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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 28th November 2014

10am to 12 noon
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. Old Scholars are



welcome to attend.

SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS NEWSLETTER

"We Always Aspire to a Pathway to Success"



From the Principal

The year of 2013 for Salisbury High School has seen a connected community celebrating successful moments and student achievements. We celebrated numerous Photography /Media awards where Salisbury students not only flourished in the public sector arena but also stood out amongst private school entries. Our NAPLAN improvements in Reading, Spelling and in the use of vocabulary supported these successes.

Due to our school's ongoing success in having both teachers and students selected to participate in the Spirit of Science Program, incorporating an educational ten day trip to London, we were only one of two public schools invited to be a part of a live audience at this year's Science Inspiration presentation by Professor Ian Frazer.

Our Aboriginal students' involvement both in the Power Cup program and AIME showcased our students' commitment to these state wide indigenous programs bringing us awards, pride and a shared vision of academic success.

Our students' aspirations have significantly shifted from B grades to pushing for A grades. Our Year 12 students in particular have worked diligently towards the challenge of high attainment in fields such as Pure Mathematics, Physical Education, Research Project, Psychology and English leading them onto significant career paths such as Engineering, Education, high end Defence Force Placements and Health industries. These student successes can only occur through the joint efforts of staff, students and family.

We congratulate Evan Polymeneas for achieving his award as the top State Secondary Teacher of the year.

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.

Ferguson girls - Speech Day 2013



The Ferguson girls travelled from Canberra to attend our annual Speech Day. Betty graduated as Dux of the school in 1972 with her sisters graduating in 1970. The ladies presented The Ferguson Family awards for Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics – the same awards they won in their final years at Salisbury.

From the School Council



is truly amazing how in a blink of an another eve year school can fly by, but for our students they may have

sometimes wished that the 248 school days could have gone a little faster or even better if the 1778 lessons were shorter, but it is this amount of time that our students have turned learning into success.

As the Chairperson of your Governing Council, I am continually astounded to see and hear all of the successes achieved by our students and staff.

This year the Governing Council has continued its collaborative work with partnerships to further pave and lead the way with more opportunities and success for all students.

Our successes achieved this year have been inspired by the valuable Senior Leaders and teaching staff that are determined to see every student perform to their fullest potential through engaging lessons, supportive guidance and a strong care for their wellbeing.

This passion and commitment was very much appreciated with 14 individual teaching staff nominated for State Teaching Awards. Although there can only be one winner per award, we have had 11 Regional Winners since the awards inception seven years ago. We feel that each and every teaching professional is a winner as you have truly made a difference to our students.

We are extremely excited to have secured Ann's leadership for a further five years.

Stewart Sparrow – Chairperson School Council

Betty Ferguson 1972

The Phoenix (Junior Poetry Prize)

A fabulous bird.
It lives in the desert
Piping its call through the arid wastes.
It does not mate,
But stays in the palms and waits
Until its hour is come.

A burst of flame.
AshesSuddenly

The ashes part,
A shape appears.
A new bird.
The miracle of the Phoenix.
From ashes to beauty.
From beauty to ashes.

Then



Betty Ferguson Class 201

Back to the future – Old Scholar returns

With the publication of his new book one of Salisbury High's very first scholars from 1959 will be back for a school visit in September...all the way from England.



When Mr LaycoCk composed the school hymn it was Ken who made the illuminated scroll that hung in the front foyer. An article on Ken was in our newsletter April 2012. It can be viewed on our website.

Ken Bunn wrote about Teenage SA the way it was over fifty years ago and Salisbury High. Some early scholars are in the book. Check out The Kangaroo Connection by Kenneth Bunn (e-books at Amazon). We look forward to seeing him in September.

Terrina Simcock

1986 to 1989 - since leaving school Terrina has volunteered for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Salisbury High School, North Adelaide Football Club and Radio station PBM. Last year becoming a life member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association for 30 plus years.

Terrina began as a volunteer at Salisbury High in the Canteen, Resource Centre and office 25 years ago, Radio station PBM in Salisbury for 23 years and last but not least the North Adelaide Football Club for 15 years.



She loves to travel and has visited every state in Australia; the last trip was to Northern Territory to celebrate her 40th birthday where the highlight was a helicopter flight over Alice Springs

Congratulations to Terrina Simcock on receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Mark Butler, Federal Member for Port Adelaide at a volunteer's morning tea held last month.

Lorraine Ferguson

I attended Salisbury High School from 1981 to 1984, leaving at the end of Year 10 because I already knew everything, or so I thought. I left on a Friday and started fulltime at Venture (a discount clothing chain) in Parabanks (the space is now occupied by Harris Scarfs). I worked at Venture for two years before starting with Australia Post as a service clerk.

At 19 I met my future husband and moved to Melbourne, got married and had two children. My husband and I managed hotels in Melbourne for 7 years before moving to Queensland. We lived in Queensland for five years and were lucky enough to have spent 18 months of that time living on North Stradbroke Island.

We relocated back to Adelaide in 1998 for family reasons and set up a car detailing business on Port Road. 15 years later we still run the same business but now from Main North Road, Blair Athol.

A year after starting our business a young deaf lad applied for a position as a car detailer. We gave him a go and, albeit unbeknown to him, he changed my life. My need to communicate with all our staff encouraged me to enrol in a short course to learn Auslan (Australian Sign Language).

My love of the language led me into enrolling in TAFE to do my Certificate 2 and 3 in Auslan which I did two nights a week for four years. Then I went on to complete my Diploma of Interpreting (Auslan/English) and started work as a bilingual School Services Officer in schools with deaf students attending.

After a couple of years working in schools I was diagnosed with breast cancer and took a year off to undergo chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Happily I am now all clear. Throughout my treatment I did a lot of soul searching and decided to enrol in university to get a teaching degree.

As I hadn't completed my HSC (lol, now SACE) I had to sit a SATAC test. I was terrified but must have done OK as I was offered a place at the University of South Australia. I completed my degree with 1st class honours and was offered a scholarship to undertake my PhD, focussing on Deaf education. That is where I am at now, a fulltime PhD candidate at UNISA as well as a Temporary Relieving Teacher.

I often reflect back through my life and think about my friends in high school. Unfortunately we were not the most conscientious students but we sure had fun and looked out for each other. Sadly, I never saw any of them again after I left, yet each of them contributed to who I became. Even now I smile at the thought of a high school dropout from a low socioeconomic background undertaking a PhD and being paid to do so.

Although I would never in a million years have dreamed of doing the things I have done, and was often petrified of attempting things so out of my comfort zone, I'm glad I always took that leap of faith. I can credit Salisbury High and more specifically, Edgar Castle, the most brilliant teacher of English and life I ever had the privilege to meet. My biggest regret in life thus far was missing the opportunity to thank him. I always envied his obvious passion for teaching and wondered what it would be like to feel that way about something. I wish I could have told him.

When reflecting on my teaching practices I often smirk at the influence he still has over my actions. When I find myself jumping on a table to highlight a point, or whooping with joy at a student who finally gets a difficult concept, I feel his presence. My current and future students will also benefit from the teachings of Edgar Castle. For that Salisbury High School will always hold a special place in my heart.

Paul Croucher

1961 to 1965 – I left school after fourth year and joined the National Australia Bank Ltd on 14th February after being posted at Salisbury for the first 15 months moving from branch to branch progressing in rank through the years. During these years I spent a large proportion working country branches which I found exciting and enjoyed country life and all that it entails.

I finished my banking career with the National Bank in April 1986 as a Managers Clerk handling the largest loans portfolio outside of Head Office and bought the Aberdeen Roadhouse in Burra which I successfully ran for three years before returning back to Salisbury. I joined State Bank of South Australia in 1990 as a Commercial Banking Manager working in the three main commercial hubs in the Adelaide suburbs until 2001.

From there I started my own bookkeeping and finance brokering company plus worked part time with Adelaide Bank as a senior loans assessor. This lasted three years when I was targeted by Boffa and Russo Electrical Contractors, the largest electrical contractor in South Australia, as their Administration Manager in 2003 and stayed there until the company sold in 2006 when I joined Mitolo Constructions as Projects and Construction Manager until 2010 when I retired.

I now enjoy caravanning around Australia and when home play golf and lawn bowls.

1970 Year book – Albino ant discovered

Recently, while in the Flinders Rangers, a Science graduate captured an albino ant, stored him in a jar, and using the scientific method – began the analysis of the evidence. Catastrophe! A normal ant had walked through the camp fire. Transferred – Science Senior to Woomera High.

John Pike



John Pike was a Prefect in 1964, House Captain of Cairns, Senior Athletics Champ and Captain of the Soccer Team, and was later selected in the State Soccer squad of twenty to face Manchester United while he was still a teenager

Since leaving school John has become one of the greatest benefactors and pioneers promoting the South Australian music scene both live and club.

The early days - John started off by running live gigs and managing several bands while working in a bank. He changed the face of Nightclub Entertainment in Adelaide, starting at Sylvester's/Chasers - 1982 at the Bolivar Gardens Hotel, McMahons Night Clubs – 1987, Old Lion - The Big Gig – 1989, Heaven – 1992 to 2005, Heaven The Return - 2010 at St. Pauls and was inducted into SA Dance Music Hall of Fame in 1999.

Sunday nights the Elizabeth Rugby Club (Ruggers Club) a Live band institution in the north of Adelaide played regular host to Cold Chisel, Swanee, Mickey Finn, Rose Tattoo, Scandal, plus The Angels, Divynls, Sherbet, Dragon, Everest and numerous other top national acts. International acts.

John closed the Peter Jackson Hotel in Salisbury with Rose Tattoo and Canned Heat (USA) renovated the venue and launched the hugely successful and ground breaking McMahons Night Club at the same venue. Snowy (Jason Carter) MixFM was a glass boy back then at McMahons.

John became the first person to put a major rock act into Yatala Jail. Angry Anderson and Rose Tattoo did the gig for free.

It was September during SANFL footy finals before Crows and Power in AFL. During the concert inmate numbers were being displayed on a wall for visitation as it was visiting hours. No one was moving.

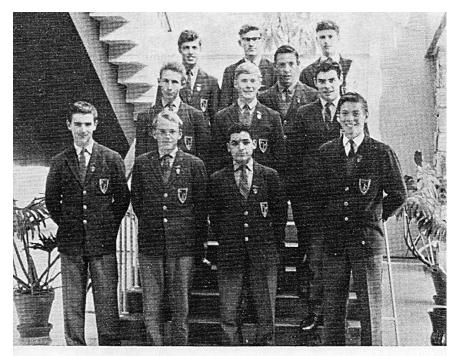
The Chief beckoned John to complain the music was too loud. The Warden was having a barbeque at his house outside the jail and couldn't hear the football final coverage on TV. John walked briskly up to the stage wing, Angry wandered over still singing and gave his ear. John told him they wanted him to turn down. He answered no @*#%+*^ way which went through the mic, was heard by the Chief and the inmates were stomping their feet with joy.

Not to be outdone at the end of the song the Chief strode to the stage and yelled out to the inmates that unless prisoners whose numbers had been highlighted did not go to visitation the concert would not continue. Angry and the band remained silent while about a dozen or more inmates left the building to go to their visits. The show continued and ended with one encore, two would have been pushing it with the officers.

During his time in the music scene he obtained a Masters Degree in Entrepreneurial Marketing Degree, and at present is currently studying a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree following on from his Diploma of Community Service Case Management so he can help troubled youth.

John currently has nephews Jessie and Harley attending Salisbury High.

If you would like to read a more complete story please look up "Heaven John Pike". John would love to make contact with old friends and acquaintances. John can be contacted on Facebook.



BOY PREFECTS

Back Row: D. Blackwell, R. Stoneman, M. Baden. Middle Row: P. Lewis, G. Slater, B. Morris (Head Prefect), B. Wright. Front Row: J. Pike, I. Wilson, C. Siciliano, J. Birch (Junior Prefect).

Looking for Marilyn Kemsley

Old Scholar June Morrison is trying to contact Marilyn Kemsley. They were in the same class in 1966 and were in the Commercial Class 2F in 1966. If you know where Marilyn is please email: June at junemorrison1@bigpond.com

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Murray Chance

Attended Salisbury High School 1976 – 1979

Attended Salisbury Primary, Salisbury 1969 – 1975

Murray is the second of four children. His elder brother Graham (deceased), sister Brenda and younger brother Greg all attended Salisbury High.

Murray was a keen student and an avid sportsman playing football for both Salisbury High and Salisbury Football Club. Whilst in class 808, Murray fondly remembers Mr Smerd, his home-class teacher that year and his rolling chant of right-o eight-o-eight to get the class's attention. Other teachers Murray well remembers are Mr Hilton who drove a red Triumph TR6. Mr Hilton was Murray's science teacher; also Mr Marino who used to drive an old sky-blue coloured Volkswagen Beetle. Interestingly, Mr Marino is still teaching, but nowadays, at Unley High School and after more than 30 years, he is still driving the faithful old Beetle!

Some of Murray's schoolmates were: Anthony Nielsen, Brett Dixon, Alan (Choco) Brown, Kevin Dew, Alex Watson, and Rick Maurovic.

After leaving school, Murray applied for and received an apprenticeship as a fitter and turner at the Uniroyal (later, Bridgestone) Tyre factory at Salisbury South. After seven years as a fitter and turner in 1985, Murray decided to follow his father's footsteps and become a fire fighter with the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service.

He won the Practical Efficiency Award of his training group. During his 28 year career thus far, Murray has served at many fire stations, including: headquarters in Wakefield Street, city; at North Adelaide, Elizabeth, Port Pirie, and within the DSTO complex at Penfield. Murray has always been a keen cook and during his time as a fire fighter, he has been able to really hone those skills and confidently take his turn doing the cooking for his fire station colleagues.

Another ability he has been able to hone is his passion for playing golf on his days off. Murray is a member of Tea Tree Gully Golf Club and plays as often as possible. He has represented South Australia numerous times as a golfer for the SAMFS Golf Club. His current playing handicap is seven.

Murray's fire-fighting career nearly came to a terrible end when in 1989, early in his career, he suffered a devastating knee injury in a water-skiing accident. Murray was unable to return to full time work for a number of years but after extensive rehabilitation was able to get back to his full fire-fighting duties.

In 2008 he was appointed Station officer at Salisbury Fire Station, located on Frost Road, Salisbury South and has attended many fire calls and incidents within the Salisbury area, including the Salisbury interchange railway crossing incident.

As station officer, Murray is responsible for the management of the fire station, its fire fighters' welfare and the fire appliances.

As First Arrival Officer to fire calls and incidents, Murray becomes the Incident Controller and manages the incident to whatever type of task the fire appliances are called to, in and around the Salisbury Fire District.

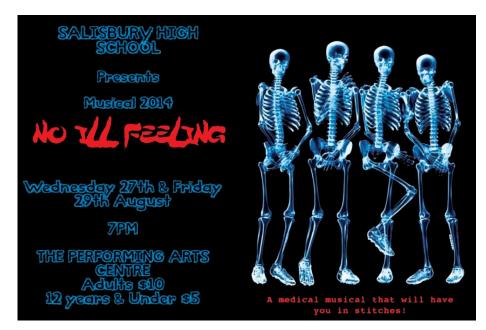
Murray and his wife Katherine have been married for 25 plus years and have two teenage children, the oldest having started University this year.

Musical - No III Feeling

Wednesday 27th and Friday 29th August 2014

The goings on at the hospital of the Sisters of Percy will have you in stitches. Matron Starchy and the chief surgeon, Sir Jerry Dunn, find that antiseptic is no antidote for passion: Nurse Trueheart and Doctor Reambo have a condition that cannot be treated medically: the resident psychiatrist is a Freudian delight and Doctor Khan would out-Indian Ghandi.

The patients in Ward Two are an interesting bunch: the snooty Hilary, the irrepressible Elsie, the hypochondriac Myra and the amnesic Vera. Did Vera rob a bank? Has she really lost her memory? She doesn't know – she can't remember!



Jim Green



I was thrilled to read about David Lewis, Greg Pearce, and Robert Holloway in the last newsletter (May 2013). I was a student at the same time – 1963 to 1968. Greg and Robert were a year ahead of me, but David was in the same class from Year 8 to 12. Even though he was a science /maths specialist, he was also brilliant in the English /Humanities area. His ability to work hard and to talk to everyone in an unaffected manner was rewarded with his election as Head Prefect in 1968.

Greg Pearce was a very prominent and popular sporting identity of the school. I clearly remember him very capably umpiring the staff student/football match in 1967.

In my junior years at Salisbury High, I was a shy, quiet boy who was bullied on a regular basis. In those days you just had to deal with it as best you could. Tennis was a great escape for me. Many a sweaty lunchtime was spent on the school courts. I played for the school and was in the senior boys 'A' team from when I was a year 10 student. One of my team mates was Robert Holloway.

It wasn't until Year 11 that I became known to a few people when I won the Year 11 boys singles tennis tournament and runner up in the senior boys tournament. I struggled, however, with my studies. My parents insisted I tackle the academic curriculum in Years 11 and 12. Maths, Physics and Chemistry were a mystery to me and I was heading for disaster in my final years.....but then something happened which changed everything!

Early in Year 12, someone (I think a teacher) nominated me to be a prefect. Much to my amazement I was elected. I'm still convinced the staff did some creative counting of votes. My confidence blossomed, I became sporting editor of the student magazine (year book), and I started to assist with some tennis coaching of younger students.



BOYS PREFECTS

TOP ROW: (L to R) L. Love, K. Bridges.
2ND ROW: (L to R) J. Spaans (Sports Prefect), M. Bormann, T. Karavanoff, J. Ivanoff.
3RD ROW: (L to R) G. Duffield, M. Foreman, D. McFetridge, A. Hagan.
4TH ROW: (L to R) D. Lewis (Head Prefect), J. Bivone (Deputy Head Prefect), J. Green,
G. Georgopoulos, D. Evanoff, P. Nicolai, Mr. Semmens (Head Master).

This led to the notion of becoming a teacher! But of what??? I was not a natural all round sportsperson. My drawing skills were pretty good, but this was a private pursuit. (No art classes at school since Year 8). Two sketch books full of copied and imaginative images were revealed and admired by my teachers.

The short version of the rest of this story is that I ended up at Western Teachers College, (along with now MP, Dr Duncan McFetridge at the time studying Tech Studies teaching) and attended the North Adelaide School of Art to gain my diploma of teaching (art.)

A 35 year career followed, in various South Australian metropolitan and country schools. Throughout my career I also taught Design, PE, Drama, Work and Career Ed and Community Studies. At various times I was a coordinator of the Arts, VET studies, Student Counsellor and Deputy Principal. I was also very active in assessment, moderation and curriculum writing with the SACE Board.

With retirement from the Education Department in 2006 came a new working life part-time at The SACE Board. I am now fully retired and living the dream as an artist/traveller/golfer/grandparent with my lovely craftsperson wife Sharon. My two children by my first wife Annette (deceased), are now in their early thirties. Taryn works for Elders and Courtney is a music teacher in the Catholic system.

As I reflect on my life and career, I feel that my destiny was established the moment I became a prefect at Salisbury High School in 1968. My teachers must have seen some potential in me and through their encouragement, I was able to develop some confidence to pursue my dreams.

See Jim's website:www.jimgreenartsa.com

History week



The Salisbury and District Historical Society Inc undertook a display for History Week this year under the title of History of Education in the Salisbury Council are.

There was a traditional historical walk through the Salisbury Civic Centre.



The education display featured a map of the Salisbury Council area highlighting all the preschools, junior, primary, high schools, colleges, TAFE campus and Uni SA.

The emphasis was on the first primary school, Salisbury Primary which commenced in 1877 and the first high school Salisbury High which was built to cope with the growing population and opened in 1957.

The Society had a comprehensive display of memorabilia of Salisbury High School featuring uniform, photos, school hymn, sporting events, past and present staff and students and curriculum over the years.

A big thank you to Salisbury High School Old Scholars Association for their excellent web page, to Delwyn Ayling for the use of her complete 1959 uniform and to Dorothy Westell and Cheryl Bermingham for their great help and support.

Janette and Laurie Graeber



1968 Editorial Committee

Jim Green is back left with good friend Michael Foreman (later to become his best man).

Seated in front are Sally Wagsatff and Margaret Welsh.

All part of the editorials committee for the school magazine 1968.

Jim Green Sport

Sally Wagstaff Literature

Michael Foreman Liteature

Margaret Welsh General

Speech Day 2013

We wish to acknowledge the generous support of the following Old

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