Schools are places of great change. Each year at Ignatius, over 140 Year Twelve students depart following Valete celebrations while new students commence in the younger years. Year Six students make the transition from the Junior School at Norwood to the senior campus. Many students describe mixed emotions during these times of change: of sadness when leaving what they have come to know and love together with excitement in anticipating new adventures and increased freedom and independence. While the College has a fairly stable cohort of teachers and other educators, there is change here also. Teachers tell me of their delight in being able to play a role in the education of each new group of enthusiastic and engaged students and how they are sustained by the energy of the students. It is no wonder that the thought of retirement or moving on can be daunting for some.

As I complete my ninth year at the College and my second as Rector I have certainly seen much change and often reflect on our privileged role in accompanying young people from childhood to young adulthood. I know many staff share my pride in the goodness and competence of our old scholars.

As well as the changes in staff and students, the last decade has seen a significant growth in College facilities at both campuses. The St Peter Faber Building (Music, Drama facilities and the Richard Flynn Theatre) has certainly proved to be a versatile and popular addition to the College. At the Junior School, the refurbished Reception areas, playgrounds and the Mary MacKillop Building have provided new opportunities and vistas. Our desire for a Junior School Gymnasium remains top priority, and while we face locational challenges it remains foremost in our thinking.

In 2016, the Administration Building on the senior campus is to be replaced by a three-storey Student and Staff Services building which should be ready this time next year. Since older areas of the College will need replacement especially as new educational and co-curricular demands arise, it can be expected that ongoing changes will continue on all campuses of the College.

The other significant change I have observed during my time as College leader has been the growth in our culture of philanthropy. This entails firstly a recognition of the need for donations if the College is to improve, and secondly a willingness by those able to make donations to do so. I wish to thank all those in our community who have supported the College, both financially and by their donations of time and expertise. Some appeals have been for facilities and Buildings. The other major area has been the formalisation of The Ignatian Bursary Fund and corpus account. When this corpus reaches a substantial level, it will be used to provide ongoing financial support for families who seek a Jesuit Education but are prevented by limited finances. The growth of the Bursary fund is a vital development in keeping the College accessible to as many families as possible. In addition, the Foundation Board has been working on growing our bequest program which helps our community to invest in the College by leaving a lasting legacy in their will.

The renewed focus in College efforts in this area owes much to the work of the College’s Development Team and in particular, to its leader Dalice Kennedy (Director of Community Engagement). Working closely with the Foundation Board and College Leadership she has developed many sound processes which seek support from the College community and then ensures that this generosity is acknowledged. I feel sure that these structures will continue despite Dalice commencing maternity leave early this year. We are delighted that she is to become a mother and are hopeful she will return when the time is right.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our community for supporting our culture of philanthropy which ensures we can provide opportunities that enrich the lives of our young students and prepare them to be leaders equipped for the future.

It is my prayer that all our community receives many blessings, and I pray also that the holiday break was a time of rest and restoration so that all return happily and safely for the new year, both old timers and new members who will continue to enrich our community in the years to come.

“The Only Thing That Is Constant Is Change” - Heraclitus

Fr Robert J Davoren SJ (Class of ’70)
RECTOR
From the Rector

**Statue of St Ignatius of Loyola**

The statue of St Ignatius, carved from a single block of marble, was a gift to St Ignatius Church, Norwood by papal Knight Count Thomas O’Loughlin in memory of his beloved wife Kathleen who died in 1925.

Along with the statues of Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Bernadette at the Lourdes Grotto, the statue was first placed at Saint Ignatius Church, Norwood in 1929.

For many years it was situated inside the church, but when the school opened in 1951 it was moved outside, close to the Jesuits accommodation.

With construction of the new Junior School administration block in 1979, the statue’s location became something of a backwater and in 1980 it was decided to move (some would say hijack) it to a more prominent position on the Bellarmine Lawns, the front grounds of the Senior School, Athelstone. It is recorded that, for the move, the statue was insured for $10,000 for one day – thankfully no claim form had to be filled in!

The statue was removed, for its protection, in 2013, during the building of the St Peter Faber Music and Drama Building, and was returned back to the Bellarmine Lawns in October 2015.
In 2015 the College Council took the decision to acknowledge annually a staff member who by his or her outstanding service or achievement has contributed significantly to the character of our Ignatian community. The Rector and the College leadership team make recommendations to the Council, which will then determine the recipient. All permanent members of staff with significant years of service may be eligible for the award.

This award is not intended to acknowledge length of service but rather the quality and generosity of that service. It may be awarded to a staff member who is particularly innovative or creative in his or her practice or to a staff member who promotes new ways of thinking or of proceeding in our community. Nominees will have displayed through their words and actions a commitment to Ignatian ideals and spirituality over an extended period of time. Their service in or out of the classroom will represent the Magis clearly to all members of our College community. It will be evident that their service or achievement will far exceed what may have been reasonably expected from any loyal member of staff or talented classroom teacher.

I was delighted to make the inaugural presentation to Mr Peter Teakle at Speech Day in October 2015. Peter admirably fulfils the criteria set out by Council. He is a person who exemplifies the Ignatian ideal of being a person for others.

For more than 25 years he was sports master at the Junior School while at the same time maintaining a full classroom teaching load. Throughout his years of teaching he has been both innovative and creative, establishing Science as an independent subject at the Junior School level, which is the envy of other junior schools.

He has been most generous with his time in establishing clubs – in keeping with his own scientific interests. The Rocket, Science, Garden and Carpentry clubs are among those he initiated. These have allowed a range of students practical experience of science.

He has modelled his own commitment to the environment with various innovations for the Junior School: recycling, water catchment and wetland concept plans. He is both well read and knowledgeable, particularly in those causes he espouses. Before any formal connection with Saint Ignatius’ College Peter was fascinated by those Jesuits who had gone to India as missionaries. The esteem for these men was to develop into a commitment to the Junior School Mission Fete, with which he had been involved for many years prior to becoming the chief organiser in 2002.

Peter is ‘a person for others’ – a committed teacher – who models what he believes and believes what he models. He is one who thus engages with his charges and establishes a true rapport with his students.

The College congratulates Peter on this award.

Fr Paul B Mullins SJ (Class of ’68)
Chair of Council

Foundation Board

The beginning of a new year tends to prompt a series of celebrations and commitments but in the quieter moments there is also an opportunity to consider the events of the year past; the achievements, the successes, the failures and the tasks left to do.

2015 was a year of consolidation for the Foundation. The generosity of the Saint Ignatius community were steadfast throughout the year with the donations surpassing all previous years except the 2014 Music and Drama appeal. The total raised in 2015 exceeded $235,000. These donations have been used to continue to build the bursary fund as well as support smaller capital projects, such as the Junior School Playground and Senior School Athletics track. The Foundation wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to all donors.

In the background the Foundation Board has undertaken a number of administrative reforms to streamline and increase the transparency of Foundation financial arrangements. As part of this donors will continue to be asked their preference or ‘Ignatian Building Fund’. An online donation portal has been set up to facilitate donations via the College website.

Throughout 2015, board members Jay McGrath, Chris Sexton, David Prescott (Class of ’93), Paul Shaw and Peter Britten Jones (Class of ’86) have generously contributed their time and thought to the work of the Foundation. The guidance and support of Fr Rector Rob Davoren SJ (Class of ’70) and Mr Peter Coffey has been immensely valuable. Of course, nothing would be achieved without the wonderful work of Dalice Kennedy and the Development Office team. The Board has also thanked and farewelled two great contributors to the Foundation’s work: David Dewar (Class of ’61), who stepped down after 25 years of service, and Anthony Davies (Class of ’82), whose financial acumen will be sadly missed.

Whilst the demands of administrative tasks can easily overshadow more longstanding goals, there are of course many reasons why a focus on fundraising for bursary and college priorities must remain front and centre. Speaking at a donor event held at the senior school towards the end of 2015, graduating year 12 student and refugee, Mahmood Moosavi (Class of ’15), reminded us of the gift that an Ignatian education can provide. ‘With education we learn a purpose in life - what has been passed on by the generations enables us to live our lives the best we can – and to develop us to our greatest potential’. The potential for an education at Saint Ignatius to change a life provides the perfect motivation for the ongoing work of the Foundation as we welcome the New Year.

Dr Suzanne Le Mire (Class of ’83)
Chair of Foundation Board
The present Administration Building at the Senior School is to be replaced by a three storey Student and Staff Services facility which will enable more efficient amenities for both students and staff. Dual reception areas which cater individually for visitors and students will be served by common administration areas and will be adjacent to a modern infirmary. A student lounge area will link to the careers and counsellors’ offices, the curriculum and pastoral leaders’ offices, as well as to meeting areas. The first floor will contain staff areas together with the offices of the Rector, Head of Senior School, the Head of Business and the Finance Office. The top floor will see an expansion of student learning facilities. The new building will be served by a lift and it will connect directly at each level to the present Bellarmine Building.

Detailed planning under the direction of the College’s current architects, Edge Architects has occurred over the last two years. This project is the last in the current phase of the College’s Master Plan. Minuzzo Project Management will undertake the construction of the building, completing the second stage of the Bellarmine Quadrangle development.

Much thought has gone into achieving a cost effective structure which will address the educational and pastoral needs of our students. I am confident that due to the dedication of the College’s Building and Finance Committees and as a result of prolonged deliberations between architects and builders, the use of cost consultants and ongoing comparisons with market costs and conditions, that we have negotiated the best possible project cost. In addition to obtaining a satisfactory figure for the project, the decision was also influenced by our high level of satisfaction with Minuzzo Project Management’s efforts in the construction of the St Peter Faber Building in October 2014.

During December and January the current Reception area and other services were relocated to the old drama and adjacent buildings near the Baulderstone Oval. We are hopeful that the new building will be ready for the commencement of the 2017 school year. Members of the College community who would like further information about this project are invited to contact me.

Fr Robert J Davoren SJ (Class of ’70)
RECTOR

To build on the past we must look to the future...
Thank you to our community for your gifts to the Ignatian Bursary Fund and various College building funds. It is only with the generosity from our community that the gift of an Ignatian education is possible and advanced development projects for the future can be pursued.

With gratitude we acknowledge our donors for gifts made between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015.
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Excerpt from the Rector’s Speech Day Address. Please visit the College Website for the full version.

Chair of Council Fr Paul Mullins, guest of honour the Honourable Christopher Pyne, special guests, staff, students and members of the College family.

In the bright morning sunlight of 24 March 1980, Archbishop Oscar Romero was celebrating mass in a hospital chapel, the Church of the Divine Providence, San Salvador. A car stopped outside and a lone gunman stepped out, unhurried. Resting his rifle on the car door, he aimed carefully down the long aisle to where El Salvador's Archbishop, Oscar Romero, was about to commence communion. A single shot rang out. Romero staggered and fell, dying where he fell, beside the altar.

Despite death threats, he had continued to speak up against the repressive regime in El Salvador. He denounced the injustice in his country and supported the development of social organisations. He became the voice of the Salvadoran people when repression had crushed all other channels of expression. In his homily the previous day, he sealed his fate when he took the terrifying step of publicly confronting the military.

Oscar Romero was a surprise in history. The poor never expected him to take their side and the elites of Church and state felt betrayed. He was a compromise candidate elected to head the Bishops Conference by conservative fellow bishops. He was predictable, an orthodox, a pious bookworm. But he lived by real convictions, which he expressed boldly. Archbishop Romero was beatified on 23 May this year.

As Christians we are called to serve others, though it is unlikely that we will need to give our lives in service of others as did Archbishop Romero. Hugh Mackay, an Australian social researcher, wrote a book called The Good Life, in which he suggests that unless we engage in genuine service of others, we cannot experience a fulfilled life. He wrote that the good life is one defined by our capacity for selflessness, the quality of our relationships and our willingness to connect with others in a useful way. The good life is certainly not the sum of our security, wealth, status, postcode, career success and levels of happiness.

Sometimes this service may be in the public arena, as is the case for archbishops, military officers and politicians. The importance of service to the community has certainly been a priority in Christopher Pyne's life, in part due to the fine example of his father, Remington Pyne. His father was an eminent eye surgeon in Adelaide and was a key member of the cranio-facial unit in partnership with David David. The life-giving medical outcomes of this team became renowned across the world. His father also served as a medical officer in the Korean War. Remington Pyne also worked to provide research and support for those with learning difficulties and helped found the SPELD organisation. He died in 1988 at 62 years of age. Christopher's mother, Margaret, continues to be a source of inspiration, and we are blessed to have her with us today. A political career enabled Minister Pyne to make a difference in areas of personal interest, in particular health, indigenous advancement and education. I am hopeful that this theme of public service will feature in his address this morning.

I wish to acknowledge those in our College community who through their generosity of service, in the words of Mackay, "...do the tedious tasks they have been saddled with, the everyday, ordinary altruists". They have certainly contributed to the wellbeing and life of the College and are present with us today.

Many of you here today have served the College community on committees, at College functions, as coaches or by assisting in College tuckshops. Your contribution has greatly assisted the welfare and positive culture of our College community, and I am most grateful. 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.

I am pleased to report that the College is in good shape and continues to be thought of as one of the leading educational establishments in Adelaide. Enrolments are sound and we continue to attract excellent staff members, and our alumni are highly regarded for their manner and capability. We must, however, actively avoid any complacency and seek the opportunities that always exist during times of economic challenge: to grow, improve and adapt. There are 1370 students from Reception to Year Twelve, with a further 90 in Ignatius Early Years. The youngest year group present here is Year Three, and I welcome them to their first Speech Day, as I do others who have joined the College this year. This 65th Speech Day is significant for our Year Twelve cohort as it is their last as students. You are especially welcomed!

I would like to make note of some improvements that have recently occurred at the College, or are soon to occur. We were delighted to take possession of the Saint Peter Faber SJ Building in Term Four last year. Over the summer break, the Dennett Centre was refurbished and the girls change room was modified and updated. A sealed roadway around the Bourke Oval has improved traffic flow and aided pedestrian safety. New sports courts, which can provide six netball or eight tennis courts, were blessed and commissioned at the start of this term. Hockey practice can also take place there. At the Junior School, playgrounds were upgraded and extra equipment was installed. At the Senior School, we plan to replace the Administration Building with a three-storey complex that will include new teaching spaces, offices, and reception areas, including one for students. The need for a gymnasium at the Junior School remains a major goal, and we continue to search for creative ways to find space for such a large building.

Returning to my theme of service, I believe that College staff also give an example of faithful service. Every staff member plays a role in forming our students, whether they be office staff, book room or tuckshop staff, those who attend to our grounds, or staff teaching students in the classroom. I thank them sincerely for their efforts and know that much hard work and planning is often unseen by others but is hugely important for the welfare and growth of our students.

I would like to thank Christopher Pyne for agreeing to be our guest speaker today and also note that he has been a regular attendee at our Speech Days, in part due to his family’s donation of the Prize for Classical Studies, named after his parents. (His father, Remington, was a devotee of Classics.) Minister, you may be pleased to learn that 51 students study Latin in years seven to eleven, and this year five students have already sat the final year assessments in Latin as part of the NSW HSC. Additionally, we continue to offer French, Italian, Indonesian and Mandarin languages. I also wish to acknowledge Christopher’s wife, Carolyn, who in addition to caring for four children has given significant time to the College community in her role of Treasurer of the Parents and Friends Association.

I believe the students of this College also model Christian service. The genuine care and friendliness shown by older students towards the younger ones has become a mark of our College. Over the last few years, senior leaders have initiated a number of programs that continue to thrive and give joy to many. These include St Vincent de Paul collections, the Bells of La Storta, Blue Day, Mission Day linked to House Performances, the Cage, and Walk for Life, which was initiated this year. The Junior School Mission Day continues to be a popular and successful event.

I wish to thank Rebecca Munday and Harry Scanlon, our student College Captains, and also Michelle Nguyen and Madison O’Brien, Captains for Liturgy and Social Justice respectively. Together with the House Captains and other appointed leaders you have worked hard to inspire and lead the younger students. As you prepare to hand on your roles of service to those in the year following, I suspect you must wonder how the last year could have gone so quickly. The video shown here today has been edited by Mr Greg Skeed, with content contributed by the STIGIT team and Matthew Maloney. I thank all concerned.

And for our Year Twelve students, whether you are sad to be leaving or are eager to depart (or a mixture of both), I hope that you feel well prepared and have many happy memories to take with you. I would like to leave you with two final thoughts, which both suggest each of us can make a unique contribution, based on our particular gifts. The first is by John Henry Newman.

“God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work.”

The second is a prayer attributed to Archbishop Romero.

“We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.”

This College is indeed a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God’s work. I pray that the seeds of hope planted within you will flourish and bear much fruit. May there be many opportunities for the Lord’s grace to enter and sustain you. God bless each of you!

Fr Robert J Davoren SJ (Class of ’70)
RECTOR


Alec Davis (Year 12) accepting the Peter Joseph Cup for House Athletics
Guest Speaker - The Honourable Christopher Pyne MP

Father Rector, Headmaster of the Senior School, Headmaster of the Junior School, Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a great thrill for me to give this year's Saint Ignatius' College Speech Day address. I am a product of the Jesuit Fathers and Brothers and the lay staff of this school in the 1970s and 80s (I leave you to judge their success) as were my brothers – Remington (Class of ’75), Nicholas (Class of ’76) and Alexander (Class of ’77). It’s fair to say none of us were paragons of exemplary behaviour (our parents spent a little too much time in Father Headmaster’s office with their sons). But as many of those good Jesuits and lay staff have now passed to a better place, we are left to rewrite the history! Lucky for us. Since then, my cousin, my nephew George and my and Nicholas’ children have either attended or are currently at the school (I’ve promised not to embarrass them, they advised me not to tell any unfunny jokes and to get off the stage as soon as possible. Bless them.) My sister Samantha sent her son Remington to Saint Ignatius’ College, Riverview. My father, also Remington attended Aquinas College at Adelaide University in the 1940’s when it was run by the Jesuits. So, it’s fair to say, we regard ourselves as a family of the Ignatian tradition.

That Ignatian tradition is one of excellence and service. This school seeks to bring out the best in every student. It seeks to educate the whole child. But during the journey of educating the whole child, the school tries to bring each child to a point of discovering the thing that they are really good at, in which they can excel, in which they can make a difference for the betterment of the society in which they choose to live, wherever that might be.

I remember when I first arrived at the senior school as a year eight student. The school athletics carnival was approaching and we were training for the numerous events. The senior English teacher, Dr Heatley asked me which event I was good at, I responded, truthfully, “I can’t think of any Dr Heatley”. He took me in hand. We went to Atkinson Oval and tried the javelin, no-one got hurt, but I wasn’t adroit with a javelin. We went to the hop, skip and jump but it was more hop, trip and fall. The same was true of discus, shot put, high jump and long jump. In none did I meet with any success. He didn’t bother with sprinting but said anyone can run a long distance, so we tried long distance running. Again, I didn’t impress. Finally, exasperated, he asked me if there was anything I was good at. I told him, truthfully, “I wasn’t bad at debating in the junior school.”

From that day on, my sport and, as it turned out, my fate was sealed. I became a debater. And I never stopped really. Fr Mullins SJ, was one of my debating coaches. He taught me everything I know – so blame him! What Dr Heatley was doing was very much in the Ignatian tradition. He was helping me find my niche. The Jesuits have been doing just that for hundreds of years. We were always told – “It doesn’t matter what you do, just do it to the best of your ability and be the best at it of anyone in the field.”

For decades I have been attending the Saint Ignatius’ College Speech Day. Often, we hear from sports men and women, researchers and scientists, captains of industry, leading academics and famous Jesuits. They are all men and women striving for excellence. And in the prize giving, we reward excellence in studies, application and extra curricula activity. We celebrate success and competition. We don’t ask our students to strive for mediocrity, we ask them to strive to be the best they can be. This has not always been fashionable, but our tradition hasn’t changed.

The opportunities presented to modern day students at Saint Ignatius’ College are almost endless. Students can choose to be involved in academia, the arts, drama, music, sports of every kind, debating, chess, aerobics, orienteering, liturgy and social justice pursuits. They can travel to Cambodia, India, the United States, or on a jarrumwani

“Come to the edge,” he said.
“We can’t, we’re afraid!” they responded.
“Come to the edge,” he said.
“We can’t, we will fall!” they responded.
“Come to the edge,” he said.
And so they came.
And he pushed them.
And they flew.

Guillaume Apollinaire
journey to Bathurst Island or Daly River. They are encouraged to try everything. It is a wonderful learning and growing environment, in a magnificent setting below Black Hill. It is an enviable opportunity that I have seen countless students grasp. However, the parents of the early students at Saint Ignatius’ College didn’t enrol their sons and then daughters at the school because of the facilities. They chose Jesuit education because ours is an education founded on high principle.

Consider for a moment the prayer of St Ignatius. I won’t recite it now lest I be accused of being too churchy, but consider the last phrases – “save that of knowing that I do your holy will.” Reward is not to be found in receiving but in giving, it is not to be found in avoiding the wounds of the fight, it is not to be gained in rest from toil or even in reward for labour. The prayer tells us that the reward is in knowing that we have found and are performing God’s will. It is a very high bar. It’s why the prayer is repeated every day at school, in many cases, repeated often during the day. The Jesuits are trying, at least subliminally to inculcate in each student a recognition that in all things they try and do, they are seeking to do God’s will. Hence our motto “Ad Maiorum Deo Gloria” – to the greater glory of God.

It’s a lot to live up to and we are not expected to always succeed. But we are expected to try. You are surrounded by good role models - whether it’s the Jesuit Fathers and Brothers and scholastics or your teachers, sports masters, librarians and the support staff at the College. Whether it is the Saints Costka, Campion, Regis and Xavier after whom the four Houses are named (we Pynes are Campion proud) - or the stories of those who have gone before the current generation. Jesuit students are raised on the metaphor of the passing of responsibility from one generation to another. In his case from pre World War II to post World War II America. For many of my old scholars the prayer is repeated during the day. The Jesuits are trying, to the greater glory of God.

The Jesuit tradition is designed to prepare every student to be men and women who serve others. You are each a part of that tradition. To me, this is the second of the lessons we are taught at Saint Ignatius’ College. Since the Generalship of Fr Pedro Arrupe, the General of the Jesuits from 1965 to 1983, the motto “men and women for others” has become a confidant of the Chinese emperor.

Devised a method to transcribe Latin into Chinese characters, built the first Catholic Cathedral in Beijing and wrote the first Chinese-Portuguese dictionary. He became a court diplomat. We remember him today at Saint Ignatius’ College because we were one of the first schools in South Australia to introduce Chinese to the curriculum. A step that was considered ground breaking at the time, now it is almost routine.

So the continuum is not lost – what the Jesuits started over 400 years ago, still impacts on what we do today.

But not every deed has to be ground breaking. That’s why each student is given time and opportunity to do simple acts of kindness at Saint Ignatius’ College. It might be simply listening to an aged man or woman in an aged care facility, or working the soup kitchen in Whitmore Square and the Hutt Street Men’s Shelter or helping out the Campbeltown Domestic Violence Shelter. Not everyone has to sail half way around the world, translate Latin into Chinese characters, found a Cathedral and become a confidant of the Chinese emperor!

This tradition of service to others is not found in every school across Australia. It isn’t unique to Saint Ignatius’ College, but I have visited many schools as Shadow and then Minister for Education and I have never visited a school where being men and women for others is so pronounced.

It is a powerful point of difference. It imbues in Ignatian Old Scholars a great self-confidence and a desire to make a difference. It glues our school community – students, former students, parents, grandparents, staff and the Society of Jesus together in a way that is precious and important. What is its defining characteristic? To me, it is unselfishness. Rather than doing something for oneself, it is about doing something for others and expecting nothing in return.

I see it all the time around the school – old scholars coaching the junior water polo, soccer, cricket or hockey teams, amongst many other sporting teams. Current and old scholars serving behind the bar at the drama productions in the St Peter Faber Music and Drama Building or serving tickets at Elder Hall. Old Scholars who are now parents, coaching their children’s sporting teams or serving on the Parents and Friends Committee. Taken alone, these are individual contributions, but the sum total is a school community that is vibrant, strong and connected.

And it is service that is also inter-generational. President John F Kennedy in his inaugural address in 1961 spoke famously of a “torch being passed”. It was a vivid metaphor of the passing of responsibility for our society from one generation to another. In his case from pre World War II to post World War II America. For many of my
Speech Day

parent’s era it represented a passing of the torch too – from their parents’ generation to their own generation.

Similarly, each time our school graduates another cohort of Matriculation students, it represents the passing of a torch from one group of fine young men and women to another. That’s why the school announces the captains of the school, the house captains and the school leaders today. While today represents the end of an era for our Year 12s, it represents a beginning for the Year 11s.

That inter-generational service, I have found in my own pursuits. My father helped found the Specific Education Learning Difficulties Association of South Australia in 1969. He was Father of the Year for his work with dyslexic children. I found myself drawn to continuing his work as Minister for Education – requiring training in phonics as a prerequisite for initial teacher education in our university curriculum and expanding explicit and direct instruction in remote schools across northern Australia. My father helped create the Australian Cranio Maxillo Facial Unit in 1975. Now my brother Nicholas serves on the Board of its Foundation. And it exists in the service of my mother – the lasting legacy she has created for her children – the example she has given of the importance of being unselfish and the value she places on family, church, community and friends.

For me, my father’s and mother’s example inspired and informed my views and approach to public service. Many others serve in other ways – your teachers serve, those in religious orders serve, the volunteers at the local Meals on Wheels serve, judges serve, even journalists are in a profession of service.

Whatever way you choose to act, your time at Saint Ignatius’ College has prepared you for a life of service and a commitment to excellence.

For those who are graduating today, I want to point to two current South Australians who are making a difference right now to our state’s economic future. Both these inspirational, modern South Australians are adding value to our state in two entirely different but related fields. They are linked by their commitment to innovation. They are creating jobs, creating growth and changing the economy to one that is both productive and innovative. They are doing all this in South Australia. Why am I telling you their stories, albeit briefly? I recount their stories to illustrate that there is no reason every Matriculation student here today can’t grasp the same opportunities they have to help transform our economy, our state and our country.

The first is Simon Hackett. Simon created the Australian Academic and Research Network (AARNet) which was the first emergence of the Internet in Australia. In 1991 Simon founded Internode. Twenty years later, it was a national internet and telecommunications provider employing 450 staff, serving almost 200,000 customers and with an annual turnover of more than $180 million! Simon now serves the government on the board of the National Broadband Network.

The second is Di Davidson. Di is the Deputy Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, a former member of the South Australian Premier’s Climate Change Council, and previously served on the South Australian Murray–Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board. She is also a director of Horticulture Australia Limited which manages research and development funding for the nation’s horticultural sector. Di is one of Australia’s leading agriculture, horticulture and viticulture consultants, specialising in water and soil management.

Your future might lie in mining, agriculture, advanced manufacturing, financial or education services, medicine or law, but I can tell you, whatever you do, will be powered by innovation. And you can do it right here, linked to some of the great innovative powerhouses in the world, whether in Israel, Silicon Valley or Singapore. You are well placed, as graduates of Saint Ignatius’ College to take advantage of this dynamic economy and lead it.

Have you ever wondered what that saying attributed to a Jesuit long ago, “give me the child at eight and I will answer for the adult at thirty” might mean? It’s not, as some who seek to belittle the Jesuits over the centuries might have us believe, about creating an army of Jesuit trained scholars – something akin to Dumbledore’s Army in the Harry Potter series. It’s a statement of self belief. The Jesuits are confident that, given the chance, they can bring out the best in every child put in their care. That they can mould every child into an adult who will know the difference between right and wrong, who will be compassionate and caring and a defender of the weak against the strong, who will recognise injustice and take action to right that injustice. From Jesuits who have been Prime Ministers, Presidents and Nobel Prize winners, to Jesuits who serve in less lofty roles, this is the glue that binds every graduate of Jesuit education everywhere.

It must be hard for your teachers to see the Matriculation students graduate and leave (or maybe not in some cases). And for the Matriculation students it must be daunting to know you are leaving the safe harbour of Saint Ignatius’ College for the open sea and all its potential pitfalls and perils, so I leave you with the words of Guillaume Apollinaire:

“Come to the edge,” he said.
“We can’t, we’re afraid!” they responded.
“Come to the edge,” he said.
“We can’t, we will fall!” they responded.
“Come to the edge,” he said.
And so they came.
And he pushed them.
And they flew.”

Hon Christopher Pyne (Class of ’84)
College Blue – Taylor Ortlepp (Class of ’15)

At Speech Day, Taylor Ortlepp was acknowledged as the recipient of the precious College Blue for her accomplishments in the sport of basketball.

Taylor commenced at Saint Ignatius’ College in Year 8, having joined our community from Caritas College after her family had relocated from Port Augusta. Her brother Cameron graduated from the College last year. During her time at the College Taylor has made significant contributions in both the netball and basketball programs. However, it has been in the sport of basketball that she has excelled at both a state and national level.

In Year 9, Taylor was captain of the South Australian Metro U16 team. It was clear from this young age that Taylor showed a high level of skill as well as great leadership potential. In 2013, Taylor was named the most valuable player and most promising point guard in Norwood Flame’s U18 division one team, which was an outstanding achievement. In both 2013 and 2014, she was selected in the U18 South Australian Metro team. In 2014 she captained this team to fourth place in the national championships. Taylor’s hard work continued to be rewarded through her selection in the U17 Australian Women’s Basketball team. Having played in the qualifying rounds, Taylor was then named in the final squad that travelled to the Czech Republic to play in the U17 world championships. Taylor shone at this very high level as a starting guard for the Australian team. After a successful tournament, Taylor was then selected in the junior development squad of the Adelaide Lightning Basketball Club. This opportunity allowed Taylor to train and play at a very high level.

In 2015, she was named captain of the U20 South Australian team that won a bronze medal at the Australian Nationals. She was awarded the Merv Harris Medal for Best and Fairest U21 female player in South Australian Basketball. Taylor also signed a contract with the Adelaide Lightning, which will see her playing in the WNBL in the coming season. She is still playing for the Norwood Flames in Adelaide’s Premier League, where she began many years ago but is also exploring overseas scholarship opportunities for the future, and there are a number of universities eager to secure her services.

In all her time at the College, despite her heavy external basketball commitments, Taylor always gave as much as she could in support of the co-curricular program, and maintained a rigorous study routine. She enjoyed playing school sport with her teammates. This was reciprocated when she was elected to leadership positions in both basketball and netball, where she served with distinction.

We congratulate Taylor on her accomplishments to date and her Speech Day award, and wish her every success for the future.

Ms Miriam Doyle
Senior School Teacher

The Ignatian Gold Medal ‘Insignis’ – Fr Thomas Barden SJ Prize

This prize, the College’s highest accolade, is awarded at the annual Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes ceremony. It is awarded to the outstanding student in Year 12 who has demonstrated a remarkable involvement in study and service to the College community.

It was first awarded in 1965 as the Excellence in Studies and All School Activities Prize, and was donated by the Old Ignatians Association. In 1985 the prize was dedicated to the then recently retired Fr Thomas Barden SJ. His name, as well as the word Insignis, meaning ‘the outstanding one’, was added to the title. The new prize became known as the TJ Barden Prize for Excellence in Studies and All School Activities ‘Insignis’, and was now donated by the newly formed Fidelis (Past Parents Association). In 1994 the prize was changed to its current name, the Ignatian Gold Medal ‘Insignis’ – Fr Thomas Barden SJ Prize.

The Fidelis Association continues to donate this prize. Fr Thomas Barden SJ was Headmaster in 1954 when Saint Ignatius’ College was only three years old. He is recognised as one of the founding fathers and is remembered as one of the College’s most-loved teachers. He remained at the College for eight years, during which time he established the reputation of the College for sound and academic education. Following appointments to Perth and Sydney, Father Barden returned to the Senior School at Athelstone in 1975. He remained there until ill health forced retirement in 1984 to Sydney, where he died in June 1997.
The following students are congratulated on their selection to 2016 College leadership positions:

**SENIOR SCHOOL**

**Captains of the College:**
Timothy Gregory  
Lilli Vagnarelli

**Vice-captains of the College:**
Brittany Calvert  
(Captain of Liturgy)  
Tessa Hogan  
(Captain of Social Justice)  
Georgia De Conno  
(Captain of Campion)  
Siena Covino  
(Captain of Kostka)  
Sam Boots  
(Captain of Regis)  
Thomas Perrotta  
(Captain of Xavier)

**Captain of Music:**
James Almeida

**Vice-captains of Music:**
Anna Ballado  
Giulia-Giorgina Condoluci

**Captain of Drama:**
James Watson

**Vice-captains of Drama:**
Josephine Giorgio  
Christopher Jaksa

**Senior Leaders:**
Madeleine Abraham  
Alessia Belperio  
Louis Britten-Jones  
Chanel Caruso  
Carla De Pasquale  
Abby Duncan  
Sophie Horvat  
James Ingram  
Joshua Koutsouridis  
Nili McGrath  
Tim Pears  
Benjamin Piotrowski  
Andy Tran  
Jaarna Zerella

**JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**Leaders for Service and Social Justice**
Rosie Kavanagh  
Isaac Fallo

**Leaders for Prayer and Liturgy**
Sebastian Coffey  
Jessica Rice

**Leaders for Creation and Environment**
Amelia Wilson  
Aidan Matkovic

**House Leaders for Kostka**
William Mencel  
Olivia Innes

**House Leaders for Campion**
Archie Walters  
Alessia Chitti

**House Leaders for Regis**
Max Kelly  
Jacinta Chronowski-Wong

**House Leaders for Xavier**
Max Alfred  
Maisie Keenihan
At the end of a memorable experience, it is commonly said that the event will be remembered for the rest of your life. Having written an article with fellow Jarrumwani participant Adam Valana, I still hold that phrase true today. An immersion is an eye-opening, moving experience, where something calls you to action, calls you to serve. Following an immersion, participants are motivated and inspired to go out into the community and make a difference; however, how long does this last? It has been two years since I undertook my immersion to Daly River in the Northern Territory and, even though the excitement and thrill from returning from such a journey have passed on, the motivation to make a difference and to spread awareness remains strong.

What is the purpose of an immersion experience such as Daly River? The most common response is to ‘help’ those in affected areas. And to a certain extent that is true of course, but when reflecting on my journey, these people needed a greater-quality education, better housing, and easier access to contemporary medicines, just to name a few. These were more than I had or could give to them. Now when thinking about it, in regards to my personal journey, do I think that these people would have benefited more from all the money spent on my flights, accommodation, food and drinks, or just from my presence? At Daly River we were coined the ‘White Leaves’, in other words, white people who entered into the community, then exited as quickly as they had arrived.

So would these men, women and children improve their lifestyles through the presence of a ‘white leaf’, or through money? Was going on an immersion truly the right thing to do as I did not know if I was helping at all? I felt ashamed that there was so much money backing me into this trip just to mix with the community and learn from it for an experience, to then just leave again. Giving the Indigenous people the money I had spent to get there would have done more good. However, I was thinking blindly. Helping the Indigenous is not just about what I do when I am over there – that is just the first step. I see now that if I could learn from the Indigenous people, experience their lives and relate to the issues their community is facing, I could return to my home with a greater sense of purpose, to create awareness for these people, and more importantly change the perception of stereotypes present in our society.

So you may think how would awareness on the other side of Australia make any kind of difference? Well, if I was to create awareness in the wider community of the issues needing to be tended to in Daly River, even during a charity run, I would be able to inform others, make them aware just as I was. Therefore, from a sole participant being informed, now multiple people are informed, then they make others aware, increase charitable donations, and the process repeats. This will increase to a stage where the awareness outweighs the money I would have been able to give to the Indigenous people.

This is what the Year 12 Integrated Learning Immersions subject allows me and other participants to do: reflect on experiences, create awareness, communicate ideas and know how we can best use this experience in which we were fortunate enough to participate to benefit those in need of our help. It is an experience I will truly never forget; it has enriched me as a person and given me a sense of duty to serve those in need as I am one of the lucky few, privileged enough to see what I saw, and interact as I did.

Harry Scanlon
College Captain Year 12 – 2015
From the President

It seems like only yesterday that Samuel was in Year Two and I timidly raised my hand and volunteered to be the parent rep for his class. I remember the ‘knot-in-my-stomach’ feeling I had on the morning of the first coffee catch-up I had organised. Sitting on my own at the biggest table there was in the café, waiting nervously for the door to be opened by another Year Two parent, I thought to myself: “What if no one shows up? How much coffee can I realistically drink on my own to keep the café staff happy?” However, I had no reason to fret as the table quickly filled and many conversations and friendships commenced there and then.

I find myself now with that same ‘knot-in-my-stomach’ feeling as I deliver my last report and say farewell to many longstanding committee members, and thank everyone for their efforts during the past 12 months. We know that being part of a team is much more than just sharing the credit. A team effort takes compromise. When you are on a team you have to at times lead, follow and, more often than not, meet in the middle.

My sincere wish for everyone staying on the committee and for those joining in 2016 is that you continue to experience success, to feel fulfilled in all you do, and to have nothing but pleasant results (both financially and community-based) with each completed event that you offer to the families of the College in 2016. I very much look forward to experiencing your future successes.

2015 saw the P&F host, promote or assist with the Family Fun Fair, the Junior School sports day coffee and cake stall, the Mother’s Day movie afternoon, the Year Eight grandparents morning, the Saint Ignatius Art show, the Reception grandparents/special friends morning, the Speech Day and Distribution of Prizes, the Melbourne Cup luncheon, the Valete dinner, and the Sevenhill Christmas picnic. We were kept busy, which in turn led us to keep the members of the community busy attending these events and enjoying the warmth and community spirit that are unique to this College.

As well as these events, our Parent Reps were actively organising their own year level gatherings. Without the Parent Reps, the P&F would not be the success it is. They are of great assistance in welcoming new families and keeping the committee in the loop. I offer my sincere thanks to all of them for their great work in 2015.

On behalf of the P&F I would also like to thank the College staff who have assisted us during 2015 to ensure the smooth and effortless delivery of many of our events. There are far too many of these staff members to thank individually but their never-ending supply of good humour, patience and support never goes unnoticed.

Personally, I wish to thank Fr Davoren SJ (Class of ‘70), Peter Coffey and Shaun Fitzpatrick for their wise counsel. This special gift of theirs was truly valued by me in my role as President.

Many longstanding members retired at the AGM held in November, and it is important to acknowledge the dedication and generosity they gave to the College for the benefit of our daughters and sons. Their open minds and, more importantly, their open hearts, will be missed. I would like to thank Irene Lambrusco, Lisa Cooksley, Marie Hawkins, Sarah Baily, Ann Simnovec and Nancy Piatanesi for their deep dedication while on the committee.

Bishop O’Kelly SJ (Class of ‘58) often told students: “Go and leave your thumb print on the world.” I share his sentiment as I thank you for leaving your thumb print on the College with all your assistance while on the P&F.

It is now my great pleasure to announce the Parents and Friends Committee for 2016. I know everyone joins me in wishing them well and every success for 2016.
Clementina Maione (President); Marina Borrello (SS Vice-President); Nik Villios (JS Vice-President); Carolyn Pyne (Treasurer); Stella Waugh (Secretary); Kathy Zollo-Rboub (Parent Rep Coordinator) and (Committee Members) Debora Pereira; Louise Howie; Catherine Palumbo, Michelle Klenke and Lachlan Turner.

It is unusual for a complete committee to be announced at the AGM as there are normally outstanding vacancies. I congratulate them for taking the risk and reaching out to us.

I believe that by following the path that interests them, they will also motivate others by their efforts.

The P&F had the pleasure of presenting to Fr Davoren SJ (Class of ’70) a cheque to the sum of $110,000 for the College to spend as College Leadership thinks best. This amount represents donations and the P&F’s fundraising efforts for the past year. Thank you and God bless.

Mrs Susan Dodson
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

SAVE THE DATE

Family Fun Fair

Saturday 2 April 2016

Above: Sevenhill Picnic  Below: Melbourne Cup Lunch

Susan Dodson, Fr Rob Davoren SJ and the new P&F President Clementina Maione (Class of ’88)
Saint Ignatius Art Show

The biennial Saint Ignatius Art Show was held on the weekend of 7 to 9 August 2015.

The art show comprised three sections: an exhibition by selected South Australian artists, work from the artists of Kaltjiti Arts Centre in Fregon in the APY lands, and the 'Littlest Big Top', a collection of small works donated by South Australian artists. Award-winning artist Liz Butler, supported by Foodland Norwood, was our featured artist.

Media personality Jane Doyle opened the show on the Friday evening at a ticketed opening event. The night was supported by Sevenhill Cellars, our gold sponsor. Mercedes Benz Adelaide, our blue sponsor, supplied gleaming cars to adorn the entrance, and attendees were greeted with a glass of wine and music by the Senior Chamber Orchestra.

The exhibition continued throughout the weekend, with a steady stream of visitors. At least half of the attendees were from outside the College community, attracted by the art show listing in the SALA program. Visitors were able to enjoy coffee, wine and snacks provided by the café, and music was provided by Gilbertt Kat.

The inaugural artist talks session on the Saturday afternoon was well attended, and we are hoping that this will become a regular fixture of the art show.

Prizes were awarded by Little Creatures Brewing to Mike Barr for best “Littlest Big Top” work, and by Foodland Norwood to Sheree Wright for the People’s Choice Award. A beautiful tapestry by collectable artist Iwana Ken of Kaltjiti Arts was raffled and won by Judy Rice. Kaltjiti Arts were generously supported by Swan Family Lawyers.

The art show would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and the tireless efforts of a devoted committee. My heartfelt thanks go to all of these people.

The Saint Ignatius Art Show is a wonderful community event that provides support for local artists and access to the visual arts for our College community, and extends the profile of the College within the wider community. In addition it was once again a financial success. For further information about the art show and a complete list of sponsors please go to http://saintignatiusartshow.wordpress.com

Sally Parnis
Convenor, 2015
Fidelis was established in 1983 so that past parents and friends could maintain contact with the College, with each other and with the Jesuit community. Our main focus is to provide an opportunity for those with links to the College to come together in a social environment a few times a year to connect with each other.

Three Fidelis events were successfully held in 2015. In March, we held our AGM at the Junior School, and Dalice Kennedy, the College’s Director of Community Engagement, informed us about how our bursary donations are included within the The Ignatian Bursary Fund.

In August, we met at the Senior School where we had a tour of the new Saint Peter Faber SJ Building, which now houses the Music and Drama departments, and were entertained by College musicians. Some members also visited the Campion Library. In November, we enjoyed our annual Christmas celebration at the Junior School.

On 29 October 2015, I represented Fidelis at the annual Speech Day. The Insignis Gold Medal Prize, which is donated by Fidelis was awarded to Rebecca Munday, the 2015 female College Captain. We congratulate Rebecca and wish her all the best for the future.

Please place the following dates in your diaries for our 2016 events:

**Thursday 17 March**
AGM and guest speaker at the Junior School

**Sunday 14 August**
Senior School afternoon tea and entertainment

**Thursday 17 November**
Annual Christmas celebration at the Junior School

Thank you to the Fidelis Committee for their support during the year Mary Connelly (Secretary), Anne Rohrsheim (Treasurer) and members: Lizzie Bauze, Jan Black, Diane Campbell, Rae Crafter, Margie Davis, Trish Finnimore, Kerin Haslam, Bernie Madigan, Aggie Marziale, Moira Proud, Kay Rice, Denise Ryan, Sheelagh Steele and Joanne Waters.

On behalf of Fidelis, I invite recent past parents to join and be part of our association and, through it, continue your links and friendships with the College and other past parents and friends.

Mrs Monica Klingberg
President
fidelis@ignatius.sa.edu.au

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**Fidelis**

Hiep and Vi Nguyen

Marg Lyall with her sister Sue Rice

Chris Hourigan and Jan Carney buying gifts from the St Ignatius Parish stall

Judy Rice with the Antique Mass Kit from Peterborough that she kindly donated to Fidelis at the Christmas Mass in 2015.

Chris Walsh, Julian Walsh, Rey Casse, Rosemary Shepherd
Buddy Day at the Junior School

On the last day of Term 3 in September, all students from IEY to Year Six participated in Buddy Day. The day had been organised by the Student Representative Council and included activities based on Ignatian values. In the Music Suite we learnt what it means to be committed to justice. In the hall we grew in confidence. On the asphalt, we were religiously alive and created giant mandalas. Puppet shows about resilience and persistence were performed by our SRCs in the library. We were open to growth in the garden, planting seeds and learning to step out of our comfort zone. On the tennis courts, we played teamwork games to practise communication and getting along. We visited all these stations with our buddy classes, and on the completion of each activity we received a sticker to add to our ‘Ignatian Passport’. Thank you to everyone who generously donated on the day. We raised $700 for a Jesuit Mission project that supports a school community in Timor Leste. Buddy Day 2015 was a memorable day. Remember to embrace your ‘Inner Iggy’!

Anoushka Toh (Year 6)

Year 8 Day of Reflection

On the Year Eight Day of Reflection, students were given the challenge of always thinking of others. This theme tied in with the act of service, and the day was centred on what it means to serve and why we serve. We reflected on the idea that we are the hands and feet of God. Students joined various service groups. Some visited students at the Junior School and Ignatius Early Years, while others visited a nursing home. Some students learned more about the important role of the SES (State Emergency Services). For those that remained on campus there were a number of activities from which to choose. Students made scarves for the homeless, cooked food to be delivered to the homeless, packed Christmas shoe boxes of love, prepared lunch for the rest of the year level, and cooked a barbecue to raise money for Jesuit Missions.

Year 11 student Caitlin Prentice won the 2015 South Australian Young Historian Award for her research into the legacy of Indigenous leader Charlie Perkins. Caitlin is pictured with Head of History/Geography Mr Steve Uren (Class of ’88).
Last day for Year 12s

Zoe Munzberg with her Year 12 artwork ‘Life in a Void’

Caitlin Zander (Year 8) and Jack Wright (Year 7) with Fr Terry Kelly SJ during the All Souls Mass at the Senior School

Alessia Chitti, Adele Haese, and Alexandra Beelen at the Festival of Arts concert

Book Week at the Junior School where students and staff focussed on the theme ‘Books Light up Our World’

Archilles Cup Participants
About the College

Blessing of Courts

October saw the long-awaited completion of eight new tennis courts for summer (and (overlayed) are six new netball courts and a hockey training pitch for winter) at the Senior School.

Fr Rob Davoren SJ (Class of ’70), assisted by Mr Peter Coffey and Fr Terry Kelly SJ, performed the blessing and opening ceremony, with all the Senior School students and staff in attendance.

The courts are a wonderful new resource for the College and will enable us to continue to strive for excellence in our sporting endeavours.

Mirko Petkovic – Retirement

In August, after his nearly 35 years of dedicated service as a teacher at Saint Ignatius’ College, we farewelled Mr Mirko Petkovic.

Having graduated with a Master of Science degree in Chemistry, Mirko took up teaching appointments at Enfield High School and at Kidman Park High School before commencing at Saint Ignatius’ College in 1981. An excellent teacher with high professional standards first and foremost, Mirko also held leadership positions as a Year Level Co-ordinator, Head of Science, and Director of the Caroline Chisholm Program.

He was extraordinarily generous in his involvement in the College’s sporting co-curricular, for many years as First XVIII coach and Drive Tennis coach, as well as in other sports in more recent years. Mirko instituted the popular annual Ski Trip to the snowfields of the Victorian Alps and continued to induct newcomers into the thrills of skiing for well over 20 years. His organisational skills ensured that these trips were an enjoyable bonding experience for teachers and students alike.

He was active in a number of fundraising enterprises, in association with the late Br Paul Callil SJ, for worthy causes such as multiple sclerosis and the oncology unit at the Adelaide Children’s Hospital.

Generations of Old Scholar students and their families will remember Mirko with great affection, and science students in particular will attest to his ability to inspire a genuine passion for the world of chemistry. His love for chemistry is reflected in his endowing the Petkovic Prize for Chemistry at the College’s annual Speech Day and Presentation of Prizes ceremony.

Mirko was a much-loved member of the College staff who made an enormous contribution to our community during his years here. We wish Mirko and his wife Sue every good wish and much joy and happiness in retirement.
Patronal Feast Day

Many Old Ignatians will remember Patronal Feast Day or St Ignatius Day, one of the most significant events for the College calendar and the day on which we celebrate our College patron, St Ignatius Loyola. A whole-College mass was held at St Ignatius Church Norwood on Friday 31 July. It was celebrated by Fr Philip Marshall, Vicar General (Class of ‘71); Bishop Greg O’Kelly SJ (Class of ‘58); Fr Robert Davoren SJ College Rector (Class of ‘70); Fr Philip Moller SJ (Class of ‘96); and Fr Terry Kelly SJ. The theme of mass was letting go of the fear that holds us back from making a difference in our world. Principal celebrant Father Marshall called upon listeners to realise their beauty and their power and to use them to do great things. Bishop Greg O’Kelly reminded us of the potential St Ignatius saw in people and the potential we hold within ourselves.

Jesuit Mission 2016

Saint Ignatius’ College is pleased to introduce something new and exciting for Jesuit Mission in 2016...

An entire school Bottle and Plate Night
Saturday 21st May
Junior School, Norwood

Entertainment by Junior School and Senior School bands and ensembles as well as Old Ignatian Bands.

Food and drink provided by Jesuit Mission Adelaide and the Saint Ignatius’ College Parents and Friends Committee.

All money raised will go towards the work of Jesuit Mission Australia.

Further details coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE & JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING

Bottle & Plate NIGHT

with Saint Ignatius’ College & Jesuit Mission Australia
Irish Jesuits Sesquicentenary Celebrations

In September 2015 the Australian Province celebrated the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first Irish Jesuits in Australia.

On 21 September 1865, Fr Joseph Lentaigne SJ and Fr William Kelly SJ arrived in Melbourne to open and staff St Patrick’s College in East Melbourne. They were the first of a long line of Irish Jesuits, with Fr Joseph Dalton SJ, Fr Edward Nolan SJ, Fr David McKiniry SJ, Br Michael Goodwin SJ and Br Michael Scully SJ joining them six months later. Within seven years there were 12 Jesuit fathers and brothers working in Melbourne, and this number had increased to 19 by 1879, the year they went to Sydney.

While also serving as missionaries, writers, chaplains, theologians, scientists and directors of retreats, mainly in the urban communities of eastern Australia, the Irish Jesuits formed parishes and established schools that included Xavier College, Kew, in 1878; St Aloysius’ College, Milsons Point, in 1879; and Saint Ignatius’ College, Riverview, in 1880.

The Irish Jesuits, along with the Austrian Jesuits who arrived in South Australia 17 years earlier in 1848, planted the seeds of the Australian Province, which also included the establishment of the Northern Territory Mission to Indigenous people in 1882. In 1901 the Irish Jesuit Mission and the Austrian Jesuit Mission amalgamated to form the Australian Mission. Together they established the foundation for the future of the Society of Jesus in Australia.
Old Ignatians - Where Are They Now?

Gemma Gransbury (Class of ‘10)

Each day I commute to the heart of Melbourne and make my way to the lab. Putting on chemical reactions, growing crystals, analysing products, starting calculations, collating data, and reading and writing reports are part of my daily life, the life of a chemist. I am studying for a PhD in Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Melbourne under the prestigious Elizabeth and Vernon Puzey Scholarship. I investigate single molecules and the fundamental interactions within that enable them to be switched between multiple magnetic states. These single molecules could be the future of super high density ternary data storage. It is early days for this type of technology but the potential applications and interesting chemistry convinced me to move out of home, out of Adelaide and to Melbourne.

I graduated from Saint Ignatius’ College in 2010; it is amazing to think that five years have passed already, but the College is still a strong part of who I am. Through my younger brothers Tom (Class of ’13) and Jack (Year 10) I enjoyed keeping the connection while in Adelaide, running home games with the sports department on Saturday mornings, and attending the occasional concert or Speech Day. A few of the things that have stayed with me since school are to do your best in all things, and that giving a bit of respect and gratitude, even to teachers and bus drivers, can go a long way.

I received an Adelaide Undergraduate Scholarship based on my 99.95 ATAR, so my hard work and the help of Saint Ignatius’ College teachers ended up supporting me throughout my undergraduate and Honours degrees at the University of Adelaide. The opportunity to focus on my studies plus a lot of work meant I graduated with a BSc (Advanced) with a perfect GPA of 7.00. My double major in Chemistry saw me receive the David Murray Scholarship in Science and the GM Badger Prize.

I continued my study with a BSc (Hons), actually in the same lab as Saint Ignatius’ College current chemistry teacher, Dr Melanie Ceko. In my Honours research I investigated the mechanism of action of two Ruthenium-based anticancer drugs using X-ray spectroscopy techniques, which took me to the Australian Synchrotron in Melbourne and the Advanced Photon Source in Chicago. One of these drugs selectively kills primary cancer cells and the other stops cancer cells spreading to other parts of the body. They act with mechanisms that are distinct from currently used drugs and have the potential to significantly reduce the mortality of cancer. In May this year I graduated with First Class Honours in Chemistry as the top Honours student across the University, winning an Adelaide University Medal, the 2015 Honours Alumni University Medal, and the Rennie Scholarship, and was asked to be the Mace Bearer in the Graduation Ceremony.

The hectic schedule of College co-curricular activities has never really stopped and I have continued playing soccer with the Adelaide and Melbourne University Soccer Clubs and singing in university choral societies. One of my favourite things at school was being part of the Music Department and in particular the Liturgical Ensemble, where learning songs and performing them the next day meant my sight reading improved dramatically. My clarinet makes an appearance every now and then, and I can still remember the songs that we learnt and that I could not stop singing until at least lunchtime after Voluntary Weekly Mass. Singing brings me such happiness nowadays and I am glad that in Year 5 Mrs Foley and Mrs Purvis were happy to accept into Ignatius Choir anyone who could sing ‘Happy Birthday’ half in tune!

To this day, the only chemical elements that I can remember in order are the first 20 because Mr Chirnside taught them as a song: H HeLiBeB CNOFNe NaMgAl SiPS ClArKCa! I was inspired by Dr Joyce’s extensive chemistry knowledge, organisation and practicals or demonstrations in every chemistry lesson, and tried to channel some of this while taking demonstrating classes myself.

While at the University of Adelaide I helped to re-establish the Adelaide University Sciences Association, which runs social activities for science students, provides volunteers at Open Days, and runs events for National Science Week. Now at the University of Melbourne I am a committee member for the Chemistry Postgraduate Society and a member of the Melbourne University Chemical Society.

Wherever my career leads me, Adelaide will always be my home town, and memories of Saint Ignatius’ College will be fond ones.
2015 Class Reunions

10 Year Reunion – Class of 2005

On Friday 23 October the Class of 2005 converged on Grace the Establishment to celebrate (or commiserate) the 10-year anniversary of having left behind our tomato red and navy blue blazers for the last time.

For many, the prospect of seeing the faces they grew up with now sporting hipster beards, and skateboards replaced by baby strollers, was daunting to say the least, not to mention hearing the dreaded opening line: “So what are you doing now?” How does one bridge a 10-year hiatus, recognise faces, remember names? We need not have worried. Upon stepping into the venue we were immediately transported back to school days, a room of friendly faces filled with anticipation, and conversations continuing exactly where they had left off.

The College had kindly scattered yearbooks across the bar for those who dared to revisit the awkward haircuts and baby faces of the early 2000s (or even let their spouses/partners have a peek) and to reminisce on sports days, drama plays, House activities and all those other wonderful memories of our school days that seemed like yesterday. Some simply relished the chance to have a beer and mingle with the characters with whom they had shared some of their most significant and/or cringe-worthy times. Whilst many of us have been fortunate to have maintained connections or reconnected through social media, there can be no substitute for a good face-to-face catch-up and a laugh with old friends!

We were very fortunate to have guest appearances from Mr Harben, Mr Haskell, Ms Richichi and Mr Rossi – now Dave, Anthony, Melissa and Peter – who were delighted to share a few drinks and a walk down memory lane with their former students.

The Class of 2005 was remembered by those present as a vibrant cohort, rich in diversity and with a strong sense of social justice. That richness is still there, evidenced by the unique and inspiring journeys that many had undertaken since leaving high school.

It might be 10 years since many of us last walked down the driveway of Saint Ignatius’ College, we may have swapped our blazers and school shoes for suits and high heels, those high school sweethearts may now be parents of their own future Ignatians, and there may even be teachers of their own classes among us. These things aside, however, we are all just the same men and women that we once were, with the same strong bonds and the same good nature for which we are remembered. Indeed, the impressive number of attendees at Grace the Establishment that night, the warm and friendly interactions, and the smiles and laughter shared between alumni are a testament to that.

Our sincere thanks are extended to Mrs Emily Chadbourne and the Old Ignatians Association for their wonderful efforts in getting the cohort together and putting on such an enjoyable evening.

Here’s to the next 10 years!

Ms Jacinta Connell (Class of ’05)
From October to December Old Ignatians come together for their class reunions at various venues around Adelaide to catch up with friends, colleagues and teachers and to recall their days at Saint Ignatius’ College. In this issue are the 50+, the 40 and the 10 Year Reunions. The 20, 25, 30, and 35 Year Reunions will feature in the next issue of the Manresa Report.

**50+ Year Reunion – Classes of 1956-1965**

About 35 quite senior Old Scholars attended the 2015 50+ Year Reunion (1951-1965) in October 2015. After a mass celebrated by Fr Paul Mullins SJ (Class of ’68) we were taken on a comprehensive and interesting tour of our former alma mater, now the Junior School by Fr Rob Davoren SJ (Class of ’70). And hasn’t the place changed and grown!

We then retired to the Kensington Hotel for an excellent lunch and a lot of reminiscing. Two notable interstate attendees were Peter Sharp (Class of ’59), the first College Captain and Fr Patrick Mullins SJ (Class of ’63), who has spent much of his life working with indigenous people in Northern Australia.

On a personal level, I was impressed by the almost total attendance of Old Scholars of the era from the Toorak Gardens/Dulwich/Rose Park area. Yes, I’m one of them.

Paul Dyer (’63)

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**40 Year Reunion – Class of 1975**

Alexander Szabo, Julie Low (nee Musolino), Jim Mack and Valerie Szabo (nee Barritt)

Philip Doyle, Monica McCauley (nee Van Enckevort), John Herd, Anne Doherty (Lenkic)
Old Ignatians Sport

Old Ignatians Tennis Club

The Old Ignatians Tennis Club has had a very positive start to the 2015/2016 season, with both its Division 1 and Division 3 teams currently sitting top of their respective tables. Gianni Polisena (Class of ’85) has had a tremendous start to the season, playing number 1 in our Division 3 team, and is currently undefeated. The club hopes he continues his fantastic form.

New members Ben Mooney, Catherine Mooney and Dean Polisena (Class of ’12) are welcome additions to the club this season, creating healthy competition for playing spots in the Division 1 composite team. The club’s new Division 5 team entirely comprises Old Ignatians: Nick Kirchner (Class of ’12), Michael Vemana (Class of ’12), Sam Bishop (Class of ’12) and John Briffa (Class of ’12). It has been great to continue to recruit young members, helping to maintaining a vibrant atmosphere during Saturday matches and at club events.

In the absence of a current major sponsor, the 2015/2016 season opener was hosted by club President Tim Chia (Class of ’05). It was a great success, and positive to see so many members of the College community supporting our events. The club, still chasing its first Division 1 composite title, hopes to continue its fantastic start to the season.

The Old Ignatians Tennis Club would like to welcome Happy Valley and Denman into the Eastern Districts Tennis Association’s Division 1 composite competition. They have joined us from the Southern Districts Tennis Association, further strengthening the competition. Division 1 composite now has nine strong teams, ensuring it will remain appealing and competitive in the future.

The club is still seeking sponsorship for the 2015/2016 season. Please contact Tim Chia on 0400 138 011 if you would be interested in partnering with our club.

Mr James Mercuri (Class of ’07)
SECRETARY – OLD IGNATIANS TENNIS CLUB

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Communicating with our Old Ignatians is vital to maintaining connection. 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
Old Ignatians Netball Club

The Old Ignatians Netball Club finished its winter season on a high note, with all four teams successful in making it into the finals. The B4 and C1 teams made it through to the grand final. Despite both teams just falling short of the premiership title, the club was still extremely proud to have achieved two silver medals. We would like to congratulate all of our players, coaches, sponsors and supporters on a great season with many achievements.

The club itself experienced much success, with many new players having joined for the winter season, especially a large number of Old Scholars. The support and commitment from all players, supporters and officials, and the dedication from the committee, allowed the season to run smoothly. We enjoyed the positive atmosphere seen on all courts, as well as the friendly interactions at training and social events.

We would also like to congratulate the players who achieved significant club milestones during the 2015 winter season. Sarah Randall (Class of ‘09) and Sally Gee achieved 50 games this year, whilst Janelle Grigg (Class of ‘03) and Julia Sincock (née Pisaniello – Class of ‘01) achieved a huge 100 games! Congratulations to club President Alex Besanko (Class of ‘05) for her huge achievement of 150 games for the club! Congratulations, girls, and we are looking forward to celebrating more of these milestones in the years to come.

As a club we are growing every year, and currently we are fielding five teams in the summer competition at Netball SA Stadium in Mile End. We continue to see new faces join our club and are extremely happy to find a number of graduates from 2015 join to maintain their Ignatian connections. It has been a fun year with a focus on fitness, skill development and social events including our annual Quiz Night, presentations at the Bath Hotel, and our Fancy Friends fundraiser at Fancy Burger in Kensington Park.

Additionally, we would like to thank the coaches from the 2015 winter season for all their help in ensuring our teams competed to the best of their ability. Coaches included Miriam Doyle, Julia Atterton, Caitlin McKeough and Alice Kleinig. Thank you to these wonderful ladies – we look forward to your continued support in years to come.

We are extremely grateful to our wonderful sponsors who support us in so many ways. The Bath Hotel continues to be generous with its monthly player prizes, hospitality, and cheap beers on Saturday nights. Joggers World and Hunt & Hunt Adelaide showed us generous support with the assistance of new uniforms at the start of this year. We would also like to invite new Old Scholars to consider joining us next year for the upcoming winter season. Please follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/iggies for all of our club news.

Katie Gue (Class of ‘13) and Stephanie Jones (Class of ‘13)

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MEMBERS
Old Ignatians Soccer Club

Season 2015 concluded with results not meeting the expectations that had been set at the commencement of the year. The A grade had a disappointing season, finishing in ninth place, with the unfortunate consequence of relegation from Division 1 of the Amateur League.

The B grade also had a year below expectations, with a number of narrow losses characterising performances that were not reflective of its position or quality of play, as contrasted in its victories against the top two sides, both away from home.

The C grade had an up-and-down season, not delivering the success for which it had hoped, but showed some promise for the future, going six games unbeaten in the middle of the year and unearthing some good talent for the future. The D grade side, however, had a successful year, finishing in third place with 14 wins, and was in title contention right up until the final weeks of the season.

The women’s side had another outstanding season, something of which the club is extremely proud. It equalled its highest finish on the ladder of third and again made the semi-final of the cup competition, only to fall after a tough match to rival St Peter’s.

On Saturday 29 August the annual Old Ignatians Soccer Club Ladies Day was held at our home ground at Glenunga. Traditionally held against our oldest rival St Peters, this year saw the teams do battle in a quadruple header of matches for the first time. Mums, sisters, wives and girlfriends, as well as our Lady Wolves, were treated to some dominant displays, individual efforts of brilliance, and tightly fought moments. The D grade won 7-1, the C grade drew 1-1, and the B and A grades had tough matches, losing 5-2 and 3-1 respectively. The day also took on extra significance in doubling as our first annual Old Scholars Day.

Eddy Glavas (Class of ’92) and Steve Uren (Class of ’88) from the Old Ignatians Association (OIA) were on hand doing a roaring trade behind the barbecue and providing a vital link between the club and the College. We thank them for their support.

The club held its annual presentation night in late September, with in excess of 90 people in attendance, to reward a number of players on their good individual seasons.
Congratulations to the best and fairest winners:

A grade: James Buccella (Class of ‘13) and Gary Dal Broi

B grade: John Smith and Nick Barbieri

C grade: Renato Arboit (Class of ‘88)

D grade: Luke Rayner

Women: Eliza Sims

The club also congratulates Raffaele Ceravolo (Class of ‘12) who won the inaugural Old Ignatians Association Award. This is an award initiated by the Old Ignatians Association to recognise the contribution of an Old Ignatian individual within a club as someone who through their actions demonstrates the upholding of the Ignatian values. Old Ignatians Association vice-president, Eddy Glavas (Class of ‘92), was on hand to present Raffaele with his award.

The annual OISC v SIC matches were also held in late September, with select men’s and women’s sides taking on the College First XI teams. Both matches were tightly fought but OISC was able to retain both shields. The women’s match ended in a 1-1 draw while OISC stole a late 3-2 victory in the men’s. The link these matches provide between club and College are invaluable in enabling the growth of the Old Scholar community within the club and in offering Old Scholars a path to continue their soccer careers.

The redevelopment of our home ground at Glenunga is at completion and we look forward in 2016 to settling into our brand-new facilities including clubroom and function spaces, our own change rooms, storage facilities, improved grounds and lighting, and elevated viewing over our grounds, all of which will put us at the forefront of amateur soccer in Adelaide.

Make sure you keep up to date with news, events and details for the 2016 season on Facebook and at oisc.com.au

Mr Steven Sinclair (Class of ‘05)
OISC Committee Member

Below: 2015 Best and Fairest winners (left to right): Eliza Sims, Nick Barbieri, Renato Arboit (Class of ‘88), Luke Rayner, John Smith, Gary Dal Broi, James Buccella (Class of ‘13) and Nicholas Tallarida (Class of ‘05 [President])

@isc A grade vs St Peter’s – Round 16 (OISC No 9 Peter Barone [Class of ‘07])

Below: 2015 Best and Fairest winners (left to right): Eliza Sims, Nick Barbieri, Renato Arboit (Class of ‘88), Luke Rayner, John Smith, Gary Dal Broi, James Buccella (Class of ‘13) and Nicholas Tallarida (Class of ‘05 [President])

OISC Men’s Select XI vs SIC First XI group photograph
Old Ignatians Cricket Club

With the A grade having won its fourth premiership in the previous season, the Old Ignatians Cricket Club begins the new season with a sense of optimism.

On field, the club is continuing to develop its player base, with a number of recent graduates having joined the club. These include Henry Curtis (Class of ’14), Sam Winter (Class of ’14), Michael Scanlan (Class of ’11), Joseph Parnis (Class of ’14) and Tom Buchecker (Class of ’14). The club has also developed a strong relationship with Aquinas College, with a number of new students having joined the club.

Our A grade will again be led by Chris Frangos (Class of ’99); this will mark his third year of captaining the side. The A grade has moved up to A3 from B1 last year. Tristan Rebeiro will be captaining the B grade for the first time. Dustyn Brauwers (an ex-Aquinas student) will captain our C grade, and Joseph Jones captains our D grade. We have also reappointed Sam Williams and Haydn Smith (Class of ’93) as specialist batting and bowling coaches for the season ahead.

Off field, the Hackney Hotel has again agreed to be our major sponsor; we are grateful for our partnership. Other sponsors that have agreed to support us include Prospect Conveyancing, AFM Services, Bar 9 Café, Integrated Property Solutions, Hanson Concrete, Architects Ink, and Grill’d Norwood. We thank all of these sponsors for coming on board for the season ahead.

Finally, in November 2016, we hope to celebrate our 50th-year anniversary with a dinner. At this stage, a date, venue and cost have not been set, but we hope to make this announcement through the next edition of the Manresa. If you are interested in joining a sub-committee to help to prepare the event, feel free to contact Liam Carr (President) via email on presidentoicc@gmail.com.

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

Old Ignatian Aerobics Team

Congratulations to our Old Ignatian Aerobics team that won gold in the Schoolaerobics Australian National Aerobics Competition held at Gold Coast in August. The girls clearly have not lost their touch since leaving school. They competed in two sections and won gold in both.

Dance - Open Genre Section:
Daniela Boccaccio (Class of ’13), Emma Norton (Class of ’14), Lía Vecchiotti (Class of ’14), Lucy Caretti (Class of ’14), Katie Gue (Class of ’13) and Danika Tremonte (Class of ’13)

Aerobics Open Section:
Katherine Brown, Annie Manson, Emma Norton, Lucy Caretti (all from the Class of ’14)

Congratulations to all the Senior School aerobics students who also participated at the competition, in particular the Senior Theatrical Dance team that also won gold in its section.
Old Ignatians Football Club

The 2015 season was a very positive year for the club, with all four of our sides playing finals in the one season for the first time ever. The A grade earning promotion to Division 2 with a grand final appearance, the B grade playing in its third promotion in a row, and the D grade winning the minor premiership were obvious highlights.

The depth of playing stocks during the 2015 season was the best it has been for over a decade, with over 150 players having represented the club. This should be a strong foundation for future success and, with four sides, Old Scholars of all standards can find a level of football suitable for them.

Planning is well underway for a successful 2016 season. With the continued improvement of our young playing list under the leadership of A grade coach, Jeremy Cini, the club is well placed to be competitive and ultimately successful in Division 2.

Off field, the club had many highlights during the 2015 season. A particular highlight was our past players day, which saw over 120 past players from the club’s early days to more recent times turn out to support our current playing group. We hope this event will be a highlight of our social calendar for years to come. Another highlight was our annual business lunch. The lunch has been a great success since its inception, with a long line of the highest-quality guest speakers including Kevin Sheedy, Jeff Kennett and David Parkin to name a few. In 2015 we added AFL legend Michael Voss to the list of guest speakers at the function.

We also thank our generous sponsors who all contribute generously to the club. However, we would like to thank in particular a number of new platinum sponsors of the club in 2015, including Justin McCarthy and Adrian Venuti of Australian Trade Alliance, Shayne Bennett of Australian Fire Services, and Peter Gambranis of Leedwell Property.

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

Mr Carlo Calabrese (Class of ‘98)
PRESIDENT OIFC

Aish-Warhurst Trophy

After an absence of a few years Saint Ignatius’ College hosted the newly reinstated Aish-Warhurst Trophy at the Senior School on Saturday 15 August 2015.

This football match had been an annual event dating back to 1996. It was formed around two legendary footballers – Michael Aish, who represented Pulteney Grammar School, and Tom Warhurst (Class of ’79), who represented Saint Ignatius’ College. Both Michael and Tom played parts of their career for the Norwood Football Club, hence their connection with each other. Over the years, each school has shared the honours, Pulteney in the early years and Saint Ignatius’ College in recent times.

Coached by former Norwood Football Club player, Justin Scanlon, Saint Ignatius’ College players displayed the skills required to secure a resounding victory and come out clear winners, with the result being SIC 22.18 to PGS 3.4. With Michael Aish, Tom Warhurst, Justin Scanlon and Pulteney’s coach, Gavin Wanageren (former Essendon and Port Power player), there were hundreds and hundreds of games worth of experience on the sidelines, which was great for all the young players coming through. At the end of the match, Michael and Tom addressed the players, coaching staff and spectators, as did both team captains.

Now that the tradition has been re-established, it is hoped it will continue as an annual event in the College football calendar.

Mr Mark Ziesing (Class of ’74)
Senior School Teacher & Year 10 Director
Old Ignatian News

Weddings

Captain Andrew Barker (Class of ‘03) married Caitlin Brierley on 10 August 2015 at Gold Coast, Queensland.

Hillal Ahmadie (Class of ‘04) and Diessa Zhao (Class of ‘04) were married on 4 October 2015.

Kelly McMahon (Class of ‘06) and James May were married on 16 May 2015 at Glen Ewin Estate.

Births

Kristian Rodoni (Class of ‘06) and Bridget Kelly welcomed their son, Harvey Robert Rodoni, on 30 July 2015 at the Ballarat Base Hospital.

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 Bradley Peter Arthur (Class of ‘92)

Ignatian Community
Mr Leslie Robert Guthleben
Mr John Edmond (Jack) Heffernan
Mr Craig Hosking
Mr Christopher McRae
Mrs Merle Morris
Fr William Joseph O’Mara SJ
Mrs Lucia Parletta
Mr Stefan Sopel
Dr Brian Storer

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.
**Book Launches**

**James Coventry**

In August Old Ignatian journalist James Coventry (Class of ‘99) launched his first book - Time and Space: The Tactics That Shaped Australian Rules - and the Players and Coaches Who Mastered Them. The book charts Australian Rules Football’s technical and tactical evolution and offers some helpful insight for any fan who wants to know why their team does what it does, and why it wins or loses. James is currently the Deputy Sports Editor at the ABC.

**Christopher Pyne**

Old Ignatian Christopher Pyne (Class of ‘84) recently launched his first book, A Letter to My Children. The Federal Minister’s novel was sparked by a question posed by his eldest daughter, Eleanor: “If he wanted to have all these children then why did Dad go into politics?” From there comes a novel not just about why people go into politics but why they spend a significant time away from their families. Christopher hopes his book will help his children and others with a similar experience to understand the sacrifice that is felt by parents not able to always be home with their families. Christopher is a current parent at the College with four children following in their father’s footsteps as Ignatian students.

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**Rhodes Scholarship**

Yen Pham (Class of ‘10) was recently awarded this prestigious scholarship to Oxford University. Yen was selected as one of 89 scholars from across the globe on the basis of outstanding intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service. Yen is to become our second Old Ignatian Rhodes Scholar, following Justice John Doyle (Class of 1962) who received the highly acclaimed postgraduate award in 1967. We wish Yen all the very best for the future.

**Old Scholar Ordination**

On Friday 24 July, Fr Rob Davoren SJ joined Bishop Greg O’Kelly SJ (Class of ’58) and other clergy of the archdiocese at the ordination to the priesthood of College Old Scholar, Tru Duc Nguyen MSC (Class of ‘97).

Tru came to Australia as a young refugee by way of boat and camp in Malaysia. His father died when he was two years old and his mother chose to embark on the perilous journey out of Vietnam with Tru and his sister. It was quite moving to witness his mother’s pride as she helped dress him in his priestly vestments. Tru attended the College from 1994 to 1997. Having completed Year 12, Tru attended the University of Adelaide where he obtained a Bachelor of Science (Maths and Computer Science) degree. He also holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Australian Catholic University and in 2013 was awarded his Bachelor of Theology.
The Legend of the Old Pear Tree

Legend has it that the Old Pear Tree on the front lawns of the Senior School is the oldest bearing fruit tree on the mainland of South Australia. In 1967, the first days of the Senior School, an elderly local told the Jesuits that the pear tree was planted by the step-father of Sir Sidney Kidman (the cattle baron), who lived in a farmhouse on Maryvale Road, Athelstone in 1864. Mrs Cath Atkinson whose family acquired the property around the same time cannot verify the story from her family tradition. It remains a pleasant legend, happily repeatable.

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