Old Boys' Association Christ Church Grammar School

Newsletter

June 2018



Our oldest old boy, Mr Herbert (Frank) Mullins, made headlines in *The Post Newspaper* recently following a visit by School Principal Alan Jones to his aged care home in Augusta. In sprightly form, Frank recounted special memories of his three years at Christ Church from 1935 to 1937 while talking to Alan. "A visit by the Principal is the highlight of my year!" said Frank.

Support our old boy football, soccer, rugby and hockey teams by joining a team or cheering our players to glory.

For details please email oldboys@ccgs.wa.edu.au. Our honour is at stake!



CCGS old boys v Old Scotch Collegians

Mt Claremont playing fields Sunday 12 August 12 noon for 1.00pm start Trophy presentation 4.00pm to 5.30pm (drinks provided)

College Cup

The annual College Cup was again hosted by Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club on Sunday 6th May. The event is now in its 30th year and is highly regarded as a 'must do' regatta for all old boys and girls of the PSA schools.

In more recent years it has been more inclusive and we see teams from Shenton and JTC Colleges amongst others. The event is sailed in the Swan River Sailings Foundation 36 yachts with a total of 7 in the crew. Apart from the overall championship results there are prizes for the best dressed and best mascot.

Christ Church Grammar School this year was represented by 14 sailors on two boats. Weather conditions were gusty Westerlies with a few light showers during the morning and this certainly tested the crews and their teamwork. Thanks to regular coordinator Peter Bowman for organising the teams again with each boat led by Grant Alderson and Will Hammond. The CCGS teams were able to achieve some great results and stay consistent for the 5 races. It was a close battle with our main rivals. Scotch College. Down to the wire in the last race there was everything to sail for and the eventual winner was Scotch College after sealing a win in the last race. CCGS Team 1 was only 1 point behind in second place with CCGS Team 2 finishing third overall. A great effort by our CCGS Old Boys and as usual we were very competitive.

Thanks to the CCGS Old Boys' Association for their support and to all our sailors involved.

Grant Alderson ('83)

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 27 June Boarders' Dinner

Friday 29 June Class of '62 Annual Lunch

Wednesday 4 July Sydney Reunion

Friday 6 July Lunch for the Classes of 1940 to 1959

Thursday 12 July Melbourne Reunion

Friday 27 July Class of '93 Reunion

Sunday 12 August Festival of the Boot

For details contact Alumni Co-ordinator, Deb Hill at dhill@ccgs.wa.edu.au or visit the Old Boys' website for regular updates.



Roger Bayly announces retirement

After thirty-one years of dedicated service, including sixteen in the role of Deputy Principal and Head of the Senior School, Roger Bayly will be retiring at the end of 2018. Roger is a well-respected educator Australia wide and his capacity to inspire trust and respect from the boys, parents and staff has enabled Christ Church to develop into the great school that it is today. We wish Roger all the very best.

Beverley Dinner



Christ Church old boys were well represented at the 2018 Beverley Dinner for another fine night of fellowship. Professor David Blair delivered a speech which kept the room fully engaged throughout with his energy, enthusiasm and interesting subject matter. Thanks for your support of this annual event which goes back 84 years.



Regional celebrations

Alumni of CCGS and St Hilda's recently celebrated the brother/sister school ties in Albany and Margaret River, joining current families to recognise a strong regional focus. Old boys were presented with photographs of their school glory days which generated fond reflection and plenty of laughs.



Annual Boarders'/Old Boys' Dinner

Wednesday 27 June at 6.00pm Sandover Dining Hall, Christ Church Grammar School

What would you say now to your younger self as a boarder? You are invited to reminisce and share your experience of boarding with current students at the Annual Boarders' Dinner. Guest speaker Rob Crossing ('78) will share insights to his childhood and gratitude for his Christ Church education, acknowledging the generous support he received and the significance of such in shaping his life and career as a lawyer. Before dinner, there is an opportunity to tour the current boarding facilities.

Please contact Deb Hill on 9442 1528 or at dhill@ccgs.wa.edu.au. Alternatively, contact Trevor Badger at trevbadge@icloud.com or on 0427 296 033.



Old boy supporters keep spirits high

As the Christ Church sporting teams faced Hale School on 26 May, support was strong from the sidelines thanks to many old boys barracking for the blue and gold.

As tradition holds, the Parents' Association turned on a magnificent morning tea to keep spirits high despite a disappointing game score. Not disheartened, Bob McCarthy ('57) who braved the chilly Saturday morning at Mt Claremont said, "It's the spirit of the day that gets you there. To this day I remember what it was like at school to front the opposing team with determination."



Current Year 10 student Zac Reed, together with his father and grandfather, experienced a trip of a lifetime thanks to Michael Thomson ('94) who delivered the family to a secret fishing spot north of Broome. Michael is a helicopter pilot/fishing guide for KAS Helicopters.



Defensive driving rebate available to OBA Life Members

Do you know how to recover your vehicle from a slide under wet conditions, or how to handle a corner at speed?

These are just some of the skills covered under the defensive driving program subsidised by the OBA for Life Members within three years of leaving Christ Church.

For further information please visit https://oldboys.ccgs.wa.edu. au/#defensivedrivingcourse.

"The Defensive Driving Course was fantastic for building my confidence and skills in regular everyday driving as well as for the road trips I like to go on. The course has completely changed the way I drive and I'm very grateful for the rebate and support to do the course."

Felix King ('17)

MEMBER UPDATES

Lumina Gajanayake (17) has been offered a place at Imperial College London where he will study computing.

After working in IT for a couple of years, **Scott Vo** ('13) enlisted into the Royal Australian Signals Corps as an Electronic Warfare Operator and has been sworn into the Australian Defence Force.

Jack Quirk ('05) completed Arts/Law at UWA before moving to Melbourne for work. Now pursuing a PhD in English Literature at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, he has joined colleagues to mark the bicentennial of Mary Shelley's 1818 novel Frankenstein. **Brenton Bacon** ('03) was an A-grade tennis player at school and since leaving has made a strong career of the sport playing at state level and as an international coach. You can find Brenton at Next Generation Kings Park where he coaches at all levels.

John van Bockxmeer ('02) has been recognised as the 45th Commonwealth Point of Light by Queen Elizabeth 11, in honour of his exceptional voluntary work establishing the charity Fair Game. John is an emergency department doctor and sits on the Christ Church Grammar School Council. **David Hohnen** ('66) has been appointed as a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to oenology, to the development of the Australian wine industry, and as a promoter of the Margaret River region.

David Cook ('59) has been appointed as an Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to the technological sciences and engineering, through governance roles, and to the building and construction sector.

Together we are Christ Church



Since 1910, Christ Church Grammar School has been the recipient of inspiring acts of generosity, receiving donations and bequests from alumni, parents, staff and friends. These donations have assisted in the development of new and exciting initiatives as well as offering a world-class educational experience for boys who would otherwise be unable to attend the School.

Once more, it is the time of the year when the Christ Church community come together to raise funds that enable the School to continue this legacy.

Together it is possible to make a significant difference.

We are reaching out to all members of the Christ Church community seeking financial gifts that, regardless of the size, will collectively make a difference.

Please consider supporting one of our important Annual Giving initiatives in 2018.

Together we can achieve great things for the benefit of the boys. Together we are Christ Church.

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Old Boys' Association Scholarship Trust Scholarship for 2019

The Old Boys' Association Scholarship Trust is currently offering **The Lynlee Rae Harriott Memorial Centenary Scholarship** (75% of tuition fees), made possible through the generous support of Dr John Harriott.

> Entry is open to all Australian boys who will be entering Years 7 to 10 in 2019.

Applications close 5.00pm Friday 22 June 2018. Please visit obast.ccgs.wa.edu.au or call 9442 1555 for more information.

