



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

At the end of 2015, I was approached to run as President of our Past Student's Association, when Howard Lowe decided to step aside after 13 years as leader. Of course it was an honour to accept the position, especially considering the extremely large shoes left to be filled. Howard, we thank you for your commitment to the role and we hope to continue your tradition of enthusiasm and dedication towards growing the association.

As incoming President, I'd like to introduce the other members of the PSA, namely Vice President Anthony Holloway (72-81), Secretary Kerry Wilcox (79-80) & Treasurer Grahame Lyons (61-63). As a group we aim to continue the example set by the previous committee in supporting the school, through various projects, sporting events or social meetings as they arise. We will strive to embrace the philosophy of "giving" which was outlined by the school's second principal, Pat O'Keeffe, and which has served us so well up until now.

One very exciting date we'll be working towards is the 100 year birthday of ASSG, to be celebrated in 2020. This may seem quite a long way off for some, but in order for the event to be the success it deserves, an organising committee will be formed to begin preliminary planning. We look forward to marking the occasion in typical ASSG style!

As far as 2016 goes, our first project for the year was the annual Burry Weekend, held as it usually is in the week before students arrive to start first term. Normally a major project is undertaken at this time, but this year we were limited by the absence of our star builders, PC & P Lewty. However, all

available hands were kept busy preparing the school by painting, hedging, weeding or removing trees. It was fantastic to see so many people enjoying the social aspect of the weekend, and we thank those who generously gave their time, skills, energy and enthusiasm to create a welcoming environment for the students.

To date we have been organising Meet & Greets where past students can gather over a drink or two whilst rekindling past friendships. Townsville, Richmond and Rockhampton have hosted successful social gatherings, where past students who have not had the opportunity to attend reunions in Charters Towers have been able to be involved in ASSG events. So keep an eye on notices and social media sites for future gatherings.

Our association will continue the effort in attracting past students from all over the country to gather for our annual Reunion Weekend in October. Living locally has allowed me to attend many of these reunions, and I'm grateful to the organising committee for providing the opportunity to renew acquaintances and observe the numerous changes to ASSG. It's a little trip down memory lane.

To conclude, let me just say that it's a great privilege to represent my old school in this manner. My years at ASSG were ones I will never forget, and my school pride has not diminished in the 30 plus years since my graduation. Let's keep working together in the great ASSG spirit.

Kind Regards,

**David Muguira (79-83)**

## Past President's Report

### REUNION 2015

Last year's reunion was very well attended with more than 150 turning up on the Friday night at the Meet & Greet. The Saturday night dinner was highlighted by the induction of two more past students into our Walls of Fame – scientist Michael Roderick and first female PNG parliamentarian Josephine Abaijah. It is important that past students out there keep nominating outstanding fellow past students for this award. There are so many worthy candidates in both areas of achievement and service that we are unaware of. If you know of someone, go to the School's website and download the form and nominate them.

This reunion was the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Past Students Association and to mark the occasion symbolically a special guernsey was struck for the past students' touch football team when they competed against the present students on the O'Keeffe Oval on the Saturday morning. Following the game which was punctuated

with many questionable refereeing decisions these guernseys were auctioned providing valuable funds for the Past Students Association. We are grateful for those who generously supported this fund raiser.

This was the last reunion that Headmaster Gordon Royall attended as Headmaster. The Association presented him with two bottles of quality vintage wine which no doubt he deserved and by now no doubt he has consumed in his retirement on the Gold Coast. We have welcomed the new Headmaster Darren Fleming who has shown himself very supportive of our Association and after only his first hectic term probably looked forward to at least a glass of his favourite red. Darren and wife Wendy look forward to meeting many past students at this year's reunion.

### BURRY WEEKEND 2016

Around eighty past students, parents, staff and present students turned up for the annual Burry Project Weekend in

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January two weeks prior to the start of term 1. These weekends are usually spearheaded by past student "Project Manager" Robbie Peace but he was unable to attend this year. So this year there was no specific project and we had to be content with the many tasks of cleaning up the grounds before the students return. This is a weekend of work within itself and always so important but the effort and achievement of a project has always been the main objective of this historic weekend which started in 1977. As an association we endeavour to leave the School over this weekend with some form of valuable new infrastructure, small in significance though it may be. That is why the role Robbie Peace plays is so valuable for the success of the weekend. The Management committee is already planning for such a project or projects that we might undertake next year. Even without a project the camaraderie generated over this weekend more than compensates.

## MUSEUM OPENING

Finally, after a period of nine long years, the Museum & Archives building at All Souls St Gabriels School was opened on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015 during reunion weekend. Nelson Mandela once said, "It always seems impossible until it's done." Whilst I never thought it was impossible I would be less than truthful if there was never any doubt. As initiator and driver of this project I was extremely proud but somewhat humbled when the building was named after me because there are so many people that came together to bring this project to a satisfactory conclusion. It was a team effort and this School has always placed the team before the individual.

It is that team I now wish to pay tribute to. I will never forget the encouragement initially given to me by the patron of the Past Students Association, Jim Rebgetz, at my suggestion of the project. In a letter to me he said "run with it (the project) and run hard; you have my 100% support". To be honest there were a few "non-supporters and non-believers" as probably in all projects but they were far outnumbered by many staunch supporters. I pay tribute to Chair of the School Board, Di Alford, who got behind the project and brought together the PSA and the School at a crucial time when the project looked like faltering. I cannot forget also the stoicism of the then treasurer, Tony Titley, who supported me from day one and travelled with me to visit other schools in the south that already had their own museums. Tony was never anything but optimistic about the project's outcome. Jacki Clayton who launched the appeal in 2009 was a tower of strength and support and to this day believes we had providence on our side. Vice president, Grahame Lyons came on board when support in certain areas faltered and galvanised action from some that needed convincing. Past student builder, Robbie Peace constructed the building for a considerable loss to himself I believe but an undoubtable gain for the PSA and the School. Bro Robin who opened the building has contributed so much to the collection of the School's history for so many years. Without his sustained efforts there would have been little history to house and we would be starting from scratch. So many others too have contributed to the Archives and

Museum to add to its interest and uniqueness and we are so grateful here at the School. Just try to keep those contributions coming in. The Museum Care Group (Jacko and Des Barr, Joyce Burry, Phyl Carter and Hilary Grant) who give up their free time every Tuesday to continue the care of our history in this building is so essential. Without them things would stagnate. The process of care and collection needs to continue.

The Management Committee remained determined for those nine years of the project. We perceived the need to urgently and appropriately preserve our old School's history for past, present and future generations to enjoy. We were just a group of ordinary people prepared to stick our necks out for something in which we strongly believed and we had the support of many past students that turned a dream into a reality. Without the financial help from more than 300 donations the project simply would not have materialised. Just when we thought donations would not reach the target some extremely generous contributions made the difference. How fortunate we were. To all donors, to this project, past students and others, I cannot thank you enough. It does reaffirm to me though that the philosophy of the PSA – our philosophy of giving – lives on. That "giving" enables present students to "drink at a better well than the one we once drank at".

Thank you all  
Howard Lowe



## MINI RE-UNIONS

### Townsville Meet & Greet – May 2016

Back in May, a call out was made to all past students and teachers via the 'I went to All Souls & St Gabriels' Facebook page for a social get together in Townsville. It was a great night with 24 past students from the 60's, 70's & 80's meeting at the Townsville Yacht Club for dinner and drinks.

A big thank you to Mark Sugden from the Class of 79 for organising the night.

If you're not on social media but would like to be kept informed of next year's date, email Mark at mark.sugden@gmail.com or contact him on 0414 309 809.

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### Richmond Meet and Greet

A great night was had by all at the June Meet and Greet held at Richmond on the annual Field Days weekend. About 20 past students, partners, parents, current students and prospective students joined current Principal, Darren Fleming and his wife Wendy for some excellent ASSG fellowship. A special treat on the night was listening to past student, John Forster (43-46) retell some experiences from the war years when the School had to relocate to a bush camp for a number of years.



# 2016 REUNION RSVP

Please complete this form if you are wishing to attend this year's reunion.

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# WALLS OF FAME HONOURS

### **David Elliott – grazier, palaeontologist**

David Elliott was born in 1957 in Brisbane and spent his life in the Winton district of western Queensland. He attended All Souls' School as a boarder in White House from 1970 to 1972 before completing his education at the Longreach Pastoral College in 1974. David credits his years at the School for forming the social confidence, work ethic and independence that he has relied upon throughout his life.

In 1984, David purchased Belmont Station near Winton. He married Judy Bennett in 1986 and together they raised, in his words, four "fiercely independent" children, all of whom became students of the School. David devoted this part of his life to building a successful sheep and cattle station and striving to set an example for his children to follow.

In 1999, while mustering sheep, David discovered the fossilised thigh bone of a huge Cretaceous period sauropod dinosaur that roamed the Winton area around 95 million years ago. At the time, it was Australia's largest dinosaur. Following the discovery of more fossils during digs held in conjunction with the Queensland Museum, David and Judy called a public meeting in Winton in 2002 with a view to establishing a dinosaur museum at Winton. Later that year, Australian Age of Dinosaurs Inc. commenced operations as a not-for-profit organisation aimed at ensuring future dinosaur digs and the preparation and conservation of dinosaur fossils from the Winton Formation could continue. The organisation, with support from a strong members' volunteer base, began the initial stages of developing a major tourism attraction in the form of a dinosaur museum so that the discoveries could be preserved for perpetuity and be available to the public.

While mustering sheep in March 2005, David Elliott discovered a new dinosaur site on Belmont and a subsequent dig in September uncovered the remains of one of Australia's most complete sauropod skeletons. A total of 17 pallets of fossil bones trapped in a fine siltstone rock were recovered and stored in the Belmont shed. The dinosaur was nicknamed Wade, in posthumous honour of Australian palaeontologist Dr Mary Wade who died at the time the dig was being undertaken. The discovery of a partial sauropod humerus on Elderslie Station, near Winton, led to a series of digs held by the Museum and the recovery of two dinosaur skeletons preserved together, one being a sauropod skeleton and the other a theropod. The sauropod was nicknamed Matilda and the theropod was nicknamed Banjo, both in honour of Andrew Barton Banjo Paterson and his classic poem *Waltzing Matilda*.

Initially, the Elliott's farm shed was the fossil preparation laboratory. In September 2006, Peter and Carol Britton, owners of Mt Landsborough Station near Winton, donated 1400 hectares of mesa or "jump-up" country to Australian Age of Dinosaurs as the site for the future museum. Over the following three years funding was raised from Desert Channels Queensland to enable the new site to be fenced. The Winton Shire Council built a new gravel road to the top of The Jump-Up and the Queensland Government contributed \$500,000 toward a fossil preparation facility, staff cottages and water and power amenities. The Prep Shed at Belmont was closed and all fossils and equipment were relocated to The Jump-Up

in early 2009. The new facilities were opened to the public in July 2009 by the Queensland Premier Anna Bligh as part of Queensland's 150th year (Q 150) celebrations.

Today, Australian Age of Dinosaurs Ltd. Museum of Natural History houses the largest collection of Australian dinosaur fossils in the world and operates Australia's most productive fossil preparation facility. The Museum has its own science and education programs, holds dinosaur digs and publishes an annual journal on Australian natural history. It is a tribute to the passion and dedication of David Elliott.

### **Dr Barry Howard Bignell - musician, educator**

Barry Bignell was born in 1947 in Bundaberg. He attended All Souls' School 1955 - 1963, where he studied piano, sang in the chapel choir, school musicals and local eisteddfods and played in the school rock band, The Phoenix Five. A member of Ramsay House, he excelled at sport and was awarded; the Scholfield Cup for All-Round Athlete, the Paull Cup for Best Footballer, the Under 17 Athletics trophy, the Under 16 Swimming trophy, the Thomasson Cup for Open Boxing Champion and the Welterweight Boxing trophy. He also competed in House gymnastics. However, Barry showed little aptitude for academic work. This was to change when he found his vocation.

On completion of Year 11, Barry took up a music apprenticeship in the Australian Army. He was awarded the Gullidge Memorial Medal for Best All-Round Student and was posted in 1966 to the Royal Military College Band, Duntroon. While in Canberra, he was awarded a scholarship at the Canberra School of Music and performed in the Canberra Symphony Orchestra and in a variety of local jazz bands and orchestras.

In 1972, Barry attended the prestigious Royal Military School of Music for three years advanced training in band direction. While in England, he was a member of the famed Kneller Hall Trumpeters. On completion of his course, Barry was awarded the Director's Prize for Conducting, the Professors' Prize for Performance, and the Graham Wallace Award for Best Overseas Student. On returning to Australia, Barry was appointed Officer Commanding the Australian Army Band (Melbourne) for seven years.

His over 200 incidental compositions have been used for numerous official openings, including the Victorian Parliament, the Commonwealth Games (Brisbane), Royal Gala performances, the Melbourne State Theatre, the Melbourne Concert Hall, the Melbourne International Festival and the Australian Youth Music Festival.

Barry left the Army in 1984 and, with the assistance of a Goethe Institute Scholarship, studied German language and orchestral repertoire in Berlin. He subsequently pursued a career as a freelance conductor while at the same time serving as Director of Music at Haileybury College, Melbourne. He was invited back into the Army for a year in 1988 as Lieutenant Colonel - Director of Music for the Bicentennial Military Tattoo. His conducting career has included direction of the Adelaide, West Australian and Melbourne Symphony Orchestras, the



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Melbourne Youth Orchestra, the Australian Pops Orchestra, Geminiani Chamber Orchestra, Rantos Collegium, the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Society and Melbourne Chorale, symphonic bands in Australia and overseas and the Australian Wind Sinfonia, which he formed.

Barry's teaching career included Head of Postgraduate Studies at the Victorian College of the Arts (University of Melbourne). He has authored many papers, book chapters and public addresses. He is a passionate advocate of music

education and lectures widely on its social and psycho-spiritual implications.

Barry is a recipient of the National Medal, the Defence Force Service Medal and Clasp, the Australian Defence Medal and the Melbourne International Centenary Exhibition Medal. His academic achievements include: Diplomas from the Royal Academy of Music, Trinity College London, and the Royal College of Music; a Masters degree in education and a PhD in social ecology.



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# NEW STRATEGIC PLAN TO 2030

Dear Past Students,

Thank you to all those past students who have taken the time to introduce themselves to Wendy and myself as we have travelled the countryside.

As you may be aware, my wife Wendy and I moved to Charters Towers at the start of the year from Whitsunday Anglican School in Mackay. We moved into the new Headmaster's residence and were welcomed by the community from day one. We have endeavoured to get out and meet as many people as we could in the first half of the year. Term 2 was particularly busy with a trip to Julia Creek for the Dirt 'n' Dust to start the term. No one had really mentioned about the road outside Hughenden, but it wasn't long before I received the full experience driving the bus and hitting the first dip. Later in the term came the Shows, with visits to Hughenden, Winton and Richmond Field Days. This was a great opportunity to meet both past and current families and students. Many interesting tales were told from days gone by; hardly any of which can be repeated here.

Life at school has moved at frantic pace as we move from one event to another. There was a huge sigh of relief from the current Year 12's, and myself, as the Cross Country Team were successful in maintaining their winning streak of 11 wins in a row. No one wants to be in Year 12 when that string of wins are broken. As you are aware, sport is very important aspect of school life. I enjoy taking a walk after school to watch whatever match, training or activity is taking place. I have also enjoyed learning more about the cattle by attending some events. I am very impressed by the student's approach and willingness to learn both at the yards and when away at shows. They have had a successful year, achieving all their goals.

Throughout the year we have embarked on a number of facilities projects. We have redone some bathrooms in the girl's dorms, and are looking to re-do some in the boy's dorms at the back end of the year. Mattingly Park has been evened out to assist with drainage, with irrigation installed and exterior painting has been done in Junior School. These are just a few of the improvements this year.

The school has also embarked on a new Strategic Plan. A range of stakeholder groups have been involved in the initial phase and others will get a chance to respond in the future.



*Darren and Wendy Fleming*

The plan is projecting forward to 2030; the year that students in Pre-Prep graduate. This plan will give us the guidance we need to prepare the students for their life beyond school.

There are exciting times ahead as we prepare for 100 years in 2020. I look forward to catching up with many of you at the reunion and fete later in the year.

**Darren Fleming**  
Headmaster



*1st Rugby League with Shane Webke.*





*Confraternity Rugby League and Confraternity Netball Team together.*

### CONFRATERNITY RUGBY LEAGUE

The ASSG First XII Team travelled to Rockhampton for the 2016 Confraternity Carnival. The beforehand preparation began with a couple of sharp training sessions with Gully making sure we were in the right mind set. After spending the night in dorms, the boys packed the bus and headed for Rockhampton. Upon arriving in the afternoon we set off to spend the evening with the netball girls, staff, past students, friends and families. It was a typical Soul's dinner where you feel a part of one big family and was heaps of fun. The next day was all business with our first match up against the very strong Gilroy team. We were all keen for a great game of footy but the weather had other plans with it being very cold, windy and raining all day. This made for lots of mistakes by both teams but the game came down to a kick to tie the game. Unfortunately the final score was 12-10 Gilroy's way.

Later that day we were to face St Lawrence's who were a new team in the Confraternity Carnival. The weather had laid off for the afternoon leaving us a mud pit to perform in. This did not waver the lads, putting 28 points to nil on St Lawrence. This produced stand out performances from our front rowers, with Zane Zabel putting the larger opposition in their place, Brodie Campbell running superb lines for Max Allingham to put the big man away under the posts, and Hayden Lang for his kick returns and line breaks throughout the game.

Day 2. It was hard to get out of bed with all the boys now feeling like they've played two games. But we geared up ready to take on Clairvaux Mackillop. We went into this game giving 100% and reaped the rewards coming away with a win 22- nil.

Our next game was against Trinity College who had been playing some top quality football throughout the carnival and continued to against the Souls boys. The game started out with both teams trading blows, both feeling the effects of the last few days, with weary front rowers putting their hand up for another run, but it was Sam Meteyard who got across the line from dummy half. There was another stellar performance by front rowers Brodie Campbell and Jacob Logan, making room for our edge guys who were set back by injury, losing Max Allingham to a head knock early in the match. The defence was led by second rowers Liam Durrington and Will Healing. However, in the end the boys die hard efforts weren't enough, going down 10-18 to Trinity. The boys were disappointed to say the least but kept their heads up and

would come back twice as hard. We arrived back at the hotel and "enjoyed" a swim in the artc temperature pool to help recover from the past few days.

The Rest Day. Earlier in the year Gully asked the boys what we want to do for the rest day; after a bit of debating we set off for the go cart track. There were a few stand out drivers with Jacob Logan, Sam Bojack and Coach Adrian all clocking under 30 seconds.

All fun and games aside, it was time to get our heads back on footy. Gully had asked us that night to find something to play for and tell him what it was before our next few games. We had one game on Thursday, All Souls vs St Michaels. The older boys of the team had come up against this team the year before and were determined not to be defeated. The game kicked off with a very fast pace with both teams not giving an inch in defence. St Michaels consistently hammered the Souls left edge, eventually finding space and scoring a few early tries. The All Souls boys went in to the second half with a fresh attitude and put on some good team tries to entertain the many supporters. But Souls took the lead and held it, winning the game 22- 16. Stand out players included halves Logan Gulbransen and Max Allingham; Logan for his very strong running game and putting the passes on the chest, and Max for his strong defence and attacking vision. There was excellent support play by the winger Sam Bojack, and tearing holes in the defence was Talon Simpson and Duncan Elliot. Talon unfortunately was injured due to a bad head knock, and was not able to play for the next game; this was a huge set back.

That night we all had dinner with our families and Past Students of the school, presenting them all with small gifts of our appreciation towards their support. There were also player presentations. But the highlight of the night for the boys was when Adrian asked them to come up and receive the Past Student Association White Jerseys From past student First XIII legend Brett Johnson. To say we were honoured would be an understatement.

The next morning we were told we would come up against our old rivals BTC wearing the White Jerseys. We knew they would be no push over with the BTC boys playing well the whole week. But we all had it in our minds before we even got to the field how we would play the game. We would play it like all the young men who had worn the jersey before us. We were



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warmed up and about to run on through a joint BTC- ASSG tunnel; and it was then when Gully asked us what we would play for. We all decided we would play for our mates back home, the ones that would give anything to be where we were standing with the Souls jersey on our backs. We all decided we would play for Talon who could not join us on the field due to the severity of his injury. We would play for each other knowing this was our last game together as a team.

We kicked the game off well with Souls finding their feet early and working to their edges making a few breaks down the side line this was rewarded with a try from Hayden Lang. As soon as possession was back in the boys hands, the two teams traded blows set after set, sending the front rowers straight up the middle giving the edges space to work with. This how ever did not come easy with BTC running hard and straight. But this was quickly shut down by the die-hard defence of the core men. It's not hard to say that the All Souls boys did not give up at any point. This reflected in the final score of 22-12 to All Souls.

I'd like to thank the parents and supporters who made the trip down to watch us play. I'd also like to thank Mr and Mrs Fleming for making the trip to support both the girls and the boys. But a big thank you has to go to Vivian Pierce, Kate Hastie, and all the mums for washing our clothes and cooking every meal for us, we cannot express how grateful we are, thank you.

In all it was a very enjoyable week that we will never forget, and I would like to set the challenge for next year's 2017 First XIII team to go one step further in the Black and White Jersey.

Thank you for reading

**Dylan Knuth**

First XIII Captain

## CONFRATERNITY NETBALL

While everyone was enjoying their first week of holidays our 1st Netball Team were travelling down to Rockhampton to participate in the QISSN Carnival for 2016.

The whole team was excited and a bit nervous for the coming week of hard netball. To start off our journey, we all got out of bed and hit the road to Rockhampton at 5:30 in the morning. Everyone seemed to have slept most the way down, but in between sleeping and food breaks, we had some entertaining sing offs along the way.

Once we arrived in Rockhampton we checked in and got ourselves settled into our rooms. To have a bit of fun, we were off to join the boys at dinner. After enjoying our meals and getting to meet some of the Past Students of All Souls, we were ready to get back to our motel and get some sleep.

After a bit of a sleep in on Sunday, we got prepared for one last training session. The training session involved a lot of running and a lot of falling over, but after the hard work was done we were ready to hit the markets and do a bit of shopping. After the shopping, everyone went back and had a bit of down time before we headed off to The Cathedral College for the Opening Ceremony. Even on holidays we still got to participate in a Chapel Service which was interesting for everyone. After the Opening Ceremony had concluded, we headed back and waited for Georgie and Dianne to cook us dinner. Everyone seemed to enjoy their chicken stir-fry. Once dinner was over, everyone went back to their rooms to get prepared for the next day.

Monday was an early wake up with us having to play 4

games for the day. Our first game was against Marist College. Our first quarter came and we were not ready for the game that was happening. After having a team talk and everyone waking up, we came back in the second only losing by 5 points. Our next game was against St. Andrews. Winning our first game for the week by 3 points gave us a bit of confidence. After our first win, the girls were ready to play Holy Spirit next, with the game being a tight hard fought contest. We came away with a 2 point loss. Everyone was looking forward to our last game for the day, with Souls having a great win – 27 to 4 against Saint Mary's Catholic College. After day 1 of netball was done, the girls were looking forward to dinner and bed, with Sarah and Danielle cooking some great spaghetti.

With another early morning on Tuesday, the girls were excited to get to the courts. After having 3 games of netball, we came away winning all 3 games against St Augustine, St Mary's College and St Joseph. These games were hard fought wins and the girls were happy to be in the second day of the carnival, having won 4 games. Once netball was over, everyone was eager to get back for taco Tuesday made by Breanne and Jacklenn, before heading off to see Finding Dory. Finding Dory was the highlight of our week, with some big fans being Tayla Davidson, Danielle Milton and Sarah Santo, all wearing Finding Dory tights. They sure did get a lot of attention. Once the movie was over it was time to get back to the motel to discuss our tactics for the finals coming up.

We woke up the next morning, after enjoying a nice sleep in and pancakes for breakfast. After breakfast, we all got ready to hit the shops with the trend being socks and sandals. After a long day of shopping and spending all our money, we were ready to get back and eat some yummy chicken carbonara made by Hollie and Kiara. After dinner, everyone headed to bed excited to head into the semi-finals the next morning, with the team moving up a division.

It was semi-finals day, with us having to play 2 games. Our first game was against Chanel College. This was a hard close game right down to the very end, with an unfortunate loss by only 1 goal. We were excited to have our Rugby League boys there to support us and cheer us on. After having a bit of break and a team talk everyone got there head up and played another game of netball winning by 10 points against Rockhampton Girls Grammar. Once our game was over, we all headed back and hopped into the nice cold pool to relax our muscles. After the pool was done we all went and did some bonding watching Pitch Perfect 1 and 2, whilst waiting for Tayla and Annabel to cook some pizzas. After pizza, we were all ready for bed and the last day of netball.

It was the last day of the carnival – Finals Day. Our last game was against Xavier Catholic College. This was another close, hard fought and physical game, and we came away with a 1 goal loss right on the buzzer. This left us to finish 6th in Division 5. We all were very happy with this result, as we finished higher then we have hoped.

I would like to congratulate Sarah Santo for being awarded Best and Fairest for the Carnival. I would like to thank all the parents and supporters who came along and encouraged us throughout the week. A special thank you goes to Miss Taylor and Miss Meyer for being our mums and putting up with us and dealing with us for the week. And we would like to thank Mrs Storey for preparing us and getting us ready for the past year.

**Kiara Henry-Nash**

Captain





## **REUNION PROGRAMME – 2016**

### ***Friday 07<sup>th</sup> October***

**6.30 pm**      **Meet and Greet** at Halse Hall - BBQ.  
Dress informal. No formalities, very relaxed. Everyone can sign in for weekend. Refreshments available on site.

### ***Saturday 08<sup>th</sup> October***

**8.00 am**      **Breakfast** at Halse Hall with boarders  
**9.00 am**      **Headmaster's Welcome** at Halse Hall  
**9.30 am**      **Touch Footy.** Past Students -v- Present Students on O'Keeffe.  
**11.00 am**      **Walking Tour of the School** conducted by the Headmaster starting at O'Keeffe Oval and finishing at Halse Hall for lunch  
**12.00 pm**      **Lunch** at Halse Hall with students  
**1.00 pm**      **ASSG Howard Lowe Museum** – Museum volunteer staff on hand for anyone seeking further information.  
**3.00 pm – 8.00 pm**      **P&F Fete.** This event will take place in front of the Main Administration Building  
**6.30 for 7.00 pm**      **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  
    Induction of the members of the Walls Of Fame  
    Vote of thanks

Speeches are brief so that time can be focussed on "catching up", which is after all the main reason why we all come back.

### ***Sunday 09<sup>th</sup> October***

**9.00 am**      **Communion Service** in the School chapel  
**10.30 am**      **Morning Tea** in Halse Hall followed by **The Great Debate.** Past Students V Present Students.  
**12.30 pm**      **Farewell lunch** in Halse Hall