

# ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

## Old Scholars Association



Dear Old Scholars and friends,

Well, what a year so far!

2020 has been filled with many highs and many challenges, I'm sure we would all agree. I hope you and your loved ones are staying safe and coping with the wide-reaching effects of COVID 19.

I look back to early March when we had just celebrated the most wonderful Old Scholar Mass and Farewell to our beloved Sr Jill.

How lucky were we to have that moment, before the country was shut down! God was truly looking after us on that day.

Thank you to all those who attended and participated, it was a memorable celebration for all Old Scholars and friends. I've asked Sr Jill share her reflections of that day with you all.

Congratulations and Welcome to our newest Life Members:

Leonie Hines (nee Kelly) who graduated in the 1960's; Sandy Lee (nee Coulls) - graduated in 1968; Rebecca Hoskins-Bartlett – graduated in 1989.

Due to COVID 19, our Annual General Meeting was conducted in a different format this year. Nominations were requested via our Facebook Page in May.

**Our Committee Members for 2020 are:**

**Annie Pfeiffer** – President, **Elena Tarraran** – Treasurer, **Brioney Pauley** – Secretary, **Sr Jillian** – Old Scholars Historian and Content Creator, **Marianne Easton** – Ordinary Member.

COVID 19 has set some challenges regarding our event planning for the remainder of this year and 2021. However, we have locked in the date for our Annual Old Scholars Mass on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021. (depending on COVID guidelines at the time). Following the Mass, we are planning to host an Old Scholars Art and Craft Exhibition. If you're interested in becoming involved as an exhibitor, please reach out to Elena Tarraran or email: [stdomsoldscholars@hotmail.com](mailto:stdomsoldscholars@hotmail.com)

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to Sr Jill who has provided such wonderful content for this newsletter, sharing updates of Old Scholars within our community. Enjoy the read.

Please stay safe and connected with your loved ones.

Best Wishes, Annie Pfeiffer – President

### Being Farewelled.

When you are leaving a role which has consumed your waking hours for almost half a century, there are things about saying goodbye to the various groups with whom you have worked which cause some anxiety. This was never the case however with my farewell from the community of past students to whom I had committed my working life as a Dominican Sister. Even though I did not get to talk with everyone individually, it was such a heartwarming experience to be part of that Mass on the first Sunday in March just before Australia joined so many other parts of the world in locking down against the Corona Virus. The added bonus was the inclusion among the guests of Staff members past and present. I really enjoyed the occasion. It was also a special way for the new Principal of St. Dominic's, Dr Helen Steele to be a part of this vibrant community.

Many of you penned loving good wishes in the big book provided, with kind thoughts about me from when you were at school. I have read them all and they will help me as I go about a different life but one which is still connected with St. Dominic's. And although I have never doubted that this exciting life with young people in education was the one I was meant to pursue, your thanks and good wishes have been deeply appreciated. Many different comments have been made. One of you wrote: "You gave us great confidence to stand tall in the outside world." That is something I would want to have been able to do, in the company of my staff colleagues. I do nevertheless confess to being awfully biased about Old Scholars of St. Dominic's, believing that there is no one to compare with them!

I will be forever grateful for the love, care and time put into this event by the steering committee, led by President of the OSA Annie Pfeiffer, Elena Tarraran and Katherine Hudson.

Until we meet again, **Sr Jill Havey**.

***Strengthening connections and lifelong friendships honouring the Dominican traditions***

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## Where are they now? by Sr Jill

Every Old Scholar matters to our community. The years between your graduation and where your life has taken you is of interest and pride. You may be an expat just arrived back in the country or state. Your children may be young and demanding your time, energy and love, or perhaps they have just begun tertiary study. Your first grandchild may just have come into this world. Your career may have taken you to unexpected places. Your life has no doubt taught you things that were never on the formal school curriculum.

**Will you consider sharing some of your journey in our Old Scholars publication?**

**Email us at: [stdomsoldscholars@hotmail.com](mailto:stdomsoldscholars@hotmail.com)**

## Out and About.

Recently Sr Jill, visited Star of the Sea Primary School, Henley Beach and ran into two Old Scholars, who are staff at the school.

**Amelia Fantus, (nee Tobin) Class of 1993**

**Lisa Schirripa (nee Aloï) Class of 1995**



We would love to share photos of Old Scholars out and about. Please email us so we can share.

**NAME:** Kathryn Ranieri.

*Kathryn and Anne-Marie's full responses will be shared on our Facebook page.*

**GRADUATED:** Year 12 in 2008.

**CURRENTLY I AM:** a Management Consultant at Ernst & Young (EY). I have been at Ernst & Young for over 6 years and travel the world for work.

**HOW DID ST. DOM'S PREPARE YOU FOR THE JOURNEY?** St Dom's significantly contributed to my career and personal success through building a strong sense of drive and confidence in pursuing what I desired. My schooling years also prepared me by building resilience, teaching me core values as well as the importance of giving back to my community.

**WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUR 17-YEAR-OLD-SELF?** As cliché as it sounds, don't sweat the small stuff. The core values and morals St Dominic's taught me are ones I cherish every day.



**NAME:** Anne-Marie Wesley, (nee Hogan).

**GRADUATED:** Year 12 in 1985. My teachers were Sr Jill, Sr Pat, Sr Shirley and Mrs. McEwen.

**CURRENTLY I AM:** Personal Assistant to the Principal at Loreto College.

**HOW DID ST. DOM'S PREPARE YOU FOR THE JOURNEY?** By offering the opportunity to study subjects across both science and humanities (and not having to choose one path or the other) enabled me to keep my options open for tertiary study and from there building transferable skills throughout my career.

**WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUR 17-YEAR-OLD-SELF?** "Feel the fear, but do it anyway". To have confidence to take a leap of faith and see what happens and if that decision doesn't work, to learn and try again rather than miss an opportunity.



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### Congratulations Simone Ulalka Tur.

Those of you at St. Dom's in the mid to late 80s and were part of such co-curricular activities as netball, the vocal ensemble, the musicals "Godspell" and "Annie," and certainly those who graduated in 1988, will remember a fellow graduate, Simone Tur.

We are pleased and proud to let you know that Associate Professor Simone Ulalka Tur has recently been appointed Pro Vice Chancellor (Indigenous), at Flinders University. There is an excellent article about Simone's appointment in "Encounter," the annual magazine for Flinders University Alumni and Friends.

Former Senior History teacher Kathy Teague recalls Simone's thoughtful, able and inquisitive approach to study and her award in her senior years for oral History in South Australia. This award enabled her to continue her research on the Yankunytjatjara community in north – west South Australia.

During this time St Dominic's was privileged to become connected with Simone's Mother, Mona Ngitji Ngitji Tur. Mona always retained her ability to speak her mother tongue fluently and was able to spend a long career as a translator and interpreter.

In 1973 Aunty Mona began teaching Pitantjatjara at the Summer school of the University of Adelaide and began interpreting for the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement.

St. Dominic's Old Scholars Association wishes Simone well in an active and successful role within our State and Nation.

### The Dominicans of North Adelaide acknowledge,

that our buildings stand on land once inhabited by the Kauna people.

We honour the memory of these ancient Aboriginal people and extend the hand of friendship and reconciliation to their descendants.



Old Scholar, Simone Ulalka Tur.

### Graduating Class of 2010. Happy Anniversary!

Looking back on this moment in time from a decade ago.



### IMPORTANT DATES.

The Class of 1979 are "re-celebrating" their 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion this year.

For those graduates interested to attend SAVE THE DATE, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm at the Cally. Contact Jo Duffy for further details.

**2021 OSA Mass** – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March (moved back one week due to Public Holiday).

**2021 Annual Gathering** – August 2021. Date and Function to be confirmed.

**2021 – School Fete** – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October (tentative).

**2020 FETE** – will not be going ahead this year in its usual format due to COVID restrictions. Further information will be shared in the near future.

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### Remembering Old Scholars.

In the past couple of weeks, sadly two cherished and well known Old Scholars have departed this life.

#### Delores Patching (nee O'Loughlin) pictured.

Mother of a large family and former Head Prefect of St Dominic's (1948-49). This photo is located in the glass cabinets in the reception area at School. May Dolores' spirit rest in peace.



**Anne Redmond (nee Porter)** Class of 1959, recently passed away in Sydney. Deepest sympathy is extended to Anne's family. Her extended family here in Adelaide with strong links to St Dominic's include the Hickey and Brennan family.

Anne retained strong bonds with her contemporaries from school days, especially with the Holland family. May she rest in peace.

### Old Scholar Mass 2020

Reflecting back on a wonderful day in March.

To view more photos, go to the Old Scholars Page on Facebook.

