

2013 SCHOOL LEADERS

School Leaders for 2013 were presented to the Student Body in the final weeks of Term 4, 2012.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS FOR 2013:

ROLE	STUDENT	HOME	HOUSE	BOARDER/DAY
School Captain	Gemma Cusack	Winton	Chad	Boarder
School Captain	Cody Schaefer	Pentland	Feetham	Boarder
Vice-Captain	Sharna Webber	Charters Towers	Becket	Day Student
Vice-Captain and House Captain	Sam Knuth	Via Charters Towers	Page	Boarder
Chapel Prefect	Kym Lyon	Charters Towers	Alban	Day Student
Prefect and House Captain	Shelley Clark	Charters Towers	Chad	Boarder
Prefect and House Captain	Christina Cross	Quilpie	Alban	Boarder
Music Prefect	Grace Elliott	Winton	Chad	Boarder
Prefect	Kirsty Healing	Via Charters Towers	Becket	Boarder
Prefect and House Captain	Maddison Lestone	Charters Towers	Becket	Day Student
Prefect and House Captain	Jeffrey Ormonde	Charters Towers	Ramsay	Day Student
Prefect	Courtney Risdale	Charters Towers	Becket	Day Student
Prefect	Sarah-Jane Stephen	Darnley Island	Chad	Boarder
Prefect and House Captain	Jaryd Webber	Charters Towers	Feetham	Day Student



PAST STUDENTS IN AFGHANISTAN AND OTHER CONFLICTS

As a war memorial school, it is not surprising that we hear that a number of past students are among those soldiers who have served or are serving in the trouble spot of Afghanistan. As far as we know we are aware of one who has returned, Scott Maxwell. There are also at least two others we know of that are currently serving but, because they are a part of Special Forces, they cannot be fully identified by name. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they carry out their duties and we wish them a safe return. Each year the School Captains read the list of the 74 on our honour roll, who paid the supreme sacrifice during World War II. We will remember them. If you know of any other past students who are currently serving in the armed forces within Australia or overseas (and they can be identified) please let us know so we can acknowledge and recognise them.

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MUSEUM / ARCHIVES PROJECT AT THE CROSSROADS

It has now been three years since the Past Students Association embarked on a journey to save the School's history. We became concerned several years ago about two aspects of the School's history.

First, the present Archives is running out of room and second, significant items of memorabilia have been lost from the School over the years. A great deal of planning and research was undertaken prior to the decision to go ahead with this project. Before deciding to proceed we sent out a survey to those on our database and received back sufficient positive responses for us to be confident that this project would be supported.

In 2009 the School Board viewed the project as one of value, though stressed it could not help with any finance but encouraged us to proceed. At the AGM of the Past Students Association that year in a unanimous vote we officially started the project and an appeal was launched to raise funds for a building as no current space was available for conversion at that time.

To date donations have reached a total of more than \$181,000 and this total has been received from less than 200 past students and friends which represents a response of less than 10% of the past students we have appealed to. Unfortunately, this is well short of our target of \$400,000 and certainly the project as originally planned is now under review. The Association is certainly standing by the original concept to set aside space within the School to provide one area for the expansion of our Archives and another to protect, preserve and secure our valuable memorabilia for all to appreciate. However, with such a low response to our appeal, it appears we may now need to aim for something that realistically reflects the finance we have at our disposal.

During the next twelve months we will be doing all we can to raise more funds and rationalise the original proposal in the light of the present situation. By the end of next year we must have a firm proposal to act on this project. Something "concrete" must then appear.

These next twelve months are therefore critical. So we guess this is "crunch time" for this valuable and worthy project. We are appealing to the other 90% of past students who could potentially respond to our appeal. The 10% of those who have responded already have done wonders to get the appeal total to where it is now. Some of them have even given more than one donation. Please don't let these people down who feel so strongly about this project. With many more small donations we will be able to provide something substantial. If these words fall on deaf ears then this School's history may become history. Some question our ability to deliver on this project and that is a fair call unless more past students stand up and support it. The School must focus on the future but what better body can deliver this project than the Past Students. The time for talk is over. Guest speaker at our reunion dinner, Scott Milson, put it plainly: "High falutin' words won't build it - dollars will!"

Please use the form on the reverse of the Burry Weekend Flyer if you wish to be a part of this valuable project. Donations are tax deductible and, if you wish, your name will be recorded on the "Donor Walls" at the building's entrance. Just complete the form and pop it in an envelope - no stamp required.

From Howard Lowe
President
ASSG Past Students Association Inc.



REUNION 2012

This year's reunion saw another good attendance from a number of ten year groups. Present were those from the classes of 1952, 1962, 1972 and 1982. We can't seem to attract those from the nineties and naughties. If you are in these decades please contact us and we will give you all the help we can. However, it always gets back to one or two people who have to do most of the work tracking down those in their class. Without the help of these "Class Organisers", reunions would invariably be much smaller affairs. Next year we are looking to the classes like those of '53, '63, '73, '83, '93 and '03. The Class of 1963 who have been organising their group for more than a year now are well advanced in their planning.

Over one hundred came to Friday' night's BBQ and almost 140 attended the Saturday night dinner. Two past students were inducted into our Walls of Fame. Dr Peter Wakeford of Tamworth was recognised for his service to medicine, particularly regional medicine. The late Colin Milson was also inducted for his service in the RAAF during World War II for which he was highly decorated.

Competition with the present students during reunion weekend is always looked forward to and the past students excelled with a clean sweep in both the sport and the Great Debate. The Touch Football was close and our three debaters, Denis Riddle and Eugene White from the Class of '72 together with last year's School Captain, Hayden Hall, led us to victory for the first time in a few years.

THE CLASS OF 1980 SHINES

In 2010 the Class of 1980 returned for their thirtieth reunion – one of the biggest class reunions for many years. They enjoyed themselves immensely but there was one of their classmates who was missing – Sally Goodman. She had passed away following a battle with cancer in 2010. Sally had obviously touched the hearts of those who had returned for their fulfilled reunion to such an extent that, together with the Bennett family, they decided to set up a scholarship at the School in her memory.

So each year now a student of year 11 about to enter year 12 is awarded the Sally Goodman (Bennett) Memorial Prize – sponsored by the Class of 1980 and the Bennett Family. The student who receives this scholarship is one who demonstrates sound academic achievement, strong collegiality and has made a significant contribution to the life of the School community through involvement in sport, extra-curricular and community activities. This year the Sally Goodman Prize is worth \$1,000. The winner of the 2013 Scholarship is Jeffrey Ormonde.

The Class of 1980 have themselves demonstrated that wonderful act of giving that is so much a part of the philosophy underlying our past students association. The School is so thankful for their generosity and the Past Students Association salutes them.



Past Student, Dr. Michael Roderick from the Class of 1978 is the son of Walls of Fame member and architect, the late Don Roderick.

Like his father he has always been passionate in what he does but, unlike his father, Michael's passion is in the field of science. He is to

MICHAEL RODERICK: 2013 EGU JOHN DALTON MEDALIST

be awarded the John Dalton Medal of the EGU (European Geosciences Union) for seminal contributions to the science of evaporation, including especially the role of vegetation and the interpretation of changes in evaporation in the context of global environmental change. Such is the complexity of his science; it is somewhat difficult for us mere mortals to describe what he has accomplished without getting lost in the jargon of his scientific area.

Michael has been described as "a true scientist of his age, a natural philosopher who has turned his mind to address a wide variety of problems in hydrologic science. His work has led to path

breaking contributions in the areas of ecohydrology (the role of vegetation in annual water balance, explanations of the Budyko curve, and new theories based on vegetation optimality) and remote sensing science. Above all, however, it is his seminal contributions to the science of evaporation, including the interpretation of changes in evaporation in the context of global environmental change, for which Michael Roderick is best recognised within hydrological science". He is recognised as a scientific pioneer and one of the best ambassadors for hydrologic science.

VALE PAST STUDENTS



DR JOHNSTON MORTON (JOCK) ALLINGHAM

The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Headmaster, Staff, Parents, Friends and Students of All Souls St Gabriels School wish to acknowledge the passing of Johnston Morton (Jock) Allingham at Charters Towers Base Hospital on 27 August 2012.

Dr Allingham attended All Souls School from 1928 – 1935 where he was School Captain in 1934, and 1935. He was a medical graduate of the University of Sydney. After his internship he enlisted and served as Captain and Medical Officer to the first Parachute Battalion, and was present as a member of the guard at the signing of the Peace Treaty in Singapore. On his return to Charters Towers, he devoted his life to his family, his school, his community and the cattle industry. Dr Allingham served as Chairman of the Board of Governors of St Gabriels School, and was instrumental in saving the School from closure before its ultimate amalgamation with All Souls. He was also Chairman of the Board of Governors of All Souls & St Gabriels School, and was a Bishop's appointment to a consultative group that advised the Anglican Diocese of North Queensland on matters pertaining to education.

Dr Jock, as he was affectionately known at All Souls St Gabriels, will be remembered by the Parents, Staff and Students of the school with great fondness. His wisdom, courage, generosity, commitment and leadership will long inspire us.

ALL SOULS ST GABRIELS RECOGNISES THE EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTION OF ITS FORMER STUDENT AND ESTEEMED SERVANT, DR. JOCK ALLINGHAM. 1605066



DOUGLAS ROSS LEAKE

The Chairman of the Board of Governors, Headmaster, Staff, Parents, Friends and Students of All Souls St Gabriels School wish to acknowledge the passing of Douglas Ross (Ross) Leake at his Charters Towers residence on Saturday 25 August 2012.

Ross Leake attended All Souls School from 1951 – 1959. Subsequently, he was a successful grazier in the Hughenden district. On his relocation to Charters Towers he was elected, in 2000 to the Board of Governors of All Souls St Gabriels School, where he served with distinction until 2011. His understanding of the school finances was without peer, and the present success of All Souls St Gabriels School is in no small part the result of his wise counsel, and hands-on approach to the development of the campus. In 2011 the school honoured his contribution with the naming of the Ross Leake Science Building.

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HAROLD HIRST

Harold was one of those past students who spent an exciting time at Dalrymple in the Bush during 1942. Their number is sadly in decline. He returned with the School to the Racecourse in 1943 and then back to the School site in 1944. He came from the "Curry" and worked in Mary Kathleen before setting up a business in Townsville with wife Yvonne who cared for him for many years in an illness-forced retirement. He is sadly missed by Yvonne and the family. Yvonne continues to come back to reunions to the place where she says Harold had many happy times.

CHANGE OF NAME

Not before time the Association now has a new name which is really not new to most of us anyway. Strangely we have never had the words "Past Students" in our official name since we began way back in 1925. We were regarded as "Old Boys" or "Old Girls" Associations. Then in 1981 we amalgamated to

become known as "All Souls St Gabriels Association" and then we became incorporated. Because of the confusion with the name of the School Board ("All Souls St Gabriels School Incorporated", we have now changed it to "All Souls St Gabriels Past Students Association Inc."

The change was made following a unanimous vote at our recent reunion AGM. The more things change the more they stay the same.