

# SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS NEWSLETTER

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



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### Coming Events

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
Speech Day**

Old Scholars invited to attend  
10am to 12noon

**Still available – Buy a seat for  
\$200 – a plaque with your name  
will be placed on a seat in the  
new Performing Arts Centre –  
contact Cheryl Bermingham on  
8182 0200**

## From the Principal 1970

**Extract from 1970 magazine – What make a good school?**

Buildings and equipment help, but there have been many good schools in wooden shacks in the outback and very often schools have had no buildings at all, the pupils just sitting at the feet of their teachers. So a set of fine buildings alone will not give us a good school.



Does the staff make a good school? To a large extent it does, but a good staff alone is not enough. What then of the students? Of course they matter very much, and even in many bad schools, the students, as individuals, may be good material.

All of these buildings, equipment, staff and students contribute to making a good school. However, there are other more important factors in bullring a good school – qualities that are less tangible, not so easily defined, but without which no school can ever really be good.

Some of these will stem from the quality of staff and students, but many will have to develop and mature with the years. Some ideals can be instilled from the beginning, but others, which we call traditions, have to grow. Just as the beautiful big gum trees around our school have grown from tiny seeds, so also, many small seeds planted in the early days of a school's existence develop into fine traditions which make our school a worthwhile place in the community.

**FJ Semmens – Principal**

## From the Principal 2010

It is interesting to reflect on 'what makes a good school? Certainly, our buildings and facilities have improved and offer access and greater learning opportunities. The recent completion of four language labs, the implementation of our 400 new computers, the new outdoor sporting facilities and the state of the art Performing Arts Centre have contributed to more modern facilities.



The staff are committed to the students and the community with a retention rate of 96%. We are providing our students with stability and ongoing expertise. Staff are keen to stay at Salisbury High School and this is reflected in the high staff retention rate.

The students come with many challenges and aspirations. We aim to help them follow their chosen pathway in a more individual way. We are proud of our students and their achievements. Over time, school values stay essentially the same. The constant need to continually look for ways to improve, to celebrate success and reflect on our practices are ongoing.

Historically, Salisbury High School can look back with pride and welcome the future with anticipation. The recent 50 year celebration endorsed the many success stories we have generated and the pride Old Scholars have in our school. It is hope that the Old Scholar community continues to grow and support the new generation attending the school to achieve their optimum potential. We all have a significant role to play to help develop our future Old Scholars become our new success stories.

**Sylvia Groves - Principal**

## In Memoriam - Peter Turner



I would like to pay a special heartfelt tribute to Peter Turner, a former Principal of Salisbury High School from 1990 to 1999 who sadly passed away at the Royal Adelaide Hospital on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010.

Peter had a tremendous impact on Salisbury High School. He was appointed Principal at a time when student numbers were decreasing and morale was low. He was quoted as saying that 1990 was the fastest year of his life – perhaps due to having a baby as well.

He led the school introducing many innovative and highly successful changes. The biggest and most exciting was developing Salisbury High School as Australia's first Enterprise school.

Significant achievements and milestones included:

- Introduction of computers, uniform and our award winning Care program
- Air conditioning
- Dedicated Special Education unit and Business Centre
- New motto, logo & letterhead
- School Industry partnerships
- Paralowie House established for disadvantaged youth

Peter's vision and achievements are now legendary. He was ahead of his time in so many ways. His impact is ongoing and will continue to influence students who are yet to be part of our school community. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

**Sylvia Groves - Principal**

## Patron's note

I would like to acknowledge former Salisbury High principal, Peter Turner, who passed away in April. Though many Old Scholars had no contact with Peter, he was one of the vanguards for an enterprising and innovative new Salisbury High School. Peter led a team of teaching professionals, instrumental in preparing the model for the school we have today and that other schools have adopted for the benefit of their student populations.

In 1997 Peter Turner's team conceived the idea that an important way to make a school strong was to adopt a method similar to that used by private schools. An Old Scholars' network was established to provide social interaction for past students whilst providing the current student population with a valuable resource. Consequently, Salisbury High School's Old Scholars have been able to provide valuable input with mentoring, work placement and sponsorship to encourage today's students with a better start to their adult careers and to make them aware of the possibility of them, too, giving back to the school.

Over the years, Salisbury High School has been fortunate to receive so much positive reporting across various media and it has become a leader and an award winner in public education in Australia. Salisbury High School equally helps the most disadvantaged with the most talented to reach their potential.



Because it is this kind of school, we see the school, most recently, working with newly awarded police officer of the year, Senior Constable Michelle Hollis. Constable Hollis helps 'at-risk' students reverse their ways before they become involved in more serious trouble and guides others to foster better relationships with police.

More than ten years after Peter Turner and his team envisaged a new Salisbury High School, his legacy lives on.

Peter Turner and his team identified the negatives and made changes to Salisbury High School so that we can be proud to own it as our alma mater.

Congratulations to Old Scholars David Pisoni and Duncan McFetdrige who were re-elected to State Parliament at the March state election and commiserations to Maria Kourtesis who missed out being elected to State Parliament for the first time by only a handful of votes. Always Aspire!

**Richard Maurovic**



## Roger Timmins

I am a past attendee - I'm reluctant to use the word Scholar as my high school achievements could possibly be listed on the rear of a postage stamp.

I was pleasantly surprised to receive in the post your newsletter. Your detective skills must be greater than mine which took 30 years to hone. As you may gather from my address I live in the UK and have done since 1969. I return to Australia frequently, the last time being March of this year to collect a patient of all places in Adelaide. It meant that my visit was only for a few days. I would have liked to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations but May saw me elsewhere in the world.

I can still recall teachers and events during my time before leaving in the third year, Intermediate as I believe it was called then, at the end of 1966. However looking at the photographs, I was unable to recognise faces with the exception of Helen Maurovic but that's what the passage of time does to us.

## George Kerr

I am an Old Scholar from, the early days attending from 1969 to 1973. I know this sounds a bit corny but these were some of the most enjoyable years of my life. I am one of the Old Scholars living overseas in Scotland.

I get a great deal of happiness from having this continuing link with my old school and this formative part of my life. I would have liked to have made it over for the school's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. However from the photo's in the last newsletter it would appear it was a great success

I know that every so often you include stories from Old Scholars sharing with others where they are now, how they got there and the influence Salisbury High has had on their life. I've always found it of great interest to read other people's stories.

## Ian Gavin

Attended Salisbury High School 1964 to 1968.  
Attended Salisbury North Primary School 1957 to 1963

Ian was born in the old Salisbury Hospital in 1952 and grew up living at Waterloo Corner Road, Salisbury North. He is the fourth child of seven children. Ian's sisters Kay, Patricia, Jennifer, Helen, Dianne and Annette all attended Salisbury High.

As a youngster, he was sports mad with a preference for football, cricket and basketball. Some of Ian's school friends were: Joe Kovacs, John Sutherland, David Mitchell, Greg Nicholls, Phil Smith and Les Marr. His teachers were: Miss Stewart and Messrs. Betts, Wardrop, Abbott, Woods, Frogley, Koziol.

After completing Year 12 in 1968, Ian commenced work as a trainee Orthotist and Prosthetist at Royal Adelaide Hospital and is now the Royal Adelaide Hospital's Deputy Director of Orthotics and Prosthetics.

Ian still occasionally sees his school friends Kevin Groth and Phil Smith.

Today, Ian is a passionate golfer in his spare time and he currently lives at Burton.

## Darryl Window

An email from Darryl – Have just returned for a six week overseas holiday and saw a copy of an Old Scholars newsletter. It brought great memories flooding back to me.

Teachers like Darwin, Wardrop, Koziol and Walton hit me especially the last two named. I played cricket and football with Mick Kolziol and John Walton – great blokes.

A great friend of mine, Peter Claxton, died many years ago but I still remember all the great times we had as teenagers growing up in Salisbury North. I still keep in touch with Alan Yardley from 1B, 3B, 4B and 4C 1962 to 1967.

Helmut Anders came to Darwin a few years ago and contacted me.

I have lived in Darwin since 1973 and thoroughly enjoy the modern, vibrant, tropical city. Unfortunately I lost all my classroom photos from Salisbury High in Cyclone Tracy in 1974 so firm details for all my former classmates are a bit sketchy.

I saw names I remembered like Maurovic, Buivone, Woickham mentioned in your newsletters and I vividly remember the Lynch girls (Peggy and Judy), Jo Larsen, Lyn Phikklips and Margaret Van der Warf? (sorry memories). Others like Tony Scarfio, Sciliono brothers, Joe Barbara, Greg Pearce, Jackie Miller, Graham and Dawn Miller, Alan Stewart, Darryl Wilson, Jeff Casson, George Wythe, John McCabe, Lynette Dickson, the Bridges boys, Les Harrison and so many more.

If anyone who remembers me out there you can email me at [info@askdarryl.com.au](mailto:info@askdarryl.com.au) or have a quick look at my website [www.askdarryl.com.au](http://www.askdarryl.com.au)

## 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. Many thanks.



Cheryl Bermingham

## Your story

We love to hear what our Old Scholars have been doing – your story could well be the inspiration a student might need. Please write or email Cheryl on [cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au](mailto:cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au)

## Help - We need you - Work Experience

In term three all of our Year 10 students will participate in one weeks work experience. (This is a compulsory part of their curriculum)

We are still desperately seeking companies that will give our students an opportunity to experience a week in the workforce.

If you are able to help please contact Kim Giannoni on 8182 0200 as soon as possible.

Kim Giannoni  
Senior School Transition Officer

## First Annual Speech Day 1959

**Extract from 1960 magazine**  
The first annual Speech Night of Salisbury High School was held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1959. The school choir conducted by Mr R Laycock rendered several items with the girls entertained the gathering with folk dancing and the boys not to be outdone gave an exhibition of physical exercise and pyramids. The evening ended on a very happy note with the performance of *The Dyspeptic Orgre* by the Drama Club.

## Speech Day 2010

For many years, our Old Scholars have supported our school on Speech Day. We thank them for their ongoing support.

If you would like to be involved in this years **Speech Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** either as a Guest Speaker or would like to donate a prize please contact Cheryl Bermingham at the school on 818 20 200 or email [cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au](mailto:cheryl.bermingham@salisburyhigh.sa.edu.au).

## First Sports Day 1960

### Extract from 1960 magazine

In April this year our school held its first Sports Day. By tradition, in most of the schools, the Sports Day is one of the greatest events of the year. Our school had the disadvantage of the lack of such tradition, however it did not take very long to build up a healthy competitive atmosphere.

We can say that we are proud of our first Sports Day because we have established a tradition for our school and we have proved right the old saying *Remember where the glory lies, In the struggle, not the prize.*

Cup winners were Junior Girl B Ward Olpivant, Senior Girl R Osborne Florey, Junior Boy B Tamblyn Oliphant and Senior Boys D Rosewell Mawson.

## Sports Day 2010



Tradition is still alive at Salisbury High school. It has been a great term for sport with one of the biggest events on the Sports calendar being Athletics Day. Everyone involved should be congratulated for their efforts. Special Congratulations to **CAIRNS** on a well deserved win and **OLIPHANT** for winning the Spirit Cup.

The final scores for the day were as follows:

**Cairns 2743**   **Olipphant 2631**   **Florey 2530**   **Mawson 2014**

## Memorabilia for sale



Travel Mug \$14



Coffee Mug \$8



Wine Glass \$8

The following items are available for purchase from our Finance Office.

## Ann Prime on Leave

Ann Prime, Principal of Salisbury High School is on long service leave during Term 2 travelling up the Western Australian coast in a caravan.

She aims to return refreshed with renewed energy in Term 3.



