons. Make sure you bring a few extra coins for the PC barking squad!

Fashion will also be a feature. A fast-paced parade of barely-used ball gowns promises to attract the attention of the Senior School girls, with the dresses to go on sale at a fraction of their real value.

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**Parking and Transport**

Avoid the congestion and catch public transport or the PC shuttle bus to and from the Fete.

While limited parking will be available on the School oval, there will also be car parks at Edith Cowan University, off Central Avenue, with a free shuttle bus to all of the action. The buses will run every 15 to 20 minutes between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. Maps and information about access are available at www.perthcollege.wa.edu.au.

For those wishing to use public transport, bus services from Morley (no. 21 and 22) and Mirrabooka (no. 67 and 68) stop outside the School. The Mount Lawley train station – on the Midland line – is a 15-minute walk from the campus.

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Perth College would like to thank its corporate sponsors for supporting the 2013 Fete. An event of this size would not be possible without the good generosity. Sponsors include:

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Walking into PC history

An extra 189 pavers have been added to the Heritage Walk, winding their way along the brick wall in the Chapel Quad. The completion of the fundraising project – during which 707 pavers were sold – was celebrated by 40 members of the School community who enjoyed morning tea together on Thursday 4 July.

Principal, Jenny Ethell, said the generosity of those who had purchased a paver would fund a Year 10 InsideOut Scholarship for the first time next year.

"The Heritage Walk has been an overwhelming success and it has been so lovely to see how many people wanted to help provide an education for future students," she said.

"It has also been a wonderful way for so many former and current students, families and staff to honour their relationship with Perth College and leave a lasting legacy of their time at the School."

The Heritage Walk raised $196,725.

Giving the gift of an education at Perth College is attracting increasing interest from members of the School community.

### Perth College Foundation

### 2013 Giving Honour Roll

Acknowledging our 2013 supporters to date, with the full list to be published in the first edition of the Heritage Walk in 2014.

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Connections continue

Old friends reconnected at a cocktail evening for past parents, staff and council members on Tuesday 6 August.

The group first came together at a morning tea during November last year to celebrate the School’s 110-year anniversary.

Nearly 80 members of this special group reunited at Myalla House to chat over canapés and network with each other before attending the Senior School Choral Concert in the Judith Cottier Theatre.

“It is a measure of the School community’s strength that so many parents of Old Girls, former staff and council members are actively maintaining their links with Perth College,” Chair of Council, Grant Vernon said.

Principal, Jenny Ethell, said she was still seeking a name for this special group.

“We had many responses last year after I asked those who attended the morning tea to provide some suggestions and would welcome further ideas,” she said.

Future events for this group are being planned, including a garden party in 2014. If you are a past parent, staff or council member and would like to become involved, please contact the Director of Community Development, Jo Nitz, by emailing foundation@pc.wa.edu.au or calling 9471 2119.

Gift of an education

The Perth College community continues to prove its generosity, donating more than $276,280 this year to the annual giving programme, to support scholarships for future students.

This is well over the amount raised in 2012, when the Perth College Foundation was officially launched and annual giving totalled almost $200,000.

In addition, substantial recent donations will enable students who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend Perth College to enrol at the School.

Two Old Girls have given $600,000 to the Scholarship Fund, which benefits recipients of the InsideOut Scholarship.

This has been renamed the Margaret and Patricia Feilman InsideOut Scholarship in honour of these generous former students, who have also donated $1.2 million to the Building Fund, for future master planning.

The Foundation also received a major gift from past parent, Peter Rose, which will go towards Indigenous scholarships.

“I continue to be amazed and inspired by how kind-hearted the School community is,” Principal, Jenny Ethell, said.

For the InsideOut Scholarship to be awarded in perpetuity, the Foundation needs to raise more than $1.5 million to benefit one girl at each of the six year levels.

“We are close to reaching our goal, but we’re just not quite there yet and would appreciate any assistance the School community can provide,” Mrs Ethell said.

If you would like to support the 2013 Annual Giving programme, please contact the Director of Community Development, Jo Nitz. All gifts are tax deductible and will be directed to the Scholarship Fund.

Bequests boost School support

Perth College hosted its inaugural Jacaranda Society lunch last month to thank all benefactors to the School.

The organisation supports past students, staff and members of the Perth College community who have left a bequest to the School in their wills.

Nine people attended the function, hosted by the Principal, Jenny Ethell, at her home on Thursday 29 August.

If you would like to contribute to the Annual Giving programme, please complete the card section within the address sheet included in this edition of the Heritage and return to the Development Office.

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Mount Lawley, WA 6065

By email:
foundation@pc.wa.edu.au

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Staff profiles

How long have you worked at Perth College?
I have just completed my first full year at Perth College.

What do you enjoy most about working at Perth College?
Working with young girls has been something I have always wanted to do since beginning my teaching career. The school’s InsideOut programme offers so many wonderful opportunities for the girls to develop their emotional awareness and sense of self and I think it is just as important as supporting academic growth and other strengths.

What are your fondest memories from your time at the School?
I have had the pleasure of being a teacher as well as a student at PC and continue to be impressed with the opportunities.

How long have you worked at Perth College?
This is my eighth year at Perth College.

What do you enjoy most about working at Perth College?
I enjoy coming to work. I find it challenging but very rewarding. The students' energy, determination and sense of humour all contribute to making it a positive experience. Despite teaching for nearly 10 years, I often feel in awe of the skill level and understanding our students reach. Their confidence on stage is inspiring – I couldn't imagine being that confident as a young person.

What are your fondest memories from your time at the School?
I have many fond memories of school which usually involve some of the smaller events or incidenitals; the pride the girls show in their achievements, the spontaneous actions by groups of girls singing or dancing or just being kids, and the positivity and the enthusiasm they have for learning and life in general.

Tell us a little bit about yourself…
I actually studied Psychology at university and worked in a high school for a year as a Counsellor/Psychologist before realising I was more interested in the education of young people. I went back to university to complete a Masters in Education with the aim of using this knowledge and my Psychology background to instil positive values in primary-aged children, supporting emotional and social development and dealing with differences and disabilities.

Outside of work, I love to cook and entertain for friends and if I am not doing this then I am out savouring great food at different restaurants with my partner, Fin, who I will be marrying next year.

Can you tell us something about yourself that is not commonly known?
I can be dreadfully shy at times.

If you had just $10 left in your wallet, what would you spend it on?
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Tell us a little bit about yourself…
People sometime mistake my accent as a British one but in fact I was born in South Africa. I spent 12 years in the UK (seven of those in Edinburgh, Scotland, where I studied Computer Science). I worked for a bank, publishing company and then finally at the University of Western Australia as a Systems Administrator before deciding to go into teaching. People thought I was crazy but I haven’t looked back since.

My wife, Kristina, and I met at Perth College and have had three children together. My first daughter, Zahra, is now 12, Aaliyah is 19 months old, and our son Sebastian Cole was born on 16 August.

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After teaching English at Perth College for 41 years, much-loved staff member, Astrid Drakes, has announced she will retire at the end of 2013.

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**Tribute**

Sue Tredget, Head of Languages, pays tribute to Kate Sprenkels, a Perth College Old Girl, former Head of Languages, and mother to Rosie (2009).

We were all deeply saddened and shocked to hear of the untimely passing of Kate Sprenkels in January this year. As a Perth College girl from 1968 to 1973, Kate was a talented student who excelled academically and was one of the founding members of the Student Representative Council, of which she was President in her final year of schooling. Among her many accomplishments and prizes, she represented Bedford House in swimming, athletics and Debating, was Editor of Myla in 1972 and received the prestigious St Michael Award.

Kate returned to Perth College in 1994, this time joining the staff as Head of Languages and making it her mission to raise the profile of the subject area within the School.

“Kate was renowned for her enthusiasm for technology in language teaching and pioneered the use of the intranet at the School.”

As a teacher, she inspired several generations of Perth College girls with her passion for the French language as well as for European culture in general. She was tireless in sourcing new and innovative teaching materials and her students were always her priority. They warmed to her flamboyance and unique style and Kate was never more at home than when in front of a class.

She often entertained the girls by bursting into song or dancing energetically to demonstrate a particular grammatical point, including her famous Tahiti dance, which was her preferred method for teaching the perfect tense of être verbs.

Kate was renowned for her enthusiasm for technology in language teaching and pioneered the use of the intranet at the School. Her passion for languages as an integral part of a rich educational experience will be her lasting legacy, and we remember and honour her place in the history of Perth College.

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Kate Sprenkels with Density Principal, Anne Christine (2009).
Celebrations marking the centenary of the Perth College Old Girls’ Association (OGA) have reunited hundreds of former classmates and teachers.

Centenary celebration on stage
A gala production in April condensed 100 years of history into a spectacular show, providing an insight into the OGA against the backdrop of local, national and worldwide events.

Former Head of Drama and 1960 Leaver, Katrina (Port) Harrison, said, “I also get to do great projects like the gala production with the famous Anne Hainsine, and I just never thought I’d get the opportunity to work with her again.” Several Aquinas College Old Boys also joined the cast in roles such as World War I soldiers, 1950s debutante partners and 1980s entrepreneurs.

Recipes all tied up
The School community has a tangible keepsake of the milestone centenary in the form of the eye-catching cookbook, Tied with a Ribbon: Made from the Heart.

From cakes baked by grandmothers to hearty winter dinners or muesli and trail mix to satisfy our hungry rowers, there are so many mouth-watering recipes and it shows how food has been a common bond amongst this community.”

Tied with a Ribbon retails for $35 (including GST) and funds raised will assist School families experiencing unexpected financial hardship. Copies may be purchased by contacting Perth College on (08) 9471 2100 or visiting the website at www.perthcollege.wa.edu.au.

Coming Events
Centenary celebrations will continue throughout the year – please set aside these dates for our special events:

Country Lunch
Sunday 27 October 2013
1969 Leaver, Pat (Williams) Poynton, has offered the use of her property, The Secret Garden, in Willyabrup (next to Flutes restaurant) as the starting point for a country lunch. Guests will meet at 9.30 am for tea or coffee followed by a guided tour of the garden. Lunch at the adjacent restaurant will include home-baked bread, a choice of two main courses and a sweet, with tea, coffee and Flutes’ special home-made chocolates.

Australia Day Picnic
Sunday 26 January 2014
Take in the beautiful views of Perth city fireworks from the School grounds. Bring your own picnic and help the Old Girls rework from the School grounds. Please keep an eye on these dates for our special events.

Old Girls’ Association
From a Young Old Girl

As a boarding student, Keryn James never imagined she would one day be such an important part of a global company. Graduating from Perth College in 1985, she struggled to determine what she would study at university and which career pathway to take. With an interest and aptitude in Geography, Keryn pursued a degree in Environmental Impact Assessment at the Australian National University of Western Australia and further studies at the Australian National University.

Entering the workforce, she dipped her toes into the fields of town planning and marketing before enrolling to study Environmental Impact Assessment at Murdoch University.

Keryn found her niche when she joined ERM’s Asia-Pacific operations and the only female member of the company’s global executive committee, having two children with her husband, John. In 1996, the family moved to Sydney and enrolled her now 15-year-old daughter, Sophia, at Perth College. Keryn is responsible for businesses in 14 countries, a staff of 1,600 people and turnover of US$120 million. Her goal is to turn ERM into the world’s leading sustainability consultancy and become a member on company boards to share her experiences, and make a difference in the lives of others.

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As a boarding student who left the School in 1937, she never anticipated life would take her around the world. Sheila (nee Wilding) was one of 24 students to leave the School during 1935, following in the footsteps of two cousins who were PC girls and forging a family association with the School that remains until this day, her great-grand-daughter, Hannah-Lisa Wilding, is now in Year 11. Sheila was also presented at court and introduced to friends to Switzerland to hit the slopes – and pursued a passion for sailing.

When Curl was sent with the army to Korea, Sheila and Joe returned to Australia but the family soon received a posting to the US, during John F. Kennedy’s presidency. They developed a love of skiing – flying with friends to Switzerland to hit the slopes – and pursued a passion for sailing. Sheila was also presented at court during a garden party, allowing the family to enjoy the social life provided by the embassies within the Commonwealth empire.

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From an Old Girl
About Us
If you’re the parent of a child from Kindergarten to Year 12, you’ve most likely heard of the Friends of Perth College (FoPC). However – and particularly if you’ve only recently joined the School community – you might have wondered exactly what this group does.

FoPC is one of several parent committees comprising mums and dads who willingly give their time to support Perth College. One of its tasks is fundraising to provide resources and facilities that enable the School to remain at the forefront of education. These funds are channelled back to each department, after it has submitted a wishlist of items it would like for the following year. In previous years, the FoPC has provided:

2012
• Junior School play equipment
• Slab roller – Founders Centre for Early Learning art room
• Junior School Library reading chair
• CD/DVD publishing system and video camera – Senior School Library
• Six sets of xylophones and Optimum drum circle – Music

2013
• Sewing machine – Creative Arts
• School marquees and umbrella
• Scoreboard – Physical Education department

“We can also voice general issues and concerns people bring to us, such as parking or uniforms, and parents are welcome to submit suggestions for events and fundraising,” President, Jo Rochow, said.

Strengthening relationships between staff and parents is a key goal, enabling mothers and fathers to become integral members of the School community.

FoPC is the team behind:
• February’s Parent Welcome Sundowner
• The annual Mother’s Day Luncheon
• November’s Christmas Carols/Community Markets

If you would like to become involved or contact FoPC, please call the Development Office on 9471 2124 or email development@pc.wa.edu.au.

The members of Friends of Perth College are a driving force behind the scenes at the School.

Treating our mums
Perth College mums were treated to a mouth-watering spread on Friday 10 May for FoPC’s annual Mother’s Day Luncheon.

Guest speakers included GirlPower founder, Dana Kerford, and Principal, Jenny Ethell, who spoke about their own childhoods as well as their experiences of motherhood.

“Mums do such a great job and often go unrewarded and unrecognised, so this event was a lovely way to make a fuss of our Perth College mothers for an afternoon,” Mrs Ethell said.

“What’s coming up in 2014
In addition to its regular events, the Friends of Perth College is adding new functions to its calendar next year. A family movie night and picnic in April will mark the end of Term One and allow students from across the Junior and Senior schools to mingle, while a parent evening is being planned for August.

Keep an eye on the Perth College website at www.perthcollege.wa.edu.au for information regarding these events:

Parent Welcome Sundowner
Sunday 2 February 2014

Christmas Carols
Sunday 23 November 2014

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Retirement beckons Registrar

Travel, volunteer work and sleeping in are on the agenda for long-serving Registrar, Helen Stephens, who has retired after 30 years at Perth College.

With a genuine affection for the role and the vibrant environment of the School, making the decision to leave was heart-wrenching.

"Telling Jenny Ethell I had decided to leave was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do," Mrs Stephens said.

"As the Registrar, I have really enjoyed meeting with parents who are so enthusiastic about their daughter's education and I’ve also loved seeing what our past students are doing now.

"I never had a day where I thought, ‘I do not want to go to work today’ – yet if someone had told me I'd be here for 30 years I would have told them that was rubbish!"

Mrs Stephens began working at Perth College in 1983 in the Accounts department, and took on the position of Registrar when incoming Principal, Judith Cottier, created the role and suggested it would suit her.

"When Judith arrived at Perth College, she had so many ideas for the School and such enthusiasm it was contagious, and exciting to be part of,” she said.

"After she retired, I thought it might be time to do the same but I worked well with Jenny Ethell so I stayed; I've got the greatest admiration for both of these women and the direction in which they have taken the School."

Married to Lloyd, with whom she has two children, Mrs Stephens looks forward to spending more time visiting her Dubai-based grandchildren, and tending to her home and garden.

Allison Pember, who has worked at Perth College for more than 20 years, including the last five as Dean of Co-Curricular, will take over as Registrar in Term Four.

"There have already been many occasions where I have been proud to act as the School’s ambassador, and I am keen to continue this representative aspect in the role of Registrar,” she said.

Survey shows School heading in right direction

The implementation of the InsideOut self-leadership programme and the School’s pursuit of academic excellence have been validated by the latest parent survey.

Nearly 900 people responded to the questionnaire issued in June, indicating an overall satisfaction rate with Perth College of 82 per cent.

A large proportion of parents answered that they valued the academic and co-curricular opportunities offered to each student and said their daughters were blossoming into confident young women with the help of InsideOut.

Outcomes from the last parent survey conducted in 2011 were similar to 2013 results. However, some respondents were specifically concerned about parent-teacher communication – an issue the Executive team is working to address.

More details will be provided through direct communication with parents to address the concerns raised.

Fetes through time - Trish Montgomery, Archivist

From the very early years when Perth College was located in West Perth, the annual Bazaar was a much-anticipated event, albeit combined with a degree of pomp and ceremony.

Often opened by dignitaries, in 1913 the Bazaar was enriched by the sale of artefacts from England and Colombo courtesy of Sister Vera, together with a delicious tea in dining room and ice cream and lemonade on the verandah.

In 1915, Mr and Mrs Lawson offered their home and grounds, with views of the Swan River, to conduct the Bazaar. An abundance of sweet peas from their garden was picked and sold to augment the sales from the event. Girl Guides met guests at the gate prior to enjoying the special day which included a Punch and Judy show and devoting sweets from the Old Girls’ Association stall.

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Announcement of guests being able to catch the new Inglewood tram from the Town Hall to the PC door!

Despite the intrigue of those bygone days, there are many parallels from the Bazaars of that time to the current triennial Fete.

The proceeds of every Fete or Fete have been designated to a worthwhile cause. In 1921, £198 was distributed by way of £160 to the Parkerville Children’s Home, £26 on warm military blankets for children and the remaining £12 to take children to the seaside after an illness.

Proceeds from the 1934 Bazaar went towards the swimming pool and in 1953 to the construction of changerooms at the sports field, not unlike the Fete of 2013, after which the changerooms near the pool will be upgraded.

According to the Principal’s Report of 1950, mention was made of a ‘fete’ rather than a Bazaar, however still held on an annual basis. Through the 1960s, the Parents’ and Friends’ Association managed the fetes while still channeling the profits into school-based projects.

Has time changed the order of the day? In some cases, yes – a Bazaar to Fete, annual to triennial, exponential increase in size and money raised and perhaps the introduction of the funky hair, face painting, fingernail painting and temporary tattoo stalls as opposed to more genteel pursuits. However, the similarities abound – the same purpose and traditional stalls.

In 1934 there was a haunted house novelty event, just as there will be in 2013. The combined efforts of students, staff, parents, Old Girls and the community, all coming together for the purpose of ‘fun’ raising to upgrade facilities while fostering collegiality, has remained unchanged.

Extract from Myola, March 1934

The major proceeds of our Bazaar was devoted to the improvement of the swimming pool, and it can now be filled and emptied in a very short time, so that the water can be frequently changed.

Myola, February 1933

Besides the principal stalls, there were various side shows. Miss Mills borrowed a sweet little pony called Bessie, who let round indefatigably whilst various little homens and women enjoyed a 1d. or 2d. ride.

Myola, Christmas 1919

There in the transformed cloak-room under the capable control of Sister Rosalie and Mademoiselle were oranges of truly colossal dimensions, eggs, unmentionable, green vegetables, and tumips, while the aspect of the new potatoes, etc., filled the housewives with envy.
Based on the book by E.B. White

Charlotte's Web

Adapted for stage by Joseph Robinette

Judith Cottier Theatre

20 to 22 November 2013, 7.00 pm

Bookings: 9471 2100 or www.perthcollege.wa.edu.au

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