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The Crest

I Belong, Everyone Matters, Together We Achieve

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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From The Principal

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. The famous line from the Charles Dickens classic, *A Tale of Two Cities* has never seemed more apt. There is no doubt that 2020 has been an unprecedented year. A rapidly evolving situation, with seemingly endless challenges, restrictions, and adaptations, has forced us all to become used to a new normal. As a School I believe we stepped up admirably to the challenges presented and have ended up stronger than ever! However, we are acutely aware of the significant impact Covid-19 has had on many of our families and we remain available to support our families in need.

Yet despite the significant challenges in 2020, in many ways it has been a time of profound learning as we reflect on the things that really matter in our lives, most notably the importance of always being connected to our family and friends. This extends to our Alumni: In times of need, please remember that we are, and always will be, here to support you, even if we lose sight of you. You will always be part of this School Community!

New Nature Play Facility

At a recent Parents and Friends (P & F) meeting, the P & F Committee has agreed to fund the redevelopment of the Upper Primary Nature Play area. In comparison to the Early Years' Nature Play area, the facility on the south western corner of the School is looking dated. Designs for the new facility have now been completed, with a large pirate ship the centrepiece of the plan which includes several zones for students to play and explore. In addition, the new play area will have greater connectivity to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and will include a 'bush tucker section'. Site works on this project have already commenced, with works scheduled for completion prior to the commencement of school in 2021. Once completed, the School will host an official opening event to which Alumni will be invited.

School Uniform

Over the past few months, the Executive Team has been conducting a review of our School Uniform. Led by the Associate Principal Primary School, Mr Roderick Wood, and the Dean of Students (7-12) Ms Alison Grey, the aim of the review is to ensure that our uniform meets the needs of all students, while being made from quality materials and at affordable price points. Student Council representatives have been heavily involved in the review, with consideration given to the addition of new items such as shorts for female students, darker colour socks, a more tailored shirt cut and a softer material for the jumpers. Further consultation with key stakeholders will occur in 2021, however there will not be any changes made to the colours or branding of our uniform.

Markets and Art Exhibition

On Friday 13 November, the annual Art Exhibition was held in conjunction with a Music Concert and the P & F Markets. The combined event epitomised what our School is all about: Community! Despite some concerns with the weather, it was wonderful to see so many students, parents, Alumni, and members of the broader community on campus. Visitors had the opportunity to view artwork prepared by students from across Kindergarten

to Year 12, see musical performances from our Primary Choir and Secondary students, including a preview of next year's *We Will Rock You Production* and to purchase goods from over 50 stalls and assorted food vendors. Parent feedback on the night was exceptionally positive, with some subtle changes made to the setup of the Allan Shaw Centre making a significant difference. Overall, the event was a tremendous success, and we are already planning for a bigger and better iteration in 2021.

Future Directions

2020 has been a year of transition for the Alumni Association. Adam Inder stepped down at the end of 2019 to focus his energies on his new role as Deputy Chair of School Council. In his absence, Leighton Henley has been guiding the Association in 2020 and with the help of the Business Manager, Mr Alan Wright, and the Enrolments Officer, Mrs Sue Webb. This team recently met with several Alumni to discuss how to grow the Association in 2021 and beyond. The meeting was very positive with some familiar and new faces in attendance. The Committee is open to all former students and I encourage interested Alumni to contact the School.

As always, we love to hear stories of Alumni success and I encourage you to reach out to us with your exciting news. You can send news and photos to alumni@pmacs.wa.edu.au anytime!

In concluding, I wish all Alumni a relaxing and enjoyable festive season and I look forward to meeting and engaging with you in 2021 at our wide range of school events. After the disruptions of 2020, we are certainly looking forward to celebrating our 21st Birthday in style.

Every Blessing.

Benjamin Lomas
PRINCIPAL



From The Alumni Committee

2020 has been an interesting year to say the least and one that no one could have predicted. As a result, the Peter Moyes Alumni Association was unable to be as active as usual and the plans to celebrate the school's 20th anniversary have been postponed until next year. This means we are intending to celebrate the school's 21st Birthday in 2021.

Throughout 2020 the Committee has experienced a number of changes, including farewelling Adam Inder as chair to allow him to become Deputy Chair of the School Council, experiencing a number of changes in Committee membership and welcoming increased support from the school. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank Adam, all past and present Committee members and the school for their support.

This year I had the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Alumni at the Year 12 Valedictory Evening, which was particularly interesting given the graduates were in year 1 when I graduated. Despite making me feel extremely old, I realised the significance of this event remains the same. While some feel overjoyed by the thought of never having to wear your uniform again or getting told off for your choice of hairstyle or make up, others are equally saddened by the prospect of no longer seeing the people beside them on a daily basis. On behalf of the Peter Moyes Alumni Association, I congratulated graduates, welcomed them as Alumni and presented them with a small gift to remind them that their connection to the PMACS community extends far beyond graduation and the campus grounds.

In 2021 the Committee aims to provide former students with an opportunity to maintain a connection with the School and stay in touch with former students by:

- Arranging events and activities to reconnect with former students and the school;
- Providing updates on school events and news about former students via Facebook and newsletters; and
- Even providing preferential enrolment when it comes to enrolling your child at Peter Moyes.

Additionally, the PMACS community is there for you if you want to reconnect and reminisce about old times, seek guidance and support from the staff or chaplains, use the network to seek business or career opportunities or even host a baptism or wedding in the new chapel.

If you have not registered as a member or your contact details have changed, I encourage you to sign up for free via the school website. Additionally, if you would like to join the Committee or attend the next meeting, please email swebb@pmacs.wa.edu.au for more information. The Committee is also looking to trial online meetings to enable Committee members to remain connected and contribute from various locations across the world.

Leighton Henley
Alumni Committee Member



Welcome to Class of 2020!

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 on your graduation! Welcome to the PMACS Alumni!

We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break over the summer and we wish you all the best with your future endeavours.



Thank you!

A special thank you to all alumni that have assisted with various activities throughout the year, in particular:

Leighton Henley (2009)

Leading the Alumni Committee and Valedictory alumni gift presentation and speech

Jamie Anderson (2019) and Keith Solly (2019)

ACC Swimming Coaches

Rachel Anderson

Helping with Snapshot Youth Theatre Company Productions

Savannah Steinbach (2015), Caitlin Chase (2018), Seth Adams (2018), Delaney Smith (2017), Raj Suresh (2017)

ACC Athletics Coaches

James Garces (2018)

Year 12 graduation video

Chloe Longmuir (2017)

Photography for Valedictory and Prize giving and presentation evenings, often using past students to assist

Olivia Fowler (2018)

Who returned to PMACS to complete a non-formal teaching practicum

Lauren James (2016)

Returned to PMACS with her fellow UWA students to trial their science activity in the Year 11 Biology class and a Year 8 Science class.

Jorjah-Kourtney Starkey (2013)

Continued support and involvement as an Alumni Committee Member

Leaving an Artistic Touch

Brooke Lamb (2019) Wellness Room and Mural

The focus on students' wellbeing was at the forefront on my mind when I applied to the P&F Association for the funding needed to create a student wellness room. They enthusiastically embraced the project, and so the vision to create a calm space for students to relax and have 'time out' started.



The room is situated towards the end of Year 9 area and has an internal door to both Secondary School counselling rooms. The Year 9 and 12 Leadership Teams have added their input into the finishing touches such as fairy lights and lava lamps and I am confident the room will continue to evolve as students use the space in coming weeks and years.

The large wall space outside the Wellness and Counselling rooms has been given a new lease of life by Brooke Lamb (Alumni, 2019) who took my idea of a tree and created a beautiful artwork that is a credit to Brooke's artistic talent. The idea of a tree came from 'Advice from a Tree', which I thought was appropriate for adolescents.

Brooke's artist statement from the artwork is as follows:

The piece represents growth and the idea that "everything is going to be ok". The inspiration for this came from the area that the mural is painted in, being a space of wellness and healing. I thought for this piece that it would be nice to include a small child watering something much greater than himself, symbolizing that something or someone small is capable of great things, and I thought this was a lovely message to spread to students. The piece includes leaves that are the colours of the School Houses, so that all students can relate to the piece. The birds around the tree are a symbol of hope, again in keeping with the wellness area. I am hoping this piece will bring calm and happiness to students that use the space.



Welcome to New Committee Members!

The Alumni Committee would like to welcome the following members and looks forward to some new and fresh ideas!

Lara Lindegger (2014)

Lara received a Bachelor of Commerce (double major in Business Lay and Accounting) in 2018 and is in her second year (of three) of the Juris Doctor (master level law degree). In addition to University, Lara is currently undertaking an economics and philosophy scholarship program. Lara works part time as a paralegal at Irwin Chambers.

Lara hopes to bring fresh ideas and a new perspective to the Committee!



Jovita Boon (2014)

Jovita has a cert 3 in Business Administration and currently works at Christ Church Grammar School on the ICT Helpdesk.

Jovita feels that it would be great to keep her year connected, keep the sense of community and belonging and start that tradition of the “old boys and girls”.



Rebekah Birch (2013)

Rebekah completed a Bachelor of Science (Exercise and Sports Science) in 2016. Graduated from Graduate Diploma of Secondary Education in 2017 as well as a Diploma of Remedial Massage in the same year. Rebekah taught relief at PMACS and St James Anglican during 2018 then moved to Alice Springs in 2019 to commence a teaching role at St Phillips College. Rebekah is currently working in the Girls Boarding House as an acting 'House Parent'.

Rebekah hopes to bring her wealth of knowledge from a teaching perspective, with experience in both WA and NT to the committee. Rebekah's vision is for the Alumni Committee to be made up of a diverse selection of former students, from a wide range of jobs who are able to provide advice and suggestions on a number of different topics.



Corey Dullard (2013)

Corey is currently at University studying event, sport and recreation. Corey has close to 4 years hospitality and event management experience and is the president of the ECU Jets Football Club.

Corey hopes to bring his leadership and experience to the Committee and feels like he should give back to a School that has given him 13 great years!



Corey and girlfriend Jess

Alumni Working at PMACS

Kristina Oxley (2005)

How many years did you attend PMACS and in what year did you graduate?

I started as a Year 7 student (Foundation Student) in February 2000. I graduated in 2005. I remember sitting on the Primary School steps on the first day of school in February 2000. The Primary School building was the only building we had and I remember the oval just being one big sand pit.

When you were at School what did you imagine your life would be like?

I certainly didn't think I would be back at Peter Moyes working in the HPE department. I wasn't 100% sure what I wanted to do so I ended up doing a double degree at Uni to keep my options open. I knew I wanted to do something involving sport and/ or children so becoming a Health and PE teacher fitted the mould quite well.

What it is like working at PMACS?

Before working at Peter Moyes, I worked at various schools and got a lot of exposure of how other schools operate. I am so thankful to work in a School like Peter Moyes. I have been part of the PMACS Community for such a long time now and I feel like it's my second home.

Where have you travelled to?

I love to travel and I'm so grateful to have been to so many beautiful places. Some stand outs include South America where I was able to hike on the Inka Trail to Machu Picchu, spend New Year's Eve on the famous Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, trekking in the Amazon Jungle and visiting relatives in Chile. Another favourite place of mine is Japan. I was lucky enough to plan a School Ski trip to Japan in 2017 and share my love of the snow with 40 PMACS students.



Chris Gemmell (2016)

I attended PMACS from years 5-12 and graduated in 2016.

I then chose to study Computer Science and Games Technology at Murdoch University, during my studies I worked part-time at Domino's as a delivery driver. It was a 3-year double degree in which I graduated at the end of 2019.

At the start of 2020 I was applying for many jobs but then COVID-19 happened, and a lot of the jobs dried up. It was around this time that I saw Peter Moyes advertising for an IT position. I immediately applied, got an interview and somehow got the job but I couldn't have been happier

It was a bit weird at first coming back to school seeing my old teachers, but I was also amazed at how much the school has grown in the short period of time I was away. It was the first time I had been in the new admin building and the chapel.

I am constantly learning and adapting to new problems and helping the best I can. I'm having a great time with the IT team and there is never a dull day.



Farewell for now Mr Parkes!

After 21 Years at Peter Moyes, Foundation Staff member Mr Larry Parkes is taking extended leave for the duration of 2021. Larry and his family are relocating to Melbourne for the year as his wife Samara pursues advancement in her Nursing career at Epworth Hospital Richmond.

We wish Larry and his family the very best on their latest travelling adventure.



2020 Staff Celebrations

Back in July some of the School's original staff from the early 2000's came to PMACS for an impromptu catch-up as part of the School's 20th Anniversary celebrations.

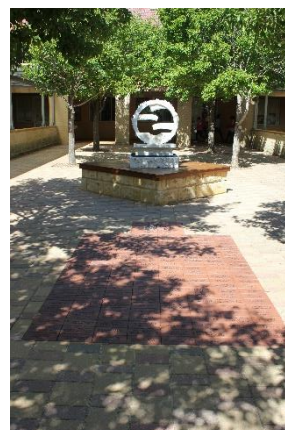
The past staff members took a walk around the School and enjoyed seeing how the School has grown and changed throughout the years, it was also a great opportunity to catch up with old colleagues.



20 Year Commemorative Bricks

To mark 20 years PMACS gave staff (past and present), families and alumni the opportunity to be a part of this special celebration.

The bricks have been laid in the Fountain Courtyard opposite the 10 year commemorative bricks.



Alumni Achievements and Good News

Adam Inder (2010)

MTeach (TFA), BSc (Engineering Science; Chemistry), Deputy Principal at Clarkson CHS

New Voice In Educational Leadership!

I graduated from Peter Moyes ACS in 2010. I loved all my subjects for different reasons, but I found myself drawn to Mathematics and Chemistry. I followed my passion and started a Bachelor of Science at UWA, taking units in Mathematics and Chemistry. When the PMACS Dux from 2009 spoke to me on campus, he explained that there was a new major going, called “Engineering Science”, which could put you on a pathway to engineering. I looked into Chemical Engineering, and the big picture style that came with the field appealed to me. I graduated UWA in 2013 with my Bachelor of Science, majoring in Engineering Science and Chemistry.



In 2014, I applied for the Teach For Australia “Leadership Development Program”, which places high-performing university graduates in difficult to staff schools. My application was accepted, and I started teaching Mathematics and Science at Balga SHS. By 2017, I was offered a position at Head of Learning Area for Mathematics and Science at Clarkson Community High School. In 2019, I took the jump into a private school and worked at Lake Joondalup Baptist for a year, before winning a position as Deputy Principal at Clarkson CHS for 2020.

My education career so far has proven dynamic, challenging and interesting so far. In December of 2017, I spoke at TEDxUWA, sharing my insights on educational disadvantage, social segregation and system-wide decision-making. Over the past four years, I have been published in national magazines, discussing a range of topics in education. In 2020, I was awarded the Australian Council for Educational Leaders “New Voice In Educational Leadership” Scholarship, recognising my achievements so far.

The PMACS community is one that has helped position me for all of the successes of my career so far, both during school and afterwards. In attempting to give back through my role as Alumni Committee member and eventual Committee Chair, I ended up on School Council, where I now sit as Deputy Chair. All of the experiences through Council and the Alumni Committee gave me great experience in leadership, decision-making, strategic planning and resource management - all of which proving useful in advancing my career.

Jorjah-Kourtney Starkey (2013)

Happy Anniversary!

On December 1 it will be the first wedding anniversary of my husband and myself. We got married last year at the Wanneroo Botanic Gardens, and were married by Reverend David Lord, former chaplain at PMACS. Here is a photograph of my husband and I, as well as a photograph of us with Reverend David.



Chloe Logan (2016)

These beautiful candles are the work of Chloe Logan. Chloe had a stall at the PMACS Twilight Market in November, her range of Blue Horizon Candles were simply stunning. This event was a great success and it was really great to see the wonderful achievements of our alumni.



Have you got news?

We are always keen to hear your news and welcome anyone wishing to submit an article. Please send your stories and news to:

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