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# Seeking opportunities to pursue growth



**The rejuvenation of Big Quad is an exciting project and serves as a reminder to us all that regardless of how we perceive our progress, regardless of how long our practice has been in place, renewal is always necessary.**

This need for ongoing renewal is captured in our vision “to be an exceptional community of learning.” Exceptional - because standards matter, we should be striving for excellence and exceptional because a diverse range of individuals should find their niche at St Peter’s College. Community - because everything we undertake and pursue is relational and it is absolutely essential that our students learn what it means to be part of something far greater than themselves. Learning - because every member of our community should be pursuing a pathway of growth (remembering that growth is hard).

It is our hope that all students will seek to achieve this vision and continue to grow and mature during their St Peter’s College journey. The renewal of our sports programs has been quietly gathering steam behind the scenes and it has been a thrill to see our rowers achieve such a national benchmark in winning the Barrington Cup. Other national achievements include Adam Goddard’s selection to compete

in the Athletics Australia World Under 20 Championships and in music Charlie Wells’ selection as a finalist in the National Artology Fanfare competition. Additionally, Eton Williams (Alto Saxophone 1) and Aiden Donnevert (Trumpet 3) received a position in the National All-State Super Band and our Saxophone Ensemble and Chamber Group (piano trio) received bronze awards in the National, Strike a Chord Musica Viva Chamber Group Music Championship.

As Headmaster I enjoy the privilege of engaging with many old scholars who excitedly recount their experiences of school, many from more than 50 years ago. It is true that much has been done to ‘sanitise’ education in recent decades, particularly when you hear stories about the manner in which things were undertaken mid last century – would school cadets every be granted permission to fire a Vickers machine gun today? Times have changed for the better, for good reason, it just means that we all need to work harder to ensure that experience and opportunities to pursue growth are not shielded from our students in this modern age. An education without a level of managed risk is not a true education. Outdoor education is vital. Physical activity is vital. Discipline and opportunity

to take on responsibility, both shared and personal is vital. As parents, we have a responsibility to begin our son’s education journey with the end in mind. Are we imagining a well grounded, sensitive, well connected, confident, compassionate, capable and caring young graduate as he approaches his 20s? Yes we are. Therefore, it is important that together we continue to compel our sons into experience and stage his access to independence deliberately.

The pathway to manhood in today’s society is not obvious and the need to be more connected with others has never been more vital. I have been impressed with the way our students have engaged the current affairs at large this year and have sought to examine the culture of relationships and respect as experienced by women and girls in our community. These discussions and debates have been honest and frank and the student body is actively contributing to the renewal of policy, practice and culture where it is needed. Where there is a gap between the knowledge of our community values and the expression or protection of same, work must be undertaken as a priority.

**Tim Browning | Headmaster**





# Faith and action

William Colbourne, Reuben Foster and Rev Theo McCall during the Ash Wednesday Service

**Most mornings I spend about 25 minutes or so reading a short Bible passage, reflecting on the passage in a journal, and meditating (praying).**

Recently I have been reading the letter of James. Scholastic opinion varies as to whether the James referred to was the brother of our Lord, mentioned in Matthew (13:15), or another James, a leader of the early church in Jerusalem in the first century.

While such debates about the authorship of the letter are interesting from an academic perspective, what is far more life-giving is to meditate on the teaching the letter contains. Like all good leaders, James challenges his readers to link their faith with action, usually translated as 'deeds' or 'works'. In chapter 2 (14-18) James suggests that a person of faith must respond to others in need, such

as a "brother or sister without clothes and daily food." There is no grace in telling such a person to go in peace and "keep warm and well fed" if you do nothing else about his or her physical needs. Such a faith, "by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

Mind you, James intimates that it is not enough to take action by itself either. I believe that you must have a faith of some sort underneath your action, guiding it, even if it's the most basic faith in the importance of respecting all human beings: an ethical concept, which arguably has its roots in the teachings of Jesus.

Nonetheless, James writes that faith and deeds are inextricably linked. I would love to witness St James debate the famous 16th century Reformer Martin Luther, if there were a way of transporting them into the same time

and place. Luther talked about justification by faith 'alone', adding the word 'alone' to his interpretation of a verse in St Paul's letter to the Romans (1:17), which is not there in the original Greek. Of course, Luther was responding to the particular failings and corruption of the Church of his day; he is decidedly more sophisticated than my short article allows me to explore.

James then concludes this section in chapter 2 very powerfully by writing, "I will show you my faith by my deeds." What we do is important and reflects our faith. It is why St Peter's College has such an emphasis on service to others and why service is such a critical part of the programs of both our Junior and Senior schools.

**The Reverend Dr Theo McCall | School Chaplain**



# Junior School Anzac Day Fundraiser

Inspired by Belinda Landberry's book, 'Anzac Ted', a group of Year 5 students, led by Max Harms, came up with an idea to make and sell Anzac biscuits and raise money for Legacy.

In Term 2 at Assembly, Year 5 students Max Harms, Jonathan Angelos, George Bass, Fergus Browne, Sujay Babu, Max Martin and Ethan Williamson presented the \$550 raised from the sale of their biscuits to Legacy Executive Officer, Mark Matthews. The boys were delighted to receive a big hug from Legacy Bear and a toy bear as a thank you for their fundraising efforts.

It was special to acknowledge the boys in Memorial Hall, 100 years after the foundation stone was laid in memory of our old scholars who served in the First World War.

Thank you to Mr Ben Storer for supporting the boys with this wonderful initiative.



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- 1 Measuring ingredients with precision
- 2 Year 5 students Fergus Brown, Jonathon Angelos, Max Harms, Ethan Williamson, Max Martin, Sujay Babu and George Bass taste testing their biscuits
- 3 Celebrating with the Legacy Bear after presenting their fundraising to Legacy's Mark Matthews



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# 1st VIII secure trifecta of wins on the state and national stages

## The 2020/2021 Rowing season was both unique and historic.

Student participation figures exceeded 200 boys, the COVID-19 pandemic restricted competition crowds and 14 of our 26 crews secured wins at the Head of the River regatta. For the first time in history, our 1st VIII scored a trifecta of wins on the state and national stages; Head of the River (for the sixth year in a row), the Open Men's Eight at the State Championships, and the Schoolboy's Coxed Eight at the National Championships in Tasmania. The win at Nationals was a first for St Peter's College and a first for a South Australian crew since 1968.

In unprecedented and uncertain times, preparations for Head of the River required all crews and coaches to come together to focus on our core values of resilience, respect and trust. All 26 crews performed well at the regatta with 14 coming away with silverware. Most importantly, all boys played a key role in driving

performance through the pursuit of personal bests. The regatta was followed by a fantastic end of season club celebration dinner attended by over 350 guests.

In recent years, as a Boat Club, we have lifted our focus beyond our state competition to compete at our very best on the national stage. Following the Head of the River, two crews departed for Tasmania to compete in the Australian National Rowing Championships at Lake Barrington. The ambience of the spectacular Lake Barrington was not lost on our rowers and served to fuel aspirations of what could be.

The week began with our crews breaking into smaller boats. All combinations performed well with our Under 19 Coxed Four of Faris Harb (Year 11), Tom Oldfield (Year 12), Jeremy Beale (Year 12), Jake Nesbitt (Year 11) and Cox Aidan Hughes (Year 12) coming away with a silver medal. Our Schoolboy Coxed Four of

Alistair Sarah (Year 12), Kyle Miller (Year 11), Max Henry (Year 11), Fraser Balnaves (Year 11) and Cox Jamie Graves (Year 11) placed 7th in the A-final amongst a high-quality field. Our composite crew of seven SPSC rowers and two Scotch College Adelaide rowers secured a bronze medal in the U19 Men's VIII after a photo finish with Brisbane Boys' College.

Our Schoolboy VIII crew including Nick Burr (Year 12), Edward Chipperfield (Year 11), Faris Harb, Tom Oldfield, Felix Packer (Year 12), Jake Nesbitt, Jeremy Beale, William Howard (Year 11), Cox Aidan Hughes and Coach James McRae, rowed an extremely tough heat finishing 4th with the top four crews separated by less than a second. Confident after a close heat, the crew rowed a strong repechage and qualified for a place in the final. The extra race paid off for the boys as they became accustomed to Lake Barrington's challenging course and conditions. As the final approached the crew was trusting of and confident in the process.





- 1 Senior Rowing squad. Back row: Tim Hennessy, Felix Packer (Year 12), Tom Oldfield (Year 12), Edward Chipperfield (Year 11), James McRae (Coach), Nathan Bowden, William Howard (Year 11), Faris Harb (Year 11), Jeremy Beale (Year 12), Jake Nesbitt (Year 11), Nick Burr (Year 12), Aidan Hughes (Year 12) (cox). Front row: Fraser Balnaves (Year 11), Alistair Sarah (Year 12), Kyle Miller (Year 11), Max Henry (Year 11), Jamie Graves (Year 11)
- 2 1st VIII with their trifecta of trophies
- 3 Students of the Year 7 and 8 Squad enjoying the camaraderie post-race at Head of the River



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On the day of the Schoolboy's final, a challenging head breeze greeted crews. At the start line crews struggled to hold their boats straight, but our crew under the guidance of cox Aidan Hughes, remained calm. This composure resulted in a fantastic start with our VIII taking the lead early. The boys rowed strongly over the 2km course and crossed the finish line in first place just over a boat's length in front of Shore School (NSW) and Brisbane Boys' College in a time of 6:28.33. It was an historic win and the first time in 53 years that the title has been held by a South Australian school.

We are all extremely proud of this significant win for the Boat Club and the School and it is a testament to the perseverance, hard work and strong culture of our rowing community.

**Mr Tim Hennessy | Director of Rowing**



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- 1 Scholarship recipients Thomas Byun (Year 12) and the Hon Bruce DeBelle AO, QC (SHT 1956)
- 2 Ryan Weinert (Year 6), Felix Packer (Year 12) and Caleb Scott (Year 6) thanking all our donors





# Giving Day creates a lasting legacy

**Due to the overwhelming support of the entire St Peter's College community on our inaugural Giving Day, the 175-Year Anniversary Scholarship has been established.**

Benefaction has played an enormous part in developing and sustaining the School since 1847 and Giving Day marked an important turning point in the School's philanthropic journey; a day in which the collective support of the community saw record funds raised to provide talented and promising students, regardless of circumstance or background, the opportunity to access a St Peter's College education.

On Thursday 17 June, all donations were doubled by our generous lead donors.

Over 700 plus members of our community donated to help those less fortunate, from our most senior donor, Dr John Skipper AM (HWK 1938) who turns 100 this year, to our youngest donor, a Year 1 student.

Through your support, we exceeded our target of \$750,000, raising in excess of \$830,000 to enable more students to benefit from the exceptional academic, co-curricular and service learning opportunities on offer at St Peter's College.

Since 1869, scholarships have added depth and value to our community and have changed the course of many lives. In response to our Giving Day, members of our community have shared inspiring stories about the life changing impact of a St Peter's College scholarship.

From the Maddern family for whom an Entrance Scholarship, awarded in 1908, changed the trajectory of five generations of their family, to The Hon Bruce Debelle AO, QC (SHT 1956) and The Hon David Bleby QC (DAC 1958) who simply would not have been able to attend St Peter's College without a scholarship. Their stories have been inspirational in our quest to create further scholarship opportunities.

Thank you to our community of old scholars, parents, both past and present, staff, students, and the wider community for supporting this important endeavour and for making a positive difference to future generations.





# Teacher shadowing

**One of the best ways educators can improve their craft is by observing high-performing colleagues in action.**

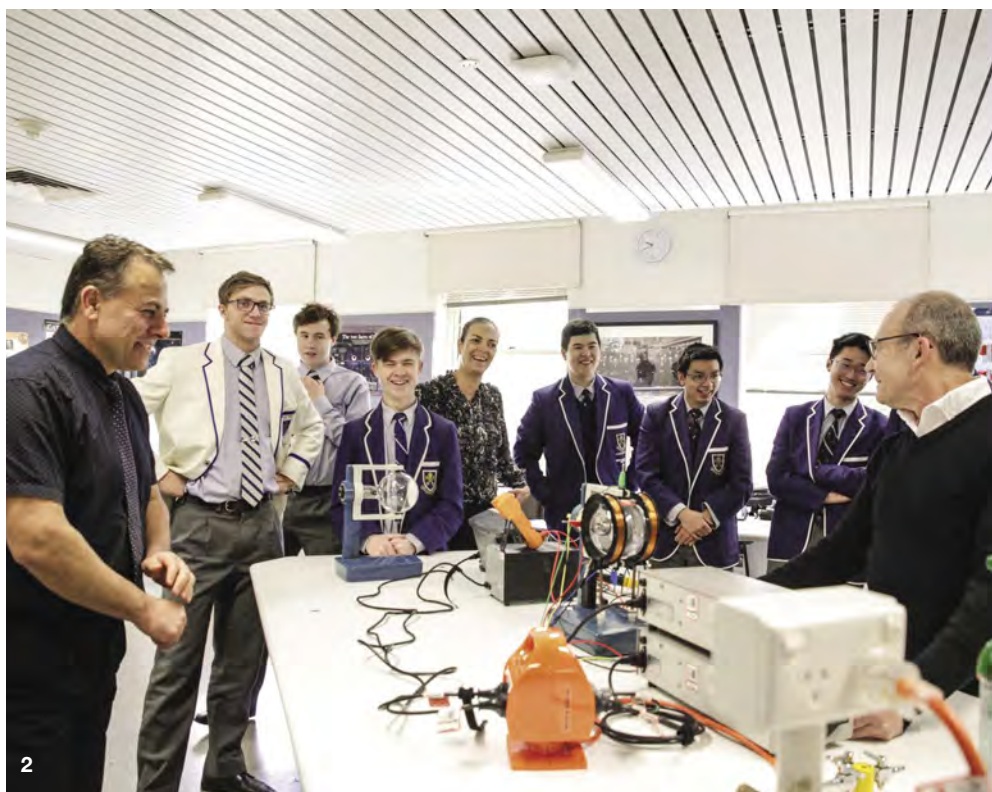
Accordingly, St Peter's College teachers learn from each other's practice in various ways throughout the year. Teachers across both campuses plan units of work together, moderate each other's assessments and visit their team-mates' classrooms in both team-teaching and observational capacities.

On occasions teachers engage in our 'Become a Student for a Day' program, whereby they shadow a student through every one of his classes on a given day and complete all the same work. This invaluable experience allows teachers to see learning through the eyes of the learner.

It is less common, however, for teachers to observe each other's practice across campuses, disciplines and year groups. With this in mind, two highly regarded SPSC teachers, one from each end of our learners' chronological journey, volunteered to shadow each other for a day to help us understand more about good teaching practices beyond age and content.

Ms Jo Tierney, our much-admired Year 1 Coordinator is known as a driving force in the implementation of innovative modes of literacy teaching in the Junior School. Her guidance of the School's burgeoning THRASS program marks Jo as a lighthouse for Junior School pedagogies.

At the other end of our students' journey, Mr Hiwa Jaldiani is the lauded leader of our Senior School Physics programs. Mr Jaldiani has guided multiple medal-earners and state-toppers in recent years, and his students' Physics achievements regularly shade State and National averages by eye-watering margins.







- 1 Year 1 students with Mr Jaldiani and Ms Tierney
- 2 Ms Tierney learning about field theory with Mr Jaldiani's Year 12 Physics students Jeremy Beale, Noah Pitkin, Will Chadwick, Johnny Miteff, Javis Zhao and Eric You
- 3 Year 1 students helping Mr Jaldiani THRASS out his surname

So, what did Ms Tierney and Mr Jaldiani discover from their experiences in each other's classrooms?

Firstly, they noticed several significant and necessary differences in their approaches to teaching. Mr Jaldiani remarked on how careful direction was required for Ms Tierney's Year 1 students and marvelled at her ability to simultaneously teach diverse learners not only the necessary content but also the skillsets necessary for academic learning itself.

Ms Tierney noted the imposing complexity of Mr Jaldiani's Year 12 Physics content, but said the shared experience also reminded her how much some of her Year 1 students already know about Physics and space travel.

Encouragingly, there were common threads. Hiwa and Jo both noted the link between learning and teacher-student connections in each other's classes – "it's all about relationships," Ms Tierney said, "no matter how old the learner is." Beyond this, Hiwa and Jo recognised another shared value – passion. "When Jo was teaching," Hiwa remarked, "she wasn't just teaching content, by which I mean ticking the boxes. She was actually 'doing' the learning with the boys... getting in amongst them and being part of it."

From a teaching and learning perspective, the notion that our practice is connected by joyful, relationship-driven pedagogies – no matter what or whom we are teaching – is affirming.

**Mr Nick Carter | Academic Deputy**







# The beauty of our fields







**From the spectacular sprawling ovals to established trees and manicured gardens, an incredible amount of work goes on behind the scenes to tend for the stunning fields of St Peter's College.**

Year-round all 32 hectares of pristine grounds are meticulously cared for by our talented team of eight grounds staff, with each area lending itself to beauty or purpose, or both.

Regardless of rain, hail or shine the grounds staff begin their day at 6.30 am tending the turf of the sporting facilities, pruning the garden beds and preparing for the day ahead.

With each season comes new and different challenges for the team, but the period from spring through to summer presents the greatest test for the team. The harsh sun and increased use of the ovals mean extra time must be allocated for upkeep and renovation of the turf before winter sports begin.

A complex but integral irrigation system lies beneath the soil keeping the lawns and grounds at peak performance. The majority of this irrigation is sourced from the Glenelg recycled water plant and rainwater catchments with a small allowance from the River Torrens.

In addition to school sporting activities and events, across the year, eight St Peter's Old Collegians groups and 14 sporting clubs are the beneficiaries of the wonderful SPSC sporting facilities. With an increase in use of the grounds for these purposes, the additional support provided through Envirocare has proven invaluable. Envirocare, an organisation backing people living with a disability, supply support staff one day a week to assist the team in keeping the grounds in their best shape.

Nigel Hodgson, Head of Grounds, speaks fondly of his near 32 years' service to SPSC. He talks with pride about hosting the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup training on Main Oval and wrangling a brown snake from the back of the Uniform Shop, but for Nigel it is his dedicated team, most with ten plus years' service to SPSC, for whom he has such tremendous pride. And his favourite vista among the 32 hectares of magnificent fields? "The view from the Tuckshop back across the Main Oval towards Oval House and Memorial Hall that shows the grounds and buildings is one view that is hard to top."

- 1 Bradley and Danny tending to the garden beds of Oval House
- 2 Rolling the pitch during Cricket season
- 3 Our Grounds Team - Ben, Nigel, Bradley, Mitchell, Tom, Manut, Danny and Stephen



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- 1 The cast of Grease
- 2 Will Fitzgerald as Roger
- 3 Oliver Hamilton as Danny Zuko
- 4 Noah Browning as Kenickie
- 5 Joey Fitzgerald as Doody

# Grease is the word

**In October 2020, staff from St Peter's College and Walford Anglican School for Girls began the process of staging our traditionally tri-annual musical production.**

After hours of discussion, the decision was made to perform the infamous hit musical Grease in 2021. Given its mature and controversial content, many people questioned the production team's decision to stage this particular show. Ultimately, Grease was chosen as COVID-19 made securing rights to many other musicals very difficult, as other schools and theatre companies alike all scrambled to get back on stage after a long hiatus; our schools had already procured licensing for Grease in 2020 (when the production was originally meant to be staged), making reobtaining the rights a simple task. Admittedly, the staff involved were also eager to perform Grease; having all loved Grease when we were young, we wanted to share this iconic musical with the young people around us.

Fast forward six months, and after countless hours of rehearsals, Grease finally made it to the Memorial Hall stage during the first week of June 2021... and the outcome was outstanding. The starring students hopped into Greased Lightning and kicked their performances into overdrive on opening night, not taking their foot off the pedal until final

bows on the fourth and final night. As a result of their fervour, focus, and fun, a staggering 1600 tickets were booked in total, the numbers growing by the night as positive word of mouth spread. To this day, the cast, crew, and band continue to receive a flood of flattering feedback from our audiences, from both within and outside of our school communities. Students who have been consistently commended on their performances include Oliver Hamilton (Year 9) as our slick Danny Zuko, Noah Browning (Year 11) as our cool Kenickie, Will Fitzgerald (Year 11) as our adorably dorky Roger, and Joey Fitzgerald (Year 8) as our golden-throated Doody.

Upon conclusion of the show, a student personally asked for my opinion on the production, and whether it was everything I hoped it would be – I replied that “it was even better.” To all the staff and students involved in this production, whether you were onstage, backstage or in front of the stage: my gratitude to you for your support and effort, whether it be big or small, simply cannot be expressed in words. You are the reason Grease was such a massive success and for that I will be forever thankful.

**Ms Georgia Brass | Director of Grease**









# Remembering Colonel Raymond John Stanley, AM, OBE, RFD, ED

**Highly respected, much loved and admired former St Peter's College Deputy Headmaster, Mr Raymond John Stanley passed away, somewhat aptly on Anzac Day, 25 April 2021.**

Appointed in 1960 as Head of Chemistry, Ray went on to assume roles including Officer Commanding Cadet Unit, Master-in-charge of Swimming, Head of Hawkes House and most notably Deputy Headmaster over 33 years of outstanding service to SPSC.

Ray, or RJS as he was affectionately known, earned the affection and gratitude of all for his inspiration and leadership, support and encouragement. Former School Registrar, Mr Jeffery Chittleborough describes Ray as having “the enviable skill of knowing when to be tolerant, how much to tolerate and when to come down hard. He never sought to humiliate, but rather endeavoured to guide students into self-awareness of a deficiency or shortcoming in conduct or attitude.”

His door was always open to students, parents and staff. Mr David Scott (HWD, 1992) former School Captain explains that, “in times of trouble there was no ear more willing or heart so keen to listen as RJS’s.” Problems, suggestions, grievances always got a good hearing, and his wisdom, experience and practical common sense so often found solutions, adapted and adopted suggestions or soothed the aggrieved. Occasional disasters, even tragedies, were softened by RJS’s understanding and warm compassion.

Known for his organisational skills and meticulous planning, likely developed through his Military association, RJS ensured the smooth running of the School and splendidly organised occasions such as the historic re-opening of Memorial Hall in 1988.

With an infectious enthusiasm and sharp wit, the respect and affection Ray earned from students is legendary. Former Headmaster, Mr Richard Burchnell reflected on Ray as having “a wonderful sense of fun, a love

of a good yarn and a good song and an appreciation of the absurd.” His presence enlivened any function he attended; be that his entertaining after-dinner speeches or his traditional and eye-catching tour of the Houses on Community Day.

Throughout his years at the School, Ray had the enduring support of his wife Valma Jean. Val, an energetic supporter of the School and its life had an effervescent personality and a warm kindliness that endeared her to all in the SPSC community.

Across the School community Ray will be fondly remembered by a generation of staff, past students and families as a passionate and influential leader who devoted himself to the education of future generations.

RJS, a man that exemplified all that is strong and lovely and of good report, was fittingly farewelled by his family, friends and the SPSC community at a memorial service held in Memorial Hall on Saturday 8 May 2021.



- 1 Ray in his military uniform
- 2 Ray, Winnie Pelz, Richard Burchnell, Ian Bruce in 1993
- 3 Ray and Val Stanley at his surprise 70th in 1998



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# Celebrating the heart of our School

**In May, National Boarding Week was celebrated by the 201 Boarding Schools located across Australia.**

Our St Peter's College Boarding House is the beating heart of our School and it was wonderful to give boarding centre stage at a special Muster where a number of boys shared their unique stories and connection with boarding. The Muster focused on the impact COVID-19 has had on our students who have family overseas and highlighted the important role SPSC boarding and day families have had in supporting our boarding students.

Reflecting back to March 2020, our internationally based boarding students and families were faced with a difficult decision; whether to return home or stay in Australia. Making this decision during a highly volatile period of the pandemic and knowing this decision would impact on their education and family for an indefinite period, was immense. This decision and the associated challenges are still present as 13 of our boys feel the tyranny of distance from their overseas families and an unknown period as to when they will be able to see them again.

Darryl Chu (Year 12) spoke of the decision he made in March 2020 to remain at school and not return home to Malaysia. 17 months on he has not seen his family and he demonstrated amazing gratitude for the support he has received from the School:

"If it wasn't for the boarding house, I wouldn't be here today. I would have left for home months ago. While I still miss my family, I am grateful for the constant emotional and mental support the boarding staff and my mates have given me throughout the challenging times. The strong sense of community and kindness towards one another that boarding nurtures is something I can only find in a boarding community. Living in a boarding community

and having the acceptance and understanding of one another's diversity has allowed us to build a unique and strong lifelong bond. Thus, the strong bond and relationship we have among others are undoubtedly the greatest and best strengths of boarding."

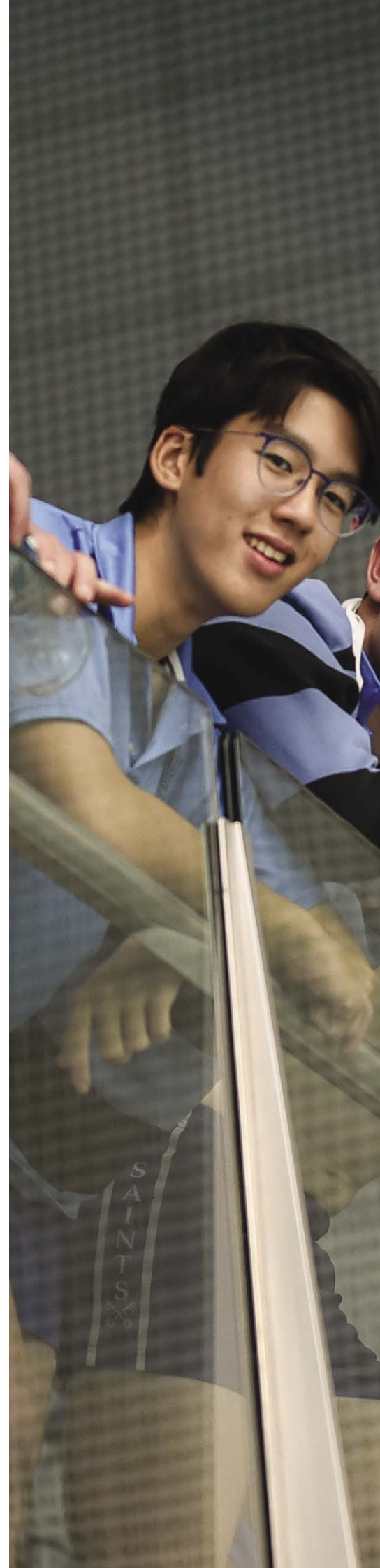
In contrast, Sebastian Rogers (Year 11) spoke of his boarding journey and the decision he made to return to Singapore in March last year. Sebastian's focus was on the challenges he experienced in not being able to return for the remainder of 2020. His appreciation for how special St Peter's College is was moving and his message for all boys to make the most of the experience was powerful. In Sebastian's words:

"...The last 12 months have been nothing short of crazy for me and a lot of my brothers in the House. What we all do share though is that we are all here at St Peter's College. A school where we can all have a different story but be bound together with a shared experience. What I have learnt in the past 12 months is that some things should not be taken for granted. Take it from me, you don't know how good this place really is until it is taken away from you. I know I am going to make the best of the remaining time I have here – and I hope you do the same."

Captain of Boarding, Henry Hawker (Year 12) concluded the Muster with a message of thanks to our day families for the support they provide to boarding students by taking them out on weekends and assisting with transport to sporting fixtures. These gestures are by no means small and have a profound impact on the experience of our boarding students.

On behalf of the wider boarding community, thank you to all the day families for your ongoing support of boarding students.

**Mr Ray Pearson | Director of Boarding, International and Indigenous Programs**





School & Allen Year 12s Darryl Chu, School Captain  
Sam Jackson, Matthew Roberts, Oscar Hunt,  
Jasper Polglase, Lachie Craig, Sam Allen

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## From the School Captains

**The past five months have flown by and it is hard to believe we are already at the halfway point of our final year in the blue and white uniform.**

2021 has been jammed packed full of exciting adventures that have taken us down paths we've not previously ventured.

In early March we hosted over 120 students in Memorial Hall for the 10th Annual National Student Leadership Summit. Education futurist Louka Parry was instrumental in the success of the day, as we focused on the three themes of connect, communicate and create. This event provided us the opportunity to hear other like-minded students' opinions while brainstorming potential student-led projects.

As we approach the second half of the year, we are preparing to launch three flagship projects that we hope will become ongoing, regular features of the School Captains' communications. Inspired by a 1939 weekly student publication 'The Keys', the Captains and Prefects are excited to relaunch this publication in a digital format to showcase

the goings-on of the School. Another exciting project we are looking to roll-out is 'Saints' Radio'. Hosted by the School Captains, this weekly podcast will feature interviews with students, old scholars and outstanding members of our community. Our final project, and one that is close to our hearts, we have named 'Within these Walls and Fields'. As Captains we believe it is important to showcase the incredible student work that goes on within these walls and fields, which may on occasion go unnoticed. As such we will be visiting classes to video or photograph students' work that will then be showcased on our Saints Captains Instagram page and Keystone.

At the core of all three projects are the principles of giving students a platform, making their voices heard and showing that their actions are seen and appreciated by our community. As school leaders we believe we play an important role as purveyors of a positive and inclusive culture. We look forward to communicating these attributes, through these platforms, as we bring these projects to life.

Preparations are well underway for the Blue and White to be held on the last Friday of Term 3. We are enjoying the planning for this event and are confident it will be a wonderful celebration for our Years 11 and 12 students.

We are also enjoying the opportunity to reconnect with old scholars of the School. Each week, together with Mr Philip Marshall (SHT 1964) our Old Scholar Liaison, we host a lunch for a group of old scholars. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear fascinating stories of their school experiences and serves as a timely reminder of how fortunate students of today are for the learning materials they can access.

Finally, thank you to the SPSC community for the love and support you have shown us in our first five months. It has been greatly appreciated and has made our School Captains' experience most memorable.

**Sam Jackson and Rushan Khurram |  
Captain and Vice Captain**





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# Pet Day

In Term 1 we welcomed parents and pets to our first Junior Primary Pet Parade.

Pets of all shapes and sizes including dogs, birds, turtles, bunnies, stick insects, chooks and fish paraded with the boys around Girdlestone Oval.

The parade was an extension of the students' Science unit which focussed on the features of animals that help them to survive. The boys had the opportunity to look closely at the pets and discovered that turtles have webbed feet for swimming, chickens have hard beaks to eat grain and seeds, and green tree frogs need to keep their skin moist so they can breathe.

We were fortunate to have Alison Wilson, the Education Manager of the RSPCA attend our event. Alison spoke about the importance of keeping animals safe in our community, the benefits of pet ownership and how looking after a pet "teaches us how to care."

Parent and vet Dr Reeve also joined us to answer burning questions from the boys about the unique habits of their pets such as "Why do dogs like to roll in the dirt after a bath?"

The event highlighted one of our School values, service, through raising money for the RSPCA and donating animal toys, treats and bedding.

Thank you to Ms Jo Tierney for organising such a paw-fect morning.



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- 1 William Desyllas (Year 2) with a Jack Russell puppy
- 2 Mr Ben Storer and George Storer (Year 2) with their Rainbow Lorikeet
- 3 Year 2s Jack Marshall, Thomas Koch, Ned Lahey, Henry Zhang, Sebastian Zarei meeting some feathered friends
- 4 Christian Raschella (Year 2) with his pup friend
- 5 Year 1s Jack Steele, Flynn Daly, Lucas Zhu and Declan Larkin with Mrs Jasmine Taylor, Mr Tim Browning and a few new friends



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**St Peter's College produces an exceptionally high standard across its outstanding music program and this semester has seen many students rewarded for their years of hard work.**

The Vocal Jazz Festival held in May resulted in two awards for our students. For the second time, Charlie Wells (Year 11) took home the Most Outstanding Jazz Vocal Scat Soloist, while Tom Oldfield (Year 12) received the Most Outstanding Vocal Solo Award.

Charlie has continued to impress both the School community and music industry nationally with his composed music selected as part of the Artology Fanfare Competition. His composition will be used throughout professional performance venues in Australia to draw patrons to attention to take their seats before performances commence.

Year 12 students Eton Williams and Aiden Donnevert's performances at the All State Jazz Championship saw them selected to join the National All-Star Band. They were chosen from the best soloist, lead, and section players across the South Australian and Victorian premier Big Band division. Eton has also secured the position of Alto Sax 1 and Aiden as Trumpet 3.

Eton was also awarded 'Outstanding Soloist' for his technical, musical and exemplary improvisational skills on the saxophone throughout the All State Jazz Championship.

**Mr Philip Walsh |  
Director of Music**

Aiden Donnevert, Charlie Wells,  
Tom Oldfield and Eton Williams





# Musical achievements





# Working in partnership to be a part of the solution

**The bravery and forthrightness of young people to speak out against sexual assault has seen all corners of our society sit up and take note of this prevalent national issue.**

We applaud and admire those who have come forward to share their experiences. It is now incumbent on us all to tackle and stamp out this behaviour.

As a child's schooling is such a critical time in their development, St Peter's College plays an important role in providing a comprehensive education around relationships and sexuality, from a young age. In doing so we can make a valuable contribution to the counter-cultural change.

As part of this commitment, SPSC looks to respond to the lived experience of our students throughout our Relationships and Sexuality Education Program delivered across the Junior and Senior schools. Recent initiatives of this program have included hosting a Healthy Relationships Day for Year 11 students in collaboration with Walford Anglican School for Girls, St Peter's Girls' School, Wilderness School and sexuality expert Dr Tessa Opie. Dr Opie's approach to sexuality and relationships education requires young people to actively consider their relationship values, attitudes, and expectations, in a hyper-sexualised climate with often harmful messages about sex and relationships. Dr Opie also spoke with our Years 10 to 12 parents about the world of relationships our young people are attempting to interpret. She explored the impact of the media on our children's attitudes and expectations in relation to sexual activity.

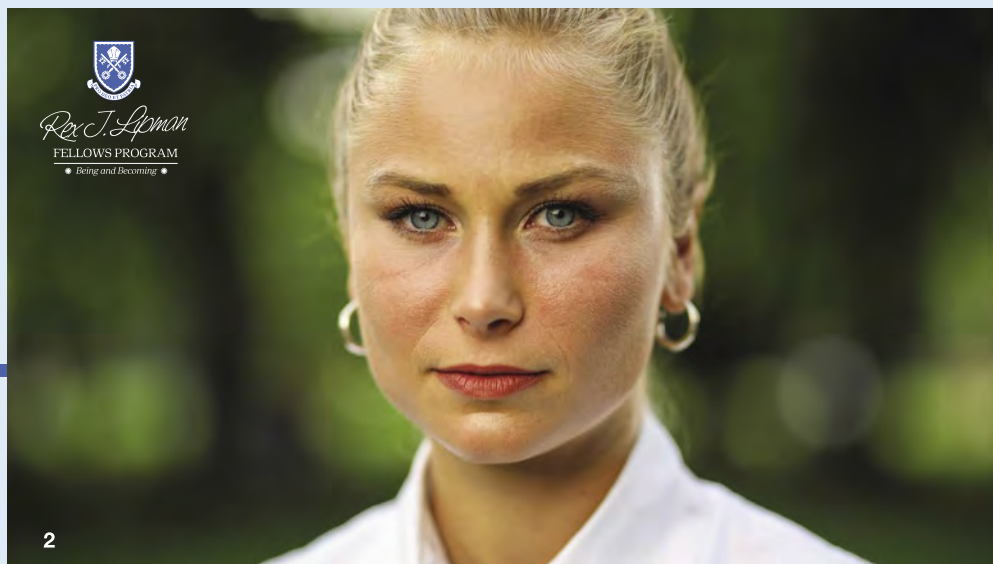


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Additionally, our Year 8 students recently participated in a Co-Educational Day with St Peter's Girls' School and Walford Anglican School for Girls to further promote and foster healthy and respectful relationships. As a community founded upon the education of boys and young men, we have the opportunity to normalise all the right behaviours around relationships and must be absolutely deliberate in doing so.

Regardless of the expertise of our industry partners it is up to parents and the School to present a moral education to underpin the development of healthy relationships. It is our responsibility as parents, caregivers, and role models, to positively encourage our young people to develop a healthy and realistic sense of self and 'other' and to have these important conversations about sexual consent, misogynistic attitudes and the impact of a pack mentality, with our children. We must work in partnership to battle against this endemic culture and reinforce that sexual assault is inexcusable.

And discussion around this topic must not stop. On Thursday 22 July SPSC welcomed Grace Tame, Australian of the Year 2021 and advocate for survivors of sexual assault, to host a sold-out public lecture as part of our Rex J Lipman Fellows Program. Grace is an inspiration in all that she stands for and in her pursuit to challenge all Australians to be brave and speak the truth. By bringing these shocking events to the forefront of our conversations, together we have the opportunity to be part of the solution. It is an opportunity SPSC is taking very seriously as it is the right and proper thing to do for our youth of today and tomorrow.



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- 1 Dr Tessa Opie
- 2 Grace Tame, Australian of the Year 2021
- 3 Mr Tim Browning, Mr Marcus Blackburn and Dr Tessa Opie with visiting students and staff at the Healthy Relationships Day
- 4 Sebastian Rogers (Year 11) speaking with visiting students









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# Community Day

**Term 2 began with another successful Community Day of competition and camaraderie between the ten Houses.**

The students engaged in Winter Games competition at both Junior (Years 7 to 9) and Senior (Years 10 to 12) House levels. As always, the games were played in great spirit and were well supported by a healthy number of parent spectators. The games were organised and administered by our able team of Winter Sports Leaders and were followed by House functions hosted by the Heads of

House and student leaders. With the 2020 event cancelled due to COVID-19, it was great to see the community gathering again and reconnecting with this fabulous tradition in the life of the School. The relationships formed between families and staff in each House are valuable as we partner together in supporting the young men in our care. Congratulations to all those in attendance and for the many fine performances across the day.

**Mr Barnaby Eaton | Director of Sport and HPE**



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- 1 Ed Chipperfield (Year 11) and Henry Sawers (Year 10) during the Hawkes House vs Woodcock House Soccer
- 2 Oliver Parsons (Year 11) lining up for goal
- 3 Year 8 students Will Dean and Ryan Stockhoff
- 4 MacDermott House relaxing between games.
- 5 Year 7 students Jakob Nguyen, Steven Dinh and Mars Zhang
- 6 Year 12 students Yash Patil and Dionisios Konidaris
- 7 Kieren Bonython (Year 8) playing Basketball for Da Costa House



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## Community Day Results

### Junior Basketball

1. School & Allen
2. Da Costa
3. MacDermott
4. Hawkes
5. Young
6. Woodcock
7. Farrell
8. Short
9. Howard
10. Farr

### Senior Soccer

1. Young
2. Howard
3. Farrell
4. MacDermott
5. School & Allen
6. Da Costa
7. Short
8. Farr
9. Woodcock
10. Hawkes

### Senior Basketball

1. Hawkes
2. School & Allen
3. MacDermott
4. Da Costa
5. Woodcock
6. Young
7. Farrell
8. Farr
9. Howard
10. Short

### Junior Table Tennis

1. Howard
2. Hawkes
3. Short
4. Farr
5. Young
6. Farrell
7. School & Allen
8. Woodcock
9. MacDermott
10. Da Costa

### Junior Football

1. School & Allen
2. Farr
3. Da Costa
4. Woodcock
5. Howard
6. Young
7. Farrell
8. Short
9. Hawkes
10. MacDermott

### Senior Table Tennis

1. Short
2. Howard
3. Young
4. Farr
5. Farrell
6. MacDermott
7. Woodcock
8. Hawkes
9. Da Costa
10. School & Allen

### Senior Football

1. School & Allen
2. Woodcock
3. Da Costa
4. School & Allen (2)
5. MacDermott
6. Howard
7. Hawkes
8. Farrell
9. Short
10. School & Allen (3)
11. Farr
12. Young

### Junior Touch Rugby

1. Hawkes
2. Woodcock
3. School & Allen
4. MacDermott
5. Howard
6. Young
7. Short
8. Farrell
9. Da Costa
10. Farr

### Junior Soccer

1. Hawkes
2. Da Costa
3. Farr
4. Howard
5. Young
6. Short
7. MacDermott
8. Farrell
9. Woodcock
10. School & Allen

### Senior Touch Rugby

1. School & Allen
2. Short
3. Da Costa
4. Howard
5. Hawkes
6. MacDermott
7. Farrell
8. Farr
9. Young
10. Woodcock



# Around the grounds



## Athletics

The Athletics squad had an excellent 2020/2021 season, with each student scoring a significant point tally at each interclub competition. An unbelievable number of personal bests were recorded across the season, earning the Saints Athletics Club championship pennants in the Under 14 and 16 male divisions. These efforts continued into the South Australian Athletics Championships, with six boys qualifying for the 2021 Australian Athletics Championships. Four athletes competed, achieving multiple personal bests. Adam Goddard (Year 12) placed in both the Under 18 1500m and 3000m, earning him a position on the Australian Under 20 Team for the Oceania Championships.

## Badminton

The 2020/2021 season was another eventful and successful one for the 162 students involved. Our 17 teams won 109 out of 153 team matches played across Terms 4 and 1. The improvement in the general level of play across the entire program has been phenomenal and it has been exciting to see the rise in a number of promising Junior and Middle School students.

Our Open A team proved too strong for PAC in the 31st Badminton Intercol, with SPSC winning the match 11-1. Across Term 1, our three Open A teams competed for the SAAS Open A Shield with the SPSC Open A Blue team finishing on top of the ladder. Congratulations to our inaugural Badminton Champion, Wesley Johnson (Year 12).

## Cricket

A successful Term 1 of Senior School Cricket saw over 180 cricketers take the field in over 50 matches. Undeclared teams for the season included the 8As, 9Bs, 9As, 10As and 10Bs, highlighting the depth of talent emerging in those year levels. There were many opportunities for development throughout the Senior School, with batting, bowling, keeping and fielding clubs being popular among students from all years and levels of experience. The 145th Intercol Cricket Match ended in a 9-wicket loss, with Matthew Roberts holding the batting together with over half our runs and Luke Turner taking four wickets in the first innings.

## Sailing

Our Sailing squad had a successful season with all students positively impacting on the teams' results. With several novice sailors joining the squad, our more experienced team members did a fantastic job teaching them the required skills to assemble a powerhouse team.





We achieved some pleasing results in the trial regattas, and narrowly missed out on victory in the finals of the Metropolitan School's Championship.

The squad came together as two very competitive teams for the State Championships held at Goolwa. With some awe-inspiring performances by all involved, the Firsts team was ultimately crowned State Champions. At the end of regular racing, the boys were five wins clear of the next placed team, which is an outstanding effort.

Following the success of the State Championships, the team qualified for the National Championships that were due to be held in Sydney early July.

## Swimming

The quality of our swimmers was on show at our House Swimming Carnival with an impressive eight records set. Matthew Pearce (Year 12) won all five of his events to become 2021 Open Champion. In the process he set new records in the breaststroke and individual medley. The House events gave every boy the opportunity to participate in the various relays, tube and early morning races. Young House won the Junior House Cup, while Howard House prevailed in both the Senior House Cup and Champion House Trophy. In the State A Grade Championships SPSC placed a most creditable second against SA's best schools.

## Tennis

With over 160 boys playing Tennis across Years 7 to 12 in Term 1, competitive teams were nominated across all divisions. The introduction

of the inaugural SAAS Super League saw our top Middle School Tennis players dominating on the court to be narrowly defeated by Marryatville High School in the grand final.

Our senior teams also had a successful season, with the Drive Team posting several wins. While Intercol did not go our way, our players showed excellent improvement and sportsmanship across the season. Jonas Hahn (Year 8) won the McMichael Cup with Seb Birdseye (Year 9) as runner up.

## Volleyball

The Volleyball Program took another massive leap forward this year, thanks largely to the inclusion of a new Head Coach, Pierce Cordes Harvey, and Seconds Coach, Nicholas Tolis. Standards across the board have lifted, along with effort and application in trainings and games. The technical and tactical knowledge of the coaching staff has undoubtedly fast tracked the development of all players. Whilst this did not transcend into more wins throughout the term, it will hold us in good stead as we gear up to compete in the State Cup this July, before heading into the Term 4 summer season.

## Water Polo

In Term 1, 130 students participated in Water Polo and 11 teams represented the School on a weekly basis. The Intercol fixtures saw an exciting finale to the season. The Middle A team had an emphatic victory, and the Open As were involved in a thrilling encounter only to be overcome by a strong PAC team in the last quarter.



- 1 Seb Birdseye (Year 9) and Jonas Hahn (Year 8) at the McMichael Cup
- 2 Ethan Allison (Year 8) at SSSSA A Grade Athletics State Championship
- 3 Karim Hennes (Year 11) during Summer Intercol Sailing State Championships
- 4 1st XI Cricket Intercol team. Front row: Noah Browning, Luke Turner, Ethan Trewartha, Samuel Warrick, Bradley Jefferies, Lachy Gitsham, Seb McVann Back row: Stewart Smith, Henry Hawker, Cormac Dwyer, James Hattingh, Alex Robertson, Sachin Ravindran, Jake Platen
- 6 Adam Goddard's (Year 12) silver medal in under 20 3000m
- 7 Victorious Senior A Intercol Badminton team. Front row: Victor Dang, Bingqi An, Cameron Johnson, Justin Dang, Declan Ee, Bal Gilhotra. Back row: Stuart Rowlands, Wei Hang Khoo, Alec Vitalievich, Cooper McDonald, Kelvin Jian, Wesley Johnson, Ryan Mah
- 8 Albert Howard (Year 10) and Samuel Warrick (Year 12) of Howard House at Swimming Carnival





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## Sir Ronald Beresford Lees KCB CBE DFC and Bar (1910- 1991) – a distinguished airman

**Ronald Lees attended St Peter's College from 1921 to 1927 and was an active member of Farrell House.**

He participated in football, was Captain of Boats in 1927, went on the Ceylon Cricket Tour in 1927, was a member of the Scouts, School Prefect and won several prizes for Scripture, English, History and Book-keeping.

Upon leaving SPSC, Ronald took private flying lessons at Parafield Airport and subsequently joined the Royal Australian Air Force at Point Cook, Victoria in 1930. He was one of five officers to be offered a short service Commission in the Royal Air Force which turned into a distinguished 35-year career. Ronald was a natural pilot, his seniors rated him as exceptional and over the coming years he received several promotions. Ronald was placed in command of No 72 Squadron, which flew the new Spitfire fighter and in 1940, this unit covered the British Expeditionary Force's evacuation from Dunkirk, France. His squadron also flew in the Battle of Britain in which Ronald's plane was shot down twice in one day earning him the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) and Bar in late 1941 for "his leadership and efficiency in numerous combats." Ronald was appointed as aide-de-camp (ADC) to King George VI in 1944 that coincided with the RAF participation in the Allied invasion of Italy. It is reported in the December 1944 edition of the St Peter's College Magazine that Ronald flew His Majesty to Naples and back on a visit to Italy.

Ronald was reappointed as ADC to the King from 1949-1952 and to Queen Elizabeth II from 1952-1953. His post-war career culminated in a promotion to Air Marshal before becoming the Deputy Chief of air staff and retiring in 1966. Ronald and his family settled in Adelaide in 1981 where he remained until his death in 1991.

In 1931, Ronald was received into the St Peter's College Lodge No 53, Adelaide, founded on 14 September 1908. The Lodge supported Freemasonry ideals by supporting the greater community through charity and benevolence. Ronald was subsequently admitted to the third degree (Master Mason) at the District Grand Lodge of Egypt and Sudan in 1937. Throughout his overseas career, Ronald maintained contact with the School and old scholars, and when in Adelaide visited various members providing reports as to his exploits. Such was his connection with SPSC, Ronald's family donated his Lodge memorabilia, representing another interesting story and aspect of Ronald's life, to the School. His Lodge Master Mason apron and Lodge certificate are carefully preserved in the School Archive.

For further information, contact the School Archivist, Andrea McKinnon-Matthews, at [archivist@stpeters.sa.edu.au](mailto:archivist@stpeters.sa.edu.au).

**Ms Andrea McKinnon-Matthews | School Archivist**

- 1 St Peter's College Lodge No 53 – Master Mason Apron of Ronald Lees
- 2 Certificate of reception into the St Peter's College Lodge No 53 dated 1931
- 3 Ronald Lees
- 4 Rowing Melbourne Four 1927 Back row: JH Hill Esq, AH Finlayson, RC Gosse, WJ Ferguson Esq; Front row: JH Johnston, RB Lees, RA Greacen; Seated: JW Durkin
- 5 School Prefects 1927 Back row: W Hill-Smith, WD Padman, RB Lees, JW Flood, HR Sage, LC Bridgland, JH Coldbatch, RA Lee; Front row: JH Maitland, AF Downer, WH Baudinet, IH Seppelt, EW Gray, KA Macdonald





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# What's new at SPOC

## SPOC welcomes new Chairman, Oliver Sheahan

Oliver Sheahan (HWK 2007) was chosen by the Committee to be the new Chairman of St Peter's Old Collegians' Association at the May Executive Committee meeting. We congratulate Oliver on his appointment.

Thank you to past Chairman, Jonathan Bowden (YNG 2003) for his dedicated service and contribution over the past two and a half years. Jonathan will remain on the Executive Committee.

## Changes to the SPOC Executive Committee

SPOC is run by a committee of dedicated volunteers who give of their time to create opportunities for old scholars to keep in touch with the School and each other.

At the 151st SPOC Annual General Meeting in April, an election was conducted by ballot to elect Committee Members in accordance with the constitution. We congratulate Peter Gao (WDK 2000) and Kristian Livolsi (MAC 1994) who were elected to join the Committee.



We also thank out-going Committee Members, Thom Rudkin (HWK 2000) and Michael Blight (DAC 1971) for their commitment and service over many years.

Following the Annual General Meeting, Callum McNair (HWD 2010) stepped down from the Committee due to ongoing work commitments. We acknowledge Callum's seven years of service as both an Executive Committee

Member and for some of that time as the SPOC Tennis Club representative. Philip Marshall (SHT 1964) was appointed to fill the casual vacancy arising from Callum's resignation. We welcome and congratulate Philip who re-joins the SPOC Executive Committee.

## New SPOC website

SPOC have developed a new website. Our new online destination has been designed to give old scholars a better online experience and quicker access to the information they are looking for. Visit [spoc.net.au](http://spoc.net.au) to catch up on all the latest SPOC news, reunions and events.

## SPOC Strategic Plan 2021-2026

SPOC have developed a new Strategic Plan 2021-2026 to guide the association and establish a renewed vision for the future. Thank you to former Committee Member, Callum McNair (HWD 2010) for his contribution to the development of the new strategic plan which can be viewed on the SPOC website.

**Mrs Annie Bawden | SPOC Events & Administration Manager**







## Old Scholar Reunions and Events

There is no doubt that 2020 was a challenging year to bring our community together. SPOC social and sporting events all serve to reconnect old scholars with their School and foster a strong, engaged and supportive community.

It has been heartening to welcome old scholars back to events and activities this year. The return of events has been enthusiastically welcomed by our old scholar community and the second half of 2021 has plenty in store.

### Save the date!

Intercol Golf Day  
Friday 6 August 2021

Melbourne Chapter Dinner  
Friday 6 August 2021

SPOC & PAOC Canberra Dinner  
Friday 3 September 2021

Old Blues Luncheon  
Thursday 7 October 2021

### Milestone Reunion - 20 & 30 Year Reunions

The Classes of 2000, 2001, 1990 and 1991 will come together at St Peter's College for a combined reunion on Saturday 6 November 2021.

### Milestone Reunion - 40, 50 & 60 Year Reunions

1980, 1981, 1970, 1971, 1960 and 1961 School leavers will celebrate their decade reunions together at St Peter's College on Saturday 13 November 2021.

### November CBD Lunch

Friday 19 November 2021

We look forward to hosting old scholars at the many reunions and events planned for the coming months. To keep up to date with SPOC events, visit [spoc.net.au](http://spoc.net.au)





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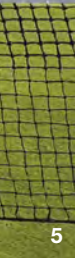
- 1 SPOC Chairman, Oliver Sheahan (HWK 2007), Past Chairman, Jonathan Bowden (YNG 2003) and Committee Member, Kristian Livolsi (MAC 1994) at the May CBD Lunch
- 2 Ran Wang won Best Player with an official handicap (42 points) and Mark Girolamo (HWD 2000) won Best Player with a non-official handicap (42 points) at the Saints Community Golf Day in February
- 3 PAOC's John Morris presents SPOC convener, Greg Twelftree (ATH 1968) with the H E Lucy shield for the third year in a row at the Intercollegiate Bowls Match in February
- 4 SPOC and PAOC players enjoyed the friendly rivalry at the old scholars Intercol Bowls Match in February
- 5 It was a hard fought but narrow loss to our old rivals PAOC at the old scholars' Intercol Tennis match in February
- 6 The Annual Saints Community Golf Day was held at Royal Adelaide Golf Club in February bringing together old scholars, current parents, past parents and friends of St Peter's College







- 7 The Old Reds were too good for us at the old scholars Intercol Football held at Prince Alfred College in April
- 8 In May, old scholars and their partners enjoyed the 13th annual Fleurieu Luncheon at Serafino Wines
- 9 5 year reunion for the Class of 2016
- 10 Police Officer, Tom McNeil (WDK 2013) mentoring current students at St Peter's College Careers Evening in March
- 11 2016 leavers enjoyed catching up at their 5 year reunion in February
- 12 Guests at the annual Fleurieu Luncheon
- 13 In March, Old Blues were joined by Tim Browning, Headmaster at the Quarterly Lunch hosted at the Kentish Hotel
- 14 Members of the Class of 2016 were welcomed back to the School in February to celebrate their 5 year reunion





# Life at Saints







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- 1 Andrew Desyllas (Year 3), Matthew Harris (Year 5), Caleb Scott (Year 6), William Atkins (Year 6), Gus Focareta (Year 5) and Peter Kalamboyas (Year 6) fundraising for the McGrath Pink Sports Round
- 2 Jacob Foster (Year 10), Bailey O'Neil (Year 10) and Oscar Chen (Year 11) cooking the BBQ for the Closing the Gap fundraiser
- 3 Noah Pitkin (Year 12), Johnny Turner (Year 9), Eton Williams (Year 12), Jack Maitland (Year 12) and Johnny Miteff (Year 12) with ABC Journalist Stan Grant after performing at the Australian of the Year Luncheon
- 4 Year 7 German students learning traditional Easter egg colouring.
- 5 Sitting around the campfire on the Year 10 21 Day Journey



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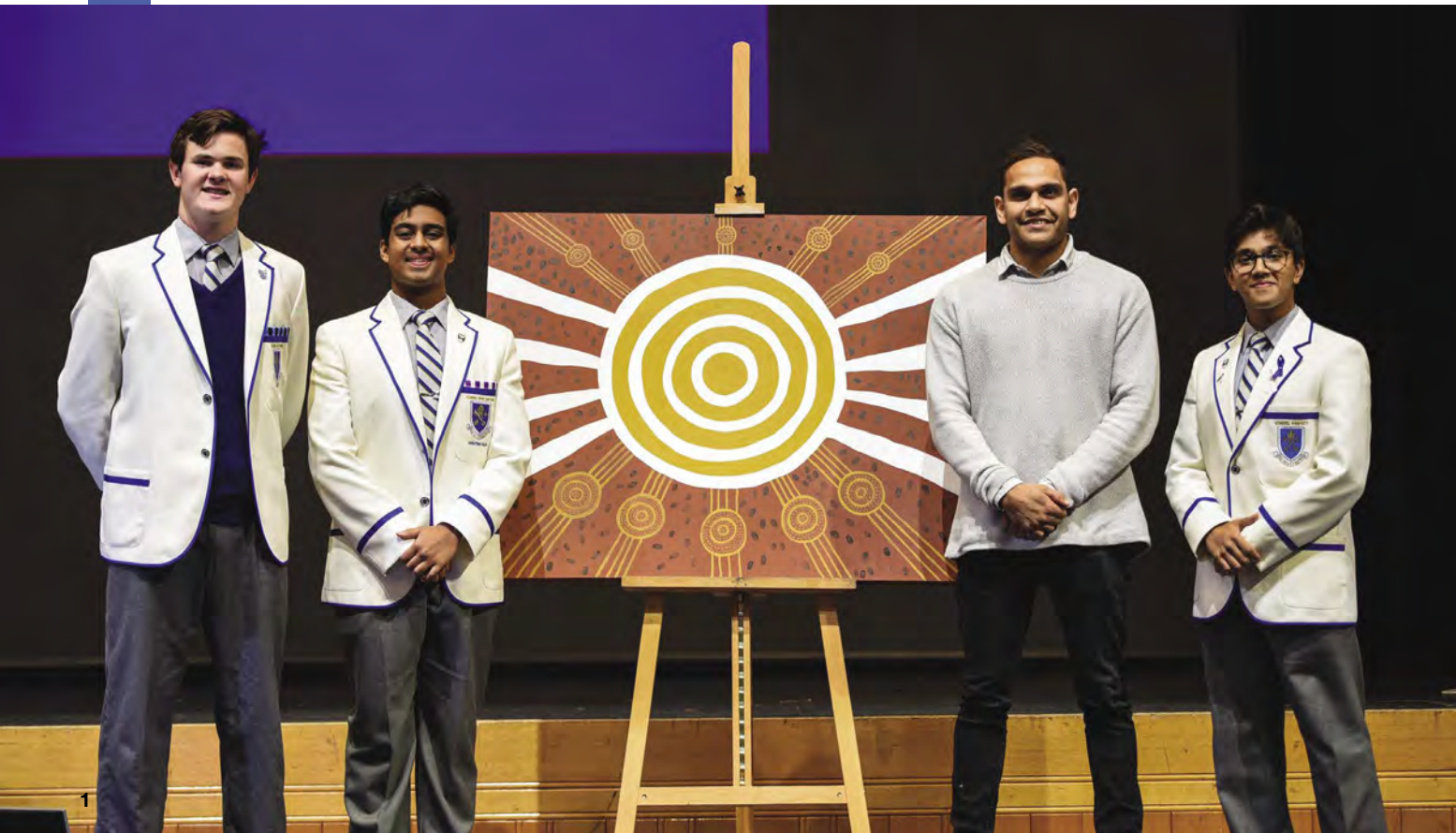
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- 1 Placing crosses for fallen Old Scholars and staff during the Anzac Day service
- 2 Henry Ye (Year 4) followed closely by Benjamin Gill (Year 5) during Cross Country
- 3 Pierce Larkin and Max Hewitt (Year 7) making scientific ice cream
- 4 The Wind in the Willows performed to Year 2 students in the Athelney House gardens
- 5 Year 4 students Seth Nguyen, Jack Lai, Liam Nguyen and Edward Minney in character for Endeavour Day
- 6 William Galea (Year 3) with his grandpa at the annual Grandparent's and Special Friends' Day
- 7 Celebrating Chinese New Year during Term 1 with Dragon dancing



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- 1 Sam Jackson, Rushan Khurram and Chirath Lekamge (Year 12) with Dom Barry with the art pledge at the National Reconciliation Week Muster
- 2 Angus Ireland (Year 6), Aarjav Chaudhuri (Year 3), Chris Hughes (Year 6) having fun at Anglican Charities Day
- 3 Fiona Fisher, Cleo Cooper, Emily Tsoutouras at the Welcome Parent Cocktail function in February
- 4 Year 10 students Joshua McDowell and Joshua Cooper celebrating their mums at the Mother's Day Breakfast
- 5 Ross Irwin from Cat Empire delivering music workshops







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# Know our staff

## Katherine Hicks Head of Library Services



### What is your role at St Peter's College?

As Head of Library Services, I am responsible for ensuring our Junior and Senior School libraries continue to provide high-quality information services to our School community and serve as engaging, inclusive community hubs. It is a very varied role; one day I'm planning new events with my team, and the next I'm teaching students how to use referencing software and search online databases.

### What's an interesting fact no one knows about you?

After finishing school I lived and worked in the Kingdom of Tonga for almost four years. I was teaching English to Years 7 and 10 students and then taught a composite primary class from Kindergarten to Year 6. It was a really rewarding experience and I often return to Tonga when I can to visit friends.

### What virtue do you admire most in people?

I admire creative thinkers who come up with out-of-the-box solutions to seemingly impossible problems.

### What is the best advice you have received and who was it from?

My mother often reminded me that you can't choose what happens to you in life, but you can choose how you react. Whilst often easier said than done, generally this has been sound advice that makes me step back from a situation and think carefully about my next steps.

### What behaviour or personality trait do you most attribute your success to and why?

A love of learning and a constant pursuit of knowledge are traits that I believe have set me up for success, particularly as a Librarian. We never really stop learning and by embracing this I've been able to expand my skill set, adapt to change more readily and learn from others.

## Liana Calabro Accountant



### What is your role at St Peter's College?

I work in the Business Services Department. My role covers many and varied financial tasks within the School. My main tasks are Accounts Receivable and assisting the Foundation and its sub-branches with all accounting and financial reporting requirements.

### What virtue do you admire most in people?

There are several virtues I admire - empathy, kindness, honesty and loyalty.

### What is on your bucket list?

To travel more! I was fortunate to travel quite a bit before I had children but there is always somewhere else to visit. A trip to Disneyland with my children would be a goal, and I would love to hire an apartment overlooking the Italian coastline for the summer, watching the sunsets, with good food, wine and company.

### Do you have a mantra or philosophy that you live by?

Be kind - never underestimate the importance of a hello, a thank you or a smile.

### What is your favourite place on the School campus?

It is hard to choose just one, but I do love the Allen Quad. As I walk through the Quad every morning, the grandeur of Old School House never escapes me and I feel so fortunate to be working in such a historic building. I also love watching as the ivy on Old School House changes colours with the seasons.

### If you could swap roles with anyone in the School for a day, who would it be with and why?

A Reception Teacher on the first day of the School year, to see the excitement, anticipation and joy on five-year-old faces as they begin their schooling journey.





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**Save the date**

**St Peter's College  
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