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Farewell from the old Principal

It was with mixed feelings that I announced I had accepted a Principal's position at St John's College, a Greek Orthodox R-12 school in Melbourne, from the beginning of 2008.

As many of you may be aware, I recently married Prof Geoff Masters, CEO of the Australian Council for Educational Research, which has its head office in Melbourne.

St John's College will present new challenges as well as appealing to my Greek side. It will provide an opportunity to use the experience, knowledge and skills I have gained at Salisbury High School to build and lead the school into the future.

While I have been Principal for the past 9 years, I came to Salisbury High School as a teacher in 1983 and never left, apart from a short secondment in the Education Department. I did not have any burning ambition to be a Principal, but found myself loving my job and wanting to make a difference.

Over the past 24 years I have worked with the most dedicated and committed people – staff, parents and students – who have made my job very enjoyable and worthwhile. It has been a pleasure working with the broader community and I am proud to say that today. Salisbury High School is a high demand school with over 70 on the Year 8 waiting list.

I would like to thank everyone for having faith in Salisbury High School and strongly supporting us in what we do, especially parents, the Governing Council, the Friends of Salisbury High School, our Old Scholars, our business and industry supporters and the broader community.

Helen Symeonakis



Hello from the new Principal

I have been at Salisbury High School for 18 years. My first position was as Physical Education Coordinator where I was Helen's boss – how things change over time. I then became Student Counsellor, Senior School Assistant Principal and for the last 8 years have been Deputy Principal and now Principal.



Whilst I have had the opportunity to move to other positions I have remained at Salisbury High because I feel I am part of a large family that can support each other to improve the learning and wellbeing of our students.

Looking forward to meeting you at our Open Day on Sunday 18th May,
Ann Prime

Simon Rice



I started school at Salisbury High in 1979. I must admit that I didn't put very much effort into my work

and never did my homework.

My favourite teacher was **Mr Castle** when I was in 10S23. I am the second on the left in the last row in the 1982 Year book. Mr Castle was an English teacher and this was the only subject I was much good at. I also played the saxophone in the school band. The teachers always said I was well mannered, well dressed and could do much more if I put in the effort. Mr Castle always said I was capable of doing anything I put my mind to and he was right. The others probably thought I wouldn't amount to much.

I left school halfway through Year 12 and went to work at Kelvinators. In the meantime I found computers and that was the beginning of my journey into University. I attended Elizabeth TAFE in the evenings and in April 1985 I received my Associated Diploma of Information Systems. This opened the door for me to attend The University of SA and in May 1988 I received my Bachelor of Computer and Information Science Degree.

I now live and work in Darwin in a very well paid job with the Government. I have been here nine years. My mum still lives in Salisbury North.

I hope this will encourage others to achieve their goal in life and to know that it is never too late.

Simon Rice

Special Thanks



To the Friends of Salisbury High School. 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 now have just over 3300 Old Scholars and growing all the time.

Cheryl Bermingham

Robert Styling AFS



I attended Salisbury High School between 1969 and 1971. My father was a career airman in the RAAF and as a consequence my family travelled widely and both I, and my brother Greg, attended many schools finishing our schooling at Salisbury. I was told I was a good student but the continual moves between States and Countries finally caught up with me when I was in Leaving. My focus was on other things and I subsequently failed the

year. I repeated Leaving in 1971 achieving good results. I was a member of the School's Cadets and had many great adventures as part of this program.

I gained an Apprenticeship in Fitting and Machining at the South Australian Railways in 1972. I remained with the Railways until 1988 working my way through Supervisory ranks to become Apprentice Training Manager and then moving into the Training and Development Section. During this time I married Dianne Rippon and we had three children. I also recognised that I would need further education if I was going to have any real success in my career so I embarked on a decade and a half of study. I attended the SA College of Advanced Education (later University of SA) and gained a Teaching Diploma in Adult and Further Education and a Degree in Education, following this up with a Graduate Diploma in Management majoring in Human Resources and Industrial Relations. I also have qualifications in management and I am a Fellow of the Australian Human Resources Institute.

I left the Railways in 1988 and joined Phoenix Society as their Personnel and Training Manager; I am still with Phoenix and am currently General Manager Human Resources. Phoenix is an organisation that employs and supports some 470 people with disabilities and has over 100 able bodied staff. I am responsible for the entire HR function of the organisation, including OHS&W and Industrial Relations and dealing with relevant government departments in relation to funding and compliance matters.

I have had significant experience in the provision of employment for people with a variety of disabilities including the development of the Phoenix Disability Quality System and the development of wage assessment tools and training programs. I have also spent a considerable amount of my own time introducing these systems to an organisation in Malaysia known as Persatuan Daybreak. My wife and I travel to Malaysia every year on holiday (a left over from when I went to school there I guess) and during these trips have assisted them to develop training programs for people with disabilities and become one of the leading disability service providers in their country.

My involvement in the community through the Country Fire Service is extensive. I have been a country firefighter for thirty five years, currently holding the rank of Deputy Group Officer. I have a passion for developing young leaders and have spent many weekends conducting Leadership Training for CFS volunteers.

I was privileged to be honoured in the 2006 Australia Day Honours, receiving the Australian Fire Service Medal. I have also been awarded the Centenary Medal for Service to the Community and the National Medal and Bar. I have also received a Ministerial Commendation for Meritorious and Courageous Actions along with a number of other medals recognising my contribution to the community through the CFS,

I have been a Justice of the Peace since 1989 and as mentioned, have been married to Dianne for 31 years and have three adult children and one grand daughter.

Robert Styling

John Littler

Being one of the original intakes to Salisbury High I remember well the first day. I was a member of the Rugby team which was highly successful in the three seasons that we played in the metropolitan league before transferring to the Elizabeth Rugby Club. Some of the players were **Dave Morgan**, **Terry Stone** and **Peter Wright**.

The teachers I remember most were **Mr Stillwell**, **Mr Dunlop**, **Mr Swanson** and of course the Headmaster **Mr Haines**, an Aussie Rules player who I believed played for Sturt.

I left school at the end of 1961 and spent the next five years completing an electrical apprenticeship (by the way my first pay was five pounds 13 /6 a week, rising to 9 pound a week before decimal currency came in). before joining the Royal Australian Navy as a Petty Officer in 1976. When I left the Navy I returned to SA but eventually moved to the Sunshine State in 1985 where I still reside with my wife, two sons and four grandchildren. I have had my own Electronic business since 1990.

John Littler

Photo wanted

The family of Alan A Barnes who attended Salisbury High in the 70s would be very grateful of any photos of Alan as many of the ones they had have been destroyed.

Please contact Robyn (Mandy) Plant (nee Barnes) on 8281 8231 or email plant@senet.com.au.

1978 & 1988 Yearbook

We have had several requests for copies of the 1978 & 1988 Yearbook. After searching everywhere we are under the impression that they were not published. We would love to be proven wrong so if anyone has a copy we can photocopy it would be much appreciated.

Colleen Clark



I started teaching at Salisbury High School in 1965. My subject Music was very much in its infancy and Mr McKenzie told me that he would give me a job in a school where the Headmaster was a Science man as they were supposed to more turned on to music!!

Mr Attwell was the Headmaster in 1965 and had a son who played the electronic organ, so I was on the right track.

My greatest joy at Salisbury High was meeting the girls who are in the photograph. They were a very talented group and their singing and playing were much appreciated in many services around Salisbury and Elizabeth. They also did an item in Channel 9s Country and Western night. What a time we had. In my husband's Valiant sedan we sang songs, made up harmonies and travelled to the next place to entertain and make people smile. The highlight was the Festival of Music at the Adelaide Town Hall. Their item was a current hit and a breath of fresh air as all the other items were classical.



Colleen Clark



A staff photo from 1965 or 1966

Time Capsule

I had a phone call this week from Deidre (Marslen) now Wood. She is an Old Scholar leaving in 1976. She was enquiring about a time capsule. I had a few phone calls several years ago but couldn't find any information.

I have contacted the Salisbury North Primary School and Salisbury Council without any success.

If anyone has any information about a time capsule it would be greatly appreciated.

Cheryl Barmingham

On a sad note

Sadly, **Francis W Bruce** a former Principal of Salisbury High School died last month after a long illness.

Duncan Hughes, a younger Old Scholar tragically passed away after a road accident.

Peter Carter also gave us the sad news that **David Medlow** died last May. He worked for the SAHT for 41 years and was still involved in Scouting right up until he died, plus being heavily involved in Rotary.

It was with a heavy heart that he also reported that **Mr M Cussons** and **Mr P Atkinson** are now deceased. Both served their country in the military after leaving Salisbury High.

We have also heard of the passing of **Edgar Castle**, English teacher mentioned in Simon Rice's article and sadly **Mostyn Secomb** died on 27th June 2007 in Perth. He was 46..

We need your support

We would be grateful if you are able to contribute financially in the following ways:

Speech Day Awards – range from \$20 to \$200.

Cost of printing and postage of this newsletter. If you know of any grants we can apply for please let us know. For more information please call or email Cheryl. Many thanks.

Retiring



After having been involved with Salisbury High School for a number of years, initially as a parent, then working in a voluntary capacity and eventually becoming an employee, I have decided it is time to retire and will be doing so as from April 11th.

Some years ago I was asked by the then Principal (Helen Symeonakis) to investigate the possibility of establishing an Old Scholars' Foundation and the rest, as they say, is history (pardon the pun). Fortunately I had the valuable help of the Friends of Salisbury High and eventually we were able to make contact with many of you who are now on our database. Over the years the number of members has increased through a network of contacts and every year the students who have just left school are added on. This way the Old Scholars' Foundation continues to grow.

It has been a privilege to be involved with the Foundation from its inception and I feel a sense of achievement at seeing how it has grown and the benefits that it brings to the school. I have enjoyed reading about where our old scholars have gone, what they have done and what they are doing now.

As you probably know, Cheryl Bermingham and I have maintained the Old Scholars' Foundation over the years and Cheryl will now be taking over the sole responsibility of this. Cheryl, with your help, will ensure that the Foundation continues to expand and be such an important part of Salisbury High School.

From a personal point of view I know I will miss my colleagues, the friends I have made at the school and the students and being involved with all of you. However, after retiring I will be able to spend time with my little granddaughter and be a pest to my husband. What more could I ask! I will also continue with my involvement in the local community.

I wish the Old Scholars' Foundation and all of you continued success and look forward in anticipation to reading future newsletters.

Dorothy Westell

Barbara Weisner

Barbara attended Salisbury High School 1965-1969. She was born in East Germany and migrated to Australia as a child. Some of the teachers she remembers were John Wood, Mr Seipolt, Mr Medwell and Mr Koziol.



Barbara is still in contact with a number of her friends from Salisbury High, some of whom are in the photograph. Back row: Monica Smith, Josie van Homelen (now living in Holland), Ursula Smith, Rya Porublev, Stephanie ???. Front row, Pat Gannon, Barbara Weisner, Corine ??, Dianne???. Other friends are Chris Hainsworth who lives in New Zealand, as well as Jenny Howard, and Carol and Denise Cox.

Upon leaving school, Barbara became a teacher and taught at Salisbury North and Salisbury Downs Primary Schools. She also worked as a volunteer theatre administrator. In 1986, Barbara went to live in Seattle for a year.

Upon her return she became a Recreation Development Officer. She wrote a book on recreation planning which led to her current position as Director of the SA Writers' Centre based in Rundle Street, Adelaide, which provides advice and support to people interested in writing books, poetry or plays and has a membership of approximately 1250.

Barbara Weisner 50th Anniversary

In 2009 the school will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

John Bushell believes he is the first student to enter Salisbury High School back in 1959. He was welcomed by the School Gardener. Can anyone top that!!

Please email suggestions re the 50th or 'who is the oldest' to cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au or by mail to the school.

Where are they now!

Tania is trying to find **Phillip Tolchard, Tania Hall, Darren Fry, Darren Glover** and **Danny Depasquale** (not sure of spelling). Tania attended Salisbury from 1981 to 1985 and can be contacted email tanwah@optusnet.com.au

Tania Wahlert (nee Dunn)

Peter is looking for **Karen Dix** and **Judith Cobb**. He can be contacted on email jpgriff@tpg.com.au

Peter Griffiths

Peter Carter attended Salisbury High from 1970 through to 1974, and was wondering if anyone knows the whereabouts of **Mr Terry Hoggett** Maths teacher Baseball Coach, **Mr Sandford** – Biology teacher or **Ms Logan** – PE teacher.

He would also like to contact the Deputy Headmaster that took over after **Gerry Phillips** (unfortunately his name escapes him) - he taught Geography. Peter can be contacted by email pscarter@tpg.com.au

Peter Carter

Colleen Clark would love to catch up with the girls in her article. She can be contacted by email colrish.org.au

Colleen Clark

Patron's note

When Salisbury High School opened in 1959, it was a vastly different place. The only similarity between then and today is the main building's façade. It started as an academic school and over the years it has gone through a revolutionary transformation to become the dynamic learning institution that is today. Even when I was there between 1976 and 1979, we could only choose either French or German as languages to study and, if inclined, we could choose music as a subject. Students now have greater opportunity to identify their strengths and it allows them to specialise in those subjects most likely to achieve their goals. Today, for example, the line between Tech. Studies and Art has almost merged when considering the subject of Design.

When I was at Salisbury High, I believe it was quite normal to hate school. I surely did as there were few subjects that interested me. This was reflected in my report card; it rarely contained any of the first three letters of the alphabet.

Addressing bullying too has had a large impact for vulnerable students. The concept of 'hit him back' has long been abandoned for a more conciliatory approach.

As Salisbury High School begins its fiftieth year, it is now a fantastic place to learn the building blocks for a successful future career.

This year, the school is building a Performing Arts Centre on the site of the old railway homes near the train line. Students will be able to study and perform at their own school, using specialised equipment, unavailable until now.

Under the teaching staff's exemplary stewardship, the school's reputation continues to grow as does the waiting list for students wishing to enrol at Salisbury. Also thriving is the school's International Baccalaureate component as is its Special Education Unit.

I urge all old scholars to consider returning to the school during its golden jubilee in 2009 and see how Salisbury High continues to grow in stature and success. Why not plan now to catch up with old friends at this year's Open Day in May and organise some reunions for next year.

Let the celebrations begin!

Rick Maurovic



Open Day
Sunday 18th May 2008
1.00pm to 1.30pm Sausage sizzle
1.30pm Information session
followed by tours of the school

Old Scholars, family and friends are invited to attend our Open Day to catch up on our school news as well as old school mates.

Our Principal, Ann Prime, staff and students look forward to meeting you.

Please RSVP to Cheryl on 8182 0200, fax 8180 2001 or email cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au if you are able to join us.

Speech Day 2007



WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING IN RESPECT TO AWARDS AND SPEECH DAY

Old Scholars

Delwyn Ayling
Martin Baden
Paula Broadstock
Angela Burford
Guiseppa Caretti
Carol Cox De Vore
Dennis Greaves
Dorothy Griggs
Dr Fraser Gurling
Steve Hore
Pat Lindsay
Rick Maurovic
Dr Duncan McFetridge MP
Denise McKenzie
Gail Streater
Robert Styling
Janice Vidovich
Heather Wehr
Jennifer White

Master School Portraits

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Mr Ken Given – ADF
Adrienne Gregory
Rod Nancarrow - DECS
Mr & Mrs Potter
Bruce Tonkin - Rotary
Mr & Mrs Warner

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Salisbury North Football Club
Sky City
Spotlight
State Supply

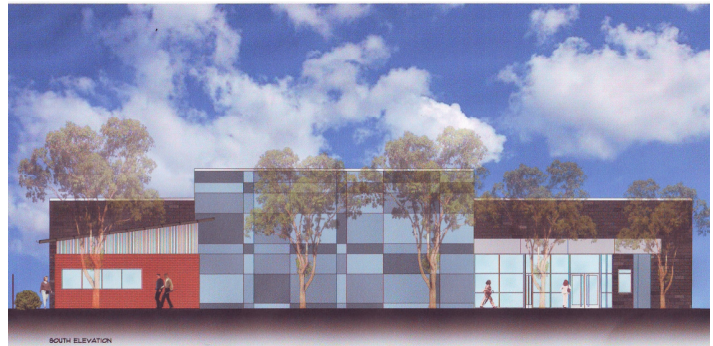
*Many thanks to **BUNNINGS** for the loan of the plants and flowers
which decorated our gym.*



Upgrade of School Facilities – 2008 update

As you may be aware this site is currently undergoing a \$3.7m redevelopment due for completion at the end of 2008. This project is jointly funded by the State and Commonwealth Governments.

The main project includes the establishment of a **Performing Arts Centre** (which includes a professional drama and dance performance theatre seating over 200 people - plus drama and music classrooms). The seating cost is being borne by Salisbury High School. We are also funding the installation of multimedia and audio visual equipment to the Centre. The main slab has now been poured and by the time you receive this newsletter the first walls would have been erected. The concept drawing of the building included (right) for your information.



Other elements of the project include the significant modernisation of our **Technical Studies workshops**; a refurbishment of our **Resource Centre** and both **Home Economics kitchens**; and the upgrading of our **power supply**.

Here are some pics of the Tech Studies upgrade - this project should be finished in just a few weeks:



View of the metal workshop with its improved welding bays and improved



View of the new Design Classroom (converted project store)



View of the woodwork workshop and the new project store

In addition to the above the Salisbury High School was able to complete/plan projects through other government grants:

- **Air-conditioning in the Gymnasium** - installed (this was also possible through the generosity of donations made by Salisbury High School Old Scholars).
- **Air-conditioning in the Resource Centre** - installed
- **An All Weather Shelter between Wing One and the Canteen** – due July, 2008.



The State government also identified a need to support the school's security by erecting a fence around the school's perimeter. Here is a picture in case you haven't seen it yet.

If you have any questions or think that you might like to help towards purchasing the seating or multimedia equipment please contact me on the school's number or via email at:

mark.hill@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au

Mark Hill
Business Manager



Salisbury High School & Reconciliation SA



invite you, your staff members, business colleagues, family members and friends to join us during Reconciliation Week to celebrate the spirit of reconciliation at the

RECONCILIATION BALL

7th Youth Ambassador's Celebration

Saturday 31st May 2008 - Adelaide Convention Centre

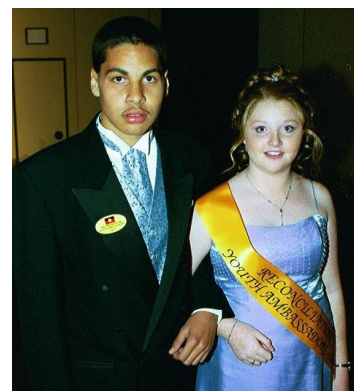
6.30pm for 7.00pm

PLEASE BECOME A SPONSOR

This event plays an important role in assisting young people to come to terms with their cultural differences within a formal/informal environment where they can have fun and entertainment in the company of their parents, government, business and community leaders. Approximately 500 guests which include 100 students from approximately 15 government and non government schools attend.

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- Please contact Cheryl Bermingham at Salisbury High School



