



# SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL

## “We Always Aspire to a Pathway to Success”



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### From the Principal



Each year we have much to celebrate, and 2004 was certainly no exception. In barely 10 years Salisbury High School has become arguably the highest profile secondary school in the State, and for all the best reasons.

There were many highlights in 2004, including a visit from the Governor's Leadership Foundation in August whose members were very impressed with staff and students, while once again The Australian newspaper has determined that we are one of Australia's best schools, naming us for our "Excellence In Learning and Teaching in Science".

Salisbury High was selected as part of the 2nd Boys' Lighthouse Education project worth up to \$100,000, one of 5 schools in South Australia.

We were successful in taking out the Bronze Award against 30 businesses in the Australian Business Awards.

Members of the staff have been asked to present nationally in many areas and we were selected to participate in a Federal Government study to determine what attributes make a high demand Government school.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Reconciliation Youth Ambassadors' Ball was a huge success and again the Guest of Honour was Dr. Brendan Nelson, Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training. The ongoing success of the Ball, now the main event of South Australia's Reconciliation Week has also given rise to other reconciliation activities in which we are involved. Information about the 2005 Ball is elsewhere in this newsletter.

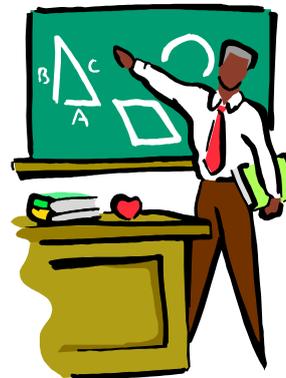
Our achievements go on and on, but we know that we cannot be complacent and realise that maintaining this level of high-performance, especially in a school of such a diverse population, requires dedicated staff, willing students and supportive parents and caregivers. Salisbury High School is indeed fortunate that it has them all.

May I extend my sincere best wishes to you and thank you, as past students, for your continued interest in Salisbury High School.

**Helen Paphitis - Principal**

### Invitation to attend Open Day – 22<sup>nd</sup> May

You may be interested to know that on **Sunday 22nd May** we are having our Open Day from 1.00 pm to 4.00pm. Staff and students will be here showing visitors our facilities and curriculum programs. There will be information sessions and tours for Year 7 parents and families.



We invite Old Scholars to attend our Open Day to catch up on our school news as well as on old school mates.

If there are other events Old Scholars want to organize please contact Cheryl or Dorothy on 8182 0200.

#### Information sessions

1pm and 2pm

#### Tours

1.45pm and 2.45pm

Looking forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Cheryl on 8182 0200, fax 8180 2001 or email [cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au](mailto:cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au) if you are able to join us.

**Helen Paphitis - Principal**

### Wanted - Yearbooks

Have you a copy of any of the following Salisbury High School's Yearbooks



1961	1965
1975	1976
1977	1978

Please contact Cheryl or Dorothy Westell if you have a copy we could borrow to photocopy.

We will pay for postage and ensure the books safe return.

## A note from our Patron

The first old scholars' newsletter for 2005 sees the year racing. Salisbury High School has been very enterprising in its endeavors to maintain a high level of service and recognition to benefit the current student population.

The school will again be celebrating Reconciliation Week with the 5<sup>th</sup> Reconciliation Youth Ambassadors' Ball on 4<sup>th</sup> June at the Convention Centre. The keynote speaker will be Federal Minister of Education, Science and Training, Dr Brendan Nelson. His first official function as a Federal Minister was to attend Salisbury High's Speech Day and, since then, Dr Nelson has involved himself with the impressive work done by Salisbury High School's staff and students. It is a feather in Salisbury High School's cap to have this recognition and old scholars can help sponsor a student to attend the Ball as a youth ambassador.

Speech Day too is another important event in Salisbury High School's yearly calendar. It gave me great pleasure to see so many more old scholars at the last Speech Day held at the end of 2004. It was wonderful that more old scholars have provided prizes for the students and I would like to encourage all old scholars to consider sponsoring a small prize for the current student population who would really benefit from your encouragement.

The school is doing remarkable things and in the age of the internet, the school and its students always need to update resources. If any old scholars are business owners, why not consider providing your old school with products and services.

Please also consider donating support to our profiled old scholar, John Bergamin, in his attempt to become the first person to fly an ultra-light aircraft across Gulf St Vincent in May 2006. He is raising funds to support the Queen Elizabeth Hospital's Haematology and Oncology Research Unit. I'll keep you posted on his progress in future editions.

I would like to acknowledge the passing of my school friend, Gavin Hancock, of Salisbury North who died on 19 February 2005, aged 41. He attended Salisbury High between 1976 and 1979 and whilst at school, he lived in Belinda Crescent, Salisbury North. His older sister, Tanya, is also an old scholar. Condolences to his family.

I am always looking for old scholars to write about so feel free to phone me. Give me your story about your time at Salisbury High and beyond. My number is 8373 3766. I can't keep profiling old scholar members of my family!

I close with a request. I would like to get in touch with Grant Wellington who attended Salisbury High between 1976 and 1979. His older sister Joanne was also a student at the time. He was last thought to be working as a helicopter pilot in the Northern Territory. Does anybody know his whereabouts?

**Richard Maurovic 8373 3766**

## Speech Day thanks

A special thank you to the following Old Scholars who support our Speech Day each year.

Many of these wonderful past students have been donating and presenting their Award as well as attending the day for over five years.

Delwyn Ayling  
Jeffery Baden  
Guiseppe Caretti  
John DeMeo  
Dorothy Griggs  
Steve Hore  
Rick Maurovic  
Duncan McFetridge  
Janice Vidovich  
Heather Wehr  
Jennifer White



Jeffery Baden is currently working and living in America while Jennifer White is living in New South Wales. Duncan McFetridge was also a Guest Speaker at our last Speech Day.

Each year the school seeks sponsors to donate scholarships and prizes from \$10 onwards. **You can nominate any category** ie Art, English, Language, Sport, Home Economics, Most Improved Student etc. Many sponsors like to personally present the awards at Speech Day, which this year will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2005.

If you would like to be involved either as a sponsor or Guest Speaker please contact Cheryl Bermingham for further details.

## History of Salisbury

If you have any interesting information or articles re the history of Salisbury and Salisbury North Teresda O'Grady at the Len Beadell Library at Salisbury – 8406 8283 would love to hear from you.

## Articles needed

Do you have any news about yourself which may be of interest to others?

If so, we would love to hear from you so the information can be included in a future edition of the Old Scholars' newsletter.

Please post to Cheryl Bermingham or email [cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au](mailto:cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au)

## Where they are now!

### MRS MCFARLANE

Headmistress around 1973 to 1974). Sonia Diamond would like any information. She can be contacted on 8337 8435.

### PATRICIA HOLCROFT

Dorothy Griggs would like to make contact. If you know the whereabouts of Patricia please contact Cheryl on 8182 0200.

### ADAM FITZGERALD

Adam graduated from Salisbury High School in 1996 and over the years has maintained a keen interest in the progress and successes of Salisbury High School.

Since completing his SACE in 1966, he undertook a Bachelor of Arts completing it in 1999 before undertaking and completing a Graduate Diploma in Education in 2000.

Now a teacher he has caught up with several of his teachers, Adrian Flynn at a First Aid Course and Peter Dodd when he was teaching at Reynella East High School.

Adam has taught at Downs Area School, Reynella East High School, Kurna Plains and Smithfield Plains.

Outside of teaching he is a football umpire and currently umpires with the SANFL Umpire's Academy where he is in regular contact with Tony Dey (another Old Scholar of this school).

### JOHN BERGAMIN

Born 10 November 1946 - went to Virginia Primary School and Salisbury High School 1960-61-62.

The son of Virginia farmers, John Bergamin travelled to Salisbury High School by train each day. He rode his bike to a stopping place on the railway near his home and alighted at a stopping place called '13 miles 38 chains' on Langford Terrace near the Salisbury High School. He later had an old, unregistered Ford Freighter traytop that he used to drive to the train each day. John recalled, 'on the way home, I used to jump off the train, throw my bag in the back of the truck and race the train home. All the kids used to wave from the train's windows as it made its way to Two Wells.'

His teachers were: Mr Dyer (Home teacher), Mr Darwin (Woodwork), Mrs Silvester (English) and Mr Haines (Headmaster). Mr McGee (Maths) was another teacher; he had a heavy Scottish accent and was known by all the students as 'Mr McGoo'.

As Bergamin was from a farming family, Mr Dyer asked him to help plant the lawn, which was to later become the school oval. It was Bergamin's job to co-ordinate the watering and the moving of the rows of heavy aluminum sprinkler pipes that were used at the school.

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John was a good sportsman and his friends at Salisbury were Rick Vidovich, Gary Carlan (currently at Salisbury Council), Barry Pengilly and Gary O'Neil but his best friend was Stanley Stefanoff. The friendship remains to this day. They used to be interested in aero modelling and aviation, which was to become much larger in John and Stanley's lives as adults.

After leaving school, Bergamin went farming at Virginia growing lettuces, potatoes and onions. He bought his first car in 1966 on the proceeds of his lettuce crop: a brand new HR Holden for \$2555. His interest in aviation remained. He continued to build model planes, he became a model-plane flying instructor and in 1983 designed and built his own full-size plane before he learnt how to fly it. He trained at Parafield in 1986 and in 1988 he test flew the plane he built. He later bought an old plane and had it restored to become the plane he now regularly flies.

In 1995 John Bergamin bought 20 acres at Virginia to establish an airport. He built the airstrip, four hangars and workshop. The airport he owns is used as a base by the aero-agricultural industry, which sprays vegetable crops in the district as well as provides spraying for mosquitoes, cereal crops and bushfires.

Aviation escapades haven't stopped there for John Bergamin. He wants to be the first person to fly an ultra-light aircraft across Gulf St Vincent. His attempt from St Kilda to Pt Julia in May 2006 will raise funds for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital's Haematology and Oncology Research Unit. Dick Smith has already pledged his support with a donation.

John Bergamin is married with four adult children. His goal is to be recognised as an intrepid aviator. He is already an inspirational old scholar. John Bergamin can be contacted at: PO Box 195, VIRGINIA SA 5120. His phone number is 8380 9189

## Moving house?

If you are moving house, please let us have your new address, as unfortunately when letters are returned as undeliverable we are not always able to trace you.



We would also appreciate change of email addresses and other details so that we can keep our records up to date.

If you know of any old scholars who are not already on the data base please encourage them to contact us. Forms can be obtained from the school or by visiting our web site at [www.salisburyhigh@sa.edu.au](mailto:www.salisburyhigh@sa.edu.au) and log onto Old Scholars via History.

# **INVITATION**

## **5<sup>th</sup> RECONCILIATION YOUTH AMBASSADORS' BALL**

**ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE  
SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2005  
6.30pm for 7.00pm**

A warm welcome is extended to you, your staff members, business colleagues, family members and friends to join us during Reconciliation Week to celebrate the spirit of reconciliation with our young students.



**Tickets are now available at \$ 75 each**

Tables of ten are also available.

The evening will consist of:  
presentation of the ambassadors  
three course dinner, live entertainment  
a range of speakers, raffle and silent auction

**Keynote Speaker: Dr Brendan Nelson, Minister for Education,  
Science and Training**

We invite you to

## **SPONSOR A YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

### **\$125**

This event provides a very public and tangible opportunity to portray harmony in life and work between Indigenous and non-Indigenous young people.

50 Indigenous students invite non-Indigenous partners to a most spectacular event, which receives extensive media coverage and is the States showcase of youth working together to take the next step.

*"Turned the TV on and was watching the ABC Asia/Pacific news network and saw a news item about your school doing the Reconciliation Ball. What you have done was a great idea for white and black Australians to be more understanding and appreciative of each other. Continue with 'working-reconciliation' instead of 'talking-about reconciliation'. Your efforts are internationally recognised. Well done!"* Feedback from Cook Island 2004.

### **As a Sponsor you receive**

- Visual recognition of your business name on venue display screens
  - Printed recognition on our web site and program
  - Framed certificate



**Why don't you take the next step with us!** - For further details please contact Cheryl Bermingham