



SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL OLD SCHOLARS NEWSLETTER

"We Always Aspire to a Pathway to Success"



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Coming events:

August

26th to 28th School Musical

October

16th – Wellbeing Day

November

27th – Speech Day

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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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.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

From the Principal

The year of 2014 for Salisbury High School brought a connected community celebrating successful moments and student achievements.

We celebrate that fact that Albert Kong our school Dux and top University student, achieved an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) of 99.95 with four merits and 5 A grades at Stage 2. Albert is also a recipient of the Governor of South Australia commendation and University of Adelaide scholarship.

Exemplary Year 12 results

100% SACE completion

62 A grade results

63 students achieved a University pathway



Over the last five years, our students have consistently achieved outstanding tertiary entrance scores above 90. These outcomes are testimony to the wonderful opportunities presented to our students on a daily basis and the commitment and professionalism of teachers working within our connected community.

If the Class of 2014 are wise, they will use their recently acquired skills along with their aspirations as a compass, guiding them towards their next successful venture.

During 2014 we were one of only two State schools to have two of our students selected to attend the prestigious and remarkable Spirit of Science Program incorporating a fully funded Educational ten day trip to London.

Earlier in the year three of our students and a staff member were selected to attend the Northern Adelaide School Alliance Anzac tour to Villers Bretonneux along the French and Belgium border. Students also travelled to London and Paris.

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

Ann Prime – Principal

2014 Highlights

- 7 Merit awards, 62 Stage2 2 A grades
- 11 students achieved an ATAR above 90
- 100% SACE completion – 113 students completed their SACE
- PMA Leadership Maths Award
- Spirit of Science Awards
- Australian Vocational student prizes
- Hosei High School Japan school visit
- School Musical
- Opening of Confucius Classroom
- Student Wellbeing Day



Congratulations

Evan Polymeneas joined 11 other outstanding educators from across Australia in receiving his National award in the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEita) last month. Selected from more than 1000 nominations in 2014, the 12 national award recipients have been honoured for their inspiring and innovative contributions to teaching.



Over the past three years, Evan developed the 'Walk for Water' community project, which is now part of the Year 8 PLP and Service as Action program. Inspired by the documentary 'Barefoot in Ethiopia' the program merges the ideas of water, health and philanthropy, teaching students about the role of water in normal body functions and in third world development in Africa. The students also fundraise to purchase water carts and develop water programs in the remote village of Euruy in northern Ethiopia.

Helen Symeonakis



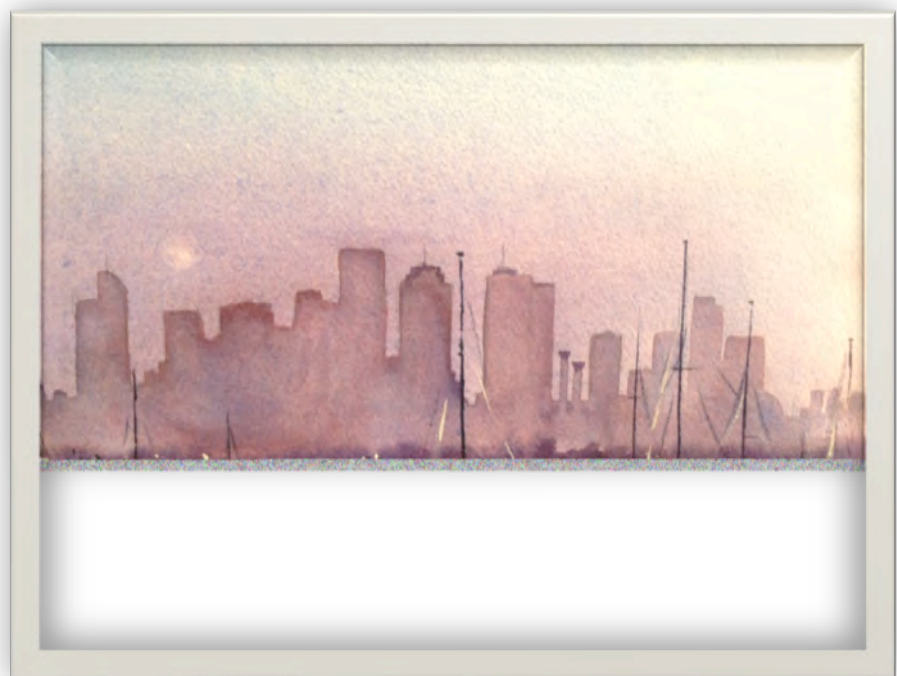
Helen Symeonakis (Paphitis) - An inspirational teacher, School Leader and Principal of Salisbury High School during the years of 1983 to 2007.

She was an exceptional visionary Principal, providing clear direction, and had the ability to train many teachers under her reign, turning them into fine educational leaders that have ventured off as leaders into many other schools. She was well liked and admired by her staff and students, and she

connected the community, even to a National level, with the school. She won local Community Awards for her endeavours.

Helen was a friend, a golden colleague, and an inclusive Leader. She fought the cancer over and over again ... and she beat it each time. But, after some 15 years ... it got the better of her. You wouldn't have known of her illness if you saw her ... she was always positive, optimistic, bubbly, and ... still worked toward making others reach their potential.

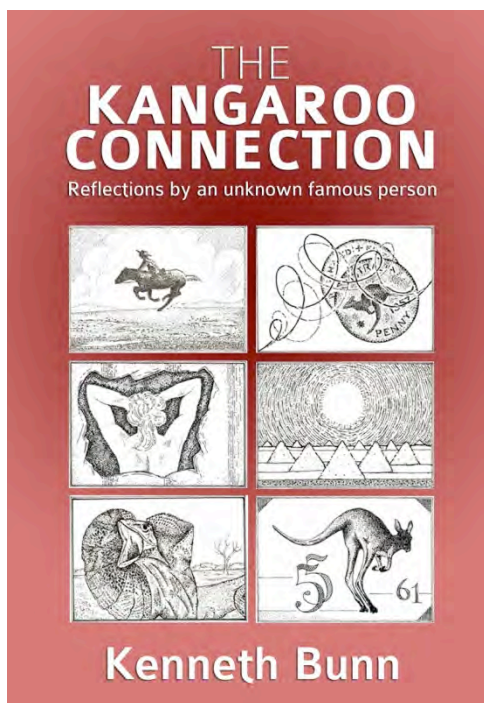
Rest in Peace our beautiful, passionate Helen.



One of the many water colours painted by Helen

Old Scholar returns

With the publication of his new book *The Kangaroo Connection*, one of Salisbury High's very first scholars from 1959 came back to the school with his wife Anne for a visit all the way from England last September.



During his early years (over 50 years ago) Ken kept a diary of his South Australian experiences. These Australian experiences have now been published on e-books titled *The Kangaroo Connection*. Check it out on Amazon. Salisbury High is in the book which also features Old Scholars many of whom Ken has been able to trace.

Ken still had some of his old school books/written work and various other related documents that he kindly donated to the school. The workmanship in the Tech Studies book was amazing - all on computers now.

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.

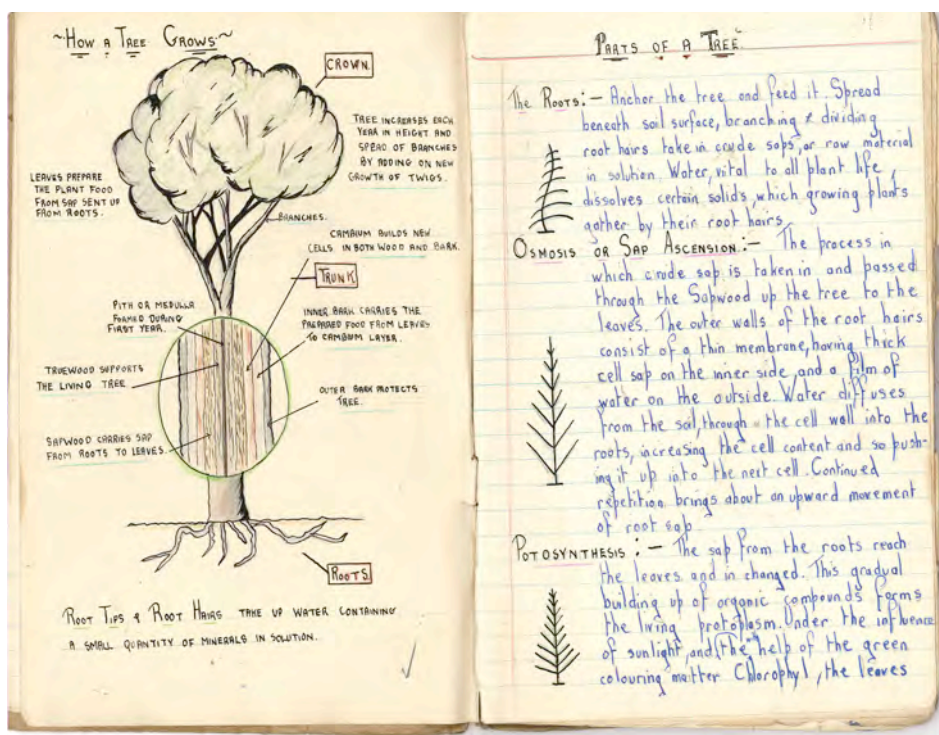
An email from Ken on his return to England

Here we are back in England- cold dark nights; some Salisbury sun would be welcome.

Just to say how very much I enjoyed meeting you in person and felt quite privileged to be able to add to the school archives with some of my old school books. I was also aware of just how much Salisbury High owes to your endeavours with Newsletters/Old Pupils Register which has undoubtedly resulted in a unique Historic Educational Record.



A memorable occasion I will never forget and your photo and 'autograph' are now in my diary so that's our meeting recorded forever.



A page from one of Ken's Woodwork exercise books.

From the School Council



2014 saw the continuation of knocking over barriers, breaking down stereotypes and rising above the stigma that is perceived for the Northern suburbs of Adelaide. Therefore, the end of the year represented the culmination of not just the past 12 months, but of the past years of dedication and determination from our students, teachers, community and school to break through that glass ceiling and excel at being a shining light of achievement, excellence and opportunities.

As the Chairperson of your Governing Council I can share with you the immense amount of pride that is constantly discussed, recognised and celebrated at each meeting which we acknowledge as being achieved by all of us working collaboratively together in building strong effective relationships.

Our vision for the Governing Council was to continue building upon the success of years past and increasing the momentum for more positive outcomes throughout the student body.

Stewart Sparrow
Chairperson School Council

Thank you to Yvonne Smith

Many thanks to Yvonne Smith who kindly donated to the school the following school year books.

1965 1967
1968 1969

I thought I knew all the yearbooks almost off by heart but I don't recall ever seeing the 1965 one.



Pat Penny Mullens

Attended Salisbury High School from 1967 to 1970 as did her sister and two brothers. She still keeps in contact with several class mates and loves to read the latest events involving the school. In particular she liked the article about the Ferguson girls who lived closed to her and attended St Augustine's school with her during her primary years.

Pat would like to contact and catch up with an Old Scholar she has lost touch with. If **Julie Greer** would like to contact Cheryl at the school I will pass on details to Pat.

Nicole (Nicci) Merritt – 1994 to 1997

I was a troubled teen with family issues at the time and I remember having Ann Prime as a Counsellor. I doubt anyone at the time thought I would be successful and that is why I thought I would share my story.

I did return to school part time in 1999 and completed Year 11 (Marden SC). I went on to do Year 12 and completed four subjects. I didn't finish all my chosen subjects because I was working full time in hospitality and had applied for the Army. I was accepted in 2003 and went off to basic training just before I was due to do end of year exams. This I would later regret.

However in the Army I became a Signaller, qualified in Computer Networking and IT. I deployed to East Timor in 2009 and for three months of my eight month deployment, I taught English in a remote Timorese school. I created the syllabus and lesson content and instructed the teachers while some of my peers taught the students. Luckily English was one of the subjects I completed in Year 12.

I have travelled and lived all over Australia with my job and I have been lucky enough to have worked in Singapore, Nauru, Malaysia and PNG. I have been able to travel though Europe and through the Pacific Islands on my personal leave.

In 2001 I decided to transfer within the Army to a more physically challenging role that had only recently opened up to women. So now I am a Bombardier, I command a small detachment of soldiers on a missile weapon and radar system.

I am now 33 and expecting my first child with my husband. I feel successful in life because I am so happy and grateful. I have my own little family and our own home.

Speech Day 2014

We wish to acknowledge the generous support of the following in respect to awards and Speech Day

Old Scholars

Delwyn Ayling
Dr Jeffrey Baden
Martin Baden
Dr Guiseppe Caretti
Carol Cox De Vore
Betty Ferguson
Margaret Ferguson
Maryanne Ferguson
Dorothy Griggs
Steve Hore
Kember family
Pat Lindsell
Dr Duncan McFetridge MP
Denise McKenzie
Rick Maurovic
Gail and Adrian Streather
Robert Styling
Janice Vidovich
Jennifer White

Industry

ADF Long Tan
Bank SA
Barnacle Bill
Bendigo Bank
Bob Jane T Mart
Caltex
Charlesworth Nuts
Channel 7
Channel 10
IDM Sports
Mitani
MSP Photography
Nippys
Premier Art Supplies
Print Lord
RM Williams
Salisbury North Football Club
Salisbury West Cricket Club
The Advertiser

Community

Zoe Bettison MP
Hon Mark Butler MP
Adrienne Gregory
Debbie Haines
Lions Club of Paralowie
Peter Goers
Rotary
Mr and Mrs Warner
Youth Opportunities
Leesa Vlahos MP
Zonta



Steve Hore presenting the Steve Hore Humanities Award to Natalie Crespín



Robert Styling presenting the Senior Dux of SWD award to Brendon Webb



Adrian and Gail Streather presenting the Natalie Louise Streather Award to Dahley Robertson-King

Speech Day

Friday 27th November 2015- 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.



Dorothy Griggs presenting the Dorothy Griggs Most Diligent Year 9 student award to Leigh Hawkley



Delwyn Ayling presenting the Delwyn Ayling Chinese Award to Kristopher Skidmore



Carol Cox-Devore presenting the Carol Cox DeVore Mathematics Award to Kate Dalton



Dr Duncan McFetridge presenting the Dr Duncan McFetridge Technical Studies award to Matthew Barry

Speech Day Class of 2014



Opening of Confucius classroom

Our Confucius Classroom was officially opened on Wednesday 26th November 2014 by the Hon Leesa Vlahos MP, Member for Taylor representing the Minister of Education and Child Development, the Hon Jennifer Rankin MP and Professor Warren Bebbington, Vice Chancellor and President, University of Adelaide. The Lion Dance was enjoyed by all.

