



SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS NEWSLETTER

"We Always Aspire to a Pathway to Success"



From the Principal

Principal's Speech Day address

Hall of Fame: Salisbury High School Speech Day was celebrated on Friday 30th November 2012.



2012 was the Chinese Year of the Dragon, an astrological year that brought an abundance of eclipses representing numerous ups and downs that occurred bringing reflections of light and dark.

For Salisbury High School 2012 brought an abundance of successful moments.

Jacob Morrison – 2012 Dux of Salisbury High

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Your story wanted

We love to hear from our Old Scholars - please drop me a line or email if you would like to be included in the next newsletter.

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Speech Day

Friday 29th November 2013
10am to 12 noon

We had a 100% increase in students aspiring for a University placement. Our students flourished amongst both public and private school competition entries, winning numerous Maths awards.

Our NAPLAN Maths Learner Improvement data strengthened these successes with above National average results. Our school was involved in filming of Totally Wild celebrating our exemplary maths progress. The Power Cup program showcased our students' commitment to this states wide indigenous program, bringing us five out of eight awards.

Our students' aspirations have significantly shifted from C grade to striving for A grades. Our Year 12 students worked diligently to achieve high attainment in subjects such as Chemistry, Physics, Maths Studies and Specialist Maths, Psychology and English, leading



them into significant career paths such as Engineering, Science and high end Defence Force placements, Education and Health industries.

We wish the class of 2012 every opportunity to achieve their goals and that their future years bring success, abundance and joy. We trust they will remember their years here fondly, return to visit from time to time, and become involved in our Old Scholars' Association.

On behalf of the School, I would like to thank you all for having faith in Salisbury High and strongly supporting us in what we do. We appreciate your effort, contributions and trust you will continue your most welcome and much needed support. I also take this opportunity to thank the Governing Council, our volunteers, and many supporters for your ongoing commitment and many hours of service.

I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding work of our staff. It is not always easy, but makes a huge and often lasting difference in the lives of our young people. So I thank each and every one of you personally for your commitment, hard work, sense of humour and contribution.

Ann Prime – Principal

Patron's note



With this issue we welcome the newest Salisbury High School old scholars; students who completed studies last year and now, as young adults, enter the next exciting phase of their lives. To these new old scholars, we hope they will become successful members of the community and continue to be involved with Salisbury High.

The year 2013 is a significant one for me and many of my former classmates: We all turn 50 years old. Milestones such as these are times where many of us reflect on our lives. Like me, many old scholars this year will celebrate similar milestones; whether it's a 21st, 30th, 40th and even some may be celebrating their 65th birthdays.

For the old scholars celebrating their 21st and 30th birthdays, they can look upon developing their careers, their family lives and prepare for their future years to be meaningful and successful. For those older old scholars like me, too often we reflect on what we haven't achieved instead of focusing on the good things we have seen and done.

For me personally, I look back at the wonderful lasting friendships forged during my days at Salisbury High. Regrettably though, I also look back and wish I had maximised my opportunities better and focused harder on scholastic success instead of making socialising a priority. One consolation from this perhaps is that I'll be attending a lot of 50th birthday parties this year.



Old scholar (1976-1979) and Member for Unley, David Pisoni MP, second from left, celebrated his 50th birthday with a luncheon at Parliament House, Adelaide, last week. Some of his classmates celebrating with him are, from left: Edmund Mysko, Peter Balawejder, Murray Chance and, in front, Richard Maurovic. The boys are pictured on the floor of the House of Assembly in front of the speaker's chair.

Rick Maurovic - Patron

2012 Highlights

- Top University scores of 99.95
- Merit award, 50 stage 2 A grades
- 95% received first round University offers, 52 students received a University placement
- 97.5% SACE completion-117 students completed their SACE
- National Teaching Award
- Spirit of Science awards/Youth ANZAAS (NZ), Geo Science summer school/Science Expo/Space (SA and National)
- South Australian Public Teaching Regional winners
- Australian Vocational Student Prizes
- Inauguration of War Memorial Wall
- Introduction of electronic reward system '*Vivo Miles*'
- Students with Disabilities Basketball Carnival involving 32 teams from 15 different schools
- Hosei and Doshisha Kori University High School Japan School visit.
- Power Cup winners.
- Mathematics students top private schools in MASA Quiz Night, initiated NASSSA Olympics.
- University Aspirations Film Project
- School Musical – '*Your History*'
- 3 Indigenous students received a University offer
- 13 out of 16 Indigenous students achieved their SACE

David Lewis



Old scholar, David Lewis, who used to live on Gawler Street, Salisbury, adjacent Heidenreich's flour mill, is Professor of Chemistry at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in the USA. Later this year, David will speak at symposia in St Petersburg Federal University and Kazan Federal University, in Russia.

David's colleagues at the Division of the History of Chemistry of the American Chemical Society asked him to present the 'Award for Chemical Breakthroughs' to St Petersburg State University for Mendeleev's Periodic Table.

David's interest as an historian of Chemistry, with an emphasis on the development of organic chemistry in Russia, and Kazan University in particular, will see him speaking at Kazan Federal University's School of Chemistry.

Details of David Lewis's amazing life journey from Salisbury High School can be viewed at: www.uwec.edu/lewisd/homepage/lewis.htm

From 1968 Yearbook

David Lewis is one of the most brilliant students that Salisbury High has produced since its inception in 1959. His school record proves this beyond doubt. He has been first in his class each year since first year. He gained seven credits in the Intermediate PEB examination and seven credits in the Leaving

examination. Despite his excellent school record, David is quite modest about his achievements and prefers not to talk of them.

David finds time for two hobbies. One of these is the unusual pastime of building ships in bottles. This is very different from his other hobby – chemistry. He has a backyard laboratory and spends many hours working in it.

For a long time David's ambition has been to become a nuclear physicist. From what we know of his ability, it seems likely that he will soar through the long tough University course he has chosen. After graduating, David hopes to work with the Australian Atomic Energy Commission.

Although a very clever person, David must work hard to achieve his fine results. Because he deserves it we wish him every success in his future career.

Mick Nedelkos



1968 Chess Team – Left to right A Benjamin, W O'Dell, A Lewis, M Stratton (Captain), D Lewis and J McAdam

Dux of Salisbury High 2012



Officer Cadet in Electrical Engineering with honours as he was in the National top 2%.

Jacob Morrison completed Year 12 in 2012. Jacob's score 98.35 (99.95) was achieved by studying Physics, Chemistry, Specialist Maths and Maths Studies including the Research Project.

Jacob was Dux in 2012 and has now joined the Australian Defence Force as an

Ann Prime – Principal

Greg Pearce AFAIM

1962 to 1967 – lived at 7 Farley Grove (across the road). House captain for Florey 1967.

Interests – Sports, represented school in cricket, football, athletics, soccer and tennis.

Joined National Bank in Salisbury 1967 – transferred to Darwin in 1968.

Joined TAA Darwin in 1970, transferred to Alice Springs as Assistant Manager in 1972 and back to Adelaide in Sales in 1975. Appointed Airport Manager Coolangatta Queensland in 1979.

Resigned in 1982 to embark on a career in Club Management – Manager - Seagulls Leagues Club (Id Coast), Manager Maryborough Sports Club (Qld), Manager Maryborough Golf Club, General Manager Ashgrove Golf Club (Qld), General Manager Cronulla Golf Club (Syd), General Manager Keperra Country Golf Club (Qld). Currently General Manager Belmont Golf Club (NSW). Was awarded Queensland Golf Club Manager of the year in 2008.

Sporting achievements – represented South Australia in cricket (Under 16s). Umpired 150 games of Australian Rules in SA and NT (including North Australian Grand Final in Mount Isa). Coached clubs to Cricket Premierships in Darwin, Alice Springs and Gold Coast.

Married to Belinda for 41 years – two daughter's – Teresa and Lyndal. Three grandsons – Jack Wil and Cooper.

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.



A Cricket Team 1966

Top K Starks, G Cunnett, M Flaherty, G Pearce, D Wilson, A Yardley, L Marr
Bottom – R Henderson, A Stewart, R Tunn, W Beattie

Athletics Day

Our Annual School Athletics Day was on Friday 15th March. Once again it turned out to be an amazing and fun filled day, which was enjoyed by staff, students and parents. The overall winner of the day for the third year in a row was **Oliphant**. The Spirit Cup winners were **Florey** who showed great participation and encouragement.



Anzac Day Memorial Wall

Whilst watching the Anzac Day Parade on TV recently I recognised many faces. Faces of Old Scholars, relatives, parents and even current students marching wearing their Grandfather's medals.

My own Grandpa was in the 11th Lighthorse fighting at Gallipoli and Palestine. He never talked of the war but as a small child I always admired a photo of him in full army uniform holding a rifle that hung proudly in his lounge room.

Salisbury High School was fortunate to win a grant in 2012 from the ANZAC Day Commemoration Council to build a memorial, honouring both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal armed forces members, who served Australia in past conflicts.

The wall commemorates all fallen soldiers, including Aboriginal soldiers, and was funded by an \$8000 grant from the Premier's Department.

The mural painted by Dennis Graham, an Aboriginal FLO student takes the iconic image of a stylized Australian setting at sunset, reflecting on the words, literally, *in the morning we shall remember them*.

Lest we Forget

Cheryl Bermingham



Cadets 1966

1966 began on a very high note for the cadets of Salisbury High School. Robert Holloway was Dux of the Under Officers Course earning him the General Rowell Trophy and Phillip Cassidy gained top position in the Sergeant's course. The main highlight of the year was the annual camp held at El Alamein and Cultana.

Left to right

L/Cpl Tucker, Sgt P Henderson, S/Sgt R Timmins, Sgt T Karaivanoff, L/Cpl G Gaskin and Cpl Proud

Seated left to right

Sgt P Cassidy, C.U/O R Holloway, Lt R Abbot, Lt C Giddings, WO2 P Nicolai and Sgt K Thrush



Speech Day 2012

We wish to acknowledge the generous support of the following Old Scholars: Delwyn Ayling, Martin Baden, Dr Guiseppe Caretti, Carol Cox De Vore, Ferguson Family, Dorothy Griggs, Dr Fraser Gurling, Steve Hore, Pat Lindsell, Rick Maurovic, Graham Moss, Dr Duncan McFetridge MP, Denise McKenzie, Gail Streather, Robert Styling, Janice Vidovich and Jennifer White



Robert Styling – Philip Coyle



Dorothy Griggs – Heidi Jensen



Mr & Mrs Potter – Ms Houlihan



Carol Cox-DeVore – Albert Kong



Graham Moss – Nisa Mulholland



Delwyn Ayling – Kate Dalton



Steve Hore – Ally Penrose



Martin Baden – Tim Sando

Speech Day 2013

If you would like to be involved in this year's Speech Day 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.bermingham969@schools.sa.edu.au

Speech Night 1962

A feature of the program was the performance of a play *Instruments of Darkness* by the Drama Club. Other items included well-rehearsed tumbling and pyramid building display by the gymnasium group, a colourful folk dancing performance, and a vivid bracket of carols by the choir.

From 1979 Yearbook – The Return

The key turns in the lock
And I enter my room.
I can hear the solemn clock
Being bold in the gloom.

Through the dark pane
Comes the moon's light,
But it does not explain
The secret way of night.

Only stance shapes
I can see
The evening drapes
The room with black sorcery.

Pausing for light, I can hear
The clock, in the gloom
Talking to the queer
Ghost in my room.

David Pisoni – Year 11