



# SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL

## **"We Always Aspire to a Pathway to Success"**



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### From the Principal



As always our school is as dynamic as ever with many projects, activities and programs running along simultaneously for the purpose of engaging and improving student learning and helping our young people become active, local and global citizens.

**Salisbury High School is a candidate school in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program in Partnership with Direk Schools and The Pines School as members of the Northern Lights Partnership.**

In September, an Authorisation Team from the International Baccalaureate Organisation visited the three schools in our Partnership: Verbal feedback from the IBO team about our school was extremely positive. They were impressed by the quality of our teaching programs, the caring nature of our school, the hard work of teachers, the open friendliness of our students and the support of parents.

We will receive official, written feedback next term which will be shared with the whole school community.

Finally may I once again thank the wonderful Old Scholars for their continued interest and support of the school.

**Helen Paphitis - Principal**



Harvey World Travel Salisbury are pleased to announce that they will be sponsoring a Tourism and Hospitality Scholarship for year 12 students for 2006 to the value of \$400. They will also be endeavoring to assist the recipients with industry experience where possible.

If you are thinking of taking a hard earned holiday then consider Harvey World Travel in the Parabanks Shopping Centre. Just mention that you are supporting the Scholarship Program at Salisbury High School and they will allocate further funds towards more future scholarships.

**Deb Turley – Assistant Principal/Senior School**

### Invitation to attend Speech Day

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2005**

**10.00am to 12 noon**

**School Gym**

We currently have ten Old Scholars who attend and donate prizes to our students each year.

We would love to see more Old Scholars involved in our Speech Day. If interested you are more than welcome to nominate any category ie Art, English, Language, Sport, Home Economics, Most Improved Student etc.

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

#### **Two of several replies we received from our last newsletter**

I am enclosing a cheque for \$100 to be awarded at Speech Night. Please feel free to allocate it in anyway you think appropriate – perhaps something that is under-resourced in terms of popularity for prizes.

Sorry I won't be able to attend but I live in the USA with my husband Richard and dog Buttons. I'm the Coordinator of Volunteers at the Arlington Heights Library (200+ volunteers).

It is such a joy to see Salisbury High School doing so well in supporting its students in developing life skills as well as academic achievement.

I have very fond memories of being a student at Salisbury High School in the early 60s when it was commonly regarded as one of the *toughest* schools in the State.

I had a lot of fun, learnt lots about life and developed a love of learning. I owe a lot to my fellow students and teachers.

Best wishes and many thanks to all of you who continue to strive and encourage the present day students to be the best they can be

**Angela Burford (Carew)**

## Two of several replies we received from our last newsletter continued

It is always a great pleasure to receive the Salisbury High School newsletter. It's fascinating to see how the school has developed since the time my sister and I attended (1965 to 1969).

It's also interesting to recognize the names of people who attended the school when we did – for example, Duncan McFetridge who was a year or two ahead of us from memory, Janice Vidovich who was in the same year and Rick Maurovic whose family lived next door to us in Salisbury North during our early years and whose sisters, Ingrid and Helen, were also a year or two ahead of us at the school.

My sister and I were Carole and Denise Cox – the somewhat infamous (at the time!) Cox twins. Carol was Dux of the school in 1969 and I was close behind her. We both received our fair share of prizes from the school during our years at Salisbury High and I am very happy to now be able to provide a donation for a prize for the current student population. I would like the money to go towards Maths or Science since these are subjects at which Carol and I excelled and greatly enjoyed.

After our time at Salisbury High, Carol and I both graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1972 with identical Science degrees in Psychology and Mathematical Statistics. I went on to become an Organizational Psychologist with the Australian Public Service in Canberra and have subsequently remained in the public service. I lived in Canberra for many years and also in Boston, US for three years while my husband Ian McKenzie, was studying for his PhD. I now live with Ian in Sydney and have one son, Alistair. I am very much looking forward to retiring in a couple of years time.

My sister, Carol was employed in the Public Service in Adelaide for a number of years before moving to New York. She subsequently moved to Los Alamos, New Mexico, where she worked as a Computer Systems Administrator at the Los Alamos laboratory until her retirement approximately two years ago. Following her divorce Carol married Robin De Vore, an American citizen, in 1988. She and Robin retired to South Australia to live in 2003 – after Carol had spent more than 25 years in the USA. They now have a property on the Fleurieu Peninsula overlooking Myponga Reservoir, which keeps them both very busy during their retirement. Carol has a daughter, Ashley from her first marriage.

All my family, including extended family, still live in Adelaide and I visit there several times a year, probably even more often now that my twin sister has returned home to SA. I hope that on one of my future visits I might be able to drop in to the school and see for myself how much things have changed.

With best wishes for the continuing success of the school

**Denise McKenzie (nee Cox)**

## A note from our Patron

I was surprised several weeks ago to see two Salisbury High old scholars operating Billy Baxter's Coffee House at the Golden Grove Village Shopping Centre.



**Graham Duffield** (1963 to 1967) and **Eddie Karssen** (1965 to 1969) have operated their shop for

nearly a year and are going strong. Call in for a coffee and a meal. Watch the boys slaving in the kitchen and help support a business run by Salisbury old scholars. It is fully licensed and I recommend the quality of food service.

Coincidentally, Eddie was my neighbour, and I worked for Graham before and after school selling newspapers.

If you have a business other old scholars should know about, please let me know so it can be advertised.

### School Anthems

A discussion about school anthems came up recently and talk turned to Salisbury High School. As a student at the school from 1976 to 1979, I cannot recall there having been one but if the school did have a school anthem, what was it and when did it stop being used? Does anybody remember? I would be interested to know.

Thank you to all the old scholars who read the last newsletter and by word of mouth were able to put me in touch with Grant Wellington, a long lost (1976-79) classmate. If you want to get in touch with somebody, why not try get in touch via the old scholars' newsletter to see if the network can help you too.

### Which old scholars are living or working farthest from Salisbury.

Let me know who those people are and what they're doing. They can be profiled in future newsletters. I would also like to hear from students who left the school during the 1980s and 1990s. **Where are you today?**

Do you know anybody who isn't getting an old scholars' newsletter? Please let the school or me know and they can be added to the mailing list. If you have a special event or reunion, why not advertise it in the newsletter.

Congratulations go to old scholar **David Pisoni** (1976-1979) who is the Liberal Party candidate for the seat of Unley at the next State Election on 18 March 2006. If David wins, two members of Parliament will be Salisbury High School old scholars. The other is **Dr Duncan McFetridge** (Liberal) who is the current member for the State seat of Morphett. We wish David well.

**Richard Maurovic 8373 3766**

## Thank you

Many thanks to Rick Maurovic for providing us with such interesting stories of Old Scholars. We appreciate his help and support and always look forward to reading his articles.

## Where they are now!

### KATHLEEN FRANCIS (née BANWELL)

Attended Salisbury High 1960, 61, 62, 63. Lived in Fleet Street, Salisbury.

Kathy's best friend at Salisbury High School was Helen King (now Spears) and remains so today. Other friends were: Wanda Moody, Suzanne Blyth (does anyone know her whereabouts?), Cecil Hasiuk, Leslie Chalk, Christina Gabriel, Tops Cox (now Alvaro), Glenys Compton and Rosemary Davis; Rosemary's parents owned the orange orchard on the Salisbury side of the 'creek' bridge, now Davis Street.

Other classmates were: her brother, Keith, who became a butcher then went on to become an underwater explosives expert. 'He always loved blowing things up', Kathy said. 'He is now a manager and producer of a theatre in Perth.' Lyell Thomas and his friend, Mick, were also in Kathy's class.

Some of the teachers from the time were: Home teacher, Mr Dyer; Mr Hinkley, Geography; Mrs Hinkley, Commercial; Mr Laycock, Mr Shultz, Art; Mrs Cogan and Mrs Shwartzfoff, Home Economics. Mrs Shwartzfoff later changed her name to Black. Mr Haines was the Headmaster and Mr Dunlop was the Deputy. Miss Wyatt was Headmistress.

Kathy recalled, The uniforms were appalling, the teachers very strict and the whole teaching method very regimented. The men teachers shouted a great deal; I used to wonder how sore their throats must have been at the end of the day.

Mrs Shwartzkoff taught us how to cook. My cooking never turned out quite the same as her sample. She also taught us to starch things, again my starched items when I finished with them were as stiff as steel. She used to just shake her head at my attempts. The day we were to cook a sponge, something went wrong with the gas oven I was using and the only thing that was cooked was me. There was a mishap with the oven and my hair caught fire, I had no eyelashes and no eyebrows. A few of the girls got together and bought me an eye brow pencil then I was told by Miss Wyatt I could not use it. My face was a bit burnt as well. To this day I will not use a gas oven and have never starched anything, but am an excellent cook, as my family will tell.

Art was with Mr Shultz. For someone who could not draw a stick person, going to that class was

just embarrassing. Actually I felt sorry for him. We were asked one day to draw a scene at the zoo. No way could I even attempt that: animals! I looked out the window and I saw what I could draw. I did the fence around the animal's enclosure. I don't think I was graded on that piece of art.

I did not like my years at High School but my friends were great and we had fun. We were a great bunch of kids but the learning process was boring and uninteresting. Some of the subjects that had to be done (there were no options in those days) i.e., geometry and algebra, I have never used. Dissecting a frog has certainly come in handy over the years and, as for the produce grown in South America, I wish we had learned more about our own country and its history. I wished we had been taught things that were relevant to us.

Mrs Hinkley taught us book-keeping, typing and shorthand. My initial book-keeping skills taught by her gave me a head start when we started our business, which was certainly a challenge for a few years.

My husband, Tony, is a spray painter and in 1974, we packed up three children and ourselves and headed west; we needed a complete change of lifestyle. We settled in Busselton, in the southwest corner of Western Australia where we bought a hobby farm, became involved in harness racing and set up our own business.

I went back to school in 1988 when our fourth child went to school and I gained my degree in Computing and Business Management.

I returned to the work force as a receptionist and PA for a Civil Engineer then went on to work for Silver Chain (district nursing) then as a ward clerk and receptionist at an Aged Care facility, which I loved.

Kathy's mum, Meg, was the Matron of the old Salisbury Hospital, which stood at the corner of Park Terrace and Wiltshire Street. When the Lyell McEwin Hospital was built, Meg became its first Matron. In later years Meg became quite ill which saw Kathy flying back and forth to Salisbury four to five times a year. 'I finally brought Mum to WA and decided to finish working,' Kathy recalled.

I am now learning to play golf and loving it. I am an avid West Coast Eagles supporter and every two weeks make the eight-hours' round-trip to Perth to watch the game. Tony and I spend at least four to six weeks a year travelling, which I also love. I now have lots of time to spend with my seven gorgeous grand children.'

Kathy concludes, 'Life is wonderful in my little part of the world, five minutes from the wine region of Margaret River and the beautiful pristine beaches of Yallingup, Meelup and Busselton; this is indeed my little slice of heaven. My goal is to get my golf handicap down and to keep enjoying life.'

**JOHN BERGAMIN**

Old scholar John Bergamin was profiled in the last newsletter highlighting his attempt to be the first person to fly an ultra-light aircraft across Gulf St Vincent next year. His attempt from St Kilda to Pt Julia in April 2006 will raise funds for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital's Haematology and Oncology Research Unit. In August John flew a safety test flight, which was filmed and shown, on Channel 7 news. Dick Smith has already pledged his support and John is looking for more supporters and anybody interested in what he is doing.

John Bergamin would be happy to talk to any students interested in aviation and would be happy to show them around his private airport at Virginia.

Please feel free to contact John on 8380 9189 for more information.

**JASON 'SNOWY' CARTER**

Jason is back on radio MIX102.3. He is doing the 1pm to 6pm weekday shift as well as breakfast on Saturday.

He has spent fourteen years with Austereo, working on air as well as producing.



**PRIME TIME:** Jason Carter with kids Brianna and William

After that, he became disillusioned with the industry and wanted out. Most recently he has been working as an Account Executive for advertising agency THEM.

He was working ridiculous hours and had gone from having such a love of radio to not having that same fun.

Jason's new gig allows him to spend time at home with his fiancée Kate and their two children.

## Can you help

**LYNETTE DEAN**

Tania Lang (nee Molinaro) is trying to trace Lynette Dean who was a school friend of her sister (Belinda).

Unfortunately after Lynette, a nurse went to New South Wales to work, contact was lost.

If you can help please ring Tania on 8762 0920.

If you would like to track down on Old Scholar please contact Cheryl at the school email [cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au](mailto:cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au) or phone 8182 0200.

## 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 database 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](http://www.salisburyhigh@sa.edu.au) and log onto Old Scholars via History.

## ELIZABETH LAST STAND REUNION

Remember growing up  
in Elizabeth in the  
60s and 70s

**June 10<sup>th</sup> 2006**

**Queens Birthday long weekend**

Playford Civic Centre

Ring Brien Pickering  
0418831926

email [BKP@ADAM.COM.AU](mailto:BKP@ADAM.COM.AU)

Brien is an Old Scholar.  
He is getting Jimmy Barnes and  
John Swann to play on the night.

**Drinks**

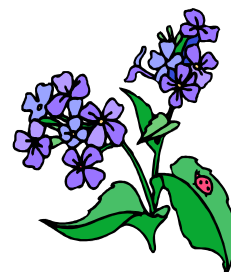
**Live Bands**

**Food**

## Special thanks

**FRIENDS OF SALISBURY  
HIGHSCHOOL**

These lovely ladies place the labels on envelopes, fold the newsletter and stamp the envelopes for me.



Their help is very much appreciated as we know have approximately 2,300 Old Scholars and growing all the time.

**Cheryl Bermingham**



# Where they are now! - Class 1A 1959

## Back Row L-R

John Gripton  
David Bevan  
Patrick Lund  
David Robertson  
Alex Stanojevic  
Stuart Ward  
David Johnston  
Wayne Thomas  
Michael Thomas  
Robert Goodwin  
Archie Raeside

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Row L-R

Roy Magor  
Steven Buckberry  
Jeffrey Baden  
Terry Rowbottom  
Stuart Tomlinson  
Andrew McKinnon  
Keith Jones  
Udo Boettger  
David Rosewall  
Michael Fiske  
Terry Bonyon  
Michael Miller  
Keith Barrett  
Geoff Irish

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Row L-R

Susan McPherson  
Wendy Watts  
Judith Sykes  
Lesley Harman  
Miriam Simpson  
Anne Charlton  
Sandra Fanning  
Doris Tidman?  
Stephanie Mason?  
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## Front Row L-R

Suzanne Brown  
?  
Pamela Walsh  
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?  
Jennifer Cronin?  
Catherine Passmore



The above photograph is of Class 1A in 1959, the year Salisbury High School opened. The class groupings were decided by IQ tests in the first week of school. The average age as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 1959 was 12 years 11 months. In second year they were separated into 2A girls and 2B boys for term 1 then put back together for the rest of the year as 2L (for Latin). They continued into 3L in the third year and were segregated into boys 4B and girls 4A in fourth year (Leaving). The 3L class photo shows that by third year only 27 of the original 52 students were still in the class and there were six new students.

For Leaving Honors some of the students went to Enfield High but were spread across four classes.

Robert Goodwin has identified as many of the students as he can. Michael Jones was in the class but not in the photograph. Graham Jones is not in the photo as Robert is not sure when he joined the class. He thinks from memory that Valerie Horner, Sally Beverly, June Scott, Rosalie Osborne and Elizabeth Huffam may be some of the girls not identified.

Our subjects and teachers were English, Latin and Class teacher – Miss Stodart, French and General Science (2 subjects) – Mr Swanson and Mathematics (2 subjects) – Mr Dunlop.

The students came from a number of suburbs. Typically, but not always true, recent immigrants were from Elizabeth, those who had been in Australia a bit longer from Salisbury North, descendants of the original settlers in the area from Salisbury and surrounding farms and students whose parents worked at the Weapons Research Establishment (now DSTO) from Salisbury Heights. There were buses for most of the Elizabeth students, a few came by train and the rest walked or rode bikes.

The school was literally built around us as the Clarksons Class stickers on the windows in the class photographs show. Class 1A occupied the classroom closest to the front entrance stairs in the upper level. Whistles from passing steam trains regularly interrupted lessons.

The class definitely followed the school motto *Always Aspire* which was based on the Salisbury Primary School motto of *Aim High*.

Achievements of the class that Robert knows include:

**Suzanne Brown, Jeffrey Baden, Michael Jones** and **Wayne Thomas** became medical doctors. **Robert Goodwin, Michael Jones** and **Judith Sykes** all have PhD degrees from the University of Adelaide. Robert has published four text books used in Australian schools.

**Roy Magor** became the Head of Tyndale Christian School. **Udo Boettger, Lesley Harmon, Catherine Passmore** and **Archie Raeside** became Teachers. **Graham Davies** manages a computing company in Sydney.

Of the others I once saw **Geoff Irish** (nick name *half pint* because of his size) working in a bank and I think Ann Charlton became an Accountant. David Johnston possibly works at DSTO. The rest I have not heard of. It would be interesting to make contact again, find out what they did on leaving school and get as many as possible together for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009.

### Snippets

Despite some common surnames the only related students in the class to my knowledge were **Roy Magor** and **Robert Goodwin** who knew each other virtually from birth. Their mothers were cousins and they were born in the Salisbury Hospital within three weeks of each other, attended the same church and went to the same schools except for Grades 6 and 7 when Robert went to Payneham Primary after the death of his mother. No one at the school was aware of the connection.

**Michael Jones, Jeffrey Baden** and **Graham Davies** always sat close to each other and still regularly contact each other.

Last time I saw them **Ann Charlton** and **Lesley Harmon** were still good friends, they sat together in school. **Judith Sykes** went to Brighton High and was a prefect in Year 12.

**Robert Goodwin – Old Scholar**

## Thank you

Many thanks to Robert Goodwin for providing the class photo and such an interesting article.

## Thank you

Many thanks to Steve Hore, Roy Magor, Denise McKenzie, Jeffrey Baden and Angela Burford (Nee Cox) for already making a donation to Speech Day 2005.

# NEWSLETTER Rock Eisteddfod 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion

### *Celebrating 20 years on stage*

Salisbury is the only school to have competed in the dance and drama spectacular in every year of the events 20 year history.

To celebrate this achievement we will be having our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reunion on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November** in the school's Drama Room starting at 5.30pm.

If you have been involved in any way over the years why not come along and help us celebrate.

For further details and to RSVP please contact Adele Shannon on 8182 0200 or contact Cheryl Bermingham by phone or email.

### This years event

Salisbury High School students put on an elegant and sophisticated performance at the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge Finals last term.

They won awards for Excellence in Lighting, Best Community and the Spirit of the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge Award, taking home 4<sup>th</sup> place. Congratulations everyone. Well Done!

These were the comments from one of the judges,  
Russell Fewster: Fantastic, really loved the mysterious beginning, really got our attention, something hiding behind all of that...Really nice framing with the New York high society setting, I thought the transitions between scenes were really effective and the use of the screens for the crime behind worked well, great use of the depth of stage, nice contrast of the music, innovative use of dialogue, a really intelligent composition of levels, set, music and performers.



I really liked some of the moves of the performers and the ending was a really nice way to come back after the beginning Thank you Salisbury High.

**Adele Shannon - Arts Tech Coordinator**

We wish all Old  
Scholars a  
Merry  
Christmas and  
Happy New  
Year



