A Year of Extraordinary Changes.

The year 1996 was transformational in the life of Saint Ignatius’ College. The College, then 45 years old, was to become fully co-educational, and the year levels at each campus were to be changed. Co-education was particularly significant at the Junior School, which had been boys-only since the first day in 1951. Another change at the Junior School was the addition of Reception, Year One, and Year Two Classes. Additionally, Year Seven Classes were relocated to the Athelstone campus.

Major leaders of these changes included Mr Walter Armitage, then Head of Junior School and now Assistant College Archivist, and the Deputy Head, Mrs Geraldine Lloyd. Mrs Lloyd was able to contribute her considerable experience in the education of girls and younger students to these changes, and she continues to serve the College, now as a member of College Council.

Most of us find change difficult, and this was certainly true for the College as we prepared for 1996. Initially, many of the Junior School boys were not taken with the idea of sharing their campus with girls. Records indicate only one boy was removed due to co-education being introduced, yet two other boys were enrolled for the same reason! Many staff, having taught boys for the majority of their career, now needed to learn more inclusive techniques and become more aware of the specifics of educating girls. While around 250 additional students joined the College that year, with another 150 the following year, it appears that they came from a wide variety of schools, and it seemed that our initiative helped Catholic schooling to prosper in our region. Saint Ignatius’ College now provided a Catholic co-educational option, which proved popular for many families.

At the Senior School, girls had been a presence in Years Eleven and Twelve for over 20 years, and now they were to be part of every year level. The other change on this campus was the arrival of Year Seven Classes. Much planning had gone into this move also. A task force of over 15 staff led the changes, with Mrs Elizabeth Wedge being an important contributor. A number of Junior School teachers transferred with the boys, including Mr Chris Toome. The Campus Link bus was established to provide safe and convenient travel between the two campuses.

As other Catholic schools now prepare to include Year Seven on senior campuses, we can take a certain satisfaction in recalling that this move took place at Ignatius 20 years ago and that, by all accounts, the move has been tremendously successful. A driving force behind these moves was the then Headmaster Fr Gregory O’Kelly SJ (now Bishop O’Kelly). In his 1996 Speech Day address he noted, “It is with a sense of pride that I report that Ignatius has just completed successfully a year of extraordinary changes: a year that will rank as one of the most significant in the history of the College.”

We can certainly share his pride in the ongoing growth and success of the College that has occurred, and which may be attributed in many ways to those extraordinary changes made 20 years ago.

Fr Robert J Davoren SJ (Class of ’70)
RECTOR
On the 14th of October, 2016, the 36th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus elected our 31st Superior General, Father Arturo Sosa SJ. The new Superior General is Venezuelan by birth, and the first non-European to lead the Jesuits since the foundation of the Society in 1540. Between 1996 and 2004 Fr Sosa was the Provincial of the Venezuelan Jesuits. He speaks Spanish, Italian and English and holds a doctorate in the Political Sciences.

So much of what happens in the Church may seem far removed from our situation, both geographically and personally. Yet for Jesuits and Jesuit works the Superior General articulates the vision of the Society as we move forward further into the 21st century. It was the visionary and saintly Fr Pedro Arrupe, the 28th General, who, in the midst of the sociological upheavals of the 1960s, called for a deepening commitment to faith and to the promotion of justice.

It was a call that rang through the halls of Jesuit institutions worldwide and even now underpins our educational and other apostolic works. At his first mass as General Fr Sosa urged Jesuits to have the audacity to faith and justice – to illustrate her point.

Dr Suzanne Le Mire, delivered an address at the recent College Speech Day which exactly highlighted the values of the College and its essential philosophy. Speaking personally from her own experience Dr Le Mire gave three examples of people who, through faith, courage and personal integrity, overcame personal challenges and opposition to their vision in such a way to make a difference in the world. I was delighted that she took Caroline Chisholm – after whom the new building at the Senior School is named and who is depicted in mosaic in the College Chapel, and who is presented to our students as a model of faith and justice – to illustrate her point.

Living out one’s faith in the real world and in response to the needs of others is at the heart of our College.

Our community is amongst the most privileged in this world. Millions do not have our myriad opportunities, especially in the area of education. Gratitude for what we enjoy is fundamental to our lives as Christian people as well as to the value of any contribution we make to the lives of those less fortunate. We may only do this this if we are aware of, and have some understanding of those who do not enjoy the benefits we do.

The College Council Praestans Medal for outstanding contribution and service to the school community was this year presented to Mr Christopher Toome. Chris joined the staff at the junior school in 1986.

In 1995 Chris was a member of the working party which undertook the planning for the transition of Year 7 to the Senior Campus. His work was essential to the overall success of this move. As a consequence of the relocation of Year 7, Chris transferred to the Senior Campus and has been there ever since. Presently, he is the Prefect of Studies for the Middle Years.

Chris has maintained a strong co-curricular involvement, coaching football, cricket, tennis, badminton and basketball. During his thirty years at the College, Chris has undertaken two international teaching placements, firstly in New Zealand and then for two years, 1999 and 2000, on Bathurst Island in the Northern Territory. It was in the Northern Territory amongst the Tiwi people that Chris pondered how best to build bridges leading to understanding between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

Upon his return to Ignatius, Chris established the Jarrumwani immersion programme for Year 10 students in the traditional lands of the Tiwi people. ‘Jarrumwani’ may be freely translated as ‘journey’. In later years he established a second immersion journey, this time to the Daly River, where in the 19th century the first Jesuit missionaries had worked with indigenous communities.

Chris has organised and led eighteen such immersions over the past thirteen years.

His work to promote understanding, tolerance and friendship is admirable. The organisation and planning of the immersions to remote parts of Australia demand particular skills and commitment, and to have done so for more than a decade is a remarkable achievement. Chris is an outstanding member of our community and a strong role model. Thus the College Council is delighted to acknowledge his unique contributions in broadening our students’ understanding of our indigenous sisters and brothers through the Jarrumwani Immersions.

Finally, as I complete this piece, the College is preparing for the opening of the Caroline Chisholm Building. This is a fine new facility and presents a wide range of opportunities for educational progress. The Rector, Fr Davoren, is to be congratulated on his vision and, with the assistance of his leadership team, in bringing yet another project to its completion.

We have enjoyed a fine and markedly successful year in 2016. As we approach the celebration of Christ’s birth, I wish all in our College community the blessings of Christmas.

Fr Paul B Mullins SJ (Class of ’68)
CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Chris Toome receiving the College Council Praestans Award at Speech Day.
In 1838, a young mother of three sons emigrated with her soldier husband to New South Wales. Despite what must have been a demanding existence with three children in the developing colony, particularly after her husband had been recalled to active service in 1840, this young woman managed to make time for philanthropy. Moved by the plight of immigrant women, she met every migrant ship on arrival, found positions for the new arrivals, and sheltered many in her own home. Later she campaigned for and successfully founded a female immigrants home to ease the transition of new arrivals into their new home. Through this generosity and practical assistance, Caroline Chisholm changed lives. She went on to continue her service for those in need and became a leading advocate for the underprivileged. It is fitting, therefore, that her name be given to the building at the heart of the Foundation’s current project, the Caroline Chisholm Building.

At the AGM we welcomed Sue Giacobbe, the College’s new Fundraising Manager and I thank her for her support in directing the Foundation’s fundraising projects. We also welcomed two new members – Mrs Susan Dodson and Mr Craig Whiteman (Class of ’90) to the Foundation Board. They both bring a wealth of knowledge and experience from their work in the education and financial sectors. Susan is a current parent with a son and daughter at the Senior School. She was a member of the Parents and Friends Committee for many years and served as President in 2014 and 2015. Craig is an Old Ignatian from the Class of 1990 and is a current parent with three sons at the Junior School.

The new parent dinners were held again this year, continuing to build a culture of philanthropy in the College. Two dinners were held at the Junior School, and three at the Senior School. Fr Rob Davoren SJ and Sue Giacobbe spoke at each dinner about the College’s past and present fundraising efforts. Foundation members are also present at each dinner, along with senior College staff.

Throughout the year the Foundation has continued to provide a report for each issue of the Manresa magazine, and has also regularly reported to the College Council on Foundation activities. The Foundation is particularly grateful for the ongoing support of the College Council, the Finance and Legal Committee, and the Parents and Friends Committee. The Parents and Friends, in particular, have continued to support the Foundation’s fundraising activities generously.

In addition, the Foundation has been liaising regularly with the Bursary Committee, which is charged with developing and implementing guidelines for the disbursement of bursary funds to students. The Foundation is grateful for the work of Ms Paula Capaldo (Class of ’81) in leading this committee. Our thanks to Fr Rob Davoren SJ, Rector of the College, and Mr Peter Coffey, Head of Senior School, who have attended Foundation meetings and provided wise counsel and continuing support.

In my capacity as chair, I would also like to extend my deep thanks to the Foundation Board members for their thoughtful, enthusiastic, and expert contributions to the work of the Foundation. My thanks are due to Jayanthi McGrath, David Prescott (Class of ’93), Peter Britten-Jones (Class of ’86), Paul Shaw, Chris Sexton, Susan Dodson and Craig Whiteman.

As we look forward to driving the current campaign and the new projects ahead, it is timely to reflect on the values that lie at the core of the Foundation’s work. As we set about helping to raise children to go set the world alight, we are part of a community that contributes to the College, and ultimately to the work of St Ignatius. Along with their commitment, it is the generosity of the members of the Foundation to this mission that makes this possible and, accordingly, to the members I extend the sincere thanks of the Foundation and the College.

May Caroline Chisholm’s passion, generosity and service provide us all with inspiration for the years ahead.

Dr Suzanne Le Mire (Class of ’83)
CHAIR, FOUNDATION
At the start of 2016 demolition of the old administration building began. The new building has been named after Caroline Chisholm with the approval of The Provincial, Fr Brian McCoy SJ.

Caroline Chisholm’s energetic and self-sacrificing work for those in need in colonial Australia is a reminder of the powerful influence that can occur through committed lay service in our Church. At the College, we also commemorate Caroline Chisholm’s legacy through the Year 11 Caroline Chisholm Program of service in the community.

The Caroline Chisholm Building is a three storey facility with each of the levels connecting seamlessly to the current three levels of the Bellarmine Building. Services on the ground level will include a dedicated student reception, the student infirmary, student counselling, careers counselling, academic and course guidance. At the front of this level a modern and attractive Reception area will offer a warm and sophisticated welcome to visitors to the College.

In keeping with our Jesuit model for academic excellence, the top level will provide flexible, progressive learning environments that are vibrant and intellectually invigorating and meet the needs of the modern learner. It is in these spaces that teachers will work with and encourage students to build critical thinking and collaborative skills. A completion date in late December is expected in readiness for commencement in Term 1, 2017.

Thank you to all who have generously donated to the Caroline Chisholm Building Appeal. We are truly grateful for your support.

If you haven’t already done so but wish to make a contribution, please contact Sue Giacobbe at the Foundation Office on 8334 9356.

Mrs Sue Giacobbe
FUNDRAISING MANAGER
**Rector’s Speech Day Address**

**Speech Day - Friday 4 November 2016**

Excerpt from the Rector’s Speech Day Address. Please visit the College’s website for a full version of this Address.

On a foggy, steel gray day in September 2002, Dr Bennet Omalu arrived at the County coroner’s office in Pittsburg Pennsylvania. His task was to perform an autopsy on the body of Mike Webster, a professional football player. Mike Webster - a Pittsburg Steelers, four Superbowl victories, 245 games, and Hall of Famer, yet he had finished up “homeless, unemployed, deep in debt, in the care of a psychiatrist and on medication”.

Omalu’s challenge was to explain how this big athletic man ended up so mentally unbalanced. Could Mike Webster’s paranoia, explosive behaviour and loss of memory be caused by repeated blows to the head?

Days and nights went by. Weekends. Slicing, staining, ordering slides. He was ordering so many slides, he had to start paying for this out of his own pocket. Eventually he made a discovery. Omalu showed the slides to his boss and to scientists at the University of Pittsburgh. Everyone agreed: this was a disease, or a form of it, that no-one had ever seen before. Omalu wondered what to call it. He wanted a good acronym. Eventually, they came up with CTE, Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy.

He published his findings. The news of CTE, and of retired athletes possibly suffering debilitating brain damage, was now hitting the mainstream press. The NFL (National Football League) responded with denial and attack against the young pathologist in Pittsburgh, who surely had no idea what he was talking about. “Preposterous,” they said to reporters. “It’s not appropriate science.” “Purely speculative.”

Omalu did not become angry or give up. He reminded himself of who he was. “I perform autopsies on dead people every day, so every day I’m reminded of my mortality. It has made me become very religious. I know I’m going to die someday, I know I’m going to be judged by God, and I have work to do while I am here on the earth.”

The story of Dr Omalu has been made into a film, ‘Concussion’, starring Will Smith. The NFL eventually admitted that CTE was a disease which they needed to deal with. Over time, Dr Omalu found CTE in the brains of 76 out of 79 former players. While many of us may not have heard of Dr Omalu, few can say they are not aware of various sports which now have concussion policies based in part, on his work and the discovery of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy.

Last week Cricket Australia’s new rules regarding concussion substitutes were implemented for the very first time after NSW batsman, Daniel Hughes, was struck on the helmet while batting against Victoria. I find Dr Omalu’s story inspiring since it tells how a committed individual can have the courage to speak the truth however unpopular, despite opposition and vilification from a massively powerful organisation such as the NFL. Our Australian football codes were similar. Many had the idea of toughing it out, “players should just get over it, get on with it”. In other words, get back on the field as soon as possible. This was the traditional thinking of the time. It is also an example of how one’s religious faith can impel and sustain us during difficult times.

Many traditions are useful and survive the test of time. As a Jesuit College, we are blessed to share the rich history of Jesuit tradition which has developed over centuries. It is timely today to affirm our place within the wider network of Jesuit ministries. Our links to the Jesuit parish at Norwood is evident with the presence of Fr Mullins with us on stage. He is both parish priest and Chair of our College Council and I thank him for his considerable contribution to the College in addition to his extensive parish responsibilities. On Saturday 19 November 2016 we celebrate
another milestone at Sevenhill, that of the 150th anniversary of the Consecration of the Sanctuary of St Aloysius Church, Sevenhill.

Another major event this year for the Jesuit Order has been the election of a new Superior General in Rome, Fr Arturo Sosa. He is only the 30th Superior General in the 475-year history of the Society of Jesus and the first General from South America.

Our Annual Prize-giving and Speech Day is a significant tradition at Ignatius. There has been one every year since 1951 when the College commenced at Norwood - an unbroken series of 66 such events. A grand occasion, where so many from the College gather and can feel very proud of who we are and what we do.

There was a time when some schools abandoned Prize-giving ceremonies because “it didn’t seem fair that not everyone could get a prize”. Our faithfulness with this tradition is in part a reflection of our Jesuit tradition which promotes academic excellence. No judgement is made on those who do not appear as prize winners and we recognize many students who work extremely hard, yet fail to walk this stage. Our tradition of Ignatian excellence challenges each of us to do the very best we can, with the particular gifts we possess.

I welcome the many parents and grandparents who are with us today. We greatly value your trust in placing the education of your children in our hands and we acknowledge that we work with you, who are the first and best educators of your children. To those present whose family have donated prizes I thank you for your generosity and foresight.

On a sadder note, we recall the death of Mrs Nathalie McRae, the manager of the Senior School Tuckshop for twenty-one years. Nathalie died on 23rd May this year after post-operative complications. Almost all in our community encountered Mrs McRae in one way or another through her great generosity and involvement in the life of the school for so many years. In the week prior to her death she was involved in ‘Generations in Jazz’ in Mount Gambier. Staff and students told of her kindness and were very sad at her passing.

Three significant anniversaries occur this year. It has been twenty years since we relocated Year Seven to the senior campus, since we added Reception, Year One and Year Two Classes, and thirdly, twenty years since we extended co-education to every year of the College. Girls had been accepted into Years 11 and 12 since 1971 but from 1996, they were welcomed into every year level of the College. What a wonderful change this has been!

Females have achieved in every area of school life and many old scholars have shone in post-school areas. Ms Yen Pham (Class of ’10) was announced as our first female Rhodes Scholar. Our guest of honour, Dr Suzanne Le Mire, (Class of ’83), has achieved much professionally and as a wife and mother. To celebrate the twenty year anniversary, a women’s breakfast was held last August which was addressed by old scholar, Mrs Elaine Bensted (Class of ’80). Elaine is Chief Executive of Zoos SA and is responsible for the management of Adelaide Zoo, Monarto Zoo and Warrawong Sanctuary. Her description of her time at the College and her present work was nothing short of inspiring.

We have significantly increased the number of female students at Saint Ignatius’ College over the last twenty years and this has had very positive impacts on both the boys and girls, thereby vindicating that significant decision twenty years ago to become a fully integrated co-educational school. It remains my hope that more women can be included in the leadership structure of the College, indeed one day, that we may have a female Principal.

The ongoing high standard of academic results is a reflection of students’ hard work and also the wise instruction of their teachers. As well as final year instructors,
teachers in the Junior School have also formed sound academic foundations for future success. Junior School teachers present today taught many of you who are in the Year 12 cohort when you were ‘little’ and will pray for you during examinations. While the College is successful academically, and provides a traditional education, we must ensure that we adapt to new needs and opportunities. Some educational scholars have identified a “global achievement gap” which is the leap between what even our best schools are teaching, and the must-have skills of the future. Such skills include critical thinking and problem-solving, collaboration across networks and effective oral and written communication skills.

I have had opportunities, along with other members of College staff to investigate the nature of the “21st Century learner” in order to understand how best to motivate, teach and inspire them. I am very confident that we can successfully adapt teaching, learning, and assessment in the College and build upon our existing sound traditions.

One response to this adaptation is to be found on the top floor of our new Student and Staff Services building, which is to be named the Caroline Chisholm Building. This has been designed to enhance the flexible learning style which enables problem-centred learning, collaboration, enhanced technology use, and ‘maker space’ activities. A number of Heads of Faculty are working to adapt curriculum to make the most of our flexible learning space which at various times, will be available for use by all year levels. Already innovative activities and STEM projects are taking place with our Virtual Reality, Robotics, 3D printer equipment and laser cutter. I feel confident that this new area will help promote creativity, adaptability, curiosity and innovation in our students and that the flexible learning space will feature high on their ‘must visit’ list.

The new building will provide the opportunity to reposition the Christus statue which was originally on the curved wall of the old Bellarmine Building. It will have a prominent position overlooking the Bourke Oval. The statue is a generous donation of the Warhurst family.

I wish to acknowledge our students, for their faithfulness to their studies and their co-curricular activities, and for their willingness to support the values of the College. This includes cheerfully pulling up socks and doing up top buttons when requested but more importantly, for maintaining a high standard of dress when staff are not present. We see what you do and are proud. Many of the older students will go to the city or Norwood Parade today so keep up the standard. We do get many compliments about the good behaviour and neat uniform of Ignatius students.

And turning to our Class of 2016. I wish to thank Lilli Vagnarelli and Tim Gregory, our student Captains, and also Brittany Calvert and Tessa Hogan, Vice-captains for Liturgy and Social Justice, respectively. Together with the Captains of Music and Drama, House Captains and other appointed leaders, you have displayed great energy and imagination as you led the younger students, especially at our Athletics and Swimming Carnivals, Liturgies and Assemblies.

Don’t underestimate the power of your everyday kindness and friendliness as you model how an Ignatian relates to others. What you have modelled will be taken up by your successors in years to come. As you prepare to pass the baton of service to those following, I suspect you must wonder where the last year has gone. Can you recall receiving your commission twelve months ago?

And to all our Year 12 cohort, who have been formed with Ignatian traditions, while you are leaving the College, and stepping into the adult world, you take with you the marks of these traditions which will serve you well.

Many of you were present at a Rector’s Assembly when I spoke of the man called the ‘hero of the Hudson’. US Airways pilot, Captain Chesley Sullenberger, nicknamed “Sully”, was flying from LaGuardia Airport to Charlotte Douglas International Airport on January 15, 2009, when barely three minutes after take-off, the Airbus A320 hit a flock of birds. If you don’t recall, the pilots managed to glide the plane to a safe landing, saving all 155 passengers on board. I leave you with these inspiring words from Captain Sullenberger: ‘As you young people start the next stage of your life, remember to keep the faith and always look out for one another. Don’t be afraid. Try your best, and never give up. You’ve got this.’

Charlie Porter, Lachlan Willis, Lachlan Kirchner, James Ingram and (front) Hugo Porter
of Canada geese, disabling both engines. Sully was able to land the plane safely in the Hudson River and get every passenger off the sinking plane. The aspect of the story I find most moving is that prior to leaving the plane, which was slowly sinking tail first into the Hudson, Sully walked the passageway, twice, to ensure no passengers were still aboard. His actions proved inspirational to people around the world. A film called ‘Sully’ has recently been released.

Sully’s ability to sacrifice for others didn’t just appear when he hit the water, his whole life led to this moment. While it is unlikely that we will face such a challenging situation as this, we can all expect to have times when we are called to dig deep for a courage which is fuelled by our values and beliefs.

How we act in a time of major challenge, will be the result of how we acted in little challenges. If we do not learn to apologise genuinely, to accompany the lonely, to speak up against bullying or injustice, or to try a co-curricular activity that we think we may find difficult, when the big challenge comes, we are more likely to respond as a wimp, rather than a hero.

Saint Ignatius’ College has a significant profile in Adelaide and beyond, and is known as a very good school. This is due in part due to our academic achievements but most importantly, through the quality of our scholars, present and past. They have a reputation for being good people who genuinely care for others, who have the character strength of kindness. When we spend time with good people, we become better people ourselves. We become more willing to see need and do something about it.

Our Deputy Head for Pastoral Care and Administration at the Senior School, Mr Rob Passaniti, spoke of this in his recent reflection at the All Saints mass at the Senior School. He said,

“I believe that the great saints, through their faith in Jesus, were able to recognise just what the world needed in their time and place, and then they went out and did what was needed to make the world a better place.”

Identifying need is one thing but responding in love is another. We know that loving others can be hard work, even painful. Dr Bennet Omalu, Captain Chesley Sullenberger, and Caroline Chisholm often struggled as they responded in love for others and perhaps you have experienced this pain also.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta was this year acknowledged by the Church to be a saint due to her care for those in dire need: lepers, the abandoned and the lonely. She often spoke of how God’s love sustained her and enabled her to spread love, but she pointed out, that it must begin at home.

“Let no-one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting.”

So may the love of God sustain you and give you the courage to go forth in love and to do great things for others. God bless each of you!

Father Robert J Davoren SJ
RECTOR

Back row L-R: Nathanael Swan, Antony Cameron, Alex Moulds, Aatman Sabharwal
Front row L-R: Trishna Menon, Sara Washer, Lara Turner
When I was asked to speak to you today reference was made to the fact that I was a pioneer woman in the sense I had arrived at the College when it was coeducational only for the final two years, year 11 and 12. This year is, of course, the 20th anniversary of the year when girls were welcomed throughout the whole school. I was somewhat startled by the juxtaposition of myself with the term pioneer. I certainly was a pioneer in the sense I knew little about what to expect when I commenced my time at Saint Ignatius. I had come from a convent school, which, while coeducational, had many girls and few boys, and a largely female staff. I was faced with a place that was quite the opposite. Predominantly students and staff that were male. I remember arriving on the bus on the first day to a sea of khaki uniforms. I was also aware, having observed my brothers' piles of homework, that the academic demands that I was facing would not be quite as modest as those I had experienced hitherto. I was perhaps pioneering in the sense that I was wandering—as with many times in my life—off into the unknown.

Having decided that pioneering was too grand a term for my experience, I was then daunted by the need to draw lessons from my time at Saint Ignatius, perhaps something to guide the future lives of so many young, vibrant perhaps even impressionable, minds including those of my lovely nephews and nieces, Maddison, Jessica, Oliver, Piper and Myles. Lessons that would make them ready to face the challenges life will clearly throw at them. And so I consulted my children, Emily, Jonathon, Lucy and Charlotte, now all old scholars and whose perspectives I knew would be incredibly helpful. Their suggestions were—tell them God is everywhere or alternatively tell them I have an open bar tab next door. I thought deeply about these options and decided that the former was evidently true and too obvious and the latter both potentially expensive and likely to cause a scandal.

So I read all the yearbooks from my time and my children's time at the College. I read the life of Saint Ignatius. I called my father, who had given a Speech Day address in the 1980s, and asked if he had retained a copy, thinking that recycling is a universal good in these days of concern about climate change—disappointingly he assured me he had not. And so I ate some cake. I considered anew my life as a 'pioneer' woman of Saint Ignatius. I grew concerned about the extent to which being a pioneer made me at least 102 years old, and possibly meant I had to wear a rabbit skin hat and learn how to crack a whip and lasso a calf. I ate more cake. I practised whip cracking with my computer cord. I ate still more cake. I considered how amenable my three backyard chickens might be to being lassoed. I reflected anew. Sadly, after all these profound efforts, I had only my lesson repeated to all my children—choose carefully with whom you go to the year 11 dance—you might end up, as I did, marrying them (I might add as an aside that this worked out very well for me). Familiar as this counsel is to my long suffering children, I felt it was a slim peg upon which to hang this speech. So I propose instead to tell you three stories. Then, possibly with a judicious application of smoke and mirrors, I will pull all the stories together and I hope, with something of a flourish, provide the life lesson we are all looking for. So here we go…

Our first story is about a woman who meets some rats. On the evening we meet her she is sleeping for the first time in a large disused building in colonial Sydney. It is 1841. Our woman's husband is in the army and has been posted overseas, and she has sent her three young sons to Windsor, a settlement outside Sydney on the Hawkesbury River, to keep them away from
the unsanitary conditions then prevailing in Sydney. The wooden building is known as the Immigrant Barracks and she has taken possession of it because she has managed to persuade Governor Gipps to allow her to use the barracks to house single migrant women and families who arrive in NSW—it is now the first night of possession and she is there to prepare for the next ship which she will meet, and offer the new arrivals, no doubt exhausted from their long journey, accommodation while she helps them find employment.

So, I hear you say, where do the rats come in? We are getting to that. It has been a very long day and the woman is tired, she is also somewhat indignant about the resistance she has had to overcome to get even this poor unsanitary, disused building for her project. She blows out her candle and settles into bed. Minutes later she hears a commotion so loud that she relights the candle to see the floor heaving with rats. She grabs her cloak—intending to flee—when she realizes that doing so will only provide fuel for those who have criticized her project and her character. So instead she draws her feet up on the bed, lights another candle and settles in for the night. This plan too she discards when three rats descend from the ceiling onto her shoulders. But as she is both ingenious and determined, she moves to plan C—she slices up the bread set aside for her breakfast and places it in the middle of the room with a dish of water to provide an unexpected feast for the rats. We will leave her there reading her book, with her feet tucked under her cloak, as the rats feed just at the edge of the pool of candlelight.

The second story is about a small boy, perhaps three or four years old, who has been hung is high and he cannot get down. Those of you with an eye for detail will see he has a brace on his left foot. He has been born with a twisted foot such that he cannot walk and has been placed in the tree by his father, frustrated by having to meet adversity with courage, imagination and ingenuity.

For each of these characters, faith and values provided the foundation upon which their lives were built, their imagination and their education helped them to see alternate worlds, then their determination and courage helped them overcome barriers to realize their goals. For each, education is a key part of their story and their education fed their imagination. As Saint Ignatius himself realized, when he overturned his initial reluctance to tie down the men within his order by starting up schools, education is the primary mechanism in our world by which we can change lives and bring the imagined into reality. In each case these characters faced adversity and failures. But they created their own journeys and roadblocks and disappointments were overcome with courage and determination.

In the words of Robert Frost:

**Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—**

**I took the road less travelled by,**

**And that has made all the difference.**
way across the world for love, takes up an academic post and, with the 25 volumes set, still on his bookshelf, becomes a professor of English Literature. This story is personal. He is my father and sits amongst you today.

Our third story is that of Dame Roma Mitchell—whose statue on North Terrace many of you would have passed on the way here: Supreme Court Judge, Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, Governor, a law reformer, a graduate of the University of Adelaide Law School, who, once she stepped down from the bench, delivered Meals-on-Wheels to disadvantaged people at Adelaide boarding houses. Throughout her life, she faced adversity and saw in this an opportunity to forge a new path. While her story is in many ways one of triumph, she would undoubtedly be disappointed to hear that the battle for equal pay for women, a cause for which she advocated as early as the 1960s, is, as yet, not won. Recent figures for my own profession in South Australia, the legal profession reveal that lawyers in South Australia B-13 years from graduation earn roughly two thirds of the pay of their male counterparts.

Now to life lessons:

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That our faith is central to the way we live our lives; that is who we are. That trying and failing is an opportunity for growth, just as success should be celebrated, that is who we are. That education has the power to change lives; that is who we are. That inclusion of the other, whomever that might be, makes our own world richer; that is who we are. That standing when a teacher walks into the room is the right thing to do; that is who we are. That being men and women for others is room is the right thing to do; that is who we are. That inclusion of all deeply thankful.

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Insignis 2016 - Lilli Vagnarelli

At Speech Day, in recognition of Lilli’s sustained and outstanding service to the college community she was acclaimed the Graduate of Graduates, the one who symbolises all we strive to achieve and the recipient of The Ignatius Gold Medal ‘Insignis 2016’ – Fr Thomas Barden Memorial Prize. Lilli commenced her education at Saint Ignatius’ College in Reception. Her father John (Class of ‘82) and two elder brothers Jack (Class of ’11) and Edward (Class of ’13) are old scholars of the College. In recognition of her outstanding personal attributes, character and leadership qualities, Lilli was appointed Captain of the College this year, an indication of the respect and esteem in which she was held by both students and staff. As Captain of the College, she epitomised all that we would hope for in our graduates and her generosity of spirit and genuine care and concern for the welfare of others has had a profound impact on the College community.

We congratulate Lilli and wish her all the very best for the future.

College Blue - Abby Duncan

Congratulations to Abby Duncan who was the recipient at Speech Day of the prestigious College Blue for her significant accomplishments in the sport of swimming. During her time at the College Abby contributed significantly to the co-curricular program. Since Year 8, she was involved in cross country, athletics, netball and touch football as well as swimming. In all of these activities, she has given her all, receiving numerous awards for her talent and dedication. The Duncan family has always been supportive of the College’s co-curricular program, and their generosity to the swimming program has been exceptional.

Abby has achieved some truly remarkable results in the world of swimming over many years representing both South Australia and Australia. In April she competed at the Australian Open Championships which doubled as the Australian Olympic Trials for the Rio Olympics. Abby placed fourth in the girls 50m butterfly and won bronze in the 4 x 200m freestyle relay.

Abby’s accomplishments have not only been in the pool she has been able to carefully balance her studies in order to produce excellent academic results. We wish Abby every success for the future and in her sporting pursuits.

Student Leadership 2017

We congratulate the following students on their appointment to 2017 Senior School leadership positions:

Captains of the College: Claudia Floreani and Patrick James

Vice-captains of the College: Joseph Gavini (Captain of Liturgy) Isabel Barber (Captain of Social Justice) Daniel O’Connor (Captain of Campion) Sarah Francesca (Captain of Kostka) Piper Horner (Captain of Regis) George Hamra (Captain of Xavier)

Captain of Music: George Sotiropoulos

Vice-captains of Music: Andreanna Massacci Reg Parker

Vice-captains of Drama: Teresa Parnis Lauren Zannettino

Captain of Drama: Spencer Fullgrabe

Senior Leaders: Olivia Bradley, Sam Davies, Jack Gransbury, William Griffin, Laura Magliaro, Sophie Muecke, Connor O’Brien, Hugo Ricci, Jenny Tran, Adam Uglesic, Sadie Ward, Danielle Zillante
As an Old Scholar, I was blessed to have served as the President of the Parents and Friends Committee together with an enthusiastic and dynamic team. Nik Villios (JS Vice President), Debora Pereira (SS Vice President), Karen Moseley (Secretary), Carolyn Pyne (Treasurer), Kathy Zollo-Rboub (Parent Rep), Jessica Mazzone (Development Office Rep) and as Committee Members, John and Vicki Booth, Marina Borrello, Lisa Cooksley, Helen Devine, Marie Hawkins, Melissa Klenke, Melissa Librandi, Emma Marks, Chris Neville, Catherine Palumbo, Rouba Ravalico and Lachlan Turner, together with the unconditional support of our leaders within the school, being Fr Rob Davoren SJ, Peter Coffey and Shaun Fitzpatrick together with their support staff.

Over the past year our committee enjoyed being part of some great events for our community. The Bake Stall for the Junior School Sports Day was quite successful and we thank everyone who donated cakes, savouries and their time on the day. We managed to raise over $900.00 which was donated to Jeremy Cini’s Junior School Sports Department which we know will go to great use for our little ones.

The Family Fun Day was a huge success considering the new layout and the higher than normal infrastructure costs. The feedback from our community was overwhelmingly supportive of the event taking place on the oval and all together in the format that it was. The committee is greatly considering making it permanent. Also, we are privileged to be within a community that is forever giving, whether it be their time, goods or services and we are very grateful for this. An enormous thank you must go to Tania Barone and Susan Dodson for their unconditional work towards this event.

Blue Carpet Mixer was fantastic and a huge thank you to Steph Hamra and her committee for organising this special event so that us parents of the school could socialise with members of the community and meet other parents in the same year level and even other levels. In saying that, the most important element of this event was that all the funds raised went to the Jesuit Mission.

The Melbourne Cup Luncheon held at Pavilion on the Park was a great success. Special thanks to Kathy Rboub-Zollo, Lisa Cooksley, Julie Vozzo and Debora Pereira for organising an entertaining and enjoyable day and thank you to all our generous families and members of the community who donated prizes for the raffle.

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The Gala Ball which was a great success and a night where staff and parents enjoyed great food, wine and entertainment. Special thanks must go to Nik Villios, Grace Retsas, Steph Hamra, our master of ceremonies Richard Ward (Class of ’82), our auctioneer Lachlan Turner, our photographers the Gunther Family and our Year 12 students who greeted and escorted guests to their tables and added a reminder of what the night was all about, being for our children.

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The Christmas Carols Evening at the Junior School was a fun-filled night enjoyed by the hundreds of parents, students and friends that attended. A special thank you to everyone who helped coordinate this joyous event.

Of course, thank you to our Parent Reps who are always organising catch up coffee times, bottle and plate nights and many other social activities as well as assisting our committee with promoting community events, we are so grateful to each of them for dedicating their time.

The highlight of this year for me was attending our Speech Day. A day that made me feel so proud and honoured that I held this role but more importantly that I am a parent of this College. We should all be proud of our College and the high regarded reputation it upholds.

Once again, thank you to all, our leaders, our committee, our inner community and our community at large to achieve and continue to achieve so much always for benefit of our children and the future children to come.

God Bless and Warm Regards

Ms Clementina Maione (Class of ’88)
2016 PRESIDENT
Fidelis – Past Parents Association

The Fidelis calendar of events for 2016 commenced with the Fidelis AGM on St Patrick’s Day, 17 March. Fr Rob Davoren celebrated Mass and this was followed by the AGM and a champagne supper. Special guest, Mahmood Moosavi, who graduated from the College in 2015, talked about his life’s journey as a refugee from Afghanistan. Mahmood spoke fondly about being part of the Ignatian family and how he is very thankful to the College and the community for allowing him to study and complete his SACE. Mahmood’s ultimate goal in life is to have no regrets about things that have happened in his life, but to try to plant the flower of friendship, positivity, and self-belief without being judgmental, discriminative, self-centred or jealous. Fidelis is proud to be able to assist students like Mahmood through the Ignatius Bursary Fund, to which our members contribute.

Our August celebration featured Mass in the Chapel of the Holy Name followed by afternoon tea in the foyer of the St Peter Faber Building at the Senior School. We were delighted to observe the drama students in the Richard Flynn Theatre rehearsing for the excellent College Musical “Grease”.

On Friday 4 November I represented Fidelis at the Annual Speech Day held in the Adelaide Convention Centre. This year the Guest Speaker was Dr Suzanne Le Mire (Class of ’83) who captivated the audience with her address comprising of three stories, linked together with an inspiring message for students, staff and the community. Congratulations to Lilli Vagnarelli one of the Captains of the College who was awarded the Ignatian Gold Medal ‘Insignis’ Prize which is donated by Fidelis in memory of Fr Thomas Barden SJ. Best wishes to Lilli for her future studies.

On Thursday 17 November the Fidelis Christmas Mass and Celebration was a splendid occasion with members of the Junior School Choir assisting with the singing for the Mass. Guests generously donated gifts to St Vincent de Paul and purchased items from the St Ignatius Parish stall with proceeds going to Jesuit Mission. A wonderful evening was had by all in attendance.

Kate Swaffer South Australian of the Year

Congratulations to past parent Kate Swaffer (mother of Charles Swain (Class of ’08) and Matthew Watt (Class of ’07) who was recently named South Australian of the Year. Kate was diagnosed with early onset dementia at 49 years of age. Since her diagnosis Kate has become an advocate to improve the services and outcomes for Australians living with dementia through her work with Dementia Alliance International. She is also the author of two books one titled ‘What the Hell Happened to My Brain? Living Beyond Dementia’ and has seen a number of her articles published - turning her personal struggle into a story of hope and achievement.
The Little Scientists program is designed to build children’s curiosity through age-appropriate, fun, and playful experiments. The program also supports and encourages teachers and educators to implement STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) ideas and concepts while exploring together with children. Ignatius Early Years and St Joseph’s Memorial Preschool are the first schools in South Australia to be certified as “Little Scientists’ Houses”.

In February, Ignatius Early Years hosted a Certification Ceremony, which was attended by The Hon Simon Birmingham (Minister for Education and Training), The Hon Christopher Pyne (Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science), representatives from Little Scientists Australia and Catholic Education SA, and members of the local school communities.

“The Little Scientist program is not about pushing a school curriculum down into the early years and preschool years, it recognises the significant competence and interests of young children. Our intention is not for children to repeat back to us loads of scientific knowledge but to find the science investigations a positive, joyful experience. Children are very curious about natural phenomena. They love animals and insects, the garden and mud, the sandpit and water, and the direction in which it moves in the creek and down plug holes and drainpipes. Children love bubbles and puddles, the weather and movement – swinging, pushing and rolling, and making things go fast. They will ask questions, they will ‘play’ with ideas and concepts, they will share their theories with us and with their Classmates. They will test and retest their theories.”

It is hoped the program will not only spark ongoing interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics as children progress through their schooling but that it will also help children to build positive attitudes towards lifelong learning.

Mrs Rosemary Allen
DIRECTOR OF IGNATIUS EARLY YEARS

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Around the College

Wall of Remembrance, Australian War Memorial

Catholic Swimming Carnival – Sienna Bradley, Lucas Bradley, Jessica Rice, Oscar Rice

Madeleine Abrahams with her Year 12 Artwork

Year 8 Camp

The Elder Hall Concert

Junior School Sports Day

Voluntary Student Mass

Head of the River
Science Week Robots

Jarrumwani - Daly River

Aerobics Secondary Theatrical Dance - The Awakening

Junior School Getting Along Week

The Cage – We Fly as One

Promoting cultural awareness and understanding - Year 6 students try on a turban for size during a visit from the Turban’s and Trust group
**Milestone Events in 2016**

**1996 – A Pivotal Year**

The College became the first Jesuit school in Australia to become coeducational from Reception through to Year Twelve in 1996 – a pivotal year in its history. This change expanded our College through the introduction of Reception, Year One, and Year Two Classes at the Junior School. Prior to this time, boys joined the College at the start of Year Three, usually after having spent the junior primary years at a parish school. It also introduced girls from Reception as previously girls had been enrolled at the College in Year Eleven and Year Twelve.

Other changes that took place in 1996 included new girls uniforms, the introduction of the middle school incorporating Year Seven to Year Nine at the Senior School, a significant expansion of Adaptive Education programs in both the Junior and Senior Schools, commencement of the Ignatian Pedagogy Program in support of staff formation, and the provision of after-school care.

These changes to the composition of the College were not only successful but significantly improved the College’s offerings for our families and for the wider Ignatian community.

**525th**

anniversary of the birth of St Ignatius (23 October 1491)

**65th**

anniversary of the opening of Saint Ignatius’ College (13 February 1951)

**60th**

anniversary of the College’s first graduating Class (1956)

**50th**

anniversary of the commencement of building works at Athelstone (1966)

**50th**

anniversary of the Old Ignatians Cricket Club (October 1966)
Celebrating Ignatian Women

2016 marked 20 years of full co-education at Saint Ignatius’ College. In 1996 girls began attending the College from Reception to Year 12.

Old Ignatian women came together for a joyous Sunday ‘brunch and bubbles’ in late August to celebrate our history of co-education at the College. Scholars from five decades of Classes mingled and shared stories. Guest Speaker Elaine Bensted (Class of ‘80) captivated the audience as she delivered an entertaining and inspiring speech about her life and remarkable career journey.
Celebrating 20 years together

Our journey towards full co-education

The year 2016 marked 20 years of full co-education at Saint Ignatius’ College. In 1996 girls began attending the College from Reception to Year 12. We are proud to celebrate this significant event in our history and the contribution that our female Ignatians have made within our community and beyond. Our journey towards co-education began in 1971 when girls eager to complete their secondary studies were welcomed in Years 11 and 12.

The College benefited enormously from this initiative and it became a wish for the future to extend this enrichment. In our first year of full co-education at Saint Ignatius’ College, 147 girls joined 878 male peers. Today we are proud to have provided over 2000 female students with an Ignatian education.

“A quality and relevant education coupled with an equally strong sense of social justice that generated a confidence to make a positive difference to my life and that of others.”

CATHERINE TELEGRAMMA
(CLASS OF ’82)
Director Science and Technology Program, Weapons and Combat Systems Division, Department of Defence

“Men and women for others” has always resonated with me. At Saint Ignatius’ I was encouraged to aim high, to never stop learning, and to use my skills and talents to help others.”

JACINTA CONNELL
(CLASS OF ’05)
Commercial Litigation Lawyer
“My Ignatian education fashioned me into a more analytical adult and highlighted the importance of being charitable, understanding and accepting of all people around me.”

HANNAH KLINGBERG
(CLASS OF ’03)
Doctor / Provisional Fellow in Paediatric Pain Medicine

“I had a few teachers that I shared great relationships with throughout my time at the College and will always remember the impact they had on me.”

TAYLOR ORTLEPP
(CLASS OF ’15)
Professional Basketball Player

“It is the balance of care and accountability. I found school to be an enriching experience in terms of personal growth, but I was also encouraged to work hard and be part of the school community. This has influenced my approach to many things over the years.”

BRIDGET CENTENERA
(CLASS OF ’93)
Community & Economic Development Consultant / Business Owner
20 Years of the Campus Link Bus

This year marks the 20-year anniversary of the Campus Link bus. The current driver, Mr Luis Leon, from Buses-R-Us, has dutifully cared for our students for the last nine years. Each school day at 7:45 am the Campus Link departs from the Senior School at Athelstone and travels to the Junior School at Norwood, then returns to Athelstone for the reverse run. The afternoon circuit begins at Norwood and travels to Athelstone, then back to Norwood again.

We are very appreciative of the consistent service that Luis offers and of his knowledge of and personal care for each traveller. The frequent ‘high fives’ shared with Luis by our younger Ignatians is a great indication of the respect and affection that they have for him. We thank Buses-R-Us for their support during their long association with the College.

50 Years of the Commencement of Building Works at Athelstone

In 1963 numbers at Saint Ignatius’ College Norwood had grown to such an extent that the buildings and site were being tried to the limit. The then Headmaster, Fr John McAreavey SJ was convinced that expansion on the Norwood site was not the answer and advocated to move to a site separate from the Norwood property. Many sites were investigated and in August 1963 it was decided to purchase 24 acres of land at Athelstone. Initially to be used as playing fields, with building works to commence shortly after. In July 1965 approval was received from Rome to raise a loan for the construction of the buildings. In May 1966 the foundation stone was laid at Athelstone and building works commenced.

60 Years of the First Graduating Class

At a Rector’s Assembly in September we were delighted to welcome Old Ignatian Mr Tom Culshaw (Class of ‘56), as our special guest speaker. His was the College’s first cohort to reach the final year of schooling. Mr Culshaw, who this year commemorates 60 years since his graduation from the College, addressed the assembly and recalled very fondly his memories from those early years. Tom was joined by Bob Dwyer (Class of ’62), former College Development Staff member and Treasurer and Secretary for the Old Ignatians Association for many years.
College Chapel Celebrates its 10-Year Anniversary

The Chapel of the Holy Name, located at the front of the Senior School, Athelstone, was formally blessed and consecrated on Sunday 26 March 2006 by Monsignor David Cappo, the Vicar General, who stepped in for Archbishop Phillip Wilson who was unable to be present due to ill health. Hundreds of people were in attendance for this historical occasion, including 23 priests who helped concelebrate.

The then Headmaster, Fr Gregory O’Kelly SJ, had been the driving force behind this project following his view that ‘No Catholic school is complete until it has a chapel, a centre of and for the faith that inspires its reason for existence.’ His vision was made possible with the assistance of the Australian Jesuit Province and the support and abundant generous donations from the Ignatian community, College families, Old Ignatians, and interstate Australian Jesuit schools.

Much thought went into planning the oval-shaped building under the guidance of the then Business Manager, Mr Norm Tanti. One of the features of the chapel is the screen of symbols around the top windows. These symbols include the Celtic Cross, the Trefoil, the Chi-Rho, the Jerusalem Cross, the Triquetra, the Eastern or Slavic Cross, the Fish, and the Quatrefoil.

Inside the chapel, the majestic circular stained-glass window that features the IHS was designed by artist (and current parent) Peter Serwan. The six splendid mosaics on the rear wall of the sanctuary – of St Ignatius, St Francis Xavier, St Aloysius Gonzaga, Fr Matteo Ricci, St Mary MacKillop and Caroline Chisholm – were also designed by Peter Serwan and were created by artist, Ms Ros Anderson. The bell-tower houses three bells imported from France. Cast to the tones of B, D and E, together they ring the Te Deum peal, a traditional bell peal from Austria and other parts of Europe.

The largest bell is named Ignatius, the second is called Francis Xavier and the third Mary MacKillop.

The hope was that the Chapel of the Holy Name would become a significant part of College life and this has certainly been borne out. As a place of worship, especially for celebrating the Eucharist, the chapel is well used by staff and current students in all year levels who regularly attend morning chapel services. Our graduating students celebrate their Valete Mass of Thanksgiving in the sacred space that they have come to know so well during their years here. Many Old Ignatians and their families return to the chapel for baptism and wedding ceremonies. The chapel is also the heart of the parish community who conduct the weekly 9.00 am Sunday masses.

Our chapel holds a prime position on our grounds and it is the first building seen when entering the property. As its bells toll out across surrounding suburbs, we pray that the tolling may inspire those who hear its praise and that the chapel be a place of prayer and reflection in the life of our College for countless decades to come.
College Musical - Grease

Congratulations to the dedicated team of staff and the wonderfully talented students that performed in seven spectacular performances of Grease in the Richard Flynn Theatre.
Drama and Art

Court Theatre Company

It seems like an eternity since The Court Theatre’s final show under the watchful eye of Artistic Director and company founder, Richard Flynn was performed.

Some twenty years later the company is being reformed with the view to providing Old Ignatians with an avenue to continue their love of acting, singing, and dancing after they have completed formal studies. The Company held its first meeting in October with an eager group of twelve old scholars in attendance.

The first production is scheduled for the middle of March 2017 with performances of the timeless Shakespearean comedy, A Midsummer Night’s Dream. Performances will take place out under the trees on the Bellarmine lawns adding to the atmosphere of this production.

For more information about the Company and our forthcoming 2017 season log on to our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/www.courttheatreco.com.au/ and simply hit the like button. Alternatively I can be contacted via my email address: a.haskell@ignatius.sa.edu.au or my direct college number: 8334 9394.

Mr Anthony Haskell (Class of ‘84)
Artistic Director

Calling Old Ignatian Artists

Members of our Old Ignatian community are invited to apply for this Exhibition in SALA.

If you think your work isn’t suitable – think again. We have a wide and diverse audience and we are keen to introduce them to new, inventive and exciting Artists. The costs to you are very low and application to exhibit is free. Application to exhibit is also competitive – to give you the Artist a better chance to be seen at your best, and so we can guarantee a high quality of work.

To request an application form email artshow@ignatius.sa.edu.au

Further information on how to apply is available at saintignatiusartshow.wordpress.com

Saint Ignatius’ Art Show 2017

Friday 11th - Sunday 13th August

Saint Ignatius’ Art Show is a biennial SALA event, hosted at the Junior School in the heart of Norwood. The exhibition incorporates a vast collection of works from local South Australian Artists.

The 2017 Saint Ignatius’ Art Show will be held over three days, beginning with the popular Opening Night event on Friday 11 August and extending over the weekend.

Don’t miss this spectacular event. Put the dates in your calendar now!
2015 Reunions

Last year, throughout October, November, and December, Old Ignatians from the Classes of 1956 to 1965 and Classes of 1975, 1980, 1985, 1989/90, 1995, and 2005 came together at various venues around Adelaide to recall their days at Saint Ignatius’ College and catch up with colleagues they might not have seen for years or in some cases since they had left school.

Highlights from the 10-Year Reunion (Class of ‘05), 40-Year Reunion (Class of ‘75) and 50-Year Reunion (Classes ‘56–’65) were featured in the previous issue of the Manresa Report (Issue 42).

20-Year Reunion – Class of 1995

The majesty of the opening day of the annual Adelaide Cricket Test match provided the backdrop for the Ignatius Class of ‘95 20-year reunion. In keeping with the tradition of being one of the smallest groups to go through Year 12 at Athelstone (64 from memory), a group of 15 nimble Old Ignatians gathered enthusiastically in the Ignatius heartland of Norwood at The Grace Establishment.

Smiles were wide, embraces were strong, and laughter bellowed into the warm Adelaide night. It was a huge thrill seeing so many of our great teachers in attendance. This heartwarming effort by Mr Dave Harben, Mr Rocco D’Onofrio and Mr Peter Rossi further proves the unique, long lasting bond that continues between student and teacher long after pencils are put down after the last Year 12 exam.

It was a pleasure to reunite with so many fine men and women after so many years. As the night drew to a close, we saluted those loved Classmates and teachers who had left us too soon but whose legacy we continue to carry with us. We are very proud of what our fellow Classmates have achieved in the short 20 years since graduation and look forward to the next 20! A huge thank you to Emily Chadbourne, the College’s Alumni and Events Officer for all her efforts in making the night a great success.

Mr George Capozzi
COLLEGE CAPTAIN (Class of ‘95)
30-Year Reunion – Class of 1985

Around 25 people gathered at The Grace Establishment on 19 December 2015 to celebrate the Class of 1985 College reunion. Although some of our Classmates have moved interstate or overseas, many of us spent a lovely evening reminiscing about old times and catching up on news of past school friends. It was particularly fun to see all the year books and photos – some people look the same as they did 30 years ago! Looking forward to the next one.

Ms Samantha Guthleben
(Class of ’85)
In December last year 36 ex-students of the Class of 1980 gathered in the foyer of the Richard Flynn Theatre in the new Saint Peter Faber SJ Building, Athelstone. The setting was very appropriate as we had been privileged to have the late Richard "I don't do reunions" Flynn, attend our 30th reunion in 2010.

Among the group were many “locals” but we were also fortunate to have nine people travel from interstate and three from overseas. There were a few “reunion virgins” who had taken 35 years to find the opportunity or perhaps find the courage to finally catch up with Classmates. It had been five years since the previous reunion and we were all a little greyer and hopefully a lot wiser. Thanks to John Griffin who took time out from planning Malcolm’s re-election to be the sole former teacher to attend. Andrew Dodson (Class of ’80), is now a teacher at the Senior School, took us on a guided tour of the new Music and Drama Centre.

It was a wonderful evening with relaxed conversation and humorous anecdotes from past school days. The banter was lubricated by plentiful Yalumba Wine procured by our Classmate Vince Trotta who also fortunately happened to be one of the winemakers. Our taste buds were satisfied by caterers Francesco and Sarah who provided a magnificent 11 course roaming entrée (Cicchetti) of Venetian inspired food ranging from Boston Bay Mussels Venetian style to Polenta with local squid and two desserts, my favourite being the Lemon Polenta Cake!

The school had graciously laid out old annual magazines from our era for us to peruse and there was much laughter seeing how we looked all those years ago. One particular photo caught our attention comparing a group of nine students in Junior School with how they looked in Senior School. We realised that six of this group were present on the night so we recreated the photo again. Apart from receding hair lines and increasing girth lines one of the most noticeable changes was that Mark Britten-Jones’s plaster cast had morphed into Alex Ward’s moonboot!

As conversation flowed, midnight approached all too soon and not wanting festivities to end just yet Louise and Peter Ormandy graciously invited us back to their house so that the reunion could continue into the early hours.

I’d like to extend a special thanks to the school for making the space available, the Class of 1980 has now had three reunions, each at the Senior School and it is always wonderful to see how the school has developed since we graced the hallways. The reunions have all been a great success and I look forward to the 40th reunion in 2020 when conversations may turn to impending retirement plans and looks of horror as we wonder how quickly the time has passed. Should anyone wish to attend please do not hesitate to contact the school and they will pass on your details.

Mr Joseph Ogierman
(Class of ’80)

David Munday, Nicholas Rice, Matt Campbell, Daniel Clements, Mark Britten-Jones, Richard Kimber, Alex Ward, Rey Casse and Paul Bennett

2017
Class of Reunions

10 Year Reunion – Class of 2007
20 Year Reunion – Class of 1997
25 Year Reunion – Class of 1992
30 Year Reunion – Class of 1987
40 Year Reunion – Class of 1977
50-61 Year Reunion – Classes of 1957-1967

To register your interest in attending a reunion, or if you would like to assist in organising your Class of reunion, please:

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/OldIgnatiansAssociation
The 2016 season has been another positive and exciting one for the Club. The Club had four teams entered into the League and after being promoted to Division 2:

- The A Grade took another step forward, finishing fifth after the minor round but losing their Elimination Final.
- The B Grade had another great season, finishing second after the minor round and playing off in the Grand Final.
- The C and D Grade were again both strong finishing third and second respectively after the minor round. The C Grade narrowly lost their Preliminary Final and the D Grade played off in the Grand Final.

Our A grade enjoyed some great wins over top opponents this season with a number of best on ground performances from recent college graduates. The Club has some great new talent coming through and if we can keep the group together, build on our strengths we could actually do something special over the next five to ten years.

The Club would also like to congratulate Patrick Connelly (Class of ‘06) on reaching his 150th game milestone.

Off-field, the Club hosted its Family Day Luncheon at the Junior School in April. The event was a great success with almost 200 people in attendance. A special thank you must be given to the College for enabling us to use the facilities, and to our supporters for their continued support of this event.

Again the Club’s annual Past Players Day was a success, with over 150 past players attending the Round 12 match against St Peter’s Old Collegians. This event is a great opportunity for all past players to re-engage with the Club.

Lastly, the Club must also thank our generous sponsors for their contribution. The Club has worked hard to bring new sponsors into the Club in 2016 and we are very grateful. However, we would like to thank in particular Saul Heffernan (Class of ‘88) from Big Screen Video, Justin Centenera from JMJ, Amer Sibai from Glynde Garage and Tom McClure from Grill’d Norwood who have each recently significantly increased their level of financial support to the Club.

Please visit our website (www.oifc.com.au) for further details regarding the Club or email us at president@oifc.com.au.

Mr Mark White (Class of ’94)
PRESIDENT -
OLD IGNATIANS FOOTBALL CLUB
Old Ignatians Netball Club Celebrates 10 Years

An excerpt from Alex Besanko’s - President’s Address at the club’s Gala Dinner on Saturday 24 September to celebrate 10 years.

In 2007, Abby Willoughby (nee Warhurst Class of ’03) and Gia Warhurst first raised the idea of establishing an Old Ignatians Netball Club. A group quickly formed around them consisting of Gia, Abby, Andrea Besanko, Miriam Doyle, Jude Uren, Richard Scollin (Class of ’79) and Alex Besanko (Class of ’05). Perhaps without realising it, these people not only created a place for Old Ignatian girls to come together after school, but a club based strongly on Ignatian values. We have always proudly shown sportsmanship, compassion, exclusivity and care for our members.

We have welcomed 197 girls over the 10 years, with 81 of those being old scholars. Tellingly, 23 of those have dedicated more than 5 years to the club, with 5 playing over 100 games. To put this in context, we only play roughly 18 games a season so hitting the century is a very impressive effort, particularly when many of girls are travelling and studying. For our club, it is about providing a platform for girls to share their experiences, spend time with each other through the medium of sport. We enjoy success, but it is not the only focus. We are not driven by results and this sets us apart. It allows us to enjoy the journey and each other.

In our initial years, we were fortunate to welcome so many colourful characters. From the Klingberg clan, who hosted our very first presentation celebration, where we watched the film of our first Grand Final. We had thought that we were pretty good, perhaps even rivalling the skill of the Thunderbirds, until we watched that video and realised that C4 and our culottes were actually a little off that. And to Jude Uren, our very first umpire, who everyone, including our opposition wanted to have a drink with after the game.

We thank Gia and Abby as both our founding members and long-time sponsors. They created something so special when they formed this club. An opportunity for girls from different year levels, different social groups to become friends.

Their sponsorship support has been unwavering over the years, and we as a club are very grateful for that. We would also like to thank the Bath for their support over the years. A place for our members to come together and celebrate is very important, and the Bath has provided an ideal venue for this to occur. Sponsorship can be a difficult thing to attract as a small club, and their continual support is greatly appreciated.

For more news or to join the Old Ignatians Netball Club please visit www.facebook.com/iggies or slashsport.com/clubs/OINC
On Saturday the 5th November, 115 past and present players converged on The Hackney Hotel to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Old Ignatians Cricket Club. The Old Ignatians Cricket Club is the oldest Old Scholars entity and entered the Adelaide Turf Cricket Association at the commencement of the 1966/67 season. Home games were played at the Junior School and the late Fr Stephen Bowler SJ was very supportive and generous in the initial stages of the clubs development.

17 Life Members were present, with former test cricketer master of ceremonies Wayne Phillips interviewing a select few. Former Adelaide Zoo Vet, Dr David Schultz (Class of ‘61), reflected on his requirement to leave a game early due to the need to quell one of his zoo animals on heat. Tim Rice (Class of ‘90) and Chris Frangos (Class of ‘99) were both presented Life Memberships on the evening.

Mike George (Class of ‘92), successfully bided for a framed Justin Langer Australian shirt that Justin Hogan (Class of ‘72) sourced for the 40 year dinner. Adam Verity (Class of ‘81) donated his winning auction back from the 40 year dinner. Dr Michael McEvoy (Class of ‘71) won the signed Port Power jumper and duly celebrated as only a Port fan can.

The club’s founding father Peter McCarthy (Class of ‘58) was also interviewed and set the scene for all the work that was required in establishing the club, assisted by the late Terry Shanahan (Class of ‘58). Terry was represented by his son Michael (Class of ’85), Peter’s brother Chris (Class of ‘64), son Kevin (Class of ’81) and nephew Andrew Rodriguez (Class of ’85) were also in attendance.

As is ever the case at such events, the longer the night went, the more embellished the stories became – this was aided in part to the generous donation of fine wine by Sunday Mail columnist Nick Ryan (Class of ‘88). Former A Grade premiership player, Mike George (Class of ‘92), successfully bided for a framed Justin Langer Australian shirt that Justin Hogan (Class of ‘72) sourced for the 40 year dinner. Adam Verity (Class of ‘81) donated his winning auction back from the 40 year dinner. Dr Michael McEvoy (Class of ‘71) won the signed Port Power jumper and duly celebrated as only a Port fan can.

The club is in excellent hands with current President Liam Carr (Class of ‘05) leading a talented group of young cricketers. The great aspect of the evening was the integration of the newer players into the culture of players from the 1960 and 70s. Peter and Ray Teakle produced a 235 page book that offered insights into the many games that the Old Ignatians Cricket Club has participated in.

We would like to thank Emily Chadbourne and Carmel Rechichi from the Development Office as well as Eddy Glavas (Class of ‘92) from the Old Ignatians Association, for their contribution to making the evening a success. Other people who donated raffle items include the Hurley Group (Hackney Hotel and Port Lincoln Hotel), Stephen Dawes (Port Adelaide Football Club) and Tom McClure (Grill’d Norwood). Also to the subcommittee of Peter McCarthy, Peter Teakle, Liam Carr, John Wilkinson and Michael Reichstein for their insight and support.

We all look forward to the 60 year dinner, where, once again assisted by Nick Ryan’s cellar, we can stretch those stories for another evening. Maybe in that time Nick can improve his Sunday Mail column, rather than repeat himself about growing up in Port Augusta, the love of Fanta and lamented missed KISS concerts!

Mr Gavan Carey (Class of ’86)

To purchase a copy of the ‘50 Years of Stories’ book email Peter Teakle: p.teakle@ignatius.sa.edu.au

(Circa 1971) Back Row: Tim Anderson, Phil Connelly, Steve Flanagan, Paul Mansfield, Rob Richards
Front row: Chris Hogan, David Quick, Martin Baily Jr, Alan M Barnes, Michael Thorpe, Paul Dyer

Members of our last A Grade Premiership Team: Back: Liam Carr (’05), Addison Lands, Michael Reichstein, Nathan Carey (’13), Dan Hastwell, Edward Vagnarelli (’13), Chris Frangos (’98), Kieren Reynolds, John Wilkinson (’99)
Front: Peter Dawes (’98), Jim Tsekinis and John Limone

Some of our life members including John Wilkinson (’99), newly inducted Life Member Chris Frangos (’98) and Tim Rice (’90) and Haydn Smith (’93).
2016-2017 Season

The Old Ignatians Cricket Club celebrates season 2016-17 as their 50th year as a club. With this a sense of optimism comes with the group and a hope of adding to the eleven premierships.

On field, Addison Lands was appointed our 16th A Grade Captain. Addison joined the club through our strong partnership with Aquinas Residential College. Addison at the age of 23 is one of our younger A Grade captains of recent years. Tristan Rebeiro continues as our B Grade Captain after a fantastic 2015-16 season. Dustyn Brauwers will captain the C Grade for a second consecutive season. Dustyn, like Addison, joined the club via Aquinas College. Josh Leane (Class of ‘07) assumes the D Grade Captainscy from Joseph Jones for the season ahead. Liam Carr (Class of ‘05) has taken over as T20 Captain from Henry Stevens (Class of ‘11).

At the end of Season 2015-16, we had 6 players retire from A Grade including Peter Dawes (Class of ’98), John Wilkinson (Class of ’99), Chris Frangos (Class of ’99), Tom Jaworski (Class of ’01), Jim Tsekinis and John Limone. This has meant our average age of our A Grade team has gone from 34 to 21 this season. After three rounds, our A Grade have two wins and a loss, B Grade are yet to win a game, C Grade have won four games and D Grade have won one game.

Off the field, the club continues to be in a strong financial position. We have continued our major sponsorship with Hackney Hotel. This will be our sixth year with the Hurley Group and our players continue to enjoy the hospitality this hotel provides for our club. We have also gone into sponsorship agreements with other businesses including AFM Financial Services (Zerella Family), Prospect Conveyancing (Geoff Stevens), Grill’d Norwood (Tom McLure), Integrated Property Solutions (Mark Carey), Architects Ink (Marco Spinelli) and Covino and Co. As a club, we are proud of our partnership with our sponsors who many are families of the College.

We are also proud of partnership with the College. We train at the Junior School every Wednesday night from 5.30pm and play our games on Atkinson and Baulderstone Ovals. The quality of the pitches at the Senior School is a credit and we often have a number of comments from opposition clubs about how impressed they are with our facilities.

As a club, our goal is to play Premier Cricket (A1) which means our A Grade will need to advance two divisions. With such a young playing group, and a desire to get better, we have full faith that over the next few seasons we can add to our premiership cabinet and play at the highest level of Turf Cricket.

If any players wish to join our club, please feel free to contact the President – Liam Carr via email presidentoicc@gmail.com

Mr Liam Carr (Class of ’05)
PRESIDENT – OLD IGNATIANS CRICKET CLUB

Players from our first ever game. From left to right. Peter McCarthy (’58), Michael Shanahan (’85) (representing his father Terry), Tim Anderson (’63), John Whelan (’65), Tim O’Brien (’63) and Chris McCarthy (’64)
Jesuit Old Scholars Loyola Cup Tournament

Jesuit school soccer rivalry for the Loyola Cup continued in Melbourne earlier this year with the Old Ignatians Soccer Club taking part in the annual Jesuit Old Scholars Cup Soccer Tournament. Teams from the old scholar clubs of Saint Ignatius’ College Adelaide, Melbourne’s Xavier College, and Sydney’s Saint Ignatius’ College Riverview converged for the round robin tournament.

The short matches provided an early preseason hit-out for all clubs and a chance to engage in some friendly rivalries and battle for the coveted trophy. Whilst the OISC side showed some early season promise with some dangerous attacking moves and cohesive defensive efforts, hosts Xavier College proved too strong, winning both of their matches to regain the trophy from holders Riverview.

The tournament is not just about what happens on the field, there is also a big social focus with all clubs coming together for post-match functions, which are a great chance to catch up and make contacts with other members of the Jesuit soccer family from around Australia.

Mr Steven Sinclair (Class of ’05)
OLD IGNATIANS SOCCER CLUB

OISC New Club Rooms

After a long road, the Glenunga Hub, the new home of Old Ignatians Soccer Club, was officially opened on Saturday 6 February, with a number of distinguished guests, MPs and City of Burnside councillors in attendance. This multi-purpose facility replaces old and outdated facilities and will offer a range of community activities while still remaining a sporting hub for all of the clubs based at Glenunga.

The Hub provides the Old Ignatians Soccer Club with a first-Class facility that will be at the forefront of amateur soccer in Adelaide. It has brand-new change rooms, large storage areas, improved playing surfaces and lights, along with a fantastic clubroom space. It provides an outstanding place to watch our matches from the inside and from outside under the veranda, which will also serve as an area in which to congregate after training and matches. The venue will also enable the club to host some of the larger social and fundraising functions. Make sure you get out to a match to have a look at these great facilities.

(L-R): Lucia Caretti, Chloe Murray, Christopher Pyne (’84), Nicholas Tallarida (’05), Michael Pannunzio (’06)
2016 has been a season of great development and growth for the club. We were fortunate once again to have a strong flow of new players from the College and external into both the men’s and women’s teams, so much so that the club returned to fielding five men’s sides.

The A Grade under the guidance of Daniel Rossi (Class of ’05) looked to ensure a quick return to Division 1 after the disappointment of 2015. Featuring many new faces, the season started slowly with two wins from their opening six matches but from there went through the remainder of the season undefeated picking up some big wins, inflicting the only two losses of the year on the eventual champions. Nick Barbieri along with winning club Best and Fairest Curtis Covino (Class of ’15) put them in a strong position for the title. However, results on the final day not falling their way to see them finish third.

The B Grade were a force throughout the year, playing an attacking style spawning a goal scoring strategy known affectionately as “The Move,” it was key to achieving a vastly superior goal difference compared to all their rivals. This coupled with contributions from all players notably leading goal scorer Davide Cavuoto (Class of ’07) and Best and Fairest Curtis Covino (Class of ’15) put them in a strong position for the title. However, results on the final day not falling their way to see them finish third.

The C Grade went through 2016 undefeated, a fantastic achievement in itself, however, a few missed chances saw one too many draws resulting in a second place finish. On a positive note it was fantastic to see contributions from younger members of the side including Jack Harben (Class of ’13) and joint Best and Fairiest Trent Spinelli (Class of ’14) and Daniel Pace proving pivotal to their great year.

The addition of the fifth men’s side saw the D and E Grades return to Division 4, an often challenging prospect considering much of the opposition is comprised of clubs first and second sides. Despite this both teams were competitive throughout the season picking up some big wins, securing mid-table finishes as well as developing a good nucleus of young players.

Our Women’s side had another stellar season finishing third in the league and breaking through for their first ever trophy, winning the Div 4/5/Collegiate Cup defeating Pembroke in an epic penalty shootout, Natalia Rossi (Class of ’10) scoring the winning goal. Their success this year a tribute to their hard work, strong bonds and friendship as a side and the stewardship of Coach and Senior School Teacher Con Kapnistis.

We also have enjoyed our first full season in the new multi-user facility at our Glenunga base, one which gives us club/change rooms the envy of many and allowing us to stage events at our home. The club also secured a federal government grant to help fund back nets as the final stage of the redevelopment; Federal Member for Sturt and Old Ignatian Christopher Pyne (Class of ’84) on hand in July for an official presentation. We also could not function as a club without the support from our sponsor’s particularly major sponsor The Maylands Hotel.

We invite all members of the College community especially recent graduates looking to continue their soccer careers at a club with a great off field aspect, as much as on, to come along to pre-season when it commences in early 2017. For details and latest news find us on Facebook or at oisc.com.au.

Mr Michael Pannunzio (Class of ’06)
SECRETARY - OLD IGNATIANS SOCCER CLUB
My India Immersion

Towards the end of last year, eleven students from Saint Ignatius College travelled to India on a Journey of the Heart. On this journey, students had the opportunity to provide service work, be introduced to the Jesuit Missions in India and be exposed to several of the poorest communities.

The aspect of this journey which took me most out of my comfort zone was meeting and working a diverse range of disabled children and adults. We had the opportunity to understand what their day to day lives involve and communicate with them on a variety of levels. The core organisations which we visited and worked were; MITHRA, a rehabilitation centre for physically and mentally challenged in Chennai and The Motherhouse in Kolkata where volunteers come from all over the world to provide service. In MITHRA we spent more quality time communicating and developing relationships with the children. The Motherhouse was different as volunteers get sent out to a variety of organisations that involve and communicate with them on a range of cultures and living circumstances.

Jesuit Missions have now established several schools in Hazaribag, both public and private, to allow even the lowest cast within society to receive an education. Whilst in Hazaribag, we visited just six of the several schools and within these, we saw a wide range of cultures and living circumstances.

The school in which we stayed, Saint Xavier’s, was established in 1952 by the Jesuits. St. Xavier’s is owned and administered by the Hazaribag Jesuits Education Society and is primarily for the education of the children of the Christian Minority community. However, it is open to all, irrespective of cast, religion, or place of origin. Of all the schools we visited in Hazaribag, St. Xavier’s was the most established and wealthy. While walking around the school and spending time in Classrooms, it was difficult to point out many differences to our school as the students all spoke English, learnt the same subjects and the school was strict on uniforms.

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” – Mother Teresa

The Jesuits are now working to develop other schools within Hazaribag as there was an evident difference between St. Xavier’s and the other schools in the poorer communities. Several of these schools struggle to attain teachers and provide adequate resources to students. While spending time visiting these schools, we would often walk into a Classroom with up to 60 students and no teacher. As they sat and stared, we became the teachers. We couldn’t help but think that on a regular basis, these students simply sit in a Classroom ready and wanting to learn but as teachers don’t turn up, are deprived of developing an education. Despite the long way that Hazaribag has come and the abundant work that Jesuit Missions have done, there is a long way to go.

Visiting these schools in Hazaribag, we got to witness the impact that the jesuits have had on the other side of the world, where poverty is a real issue. By seeing what they have accomplished, we developed not only a sense of gratitude but the belief that we can make a difference and have an impact on the developing communities all over the world. To think that all of the donations we make throughout the school year are genuinely contributing to the development of these communities is something you perhaps need to see to believe. Several students, myself included, are guilty of forgetting the meaning of our donations and seeing them as more of a burden than a chance to be generous. Seeing where our donations have gone, I now truly believe in the capability of our donations and the works of Jesuit Missions.

Like Mother Theresa said, alone I cannot make a difference but through providing service at Jesuit Missions or simply making generous donations throughout the year, I can contribute not only to the development of communities in need but to the quality of education offered to underprivileged children subsequently providing them with better opportunities for the future.

Ms Brianna Knowling (Class of ’16)
In January 2016 I was given the amazing opportunity to travel to Quito, Ecuador, with the Cardoner Project. Being the first ever student from Adelaide to join the Cardoner Project on one of its immersions, I had no idea what to expect. The rest of the group had met several times before our journey began at the Sydney International Terminal, so I was very nervous waiting a full hour to meet several strangers! After a 14-hour flight, we arrived in LA at 6.00 am. Being severely jet-lagged, we thought of the only rational thing that would keep us up for another 15 hours – spending a full day at Universal Studios.

After having stayed awake for a total of 36 hours, we headed to Loyola Marymount University where we were able to stay on campus while stopping over. The university is one of the only Jesuit colleges in America and I am hoping to go back and complete some further study there!

The highlight of LA was visiting Homeboy Industries located in downtown LA. Founded by Rev Gregory J Boyle SJ, Homeboy Industries provides hope, training, and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated men and women, allowing them to redirect their lives and become contributing members of the community.

It was an absolutely amazing experience as we got to converse with current members of the centre. It was incredibly moving as we heard about all their stories and how they got to where they are now, all thanks to Homeboy Industries. I strongly recommend that you look at its website to further read about all of the great work that this centre achieves.

After an eight-hour flight to Ecuador, including a stopover, we were fortunate to start our work with the Centro del Muchacho Trabajador (Working Boys Centre) – a family of families. Founded by Fr John Halligan SJ, this Catholic institution was started to address the educational needs of boys working on the streets shining shoes. Since then the program has expanded to include the entire family. Its objective has been to eliminate poverty among working children and their families. To date, over 6,000 families or around 30,000 people have left poverty forever as a result of the Centre Family of Families programs.

During the immersion we had the opportunity to take Classes with the children, eat meals with the families, and fully immerse ourselves in the Ecuadorian culture. I will never forget the day we went on several home visits, which allowed us to see how serious poverty is and how fortunate we are to be brought up in Australia.

The highlight of the trip for me was spending a full day helping a local family build a new home.

Despite the language barrier the locals were still able to laugh at our apparent lack of craftsmanship and our ability to belt out whatever song came on the radio next.

At the end of the trip, we were able to spend a few days to ourselves, looking at local sights and travelling to the equator! I am incredibly thankful for the wonderful opportunity I was given and would not have been able to participate in the immersion if it had not been for the Old Ignatians Association’s ongoing support. I look forward to returning to Ecuador and cannot wait to see where my journey with the Cardoner Project takes me.

Ms Katie Gue (Class of ’13)
old ignatian news

australia day honours

the honourable dr brendan john nelson
(class of '75)
officer (ao) in the general division of the order of australia

congratulations to brendan who was recognised for distinguished service to the parliament of australia, to the community, to the advancement of australia’s international relations, and to major cultural institutions.

the bishop meets the pope

in the week commencing 22 february bishop greg o’kelly sj (class of ‘58), in his capacity of chair of caritas australia, attended the congress for caritas representatives in rome, with approximately 250 representatives. while there he was fortunate to meet the pope twice.

the jesuits had arranged for bishop o’kelly to participate in the pope’s thursday morning mass and he greeted all of the congregation afterwards. the next day the pope addressed the whole congress and also made himself available to speak to each person. bishop o’kelly said the pope was warm and very human; it was a high moment.

queen’s birthday honours

brother john may sj
member (am) in the general division of the order of australia

congratulations to br may who was recognised for significant service to winemaking, through contributions to professional associations, to regional tourism, and to the catholic church in australia.

raising awareness about anxiety and depression

old ignatians phillip de pinto (class of ‘94) and adrian callisto (class of ‘94) have been working with friends to increase awareness and understanding of depression and anxiety. as part of their fundraising initiative vinnie’s bike ride, a gala ball and charity bike ride from melbourne to adelaide were held earlier this year. in june the group presented the honourable mr jeff kennett (founder and chairman of beyond blue) with a cheque to the value of $82,799.12.

“It’s such a humbling and rewarding feeling to help people out there with their silent suffering, and to raise much needed awareness.” - adrian callisto

we congratulate the group on their hard work and success towards this worthy cause.

to view the video on youtube type in vinnie’s bike ride.

above: phillip de pinto (’94), hon mr jeff kennett, adrian callisto (’94), vince esposito, joseph garuccio, steve maras, and adelaide lord mayor mr martin haese (’83).
We are proud to announce the launch of a new book by Old Ignatian, John McGowan (Class of ’58) Hollywood’s First Australian - The adventurous life of J.P. McGowan the movie pioneer they called The Railroad Man relates the extraordinary story of the South Australian-born motion picture trailblazer who became the first Australian Hollywood star. John recently donated a copy of his book to the Senior School Library. The revised and re-titled Australian edition of the book, originally published in the United States, was triggered by a surprise discovery in a Queensland shed of a treasure trove of photographs, scrapbooks and other memorabilia relating to John Paterson (J.P.) McGowan and his family. Many of these photographs – some never before seen in public - have now been included in the new edition of the book. It is available from Adelaide bookshops or can be ordered online. John McGowan began his television career as a journalist and later wrote and directed documentaries and educational productions for national television. His television industry awards include the inaugural Australian Human Rights Commission Media Award (1984) for Six Australians, a six-episode documentary series chronicling the lives of six contemporary indigenous Australians. Meet the author opportunities available: please contact John McGowan at john.mcgowan@internode.on.net for more details.

Brunette Lenkic

Brunette Lenkic (Class of ’80) has been busy recording female football history. Brunette is a teacher and freelance journalist whose lifelong interest in sport – as a player, umpire, coach and spectator – led her to research the history of women’s Australian Rules football. Play On! The Hidden History of Women’s Australian Rules Football explores how the game spread from west to east and reveals little-known facts about women in sport and women in society. The publication, available now in book shops, was co-authored with Victorian academic, Rob Hess, on the 100-year history of women’s Australian Rules football.

The Sevenhill Story

The Vine and the Branches: Fruits of the Sevenhill Mission, tells the story of the Jesuits who settled at Sevenhill in 1851. The publication is a coffee-table-style book covering the multifaceted development of Sevenhill, including the College, St Aloysius’ Church and the Centre of Ignatian Spirituality. It will be the first major publication to draw together the story of the Jesuits at Sevenhill, a notable location through its significance as the birthplace of the Jesuits in Australia and start of winemaking in the Clare Valley. The book sells for $65.00 plus $8.50 for postage and handling. To purchase a book please visit www.sevenhill.com.au or telephone (08) 8843 5900.
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Christine Centenera - International Fashion Recognition

Christine Centenera (Class of ‘97) has been recognised for her contribution to the fashion industry by being named in the international “Business of Fashion 500” list. The Business of Fashion 500 website has credited the fashion director of Vogue Australia for being at the centre of a very influential group of celebrities and fashion insiders despite her relative geographic isolation.

Hugh Sheridan Drops In

Staff and students at the Senior School were delighted when Hugh Sheridan (Class of ’03) dropped into the Senior School in February to chat with drama students and take a tour of the new Saint Peter Faber SJ Music and Drama Building and the Richard Flynn Theatre. Hugh shared many stories with students about his time at the College and his career as an actor, musician, and television presenter.

Australian Open Trophy Visits Junior School

On Friday 18 November, the iconic Australian Open trophies, Norman Brookes Challenge Cup and Daphne Akhurst Memorial Cup, were brought to the Junior School as part of their annual tour around the nation. Old Ignatian and Tennis SA CEO, Steven Baldas (Class of ’91) introduced the trophies to a crowd of inquisitive Junior School students. He was joined by fellow Old Ignatian and Australian professional tennis player, Paul Baccanello (Class of ’96).
Peter Britten-Jones ('86), Justice John Mansfield ('63), former Justice John Doyle OA ('62), Justice Sam Doyle ('90), Bishop Greg O’Kelly ('58) and Justice Anne Bampton ('79), at Sam Doyle’s appointment.

Supreme Court Appointments

Congratulations are extended to Sam Doyle (Class of 1990) appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court in December 2015 and to Martin Hinton (Class of 1978) on his appointment as a Justice of the Supreme Court in April 2016.

Don’t lose touch with the College

Keep us informed of your change of contact details (postal and email) so we can inform you of reunions, upcoming events and more.

Email: OIA@ignatius.sa.edu.au  Phone: 08 8334 9306

Alysia Panagakos - Achievements in Soccer

Congratulations to Alysia Panagakos (Class of ’11) who was awarded the Football Federation of South Australia Division 1 ‘Player of the Year’ award. She also won the Division 1 ‘Best and Fairest’ and ‘Players Player’ awards for her soccer Club, Adelaide University and has received a nomination for an Adelaide University Blue, the University’s premier sport award. Alysia is currently coach of the Saint Ignatius’ College Girls Senior A soccer team.

Lewis Denver Presents Santos Tour Award

Year Twelve student Lewis Denver presented the Tanya Denver Memorial Award (for the highest placed South Australian) to Rohan Dennis (BMC Racing) at the Santos Tour Down Under in January. The glass trophy had been made by Liam Fleming (Class of ‘07) who is the Production Manager, Glass Studio, at the Jam Factory, Adelaide.

Photo courtesy of Ms Sarah Reed.
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New Old Ignatians Welcome Barbeque for the Class of 2015

Friday 5 February 2016 saw staff and recent Old Ignatians from the Classes of 2014 and 2015 reunite for the annual Old Ignatians Welcome Barbeque on the Bellarmine Lawns. There was a very pleasing turnout and all enjoyed the opportunity to catch up on news in the pleasant surroundings.

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New Old Ignatians Welcome Barbeque

New Old Ignatians Welcome Barbeque for Class of 2016

Friday 3 February, 2017 at 5.30pm | Bellarmine Lawns | 2 Manresa Court, Athelstone

Old Ignatians’ Association
Vale – Fr John Batchelor SJ

Fr John Patrick Batchelor SJ was born in Marnoo Victoria on 16 December 2013 and died at McQuoin Park Retirement Village, Waitara (Sydney), on Sunday 27 December 2015, aged 102 years. With the death of Father Batchelor, the last Jesuit pioneer of Saint Ignatius’ College, Adelaide, has passed away.

He completed his schooling at St Patrick’s College in Ballarat in 1934 and entered the Society of Loyola College, Watsonia, in the following year. In 1950 he completed his Tertianship at Sevenhill and in February 1951 he commenced as a founding teacher at the College, remaining there until 1960.

Following an absence of some 18 years, Father Bachelor returned to the College in 1978 and remained here until 1984. During that time he was Co-ordinator of Religious Education, Religion teacher, and spiritual father. After some years in Melbourne he returned to Norwood from 1995 to 1998. As well as his kindly presence in the College, he also worked in the parish, administering the sacraments and visiting the sick and elderly. He was missed by many members of the parish and College communities when he finally retired to Pymble, Sydney, in 1999.

Many Old Ignatians will remember Father Batchelor as small in stature, yet large in kindness and gentleness. He deliberately chose to avoid the harsher approaches to education and discipline that were common at the time. Many current students who were present at the Patronal Feast Day Mass in 2013 will recall the unveiling of Father Batchelor’s portrait as we anticipated his 100th birthday in December that year.

The artist, Peter Serwan, included in the background of the portrait the first-day photograph taken on the Norwood steps in 1951. Father Batchelor was delighted to receive this painting and it hangs in the Jesuit dining room at Arrupe House, Pymble. A print of this painting hangs in the Junior School Board Room, which bears his name.

Father Batchelor continued to take a keen interest in the College and, although frail, was clear of mind and able to converse until his final days. He enjoyed receiving the Manresa Report as it brought back so many delightful memories of the time he had spent at Saint Ignatius’ College Adelaide. Fr Rob Davoren SJ and Fr Paul Mullins SJ concelebrated his funeral mass at Chapel of Peter Canisius House, Pymble, on 30 December 2015. Father Davoren stated, “I am sure Father Batchelor will continue to watch over the College from his place with the Lord – a reward for a life well spent in dedicated service of others. Well done, good and faithful servant!”

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, 
And let perpetual light shine upon them. 
May their souls, and the souls of all the 
Faithful departed, 
Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. 
Amen.

Requiescant in Pace

The College is saddened by the news of the following deaths in our community. Our sympathy is extended to the families and friends of:

Old Ignatians
Mr Terence (Terry) McEwen (Class of ’62)
Mr David Keogh (Class of ’82)
Mr Stephen Corcoran (Class of ’73)

Ignatian Community
Fr John Batchelor SJ
Mr Timothy Barker
Mrs Carmel Anderson
Mr Michael Fullgrabe
Mrs Marjorie Scollin
Mrs Bridget Hannan
Mrs Yvonne Harris
Mrs Nathalie McRae
Mrs Leonie Horvat
Mrs Dorothy Stentiford
Mrs Maxine Hogan
Mrs Kerin Davies
Mrs Patricia ‘Trish’ Davies

Nathalie McRae
Nathalie joined the College in 1995 and has been our Tuckshop Manager at the Senior School since then. We give thanks for the life of Nathalie McRae and we pray for her family and friends and all those in our community who now mourn her loss.
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Weddings

Amanda Hodgson (Class of ’07) married Carl Maddern on 5 September 2015

Paul Joyce (Class of ’06) married Kerryn Routley on 6 February 2016

Gabrielle Madigan (Class of ’00) married Ross Furphy on 10 April 2016

Andrew Stevens (Class of ’04) married Lauren McCabe (Class of ’05) on 5 December 2015
Engagements

Michael Basso (Class of ’03) and Kimberly Di Benedetto (Class of ’07) were engaged on 25 December 2015.

Births

Andrew Morton (Class of ’05) and his wife Yeqing welcomed Elijah Ruizhe Morton on 7 June 2016. He weighed 3230 grams and 51cm long.

Chapel bookings

The Chapel of the Holy Name is located in the tranquil, leafy environs of the Saint Ignatius’ College Senior School. Built in 2005, the modern yet elegant building, with seating for up to 400, makes it an ideal venue for private Catholic ceremonies. The beautifully kept grounds outside the Chapel also provide a gorgeous backdrop for photographs.

Bookings to use the chapel are welcome. All enquiries to:
E:  admin@ignatius.sa.edu.au
P:  8334 9300
W:  ignatius.sa.edu.au/community/chapel-bookings/
February 2017 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Senior School campus at Athelstone.

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Term 1 School Tours

Ignatius Early Years & Junior School
9:30 am, Wednesday 15 March 2017

Senior School
9:30 am, Tuesday 28 February 2017

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