

Fahan In Focus

Term One 2010



Fahan School, 75 Years of Excellence

In 2010 the Fahan community is taking the time to reflect on the history, celebrate the present and look forward to the future of the School as we enter the 75th year of providing leading education in Tasmania.

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Celebrations are already underway, and in April the official and community openings of the new state-of-the-art Fahan Music School took place.

Both openings were a huge success and showcased the wealth of talent we have at our School.

There are many other exciting events taking place throughout the year including a Travers Morphet Public

Lecture from Fahan Alumna Margaret Davies, a 75th Anniversary Assembly with cutting of the cake ceremony, the Senior Charity Auction Cocktail Evening, the Reunion of the 0s and the 75th Anniversary Winter Concert.

We encourage every member of the Fahan community to help the students of 2010 make this year one to remember. Happy 75th Anniversary, Fahan!

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Emily Wilson, Caitlin Daley, Lucy Nichols, Bianca Johnston (Head Girl) and Tony Freeman, with Senator Carol Brown and the Dawson-Damer family at the official opening of the Fahan Music School

Principal's Report

Often when I see our current slogan, Small School, Big Future, I reflect upon how apt it is in relation to life at the School in Term One. The students, under the guidance of an amazingly dedicated staff, have certainly done their part to ensure this slogan will ring true for them in a term that has been full of experiences and events that have enriched us all.

The highlight of the term was the opening of the Fahan Music School. It was a very proud occasion on Wednesday 14 April when the whole School assembled to witness Senator Carol Brown officially open the building. The manner in which every single girl presented herself was fantastic, a credit to each of them and also to the School. The School Choir, conducted by Mrs Annie Tremayne, delighted the audience with its performance of the School Song, and 2006 leaver, Carmen Young, returned to perform a moving rendition of the National Anthem.



The construction of the Music School was made possible as a result of funding from the Australian Government, who provided \$1,000,000 under the *Building the Education Revolution* initiative, \$850,000 of which has helped fund the building.

The BER grant provided just over a third of the cost of the facility and was the incentive that we needed. The balance of funding for the project was raised from our Building Fund and through substantial donations from the School Community, including an inspiring contribution from the Dawson-Damer family. The Parents and Friends have also been active and very generous in support of the project, funding the purchase of a new grand piano and committing to help develop an amphitheatre in front of the building.

During the term we have had the opportunity to celebrate the success our girls have achieved academically. Over one third of our 2009 Year 12 class achieved a Tertiary Entrance Rank of over 95 and the group, as a whole, achieved one of the highest median scores in the State. The publication of the MySchool website confirmed that Fahan was one of the best performing schools in the State and was one of only four Tasmanian schools to rank in the list of the nation's Top 100 Schools, as published in the *Australian*.

To further exemplify the Big Future possibilities for students, as part of the 75th Birthday celebrations, we have endeavoured

to strengthen our links with the Fahan School Alumni. The School has been fortunate to receive visits from some distinguished members of this group. Rhea Longley, Fahan's first Rhodes Scholar, attended one of our Principal's Assemblies in March to present some certificates and speak to current students about her time at Fahan and the influence that it had on her. In April, former Head Girl, Yasmin Naqvi, who holds a PhD in International Law, spoke to the girls about her work as an associate to a judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, based in The Hague.

In addition to these visits our ties have been further strengthened by programmes which have seen each of our Junior School classes adopt a member of the Alumni and the Year 10 Pathway Planning students accessing the knowledge of former Fahan girls to act as mentors in their fields of expertise.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at events we have planned to celebrate Fahan's 75th Birthday throughout the year. These include the inaugural Travers Morphet Lecture on 21 June, a Charity Auction Cocktail Evening on 19 August, the Winter Concert on 27 August and on the first weekend of October, the Decade Reunions, an Alumni Luncheon and the Fahan Fair.

Best Wishes
Tony Freeman (Principal)



The 2010 Year 12 Student Leaders with Principal Tony Freeman, Deputy Principal Rosemary Sargison and Reverend Matt Gray

Head Girl's Report

Fahan has hit the ground running in Term One, 2010 – our 75th year! For the student body, and in particular the Year 12s, there are the exciting challenges of new leadership roles, as well as our studies, regular sports and numerous extra curricular activities. Everyone is now back into the swing of things, after three months of summer holidays and we are looking forward to an exciting year.

Great enthusiasm and sports(wo)manship have been on display this term as the annual events have kicked off. These include the Swimming Carnival, Cross Country and House Music, which have all been fiercely fought by the School Houses. In addition to this, there have been numerous community and fundraising events that have been supported by the entire student population and have achieved outstanding success.

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As Year 12 girls, we have the privilege of choosing several charities to support. This year we have chosen two charities that we feel very strongly about, The Ricky Ponting foundation, *Hitting Childhood Cancer for Six* and The MS Society. In Term One we have begun raising money for these charities by selling chocolates, holding a Year 5/6 social, a free dress day and a footy margin competition. We are currently working towards our major fundraising event for the



Bianca Johnston and Rosie Downie helping at the Fahan Agfest stall in May this year

year, a Charity Auction Cocktail Evening, which will be held in August. We have already had some fantastic responses from within the Fahan family and also from the wider Tasmanian community.

Finally, I would like to say that it is an honour to have been selected as Head Girl for 2010. We have a very strong and committed Year 12 leadership team at Fahan this year and we are all looking forward to what is our final, and hopefully our best, year at the School.

Bianca Johnston (Head Girl)



Bianca making a speech on behalf of the students at the official opening of the Fahan Music School

Student Leaders of 2010

Head Girl: Bianca Johnston

Deputy Head Girls: Emily Wilson and Caitlin Daley

Arts Chair: Lucy Nichols

Community Chair: Thalia Papadakis

Debating Chair: Alice Gregor

Junior School Chairs: Georgina Anderson and Lydia Andrews

Magazine Chairs: Eleanor Ransley and Clio Anderson-Garwood

Sports Chair: Hannah Squires

Fenton Chair: Isabel Hoysted

Franklin Chair: Rosie Downie

Freycinet Chair: Holly Mason



Giggly girls at the Boarders' Reunion

Alumni Report

I am delighted to report that the Fahan School Alumni grows from strength to strength. At our AGM we had the following group of enthusiastic and committed Alumni offering to help us achieve our 2010 objectives:

President: Kathryn Thomas (Ikin)

Vice President: Lisa Brown (Morgan)

Treasurer/Secretary: Caroline Burbury

Committee: Bridget Fugslang, Felicity Allison (Reynolds), Amy Seabrook, Bec Bailey (Wallace), Helen Waterworth, Rachel Moore, Kate Langridge, Suzanne Purdon (Johnstone).

We launched this important year in Fahan's history with our Boarders' Reunion.

Thanks to Lisa Brown (Morgan) and Caroline Burbury the inaugural Boarders' Reunion was a fabulous evening of laughter and memories captured within the walls of Nateby, of course.

The FSA Executive has just completed its 2010 Strategic Planning and has identified the following priorities for this year:

- Arranging events to support and celebrate Fahan's 75th Birthday
- Ensuring that the October Decadal Event is a celebration to be remembered
- Producing an Alumni Newsletter
- Supporting the establishment of an Archival Sub-committee

- Exploring the creation of a 75th Birthday fundraising target

- Finding a way to include and promote the Fahan Boys' Alumni during this 75th year.

In addition, we intend to continue with some of our major projects from 2009:

- continue to update our database and explore other ways to enhance communication details for all Alumni, together with the School's new Marketing and Communications team
- develop a webpage on the School's site that reflects the brand of the FSA
- produce more Alumni badges, given their popularity and demand
- build on the mentoring and career counselling programs that have already commenced with the School
- ensure that we continue to be an important community within the School and be recognised as important and vital contributors.

As we celebrate Fahan during its 75th year and reflect on the spirit of our Founders we look forward to 2010 and building the vibrant and important community of Fahan Alumni.

Kathryn Thomas (Ikin)

President

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Boarders Reunited

We had a fantastic night on Saturday, 13 March, when a group of boarders came together to laugh and reminisce at our beloved Nateby, where we'd spent our formative years. There were boarders from the 40s right through to the 90s and we didn't stop laughing!

Our special guest for the evening was Anni Morgan, a very special 'matron' from the 1980s. Anni is fondly remembered for turning the Boarding House into a fun place, bringing lots of love and laughter. Anni was a second Mum. She used to take us on bus trips to Etna's in North Hobart for gelati on the weekends and did a lot of work refurbishing and improving the food.

We heard some fascinating memories from Barbara Fowler (Campbell), Doon Lowe (Bowden) and Anna Jones (Pendrigh). It's hard to imagine now, but boarders were transported in a horse and cart with the milk that had been hand-milked on-site. They had to don formal wear on Sundays, write letters home after church and sleep on the upstairs balcony, even in winter. Then there were all the naughty boarder stories...but those are not for these pages!

Thank you very much to Margo Eckermann, the current Director of Residence, who not only led us on a tour of Nateby and the amazing new Senior Boarding House, but also provided the magnificent catering.

Thank you also to the current boarders, for allowing us through their dorms. What a change from my day, when we were absolutely jammed in on bunks.

Stay tuned, we should do it again next year.

Caroline Burbury

Parents and Friends' Report

The Parents and Friends' Association kicked off the school year with the traditional welcome back Evening Under the Sails. The night was well attended by parents and children from a range of year groups. It was particularly nice to see quite a few parents of new students along with a considerable number of the teaching staff. It is a great way to start the year, especially when we are lucky enough for it not to rain on the night!

Through the efforts of the committee and the support of Fahan parents we have this year seen the installation of new playground equipment in the Junior School. The girls are enjoying the fun and challenges of this exciting new equipment.

We have also purchased a grand piano (pictured above) and drum set for the wonderful new Music School, as well as a table and bench seat for the grass area below Hedgelands.

The Music School opening was a very enjoyable evening, once again with no rain. The raffle held on the night and over the

next two weeks raised just under \$3000 for the P and F, which will be used in some form for the Music School. At the moment the girls are eager for the new grass to become established so they can reclaim the area. In the future the P and F will contribute money for the landscaping in front of the building, to make the space even more useable for the students.

The School cook book, *Under the Tree*, continues to sell at a somewhat quiet but steady pace. To date there are 871 copies remaining from a print run of 2000. For a small school community this has been a great effort, but it would be great to sell more, so keep the book in mind for presents this year.

The Fair is on again this year and preparation is already underway by the Fair Committee.

The Fair will be on Sunday 3 October, from 11am until 2 pm. Help is still needed, large or small, all welcome.

Over the course of each year the P and F Association undertake fundraising and social events to benefit the students, parents



The new grand piano, donated by the P & F

and staff of Fahan School. The ongoing hard work of the committee and continued support of parents make it possible to provide assistance in enhancing the school surroundings. The P and F committee meet at 7pm on the third Tuesday of every month in the Nateby Board room and all parents are welcome to attend.

Birgitta Browning
Treasurer

Nateby Report

Every year the Nateby Club holds very enjoyable lunches in the Nateby Boarding House where we meet to catch up with friends and reminisce about school life. As the day is so enjoyable, support for Nateby Club lunches continues in 2010.

In March, John Williamson, the longest serving teacher at Fahan, presented to us the lecture he gives the senior girls when they enter Year 12, which brings to life the origins and early times of Fahan. We will hopefully plan another session with him in the future, and perhaps we can even add to his collection of anecdotes.

As well as attending lunches, we have provided money for the Early Childhood teachers to buy two easels with dry erase magnetic surfaces and two "cooking" boxes. We are looking forward to sampling some food made by the little ones during the second term.



Top: The first 2010 Nateby Lunch, Right: John Williamson

I am hoping, during this 75th Anniversary year, that members of the Nateby Club, including myself, will have more contact with the students and staff, especially in the new Music School. I look forward to seeing many of you over the course of the year.

Sue Allison
Nateby Club President





Rhea Longley with her award from the School with Year 12 students Hannah Squires (left) and Eleanor Ransley (right)



Emily Wilson in the Science Lab

Fahan Girls Achieve

Term One has been a celebration of the achievements of several outstanding Fahan girls. Interestingly many of these achievements have been in Science, highlighting that we are truly following the ideals of one of Fahan's founding principals, Miss Isobel Travers. This was to produce girls who could have an impact on the world in their own right, particularly in the field of science.

Firstly, during an Honours Assembly in February, 2009 leaver Tamsin Hilliard was presented with the inaugural Marinova Science Prize from Marinova's Managing Director, Paul Garrett. The prize is a \$2000 scholarship, to be presented annually for six years to a Fahan Girl pursuing tertiary studies in Science.



Tamsin Hilliard with Principal Tony Freeman and Marinova's Paul Garrett

A further nine 2009 leavers also attended the assembly to be recognised for receiving TER scores over 95, placing them in the top 5% of the nation. They were presented with

plaques in recognition of their efforts. These students were Clare Armstrong, Catherine Franks, Naomi Hough, Poppy Johnston, Laura MacLeod, Felicity McKay, Clare Mearns, Bhavana Mirpuri and Ingrid Nylander.

In March, Fahan's first Rhodes Scholar, Rhea Longley (2005 leaver), visited the School to receive an award and speak at the Principal's Assembly where she addressed Middle and Senior School students and staff, sharing memories from her time at Fahan, and encouraging current students to pursue their goals.

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Rhea came to Fahan in 2000 as a Year 7 student and graduated in 2005. She then began a Bachelor of Medical Research at the University of Tasmania, encouraged by her Mathematics and Science teacher, Kathy Foster. Last year she undertook Honours through the Menzies Research Institute.

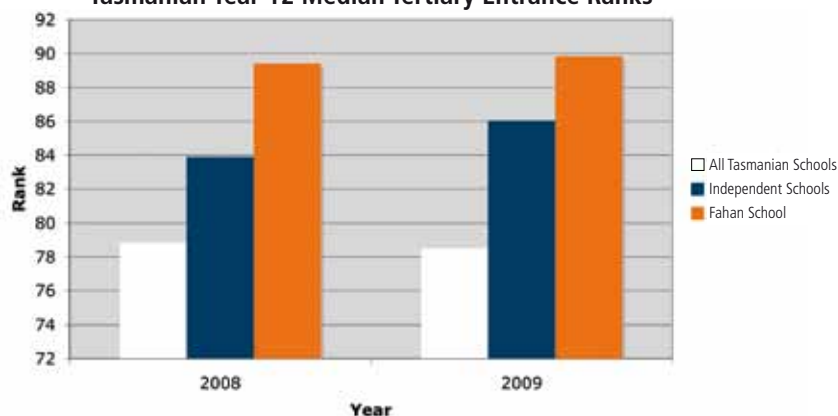
At the beginning of April, Year 12 student and Deputy Head Girl, Emily Wilson, received an offer of a place at the London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF), being held during July and August this year.

The LIYSF attracts over 300 of the world's leading young scientists aged between 17-21, who come from almost 60 participating countries. Emily beat 600 other hopefuls who applied for only 30 International positions. The underlying theme of the forum for 2010 is "Energy – The Global Challenge."

Sponsored by Rotary, Emily attended the National Youth Science Forum in Perth during January this year and from there she applied for a position at one of the International Youth Science Forums held in several locations around the world.

Emily has even arranged to sit the UMAT test in London as she currently hopes to pursue a career in medicine or medical research once she graduates from Fahan at the end of the year.

Tasmanian Year 12 Median Tertiary Entrance Ranks





Carmen Young performing at the Community opening of the Fahan Music School



Jean-Michel Cousteau (2nd left) and Holly Lohuis (3rd right) with Tony Freeman (Principal), Rosemary Sargison (Deputy Principal), Marinova's managing director Paul Garrott and Year 12 Student Leaders

Inspiring Visitors

We have been fortunate this term to have welcomed several inspirational visitors to the School. A Rhodes Scholar, a famed ocean explorer, an opera singer and an international lawyer to name a few.

As previously mentioned in this edition of *Fahan in Focus*, Rhea Longley (2005 leaver), Tasmania's current Rhodes Scholar, revisited Fahan to speak to the students at a Principal's Assembly. Rhea told students that, "Fahan gives all its girls ... the best start to life in the real world, with a great education, great values and great friends. I was really given the basis to reach my full potential and achieve everything I wanted to achieve during my time at school ... I'm just a normal girl with a normal background so I hope this encourages other Fahan girls to strive for their goals, whatever they may be."

Following Rhea's visit, another Fahan Alumna, soprano Carmen Young (2006), returned to the School to sing alongside the talented Fahan Choir at both openings of the Fahan Music School.

Carmen's performance moved audience members at the community opening concert and she inspired the choir and ensemble groups to strive for their own exceptional levels of excellence over the course of a wonderful evening.

Also during the week of the Music School openings, students and staff were very lucky

to receive a visit from the acclaimed French ocean explorer, Jean-Michel Cousteau, and one of his leading marine biologists, Holly Lohuis.

Jean-Michel is the founder of the Ocean Futures Society, a non-profit marine conservation and education organisation, and has also been an executive producer on over 80 films. He also has a degree in architecture from the renowned Paris School of Architecture. In 1998 he was awarded the Environmental Hero Award, presented to him by the then Vice-President Al Gore.

Jean-Michel and Holly gave an outstanding presentation to the girls, using clips from their own films to encourage them, as the decision makers of tomorrow, to help in the campaign to protect our natural resources.

Our other visitor this term was another Fahan Alumna. Yasmin Naqvi (1993 leaver) is a Legal Officer for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. She has also worked for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and for the International Criminal Court.

Yasmin came to speak to Middle and Senior School students at the Principal's Assembly about her work and to enlighten students about world events concerning the former Yugoslavia. An informative and entertaining speaker, Yasmin is also the very first of our featured Alumni in *Fahan in Focus* (page 12).

As part of the School curriculum Year 10 students undertake a Pathway Planning subject.

This term we were fortunate to have three alumni speak to Year 10 students about their careers. Our first guest, Kathryn Thomas, head of the Fahan Alumni and currently working for IBM, spoke of her start in education and how her decisions brought her to her current job. Marina Oakley, currently employed by the Federal Group, came and spoke of her roles in the food and beverage industry both in Australia and overseas. Our last guest, Sue Purdon, discussed her involvement in the education sector of Tasmania and where this has taken her. All three speakers were informative and spoke about subject choices they made at the same age as the girls, where they went after graduating from Fahan and where those decisions led.

These sessions have been very worthwhile, especially for those who are slightly perplexed with what their future holds. We are looking forward to hearing from more Alumni who have offered to speak to students during the year.

Kirsteen Devine, Teacher

Staff News: New Staff

There are many new faces to welcome to the talented Fahan staff this year, so we would like to introduce those who have joined, or rejoined, the Fahan community on a more permanent basis.

In addition to these talented individuals, we have been lucky enough to have had several

highly skilled professionals helping out on a part-time basis while many permanent staff have been away on maternity or long service leave. They include Philippa Calvert who taught Year One on behalf of Tania Gath who is away on maternity leave, Rod Radford who taught Year Eight subjects on behalf of Liana

Hayes who is also away on maternity leave and Georgie Cottier who taught on behalf of Emily Grant who has been away on long service leave.

We hope everyone has had a wonderful first term and wish you all the best for the remainder of the year.



Ursula Dalton, Year 6 Teacher

Ursula now teaches the additional Year 6 class at Fahan, and is enjoying the collaborative nature of the position. She has 15 years teaching experience in the State, Catholic, Independent and International School settings, where she has worked with children from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6. She is enjoying working at Fahan where everyone is known, looked after and challenged.



Sophie Edwards, Year 4 Teacher

Since leaving Fahan as a student in 1995, Sophie has spent time living both interstate and overseas. She left France in 2008 and moved back to Hobart where she worked in the Education Department before returning to Fahan as the new Year 4 teacher. She is looking forward to an exciting time with Fahan's students and community.



Georgie Vozar, Art Assistant

Georgie completed Year 10 at Saint Margaret's all girls school and then went on to study fashion design at TAFE. She is currently in her first year of the R2B Associate Degree of Arts at UTAS, and is taking printmaking, drawing, life drawing and sculpture. She is thoroughly enjoying her role as the new art technician at Fahan and is learning a great deal along the way!



Rowena Conacher, Year 7 Teacher

Rowena spent 5 years teaching at Hutchins before working as a General Practitioner Sales Representative for pharmaceutical company, GlaxoSmithKline. Whilst she enjoyed a new challenge and experience, Rowena was keen to return to teaching. Rowena is excited about teaching at Fahan in the areas of Science and Mathematics, about which she is passionate. She is looking forward to working with the girls in the Middle School and being a part of the Fahan community.



Jane Macrossan, ICT Teacher

After a break from teaching Jane is thrilled to be back at Fahan! Not that she's been able to stay away, as she has enjoyed every opportunity to stay in contact. Both of her boys started school in our wonderful Octagon. Her time away from teaching has been busy, with raising two boys, restoring and renovating an old home and travelling, all of which have been great experiences that she hopes to share through her teaching. Jane would like to thank everyone for welcoming her back so warmly!



Alex Pitt, Junior Art Teacher

Alex is a Fahan Alumna who has returned to Hobart after teaching Art at Scotch Oakburn College since 2003. She has two children, Evie (2 years) and Archie (10 months) and is married to Mathew Chugg. Alex is a practicing artist, with printmaking being her preferred medium. Although Alex has predominantly taught Art to senior students in the past, she is now enjoying her new role as Junior Art teacher at Fahan.

Staff News: New Staff



Aimee Woodward, Co-ordinator of Mathematics, Science and ICT

Aimee came to Fahan in Term 3 2009 to teach Middle School Science and Maths for a term. She then replaced Kathy Foster as senior Maths/Science teacher and Head of Maths, Science and ICT. Aimee spent 5 years

at Dominic College and holds a Bachelor of Science, a Bachelor of Teaching with first class honours and has nearly completed a Masters in Maths Education and Leadership. Married to a cellist/music teacher she has a daughter, and likes to relax on Bruny Island, reading and eating dark chocolate!



Simone McBroom, Receptionist

For the past 7 years Simone has worked for the Commonwealth Bank in a variety of roles, predominantly in the position of Branch Manager. Looking for a change of pace and scenery she joined the Fahan family and is enjoying the great sense of community the position offers. Simone also helps her partner run a business, but when she is not at work she travels extensively in Europe where she and her partner have a lot of family.



Duncan Macgill, Business Manager

Duncan joins Fahan School as the new Business Manager. Duncan, who completed a Bachelor of Commerce and Law at the University of Tasmania, is a Chartered Accountant with over thirteen years experience in the fields of accounting and, more recently, superannuation. He is thoroughly enjoying the challenges of this new and diverse leadership role at Fahan.



Heather Hankinson, English Teacher

Heather joins Fahan School as an English Teacher, filling in for Anna Forward, who is on maternity leave. Heather's last job was co-coordinating the Literature programme at Hale School, which is a large independent school for boys in Western Australia. Heather is thoroughly enjoying the chance to teach girls and has been delighted by the warmth and generosity of the Fahan community.



Geraldine Camilleri, Director of Marketing and Communications

Geraldine has come to Fahan with extensive education marketing experience, having previously worked at Fintona, Fahan's sister school in Melbourne, as well as at Swinburne University of Technology. Geraldine also has a considerable amount of fundraising experience as she worked at the Heart Foundation in the role of State Manager for Income and Development when she first moved to Tasmania 4 years ago. She is looking forward to her new role at Fahan.



Eleanor Robb, Communications and Events Co-ordinator

Eleanor grew up on the North West Coast of Tasmania, before moving to Hobart to complete a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Journalism, Media and Screen Studies at UTAS. She then put her home on her back, travelling around South East Asia, before returning to work as a writer for Hobart based company Roar Film. She is now enjoying the different, exciting and challenging environment of her new role at Fahan, a school with a definite big future.



Jane Hamilton-Foster, Drama Teacher

Jane has been teaching Drama in Melbourne for the last 8 Years. After graduating from Collegiate, she went to Deakin University to complete a Bachelor of Teaching/ Performing Arts, then taught at a variety of schools in Melbourne, including Patterson River Secondary College, The Peninsula School and Mentone Girls' Grammar School. She has also travelled to Bali, the UK and Italy! She is really looking forward to working with talented Fahan students and to further develop the drama curriculum at the School.



At the Junior Swimming Carnival: Daisy Murphy, Inez Trambas and Briar Fitzgerald



Senior School support at the Junior Swimming Carnival

Sport

House Competitions

Term One has been an exciting start to the 2010 sporting year at Fahan. The Junior and Senior swimming carnivals kicked off the House competitions for the year with Franklin House emerging as the winner. It was wonderful to see so many girls participating and earning points for their House.

The SSATIS swimming carnivals were also fantastic in both the Senior and Junior divisions. Congratulations to all girls who swam, often out of their age group.

In the last week of term the Junior and Senior Cross Country races were held and after a gruelling run in the cool weather, Freycinet House was victorious, securing their second win for the year, after winning House Music.

Unfortunately, due to bad weather, the Athletics Carnival has been postponed until August although the girls' spirits have not been dampened and they are all looking forward to more friendly House rivalry in August.

Sailing

For the girls involved in sailing it has been a very successful six months. In late December 2009 Samantha Bailey (Year 7), Laura Barker (Year 8), Eleanor Ransley (Year 12) and Cara Swan (Year 12) competed in the World Championships in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Samantha finished 3rd in the regatta, Eleanor and Laura placed 30th and Cara 25th.

On return to Australia they went straight to Adelaide where they were joined by Ella Connor (Year 9), Hannah Chadwick (Year 5) and Maddy Salter (Year 8) to compete in the Australian Cadet Championships. Samantha and her brother finished in 1st place, Ella and Hannah 6th, Cara 8th, Eleanor and Laura 9th and Maddy 24th. Samantha, Ella and Hannah have all been selected to represent Australia at the next World Championships in Poland in July and we wish them all the best.

In March, Fahan entered a team of five boats in the 2010 OAMPS Tasmanian Schools Regatta/Youth Championships. The team consisted of Maddy Salter, Lucy Slevin-Jones, Samantha Bailey, Ella Connor, Hannah Chadwick, Isabel Goodfellow and Olivia Jarvis. Fahan won the All Girls Team Regatta Trophy which they have not won since 1996.

Soccer

This term has been a rewarding one in the field of soccer. The 1st Grade soccer team played extremely well and made it into the grand final against St Mary's. While they weren't victorious on the day, it was a close match with the final score being 2-1. Every member of the team should be commended for their outstanding effort and commitment to the team.

The Year 10 team also played magnificently and made it to their grand final, again played against St Mary's. They came a very close, and well played, second.

Everyone who was involved in soccer put in a fantastic effort. Thank you to all of the players, organisers and supporters.

Rowing

As a result of many early mornings and the hard work of students, parents and staff, the rowing season at Fahan has been a very successful one.

A busload of supporters, and keen Fahan competitors, travelled to Lake Barrington for the Head of the River Regatta on March 27. All of our Fahan girls performed beyond expectation across all ages. The two U/13 crews, in particular, rowed magnificently in their quads to finish second.

Our rowing supporters also attended a fundraising event at Meadowbank Vineyard to help purchase a Kevlar shell for pairs. Terry and Anne Kirby-Fahey were present to see a quad shell named after Terry in recognition of his outstanding service to rowing at Fahan over many years.



Guard of honour: Senior Rowers at Head of the River



Jenny Jiang with her Pocket of Excellence



A Fahan 'family' at the Big Sister, Little Sister Easter BBQ

Around the School

Pockets of Excellence

In the final Principal's Assembly for the term, five exceptional Year 12 students received the prestigious Pocket of Excellence. These high achieving girls were Emily Wilson, Caitlin Daley, Lili Davies, Alice Gregor and Jenny Jiang.

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Pockets of Excellence are awarded to Year 12 students based on their Year 11 results. Requirements are that the student must have four pre-tertiary results which add up to 70 or above. Two of these results must be 19 or more, and consist of at least two EAs (Exceptional Achievement).

Each pocket was awarded by a member of staff who has worked closely with each student. The girls were commended not only for their academic results, but also for the way in which they conduct themselves in every aspect of their School life. The pockets were presented by former Head Girl, and illustrious Fahan Alumna, Yasmin Naqvi, during the Principal's Assembly.

These five girls should be very proud of their achievements and we look forward to seeing their outstanding results at the end of this year. To our current Year 11 students, we know that some of you can achieve just as highly and we hope that many of you will be receiving a Pocket of Excellence next year.

Big Sister, Little Sister

The Big Sister, Little Sister program has been very successful during Term One. The entire program is run by the Year 12 students. The Junior Chairs, Georgina Anderson and Lydia Andrews have done a sensational job of organising exciting events such as an Easter barbeque and a Year 5/6 social.

The program is designed so that every student in the School becomes a member of a "student family," which consists of five to six students from different grades. Activities are organised each term so that families have the chance to interact and get to know one another. It provides someone else to turn to, should a student ever need support or advice, and also engenders a sense of Fahan community spirit and friendship across all age groups.

The Easter barbeque was a highlight this term and it was exciting to see every family working together, playing games and competing in a colouring in competition. There was even a visit from Easter Bunny who handed out chocolate eggs and bore an uncanny resemblance to our School Principal!

Some of the comments from the barbeque were "I love getting to meet new sisters," Nadia (Prep), "it's just something no other school has," Ellie Brown (Year 8) and "I like to see the girls talking together, all different age groups. Easter Bunny feels happy," Easter Bunny (Mr Freeman?).

International Perspective

Hello my name is Priya and I came to Fahan this year and I am now moving into Year 10 in Term 2.

I am originally from Singapore and I am staying at Fahan School's Boarding House. Living away from home was very hard but people here were very nice and helpful. They helped me adjust really well.

In School the teachers are always there to give a helping hand if I need any assistance.

The whole atmosphere around the School is very positive and it gives me 'good vibes' and ensures that I encourage myself to study more.

I am glad that my parents made the decision to send me to Fahan as I am happy being here.

In all, I am proud to be a student of Fahan and I will try my very hardest to achieve the best and make the School proud.

Thank You

Priya Sarma (Year 10)

Births, Deaths and Marriages

Births

Anna (Atherton-Griggs, '92) and Jules Farmery - Son Lewis

Rachel (Young, '87) and Michael Holliday - Daughter Olivia

Jo (Wilkinson, '95) and Rod Banks-Smith - Son Billy

Ingrid (Sikk, '84) and Robert Peate - Son

Kim (Young, '88) and Michael Buchanan - Daughter Olivia May

Kaz (staff) and Rodney Tonks - Son Callum

Liana (staff) and Keith Hayes - Son Callum

Anna Forward (staff) and Richard Sprent - Son Leo

Marriages

Rachel Young ('87) and Michael Holliday

Wilhemena Rea ('01) and David Gould

Caroline Atkins ('97) and Ellis Cox

Diane McPherson (Davis '56) and Christopher Cowles

Rowena Byrne (staff) and Michael Conacher

These are the Births, Deaths, Engagements and Marriages notices that have come to the attention of the School. However, if you, or someone you know, would like to share news in regards to these events, please email Eleanor Robb at robb@fahan.tas.edu.au or phone 03 6225 1064 so that we can share your news in the next Fahan in Focus.

Important Dates

Tuesday 15 June

Term 2 Begins

Thursday 17 June

Peter Vardy Conference
9am-12:30pm

Monday 21 June

Travers Morphett Public Lecture with Margaret Davies 6-7pm

Friday 6 August

75th Anniversary Assembly 12pm

Thursday 19 August

Charity Auction Cocktail Evening

Friday 27 August

The Winter Concert 7 for 7:30pm

Friday 3 September

Term 2 Concludes

Tuesday 21 September

Term 3 Begins

Friday 1 October

Reunion Cocktail Evening

Saturday 2 October

Alumni 75th Anniversary Lunch

Sunday 3 October

Fahan School Fair

Reunions for the 0s will be held on the weekend of the 1-3 October.
More details to come in Second Term.



Left, Diane McPherson (Davis '56) and Cynthia Herbert (Darling '56) at Diane's wedding to Christopher Cowles

Featured Alumni: Yasmin Naqvi



Former Head Girl and 1993 Fahan leaver, Yasmin Naqvi revisited the School in May to talk to current Middle and Senior School girls during the Principal's Assembly. Since graduating from Fahan, Yasmin has obtained a Bachelor of Arts/Law with Honours, followed by Masters and a Ph.D in International Law. She has worked at the

International Committee of the Red Cross, as a consultant with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, in the Investigations Division of the International Criminal Court and most recently at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia for Australian Judge, Kevin Parker. Yasmin has pursued this career path as she believes that International Law can lead to a more peaceful world. Yasmin acknowledges her debating and public speaking experiences at Fahan, and the way in which she was encouraged to ask questions and challenge assumptions, for assisting her in her chosen career. Her ambitions for the future include obtaining an academic position, or one day becoming an International Judge, and with her compassion, dedication and talent we have no doubt she will achieve her goals.

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