Since the last edition of DoveTails in April, the Old Saints have been delighted to support the College community in a number of ways. The Old Saints partnered with Grace Ittzer, ASC Careers Counsellor, by assisting at the College’s careers expo. Each year this event gets bigger and better, and this year was no exception, with two Old Saints even bringing a motor racing car and an ambulance along! The success of this event followed on to celebrating Heritage Week, with three sausage sizzles hosted by the Old Saints. During the week over 700 sausages were flipped by our enthusiastic committee members for the students. This celebration culminated in a great alumni versus students sport event which included games of basketball, netball and soccer. The Old Saints sponsored prizes in the Kindergarten to Year 6 art competition which had the very thought-provoking theme - What is the most important quality in a school leader? The students’ entries were outstanding and demonstrated that we can look forward to some outstanding leaders in the future.

I hope to see many of you at Beer, Bubbles & Bites, on Saturday, 31 October, which is a free event. Last year it was a wonderful evening and I hope you will enjoy returning to ASC, seeing the new College buildings, networking with other Old Saints and reacquainting with old school friends. There will be a full serviced bar available and we are also excited to have the annual Art, Design & Technologies Exhibition on display and live music from The Two Cent Professionals (featuring some Old Saints). Partnerships between the Old Saints and the College provide opportunities and enhance our community, engage the students and make a positive difference in uniting the College with the Old Saints.

Michael McPhail (2012)
Old Saints’ President

From the Old Saints’ President


Special thanks to the enthusiastic members who travelled a few extra miles to attend: Ryan from Dubai, Pippa from Brisbane, Jamie from Pike’s South Wales and Matthew from Singapore.

Class of 1995 – 20 Year Reunion

On Friday, 5 June 2015 over 35 former students attended their 20 Year Reunion at The Tradewinds Hotel, East Fremantle.
Old Saints versus Students Sports Event - a huge success

The 2015 Heritage Week culminated in a wonderful alumni versus students sport event on Friday, 14 August.

This year three sports were played simultaneously in the Indoor Sports Centre and on the College Oval – Netball, Basketball and Soccer. The students won the inaugural shield in 2014 and the Old Saints were keen to have the upper hand this year to win the shield back. The games were fun, yet competitive and finished in a draw which was a great reflection of the talent and consistency of both groups. The students defeated the Old Saints in Netball 19-18. After four quarters of Basketball, the score was tied 36-36 and in the Soccer match, the Old Saints won in a penalty shoot-out after scores were tied at the end of regular time.

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Our Former College Principals

Dr Eric Speed 1980 - 1987
Dr Geoffrey Shaw 2003 - 2011
Mr Anthony London 1987 - 2000
Rev Peter Laurence 2000 - 2002

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ASC Vision - Making a positive difference in the world

Renata recently gained valuable experience from working on a community project run by Curtin University’s John Curtin Leadership Academy (JCLA). Her group project was for the north Perth organisation, Rain, which supports people with disability, mental health, aged care, carers and youth. The group helped develop a community kitchen in Kalamunda to provide meaningful activities for those that need support and also for the general public. The scope of the project was to develop a business plan, consult the community and help with the marketing promotion. Renata says “I am delighted to have been selected as a mentee for the program next semester and proud to know that we could be making such a positive difference within the community.”

Vikki has been involved in a JCLA group project with St Brannick’s, a transitional home for the homeless in East Perth, providing training, meals and a place to live while preparing for their ability to become independent again. ‘Vikki’s project was to create a new courtyard garden for the home, discuss with residents what they would like in the garden, design the courtyard, seek St Brannick’s approval and carry out the physical work themselves, and remain within the designated budget. ‘Vikki says “The experience was both eye-opening and rewarding. It taught us valuable skills. History residents were skilled craftsmen who taught us the basics of woodworking, brickwork and art.”

Bruce started helping with delivering food for the Leeming Food Hampers 13 years ago. Bruce helps for three hours every few months and says; “It’s a big ask to want to help the homeless in crisis and in need of food urgently. The quality and quantity of food has improved a lot in recent years and the help from the All Saints’ students means we are not having to do the packing as well as the driving anymore. We greatly appreciate their involvement.”

Donations are received from St Brannick’s, West and the Perth Anglican Diocese to purchase food, and food donations are received from parishes, the College community and Freo Rotary clubs. It is a weekend Emergency Food Service delivering every Saturday to an average of 16-18 families, south of the river. Although operated by The Parish of Bull Creek Leeming, it involves volunteers from several Parishes, the College and the general community.

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We’d love to hear from you

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 and share details of your career, life and photographs.


Renata De Azevedo (2013)

Vikki Brown (1989)

Bruce Lee (1996)

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Careers Expo a resounding success

The 2015 Careers Expo was well supported by 23 Old Saints who chatted with Year 10 students about their chosen career path in a relaxed and informal setting.

Each year, current students comment how rewarding it is to talk to Old Saints who provide honest, down-to-earth, facts about their various careers – not just the ultimate rewards, but the pitfalls and diversions they may have experienced along their career journey.

ASC Careers Counsellor, Grace Itzstein, is most appreciative to the many Old Saints who so generously give up their evening to help students gain a better understanding of the wide selection of career choices available. The knowledge they share with current students is invaluable.

Various career avenues were represented:

- Veterinary Science - Kathy Tidmarsh (1990) veterinary science student,, Brenda Gurr (née Palmer) (1989) GAMSAT in his second and third years of his undergraduate degree. Jordan waits to hear if he is successful in being accepted for 2016.

Speaker’s Corner at ASC

Matt Carraw (2008) top left talked of his pathway to becoming a law graduate at Jackson McDonald.

Brenda Gurr (née Palmer) (1989) After leaving school, Brenda completed her studies in English and Education and then worked for an editing and book review programme. Brenda is now a freelance writer and editor, with several fiction and non-fiction books for children published. Her latest book is Australia and World War 1, published with User Friendly Resources. As a winner of the Institute of Professional Editors’ 2014 Essay Prize, Brenda spoke at the 2015 Australian Conference for Editors, Indexers and Publishing Professionals in Canberra. She lives outside Melbourne with her husband Michael Gurn (1986) and their two sons.

Brad Franklin (2006) centre left works for BP Billiton and spoke to students about his double degree (old system) at UWA in engineering and law. Brad explained the importance of networking, obtaining as much work experience as possible and volunteering time towards uni activities.

Jordan Korol (2012) bottom left told of his aim to study Graduate Medicine at UWA. Students heard how he prepared for the UWA while still at school and the challenges he faced and third year of his undergraduate degree. Jordan waits to hear if he is successful in being accepted for 2016.

George Taylor (2009) spoke of his passion for Occupational Therapy and how diversified the career options are in this profession. George encouraged students to travel abroad as much as possible and to consider living overseas on the Study Abroad program that universities offer.

Thank you to: Jaslyn Wee, Thea Wong, James Clifford, Daniel Lambert, Andre Tabuteau, Benjamin Chip, Joshua Nicholas and Dazia Beaks for returning to ASC and advising the current Year 12 students on study techniques for their upcoming exams.

Authors - we’d love to hear from you!

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Shannon Beattie (2010)

Congratulations to Shannon Beattie who was recently awarded the Channel 7 Best News Prize. This prize is awarded to an undergraduate studying Journalism at Murdoch University and achieves the highest results in a Video Journalism unit. The award was presented to Shannon by Channel 7 News Director, Howard Gretton, at the Governance Award Ceremony in April.

Deborah Tsai (2011)

Deborah competed in the Australian Synchronized Swimming Team at the World Championships in July. They beat New Zealand to become the top team in the Oceania region which qualifies them to compete in the 2016 Olympics. Out of the 12 team members in the National squad only nine will be selected to go to the Olympics. We wish Deborah the best of luck while she waits for the final team to be officially selected.

Zac James (2007)

Zac studied at Waapa and made his acting debut in a TV series, 8mmm. 8mmm aired on ABC this year about an Aboriginal-owned and run radio station in Alice Springs and took a satirical look at the trials and tribulations of the main characters and some of the issues facing Indigenous Australia. Zac has also written and performed in a number of creative pieces for Yirra Yaakin theatre company and appeared in Songbird at the Blue Room Theatre in 2008. Zac will soon start filming his next TV series, Scaredy Blaks, which is a horror comedy. In his spare time, Zac has been touring through communities around Australia facilitating workshops about safe sex, drug abuse, poetry, writing and music.

Sarah Zel Chescoe (1991)

Sarah launched her self-labelled jewellery, leather and homewares collection, Sarah Zel Chescoe, four years ago. Sarah was inspired to create a range of symbolic silver jewellery and works with a silversmith in Ubud to bring her designs to fruition. The collection has recently introduced leather bags, clutches and homewares with new designs across the range including ‘Urban Nomad’ bags in soft leather, animal print ‘Collage’ clutches and ‘Amazonian’ embossed leather wallets. After completing a Bachelor of Visual Arts with Honours and a Graduate Diploma of Education from Curtin University, Sarah taught Visual Arts in Perth’s leading private schools including All Saints’ from 1999 – 2001.

If you would like to win one of Sarah’s pieces, book your ticket for Beer, Bubbles & Bites and RSVP by Monday, 19 October 2015 to go into the draw!

BEER, BUBBLES & BITES

Back to All Saints’ for Old Saints!

Date: Saturday, 31 October 2015
Time: 6.00pm - 10.00pm
Venue: Centre for Performing Arts All Saints’ College
Tickets: This is a FREE EVENT! Please RSVP for catering purposes by Monday, 19 October

All former students and staff (over 10 years’ service) welcome!

• Entertainment from The Two Cent Professionals
• Art, Design & Technologies’ Exhibition on display
• Moonlight Campus Tour
• Heritage Display
• Bar and canapés
• Beer, wine, champagne - $5.00 a glass

Where are they now?