From the Old Saints’ President
Michael McPhail

Welcome to the seventh edition of the Old Saints’ Newsletter - April 2015

2015 has started well for the Old Saints. We are delighted to have partnered with the College to bring Jessica Watson, the youngest person to sail solo and unassisted around the world, to the 2015 Storylines Literature Festival. Jessica was able to tell her amazing story to fascinated students from schools across Perth at the annual two-day event held in March. The festival culminated on the Friday evening with Pasar Malam, where Old Saints connected with the College community, enjoying all the fun of the fair with a dunk tank stall. Twelve willing teaching staff, including Principal, Belinda Provis, were well and truly dunked by enthusiastic students (and some parents)!

The 2015 Old Saints’ Committee welcomes two new members to executive positions with Liam Donaldson (2013) taking on the role of Vice-President and Mark Balding (1988) as Treasurer. I would like to thank both Karyn Osmetti (2006) and Simon Stone (1985) for their dedication and commitment as the past Junior Vice-President and Treasurer. We appreciate their continued support on the Committee and for Old Saints in general.

The College celebrates its 35th Year in 2015 with a very special event, Carnivale, on Saturday, 16 May at 7.00pm in the Drill Hall, Notre Dame University, Fremantle. All Old Saints are encouraged to get a group together and join in the celebrations. Details can be found on the back page of this Dovetails, along with information regarding other events during the year.

Congratulations to the Class of 2014 on their outstanding results and a warm welcome to the Old Saints! We hope you will remain connected to the College and look forward to hearing your stories (via your Class of 2014 Facebook page or email).
2014 Old Saints, Duncan Glogowski-Watson and Joshua Nicholls, were amongst a select group of rising stars chosen to perform in the annual Performing Arts Perspectives on Thursday, 12 and Friday, 13 March at His Majesty’s Theatre in Perth. The top 12 students in the state performed selected pieces from the WACE practical examinations 2014.

Duncan (left) was delighted. “I’m honoured to have been selected to participate in the Performing Arts Perspectives. It’s a great opportunity to showcase what I have spent so much time working on over the past year and to be able to perform my work with so many other wonderful pieces is an unforgettable experience. My Original Solo dance piece is a deconstruction of the properties and dynamics of water in its three states of matter – solid, liquid and gas. The strength and control of solid, the fluidity and tranquillity of liquid and the weightlessness and free-spirited nature of gas,” he said. Duncan is studying Health Science at Curtin University.

Joshua’s performance, My Drama, a scripted monologue, is from the play Amadeus by Peter Shaffer, and shows the life of an eccentric Mozart trying to convince the Venetian aristocracy that opera holds an important place in society. “I’m so thrilled and honoured to have been chosen for this event, and I’d like to thank Mr Roberts and all the Performing Arts staff for guiding me up to this point. I encourage all Performing Arts students to achieve excellence in their WACE Examinations so that they may be selected for an event as exciting as this,” he said. Joshua is delighted to have been accepted to WAAPA to study Jazz Guitar.

Amy Meacham (2014) and College Art Teacher, Louise Elscot, attended the launch of the 2015 Year 12 Perspectives Art Exhibition to view Amy’s work The Real World.

Year 12 Perspectives is a celebration of the talented graduating high school artists in the state. It is held at the Art Gallery of Western Australia and is open until Monday, 1 June. There is a People’s Choice Award with the winning student receiving a $500 voucher to purchase art supplies.

We encourage you to visit the exhibition and to vote for Amy’s work online: www.artgallery.wa.gov.au
ZACHARY CAUDO RECEIVES THE 2014 YOUNG SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Zachary Caudo (2003) was named Young South Australian of the Year 2014 for his work in regional community business, charity work delivering food to the underprivileged, along with tourism and events.

Zac is living and working on the family farm which grows citrus and grapes in Waikerie, South Australia and is a great representative and ambassador for the Riverland. He introduced the South Australian True Grit event to Waikerie in 2013 generating a great deal of interest in the Riverland as a major event which brought nearly 9,000 visitors to the region.

The Foodbank SA program is close to Zac’s heart and he donates between 5 -10 tonnes of fruit a week to schools, the less fortunate and also incorporates training for unemployed people to gain experience in picking and packing fruit.

Spearheading the family’s Caudo Vineyards, he is delighted to have recently opened a cellar door on the Murray River, offering people the unique experience of being able to pull up on the river and sample some local produce, wine or enjoy a vineyard tour. Zac is also a very generous sponsor, assisting Waikerie and Cadell district sporting clubs, community groups, and primary and senior schools with donations to support their fundraising activities.

With his incredible passion, enthusiasm and desire to help others, it comes as no surprise that he was presented with this prestigious award.

OLD SAINT RECIPIENT OF PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Old Saint, Jonathan Tjandra (2014), for being one of two West Australians to receive a prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship to attend Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra.

Jonathan began his vertical double degree in a Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics combined with a Juris Doctor at ANU this year. For the duration of his degree, Jonathan will receive a scholarship of $22,000 per annum from the Graham and Louise Tuckwell Foundation, which will assist his studies and ongoing academic and career mentoring.

He said the main reason he applied for the scholarship was because it would provide him with an opportunity to give back to Australia and the community.

He credits his education at All Saints’ for providing him with the optimal environment for growth and with fantastic opportunities to serve in the wider community. “I believe that one of the best gifts I have ever received was my parents sending me to All Saints”, he said.

With an interest in many fields, Jonathan is still undecided about where his life and career will take him post-university, but we are certain that it will be on a path to success.
AMY FISHER REBUILD HOUSE AFTER 2014 BUSHFIRES

Amy Fisher (2006) was on holiday in Melbourne with her partner, Anton, when she received the devastating news that their Stoneville home had turned to ashes in the bushfires that ravaged through parts of the Shire of Mundaring and destroyed 56 homes in one day last January.

The past year had many challenges but the support of family, friends and community gave them the courage and determination to rebuild and start again. Amy and Anton rented a cottage from a retired couple in Mt Helena which used to be run as a bed and breakfast. The landlord generously took all the furniture out of storage and put it back in the house after hearing their story.

Amy feels they have been very lucky as it meant they could save the insurance money and use it to buy furniture for their new home which is nearly finished.

And, not only is 2015 about completing the house, it will be eclipsed by their wedding in September.

CHANTEL GREEN WINS COVERTED MUAY THAI BOXING TITLE

Congratulations to Chantel Green (1993) who defeated Bangkok’s Namuanghchan to claim the State Light Flyweight Muay Thai Title at the Thunderdrome 1X Metro City, Perth in December 2014.

The fight went the distance and Chantel was the dominant force in the five, two-minute rounds. Namuanghchan, a professional boxer, has won 15 Muay Thai fights and fought more than 60, winning five times on knock out compared to Chantel, who was fighting in just her eighth competition.

Chantel owns The True Grit Thai Boxing Club in Mandurah and is encouraging youngsters in the sport by organising the first ever junior only Muay Thai fight show in Western Australia. The non-profit event will feature competitors aged between 12 and 17 from 14 WA gyms and will feature 13 fights.
DO YOU STILL HAVE YOUR YEAR 12 RETREAT MASK?

The Year 12 Retreat has many traditions since it started in 1987 and none more so than decorating a mask! The students always appreciate Old Saints popping in to retreat and it was a pleasure to welcome Michael Guthrie (2006), Luke Sexton (2006) and Brad Thomas (2007) to this year’s retreat in January. Each of them went to a different camp and talked of their experiences since leaving the College, before enjoying a dinner where students dressed up as their alter-ego.

Michael is a Health and Physical Education teacher at Atwell College and currently the coordinator of the Rugby League Enrichment Program – an elite sporting program for boys who enjoy their sport, and includes players from all sporting codes. “I am coaching many representative teams, including WA U15s who have been very successful in the last two years. This helps me with my own game – I’m still playing for South Perth Lions and enjoy playing touch rugby during the summer. I catch up regularly with many of the mates I made at All Saints’ and we still talk about the great times we had back then,” he said.

Luke enjoyed telling the students how career paths and direction may change over time. His Year 12 results left him choosing between two very different paths, Nursing or Surveying. He chose Surveying as his family members are all in the mining and minerals field, but realised after 12 months that he was not enjoying it. He changed direction and went into Nursing and found he had a passion for medicine. We wish Luke well as he pursues his aspiration to be accepted into medical school this year.

Brad (right) told the students how much the dedicated All Saints’ teachers inspired him to work hard to achieve his goals. He extended his gratitude to three particular teachers – Carolyn Bendotti, Peter Gault and Lyndon Smith - and felt that without their support and influence through Years 11 and 12, he highly doubts he would be in the position he is today. Having recently completed a Bachelor of Civil & Construction Engineering at Curtin University, he is currently working as a Site Manager at the Logue Brook Dam Spillway Remediation Works in Harvey. He looks forward to the future and told the Year 12s to work hard and not to underestimate their ability to achieve their goal.
SUPPORTING OUR OLD SAINTS

At All Saints’ College, we understand finding work once you have left school isn’t always easy and we are proud to support our former students in any whatever way we can. In Term 1 this year, 2014 leavers Kelsey Trench and Jaslyn Wee (above) and Xin Jie Tan, received free barista training in our Wanju Café. And in the Technology Support Centre, Edward Yoo (2013), Aaron Musgrave (2013), Xin Tan, Brandon Loo (2011) (above right), as well as Christopher-Jack Andrew, James Drane, Nick Dumas, Daniel Lambert (all 2014) and Emma Thackwray (2013), worked during the holidays to ensure our students’ tablet computers were set up before the start of the academic year.

CLASS OF 2014 UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The UWA Fogarty Scholarship Program is one of the most prestigious in Australia, providing financial assistance for an entire undergraduate course and offering students a world class leadership program. UWA offers up to four regional and 10 city scholarships each year and we are delighted that two members of the Class of 2014 were awarded scholarships. Congratulations to College Dux, Benjamin Chia, and to Theodore Kenworthy-Groen. Theodore (left) is studying a Bachelor of Science and Ben (right) is undertaking a Bachelor of Philosophy (Honours) majoring in Physics and Pharmacology.

Curtin University offered merit-based scholarships to the following Class of 2014 students: Nicholas Dumas (Curtin Excellence Scholarship and Principal’s Recommendation Award), Daniel Lambert (Curtin Excellence Scholarship), Angus Lawrie (Principal’s Recommendation Award), Andre Tabuteau (CBS Innovation Scholarship).

CREATIVE OLD SAINT – A PUBLIC RELATIONS ENTREPRENEUR

Holly Hands (2001) often wakes up at 3am with her mind full of creative ideas or solutions to problems. As her most productive hours aren’t necessarily between 9am to 5pm, she liked the idea of choosing her own working hours and being her own boss. With nothing to lose and a clear vision of what she wanted, Holly founded the boutique PR/Marketing agency 3am Thoughts in 2011. Through her hard work and determination, the company has grown into a well-respected agency in Perth. She couldn’t have done this without the support of her family and husband, who she refers to as her “cheer squad”. Holly’s advice to Old Saints considering the same path is to make sure you love what you do, because that will shine through your business. “Don’t be afraid or held back by fear. I’ve learnt that it is never as bad as it seems,” she said. In her spare time, Holly enjoys spending time with friends and family, as well as being active outdoors. She also finds doing yoga several times a week is the perfect way to balance out the fast-paced industry in which she works. For the future, Holly hopes 3am Thoughts will expand into a bigger agency and be able to take on more clients and staff, and in terms of her personal life, she would like to have a family of her own. For more information about 3am Thoughts, visit 3amthoughts.com.au
Amy Venturini (née Underwood 2006)

When Amy was introduced to James at a party, she never dreamt that seven years later he would be proposing to her on a deserted Abrolhos island. On Saturday, 14 February 2015, they were married at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, Perth, surrounded by 120 family and friends from as far away as Canada, Dubai, Norway and Sydney. The simple, elegant and traditional style wedding was attended by Old Saints, Courtney Wyatt, Stephanie Miller, Shannon Hoad and Briannan Dean. Courtney and Stephanie were part of the Bridal Party.

Laura Lamb (née Walkemeyer 2010)

Laura met Thomas Lamb in youth group at church and have been best friends since that day. The arrival of Seth Wesley Lamb, on 1 August 2014, was only enhanced by their marriage on 22 November 2014 at St Nicholas Anglican Church in Floreat, followed by a reception at the Rendezvous Grand Hotel. Tom is enjoying being a full time father at the moment while Laura finishes her final internship in Early Childhood Education at Curtin University. Tom will be starting uni when Laura graduates in the middle of this year to study education.

Courtney Alexander (née Wyatt 2006)

Courtney was walking along Avalon Beach collecting shells for her new dining table centre piece when something shiny twinkled in the sand and leant down to pick it up. She turned around and Zak popped the question. After three years together Courtney and Zak were married on 30 November 2014, on Avalon Beach, followed by a reception on the canals at Mandurah. With a theme of ‘vintage glam’ they were surround by 100 family and friends including Old Saints, Jasmine Duthie, Nikki Fletcher, Shannon Hoad and Amy Underwood.
CLASS OF 2010 – 5 YEAR REUNION

On Friday, 13 February 2015 over 40 former students attended their 5 Year Reunion at The Causeway Bar in Victoria Park. They enjoyed catching up with their former teachers, Tim and Janet Brown, Peter Gault, Greg Hill, Grace Itzstein, Matt Lanigan and Alan Wolfe.

Thank you to all those who attended:

Elsie Ascoli, Shannon Beattie, Abbie Bezant, Louise Biggs, John Blaxill, Ellen Bwye, Abigail Bygrave, Jackson Chapman, Samantha Churchill, Fabian Dalitz, Nick Dangen, Samantha Denford, Belinda Farich, Callum Franey, Caleb Gorton, Evan Gow, Daniel Green, Shanon Ha, Laura Halden, Mike Halliday, Ethan Hamilton, Alex Hayes, Elizabeth Hill, Anna Hitomi, Laura Holmes, Ben Jansen, Vaughan Jameson, Natasha Kayser, Amy Kirke, Emily Lambert, Casey Lewis, Melissa Liu, Sarah Maisey, Athina Mallis, Tessa Maroni, Michael Millett, Rufus Morse, Mickey Nielsen, Carla Padbury, Chris Sinclair, Mackenzie Thompson, Jessica Thomson, Emma Jade West and Ian Wilson.
The Class of 2005 met at the Tradewinds Hotel, East Fremantle, for their 10 Year Reunion on Friday, 20 March 2014. Jason Zaurs, Head of Outdoor Learning, enjoyed touching base with 30 former students and reminiscing about sailing classes out by Garden Island.

Thank you to all those who attended:

IN MEMORIAM

Kate Anna Williams (2004)

Kate lived life to the full. She was passionate about life, about her friendships, about what she believed in. She loved football, New York City, animals, Bruce Springsteen and was a huge supporter of local music.

Kate graduated in an Advanced Diploma in Art Design at Central TAFE. She had several solo and joint exhibitions and curated many shows. Her work regularly appeared as part of On William in Northbridge, as CD cover art and as part of collections. During November each year she organised an art exhibition, the proceeds of which went to SAFE – Save Animals From Euthanasia. This exhibition, held in late July, will continue in her name.

Her love of politics (started in Mr Brown’s classes) saw her work with local candidates during their campaigns. She was an advocate of making sure young people registered to vote, got involved and exercised their right to do so. Kate worked on the City of Melville Youth Advisory Council, was a member of the Multicultural Committee and was part of a National Advisory Committee on mental health as well as being the State representative for Headspace. Kate was the WA Youth Week representative two years running.

Kate was an accomplished writer. As well as her blogs, Kate’s short stories have been published in such magazines as Voiceworks, Cottonmouth and Frankie to name a few. Kate was also editor of DOTDOTDASH, a magazine for new writing. She had spoken at Emerging Writers Festivals interstate and was also a regular performer at Spoken Word events around Perth.

Kate lost her 18 month battle with cancer at the end of January this year. She will be missed.

Fritha Mary Eugenie Herd (née Verma 1993)
18 March 1976 – 4 October 2014

Fritha had a presence that filled a room. Her laugh was infectious, as was her sense of fun. She was everyone’s friend.

After leaving All Saints’, Fritha studied Economics at UWA and at 21 left Perth to explore the world. She made a life in London and then New York, excelling at her career in banking before finally settling in London with Paul. With much excitement, Fritha and Paul announced that they were expecting a baby and it was shortly after this in January 2012 that Fritha received the tragic diagnosis of “cancer of unknown primary”. This particular variety impacts only one in a million people each year, with a life expectancy of just six months. Fritha fought the bravest fight, beating the disease twice and delivering a beautiful healthy baby girl, Ava-Grace Herd on 11 April 2012. Sadly, after battling the cancer for nearly three years, Fritha lost her courageous battle.

Fritha frequently returned to Perth and constantly kept in touch with her school friends. A Memorial Service held at the College Chapel on Saturday, 20 December 2014 was attended by over 100 people with many former students and staff paying tribute and celebrating her inspirational life.
ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR AT PASAR MALAM

When two Old Saints’, Tim Russell (1990) and Adam Goor (2007) returned to All Saints’ as staff members this year they did not realise being dunked by students was part of the deal! The Old Saints participated in the annual ASC Pasar Malam event held in March, and had great fun with the dunk tank at their stall. Supporting the Ethan Davies Scholarship for brain cancer research in children, staff enthusiastically lined up to get a soaking. Old Saints, Tim and Adam, as well as Erin Kerr (2003) were part of the action. We are delighted that Tim has returned to the College in the role of Head of Service Learning and Adam as a Science teacher. Committee members were only too happy to host the fun with Liam Donaldson (2013) on the microphone, Sonia Johnson (née Reed 1985) selling tennis balls and Aaron Musgrave (2013) ensuring the lighting and sound effects equipment could not go wrong!
SAVE THE DATE!

CARNIVALE
35th Year Celebration
Saturday, 16 May 2015
7.00pm to Midnight

ASC CAREER EXPO
Tuesday, 4 August 2015
6.30pm to 8.30pm

HERITAGE WEEK
Old Saints v Students Sports Event
Friday, 14 August 2015
4.30pm to 6.30pm

BEER, BUBBLES & BITES
Back to All Saints’ for Old Saints!
Saturday, 31 October 2015
6.00pm to 10.00pm

Recently married? Started a family? Graduated from university or travelling the world? Whatever you are up to we’d love to hear from you.
Email the Alumni & Promotions Officer: mary.thornton@allsaints.wa.edu.au

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(Class of 2000)
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Friday, 5 June 2015

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(Class of 1990)
Friday, 4 September 2015

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(Class of 1985 - Foundation Class)
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