

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello once again to the ASSG school community! As I write, foremost in my mind is the excitement being generated as we move towards our centennial birthday. An impressive milestone indeed, and one that at times didn't seem likely to eventuate. But by the grace of God and great generosity shown by so many people, 2020 brings the celebration we have worked so hard to achieve, and we are determined to pull out all the stops to show our appreciation for the efforts of so many. 2020 will be a year to be remembered by all who are associated with ASSG, be they current students and families, present and past staff members, past students and families or indeed members of the community who have been involved with the school in some way. All who have an association with ASSG are warmly invited to partake in the organised activities – the more the merrier – as we pay credit to our wonderful school.

As a kick start to the festivities, a gathering was held at The Ville on June 27 and was very well attended. As well as being an opportunity for a catch up, we were able to begin promoting our 100 year celebrations via social media, in particular through Facebook and Instagram. Updated information will be shared through these avenues as the year progresses, so people are able to keep in touch and view photographs taken during these events online. Of course the school website will also continue to provide updates at the same time. Our major event for 2020 will be held on the weekend of 4 – 7 June, and will include an Exhibition Launch on Thursday night, Quad Party on Friday, the traditional Rugby League game against Columba College followed by the Gala Ball on Saturday, culminating in the Commemoration Chapel Service on Sunday morning. It looks like being a huge weekend and I encourage all who are able to attend. We are excited to share the celebrations with as many people as possible who are associated with ASSG.

The committee has seen a few changes this year, most notably Kerry Wilcox has resigned from the position of Secretary of The Past Students Association, and has been replaced by Glenda Lyon whom we thank for accepting the role. Kerry has been a passionate member of our team for several years and I wish to personally acknowledge his dedication, enthusiasm and diligence in performing his role on the committee. We wish Kerry and his wife all the very best and look forward to seeing them next year. Thank you Kerry.

In readiness for a massive year at ASSG in 2020, our annual Burry weekend will be held on 17 -19 January. As usual, this year's Burry weekend was productive as well as entertaining, as Peacey and his band of helpers worked tirelessly in preparation for the start of the school year. Many thanks to this crew, as well as the volunteers who dedicate their time and efforts. We hope to enjoy your company again next year – thank you in anticipation!

Last month our students represented the school in Rugby League and Netball as part of the Confraternity Carnivals in Bundaberg. By all accounts their performances were admirable and a great time was had by all. Well done to all students, teachers, parents and friends who travelled to support the school in this manner. Other social events were conducted in Brisbane – a celebration by Gabes' Old girls – and Richmond at their Field Day.

In case you have not heard, Brother Robin this year jointly celebrates his 90th birthday, as well as 70 years professed. What a fantastic achievement Brother Robin! Be sure to congratulate him should you have the opportunity! A few pictures of the event for Brother Robin have been included in this newsletter. For more pictures, please see the school Facebook page.

Last year saw two new inductees to the Hall of Fame - Major General Clifford Griffiths and Glynnis Gay Taylor, both deserved Walls of Fame recipients for 2018. Unfortunately, Clifford was unable to attend, however a letter was read on his behalf which gave a great glimpse of life in those early years at the school. Glynnis travelled a huge distance to accept her nomination and spoke highly of her time at school as well as the importance of making the most of your opportunities. What a great message.

To close, I thank you for taking the time to read my annual report. It really is an incredibly exciting time in the life of ASSG, to be celebrating this milestone, and I am proud to be involved with the festivities being organised to mark the occasion. I very much look forward to catching up with old friends and sincerely hope all who are able to attend find the weekend most enjoyable. Until then.....

Kind Regards,
David Muguira (79-83)



Michelle Pedracini with David Muguira
at the 100 year event launch



PAST STUDENTS



St Gabriel's Old Girls
Brisbane Qld

ST GABRIELS ASSG OLD GIRLS BRISBANE



All Souls St Gabriels
Old Girls
Brisbane Qld

The Brisbane Gabes Old Girls continue to meet 3 times a year; the 3rd Thursday of the month in March, August and November.

While we had a quiet year, we still enjoyed strong attendances at our lunches and of course enjoying the wonderful friendships formed so many years ago.

At our November lunch, \$400 was raised and gifted to the Chapel. In thanking us Brother Nathan-James said in part, the following.

"One of the projects I have been working on over the last few years is making our services more accessible to our students and increasing their confidence and interest for singing. This led to the development of a draft new book which combined both our services and hymns into one book. This enabled me to gather into one resource the common text we used and helped make navigating worship material easier. The Service Book and Hymn Supplement was put together as a draft to gauge the effectiveness of such a resource book. It has clearly been a part of a significant change in our schools' engagement with Chapel. Our students are more engaged in Chapel than they were nearly 7 years ago. Not only has there been positive reactions from our staff and students, but I have received several comments from Past Students who expressed that the Service Book and Hymns Supplement was a valuable 'addition to our Chapel worship.'

Our current book was drafted and put together as a temporary measure with the intent of assessing its effectiveness. It has clearly become an important part of our Chapel service and culture. It is now time to review and reproduce a more robust book which will have a more permanent place in our Chapel."

We are thrilled that our donation has been put towards this project, and our thanks to Brother Nathan for his wonderful and caring work with the Chapel and School and his continued guidance of the students.

The dreadful floods of earlier in the year, impacted on so many rural families and also many of our ASSG families. A kind gesture of a caring Gabes Old Girl, Alison Dunstan, saw her instigate and send off 200 beautifully made bags filled with personal items for ladies in the flood affected areas. Our Gabes Old Girls group were able to contribute \$300 to this wonderful project. Thank you Alison for your care and thoughtfulness for the women of the North Western area of Queensland. Those families affected are continually in our thoughts and prayers.

Although we are many miles away, we take a great interest in the goings on of ASSG and are always thrilled to read or hear of the successes in various fields during the year.

In 2020, All Souls will be celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary of the School, and St Gabriel's will be celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary in 2021. Two very important occasions that we are looking forward to.

As I always mention, to all girls who are past students of the School, should you be able to, we would love

you to join us at our lunches. Our previous venue was closed for redevelopment and we now meet at Cafe 63 - 301 Anne Street, City. Very central, a short walk from Central Station and next door to The Rothbury Hotel. 11.30 am for 12 noon.

Third Thursday in March, August and November.

Our thanks to our loyal Gabe's Old Girls who support our lunches during the year, and to Darren and all at ASSG thank you for your ongoing interest and support of our group. It is greatly appreciated.

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Karen Storey and Carol Milton

MEET & GREET

Richmond

Date: Friday 14 June 2019 @ Federal Palace Hotel
Host: Tracy Maff (ASSG Marketing & Promotions)



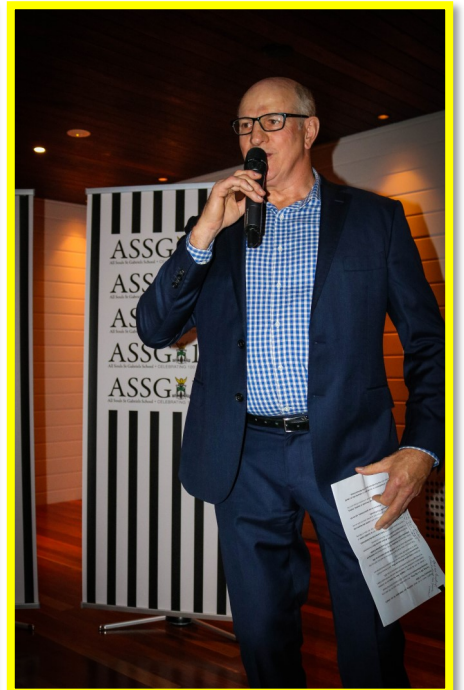


100 Year Event Launch

Date: Thursday 27 June 2019 @ The Ville, Townsville
Host: All Souls St Gabriels School

Over 100 past students, current staff and supporters of the school gathered for the official launch of the 2020 celebrations. It was wonderful to see lots of old faces and it was great to see many new faces, especially from the younger generation. It was a great evening of fellowship and sharing of the amazing ASSG spirit.

We look forward to a wonderful couple of years of celebrations over 2020 and 2021.



ASSG MUSEUM

WANTED COPIES OF SCHOOL MAGAZINES

Much of the School's history is contained in the yearly school magazines and these publications are stored in the Archives of the School's museum. "The Phoenix" has been published since 1925 and we are fortunate to have every copy bar three years – 1934, 1935 & 1938. So if you know of someone who might have a copy of these we would be grateful if you could put us in contact with them. Even a photocopy would make our records complete.

We have very few copies of the early yearly magazines of St. Gabriel's. Most years are missing. The first magazine for St. Gabriel's was "The Dawn" which had news of all the sister schools of C.E.G.S. Then St. Gabriel's produced their own magazine "The Magazine of St. Gabriel's" in the fifties. Any copies of these would be gratefully appreciated. Also we have very little history of St. Gabriel's from 1921 to 1944 as much of this was lost prior to the School's return from Richmond back to Charters Towers during the Second World War. The School always welcomes donations of history to the Museum.



WALLS OF FAME HONOURS

Daniel Kelly AM Humanitarian

Daniel Matthew Kelly was born in 1952 and attended All Souls' School 1965-1969 as a boarder in Ramsay House. His family ran a cane farm at Ayr and Dan developed an interest and passion in agriculture. After school, he attended Gatton Agricultural College and earned a Bachelor of Applied Science in Rural Technology.

In 1983, after seven year's management in agriculture and then study at the Queensland Bible Institute, Dan and his young family moved to South Sudan. His work in agriculture and livestock programs was to last just a few months before the brutal civil war broke out. Dan spent much of the next twelve years establishing and running refugee camps across ten African nations as Executive Director for Christian aid organisation ACROSS.

Dan studied at Cornell University USA and completed a Master of Professional Studies in International Agriculture & Rural Development. He joined World Vision in 1995 as Manager of its Emergency Relief Unit. His responsibilities grew and he became Vice President for Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs with international oversight for the response to major disasters such as the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami in Indonesia and floods in Pakistan in 2010. In 2011, Dan assumed global leadership of Humanitarian & Emergency Affairs of World Vision International.

In 2019 he was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to international humanitarian emergency response organisations. Dan retired in 2017, but remains engaged in humanitarian leadership development and support. Dan is married to Daphne and they have four children and ten grandchildren.



Nina Tooth (Kenyon)

Volunteer for the St Gabriel's School Old Girls' Association

Nina Clare Kenyon was born at Atherton in 1926 and raised on a small dairy farm outside the hamlet of Pearamon on the Tablelands. After passing the Scholarship exam at the end of primary school, she was sent to St Gabriel's School 1939-1942 as a boarder in St Thomas á Becket House.

Nina was active in sports, especially athletics and swimming. She also loved singing and was a member the winning unison choir at the eisteddfod in 1940. As a Prefect, Nina was part of the tumultuous evacuation in May 1942 after the military requisitioned St Gabriel's campus for use by the US Army Medical Department. St Gabriel's School took over the Royal Hotel in Richmond and lessons were held in the bar.

As was common practice at the time, Nina returned to the school as a pupil-teacher. She was one of the faithful few who saw out the duration of the evacuation when seven staff members did not return in 1943. By 1944 there were only three teachers and 20 students.

Nina left St Gabriel's at the end of 1949 to take up a teaching post at St Michael's school for girls in St Kilda, Melbourne. In 1954, she married business manager Noel Tooth and raised a family of two daughters, and a son Kenyon who attended All Souls' School 1977-8.

Nina has been active in a host of organisations: fundraiser for the Church of England Ladies' Guild, secretary for the Order of the Eastern Star, researcher for the Genealogical Society of Queensland and its Scottish group, compiler of records for the Toowong Cemetery, research assistant at the Mormon Family History Centre in Brisbane and a volunteer at Masonic Care at Sandgate.

Elna Kerswell, the last Headmistress, commended Nina, "for her in-depth and continual research into the history of our School. In 2011, she was responsible for researching the story of the wartime evacuation. This led to the unveiling of a plaque in Richmond as a highlight of the 90 year celebrations of St Gabriel's School."





HEADMASTER'S REPORT

Dear Past Students,

It seems there are no quiet times in schools these days.

We started the year with the terrible flooding event that impacted Townsville and areas out west and north west. The road to Townsville was full of stranded truck drivers waiting for either the Bruce Highway or Burdekin Bridge to open.

The School Board made the immediate decision that no All Souls St Gabriels School student would leave the school based on the impact of the floods on families livelihoods. All students were also to continue in all their activities. The school contacted families in areas impacted and financial support arrangements were put in place. The Federal Government provided support to schools in the following weeks. We also acknowledge the support we received from the Anglican Diocese of NQ and Southern Queensland and from the State Government Department of Sport. As you can imagine, the students were keen to don their workgear and head out west to help. Rather than do this, the students and staff decided to focus on a support event at a later date once the media attention had died down. A family fun weekend was arranged with the Winton Shire and on 1 & 2 June, staff and students headed to Winton to play a curtain raiser football game before the Winton Devils final, a netball game, and hosted a community breakfast with entertainment. This was a practical way to show our support and teach the students about service in action.



At the beginning of Term 2, the Authors With Soul Literature Festival was held. We hadn't had a festival for a few years but it was well received and created an exciting buzz around the school and the local community.

The students have continued to do the school proud. In the sporting arena, the secondary Inter-School Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics teams were all first, completing the clean sweep for the second year in a row.

Our graduating class of 2018 were successful in achieving their goals. Those that chose a university pathway gained entry into a range of courses including medicine, dentistry, business, arts, journalism, nursing,

science, engineering and health. Students also secured apprenticeships and full-time employment.

Students have been encouraged to apply for university scholarships which offer specialist holiday programs. Students gained scholarships to UQ, QUT, JCU and ANU during the last year. These places are highly competitive and provide our students with the opportunity to stretch themselves and meet other high performing students.

Students have excelled in other aspects of school life also. The Cattle Club and Equestrian Teams have had a great year. They are great ambassadors for the school when they head off to the country shows.

The Arts has again been a focus. Students performed exceptionally well at the Eisteddfod with Junior School class entries winning each of their divisions.

This year we have seen the commencement of a new service club in Charters Towers for young people. The PCYC Emergency Service Cadets was established. A small number of students have joined and I am confident this number will grow into the future.

This year Rev Dr Keith Joseph was ordained as a Bishop and was installed as the 11th Bishop of North Queensland. The school was well represented at this important event and provided the serving party, as is our tradition.



We again had the opportunity to take some staff and two Senior girls down to the Gabes Old Girls lunch. A wonderful time was had by all. I look forward to catching up with many past students at either this years reunion or at one of the centenary events next year.

Until then, take care and thank you for the support you continue to offer the school.



QISSN

Chekoda Bethel

1st Netball Captain 2019

During the June July Holidays, the 1st netball girls travelled 14 hours to Bundaberg to compete in the QISSN (Queensland Secondary School Netball) competition, staying overnight in Rockhampton we were eager to arrive in Bundaberg on Sunday and settle in. The opening ceremony was hosted by Shalom College Sunday afternoon.

Monday morning arrived and we went for a run along the beach, doing ball skills, preparing ourselves for the games ahead. The first day saw us smash out two out of three wins, including a two point victory over hometown rivals BTC. We also defeated St Catherine's College, Proserpine 19-4 and were beaten 14-9 in a very competitive game against St Andrew's Lutheran College overall winners of the pool after playoff games were completed.

After a rigorous cool down and recovery session, which saw us plunging into the freezing cold pool, and some dinner we retired early eagerly awaiting more tough competition on Tuesday. Day two saw another successful day defeating both St Mary's Catholic College, Kingaroy 18-15 and then almost doubling Assisi Catholic College's score in a 15-9 victory. Tuesday ended with a very early, 4:30pm dinner followed by a special movie screening of the new Marvel hit, Captain Marvel put on for us by the Defence Force.

Day 3 arrived and we raised our sore, tired bodies for more netball. Today we achieved a victory, 17-12 over St Mary's College, Maryborough but unfortunately went down 19-14 in a hard fought game against Fraser Coast Anglican College. The results of the first three days placed us second in our pool and set up an encounter with Columba Catholic College for our semi final.

A slow start to our first half against Columba cost us dearly in the next game, going down 18 points to 10. Luckily we were able to bounce back in our semi-final, defeating Assisi College again, 18-11 to set up a final play off for 5th and 6th in our pool against St John's Catholic School, Roma.

Friday morning saw us rise early in preparation for our 8:00am encounter. The Roma team were very disciplined and this, combined with our tired bodies made for a tough game. The end score saw us defeated 24-12 but in our credit we kept fighting until the end and never gave up. While a little disappointed with our overall 6th placing we quickly bounced back and enjoyed the last of our team time together before the carnival was over. At the presentation ceremony Savanna Beale was named Most Valuable Player for our team. Indy Schaefer was voted the ASSG Player's Player for the week and was presented with her award by Mrs Sue Campbell who donated the prize.

We would like to thank Mrs Storey and Mrs Shadforth for giving up a week of their holidays to travel away with us as well as for all the preparation they did with us in the lead up. This week has given us many memories which will last a lifetime. QISSN is a great experience which all girls at our School should aspire to be involved in.



Standing: Carol Shadforth (Manager), Kacey Musk, Daphne Gallasch, Sarah Milton, Indy Schaefer, Savanna Beale & Karen Storey (Coach)
Sitting: Casey Campbell, Holly Deans, Chekoda Bethel, Luka Hall & Grace Newnham

Confraternity Rugby League

Myles Gostelow

1st Rugby League Captain

This year confraternity took us to Bundaberg for its 40th year anniversary where we would fight for the Confraternity Plate in Division Two. We started this journey early Saturday morning after spending Friday night in Feetham dormitory getting prepared for the week ahead. None of the boys were keen for the long uncomfortable 13-hour drive and were even less impressed, while during that drive Clinton decided to bless our ears with his angel like voice for a solid five hours to the worst country music imaginable. Thankfully, it finally ended when we stopped in Rockhampton for the night after a very long ten hours of travel.

The following day we made it to Bundaberg, completing the last three hours of the trip. We were all relieved to get out of the bus and move around. We enjoyed some down time before a very long opening ceremony and mass hosted by Shalom College.

Monday morning was the start of possibly the toughest week of this whole year. All the boys were buzzing and ready to get onto the paddock. Our first game was against St Laurence's College, and following the All Souls confro tradition; we lost 16-4. Adam Hensley received man of the match for All Souls for the game.

After having a rest back at the motel and receiving a polite talking to about what we were here for from Gully and Jake, we came back, switched on and were ready to go for the second game of the day. At 3.50pm we found ourselves up against Assumption College and beat them 34 points to nil, with Kane getting man of the match.

Tuesday morning hit us like a brick, hobbling and shuffling our way onto the bus for our early third game at 8.30am. This was certainly one of the toughest mornings we would have to face, knowing we needed to win both games today if we wanted a chance at the Plate title. Full of All Souls spirit we took to the field and played Ryan Catholic College for a solid 40 minutes. We came out victorious, towelling them 32-6; Brock received man of the match.

At this rate, we thought we were unstoppable and headed into our next game for the day feeling confi-



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dent and aggressive. This was the decider, if we didn't win this game then we would lose our shot at the plate title. Knowing this we went out there and gave it our all. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough, we were beaten physically and gave away silly penalties which resulted in Marist College Emerald winning 26-18, with Will Sibson receiving man of the match. To try and take our minds off the disappointing loss, we went and watched the girls play a netball game at the Bundaberg multiplex which they won. Shortly after this we went and spent some time at the beach in Bargara walking around and getting a bite to eat. Later that evening we met up with the girls again at the bowling arcade and enjoyed some down time playing laser tag, bowling and watching Gareth get matched by Jed Marshall on the arcade punching machine. This night saw everyone turn in early in preparation for another tough day on Thursday.

Although we were no longer contenders for the plate, we still had a job to do. Our fifth game was against BTC who had new recruits playing from St Brendan's College. This was the most even game we had played all week. With both teams tied at 12 all with 8 minutes to go, we were defending 15 out from their try line. A courageous strip by Casey Flanagan to regain possession and score a try saw us come away with the win 16 points to 12. Unsurprisingly, Casey received man of the match.

Friday began and we had just one game left, a chance at redemption. We had another shot at St Laurence's College, playing them for the second time in the carnival. After the loss we had to them on the first day we were ready to seek redemption. Despite our best efforts, once again they put it over us 24-4. Kevin Rae was awarded the Man of the Match award.

Overall, we finished the week in the top half of division two placing sixth. Although this wasn't the result we wanted we played our hearts out and did our best. For the grade 11's playing this year I hope it was a real eye opener to just how hard this competition is to win; hopefully next year you go into the Confraternity Carnival better prepared and ready for the challenge. Both Adrian and Darren said to the team that they wanted to make this the best week of our year. I believe that they have truly given us a tremendous experience which we can hold onto and remember for many years to come. So, thank you Adrian, Darren, Jake, our family, friends and supporters for making this year's Confraternity Carnival the most memorable week of our schooling lives.



BRO ROBIN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

On 11 September, Bro Robin celebrated 70 years since he took his profession with the Brotherhood of St Barnabas. A service in the All Soul's Chapel was followed by a convivial luncheon in Halse Hall.



Seated Row: Brandon Finger, Camden Finger, Tom Marshall, Myles Gostelow, Brock Johnson, Jayme Oakley & William Sibson
 Second Row: Corey Musk, Adrian Guldbransen (Coach), Clinton Bridges, Kane Whiting, Kevin Rea, Adam Hensley, Casey Flanagan, Michael Meteyard, Patrick Washington, Jake Diery (Manager) & Corey Guldbransen
 Third Row: Douglas Keough, Harry Titley, Rolland Geesu, Matthew McKellar, Gareth Mercy & Kyron Mitchell



REUNION PROGRAM – 2019

Friday 11 October

6.00 pm **Meet and Greet** @ O’Keeffe Oval - BBQ. Dress informal.
20/20 Cricket Match with Special Guest and Old Boy Andrew Symonds.
Everyone can sign in for weekend.
Refreshments available on site.

Saturday 12 October

8.00am **Breakfast** at Halse Hall with boarders
9.00am **Headmaster’s Welcome** at Halse Hall
9.30am **Touch Footy:** Past Students v Present Students on O’Keeffe Oval
11.00am **Walking Tour of the School** starting at O’Keeffe Oval and finishing at Halse Hall for lunch
12.00pm **Lunch** at Halse Hall with students
1.00pm **ASSG Howard Lowe Museum** – Museum volunteer staff on hand for anyone seeking further information
2.00 pm **Annual General Meeting of the All Souls St Gabriels Past Students Association Incorporated** to be held in the Mattingley Centre (Library)
• Election of Office Bearers
• Presentation of Financial Reports

6.30 for 7.00pm **Reunion Dinner** in Halse Hall
Dress semi-formal
Program includes:
• Welcome from the President
• The traditional Roll Call
• Toast to the School
• Response from the Headmaster
• Phoenix Service Awards
• Induction of the members of the Walls Of Fame
• Vote of thanks
Speeches are brief so that time can be focussed on “catching up”.

Sunday 13 October

9.00am **Communion Service** in the School chapel
10.30am **Morning Tea** in Halse Hall followed by **The Great Debate.**
Debate Topic: “That things were better then”
Past Students have the affirmative
12.30pm **Farewell lunch** in Halse Hall