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Having had the privilege of leading Fahan for five years, I am able to reflect on some of the astounding and outstanding aspects of life in the Fahan community. The reason for distinction between the two similar categories will become apparent.

The most astounding part of Fahan's history I have discovered is the Tardis-like quality of the upstairs balcony of Nateby. Every former boarder, to whom I have spoken, spent some time assigned to a bed on the balcony... with only one blanket... and just canvas awnings for protection... even in the middle of Winter! On the plus side, there appears to have been so many of them that the proximity of bodies must have counteracted the Antarctic temperatures!

Turning now to an outstanding aspect of Fahan, the most significant would have to be the leadership developed by the girls as they progress through the School. The custom at Fahan School is to allow the girls, as far as is practical and safe, to run many of the activities which, in other schools, would have a much greater level of staff direction.

House Music and House Drama are two cases in point. These activities are run entirely by

the girls under the direction of their House Captains, who will often depend on others with skill in the area to take control. To write, produce and direct plays of the high standard that we see year after year is no mean feat.

In another pleasing characteristic, a number of the ventures undertaken are done so to raise money for charity. In addition to the major Year 12 fundraisers, it is not uncommon to see Year 9 girls as the purveyors of fine ice cream or entrepreneurial Year 5 girls marketing their cookies as a result of their own initiative.

The School adopted a formal servant leader model for student leaders in 2005, dispensing with the title of prefect. Under this model, Year 11 girls apply to become the Chair of a Committee, with responsibility for certain areas. These could include: her House, the Junior School, Magazine, Sport, the Arts or Debating. The Head Girl and Deputy Head positions also have job descriptions and applications are called for these positions as well. All candidates are interviewed to assess their suitability for a particular role and then all girls from Year 7 to Year 12 are polled for an opinion.

The weekly meetings that Kathy Foster and I have with the student leaders often have a





full agenda, generally developed by the girls, covering a wide range of topics relating to the undertakings of the student body. These could include: decisions on charities to support; arranging fundraisers, such as this year's very successful *Quiz Night and Auction*; Leavers' tops; combined school functions, ambassadorial roles at Open Days, Agfest or Anzac Day, or simply planning the celebrations for their exit from the School at year's end.

There is some leadership education carried out at various stages throughout the year at all levels of the School. This year both Year 6 and Year 8 students attended training workshops aimed at developing leadership qualities. However, I believe it is the experiences to which girls are exposed incidentally in their programs at Fahan that best prepares them to become leaders. These could be as daunting as presenting at assembly or as simple as taking care of a younger girl in a *Big Sister Little Sister* activity.

This year, the *Lumina 9* program has provided girls with an excellent opportunity to show leadership and they have risen to the challenge. The girls have established ongoing relationships with Colony 47's Mara House, the

Migrant Education Resource Centre and, more recently, the Variety Club of Tasmania. Each of these relationships has required the girls to step out of their comfort zones to raise money and engage with others to help them feel comfortable in our environment. In addition, the girls were required to test themselves in a number of trips off campus. Many of the skills developed on these camps were designed to help the girls develop skills that will enhance their leadership abilities.

One major advantage of belonging to an all girls' school is that the students get to experience the full spectrum of leadership opportunities, with no roles being seen as off limits. Fahan girls certainly step up to the plate in this respect.

Tony Freeman, Principal





From the Board

As the recently-released Fahan School Strategic Plan articulates, Fahan School is first and foremost a community – inclusive, nurturing and welcoming. As such, one of our objectives is to engage our School community to deliver partnerships that support our mission.

The development and maintenance of strong and trusting relationships will continue to be important for Fahan School if we are to maintain our focus on community and deliver a culture of community support, leadership and high achievement.

This is something the Board has endeavoured to do in working collaboratively with two of the School's strongest stakeholder groups, the Parents' and Friends' Association and the Fahan School Alumni Association. Our positive relationship with both these groups has enabled us to work together to achieve the best outcomes for the girls and the School in general, and was particularly evidenced by the significant input provided by both the P & F and the Alumni into the School's new Strategic Plan.

A new and important partner of Fahan School is Lady Gowrie Tasmania. Commencing just over twelve months ago, the partnership between Lady Gowrie Tasmania and Fahan School has seen our Pre-Kinder Program (which is run by competent and committed Lady Gowrie Tasmania staff) deliver a range of high-quality early learning experiences to the pre-kinder girls and boys. These experiences are provided by highly skilled and passionate staff in an engaging, safe and caring environment.

The success of the program is in no small part attributable to the strong relationships Lady Gowrie Tasmania staff have built with not just the children, but also with their parents. While the girls and boys are encouraged to actively contribute to their environment and their own learning experiences, the families are also involved in their education and various pre-kinder experiences.

Strong links are also maintained with Fahan School through use of the School's grounds and facilities. Visits to the Junior School Library, the Kitchen Garden or the Gymnasium are regular events, and involvement in the Art-

ist in Residence Program, School assemblies and Music Education is also offered, broadening the pre-kindergers' overall experiences and expanding their understanding of the broader Fahan School environment.

This has been of significant advantage to the children themselves and has been made possible by the excellent working relationship established between Fahan School management and staff, and the key educators and support staff of Lady Gowrie Tasmania. Their commitment to building strong relationships and, thereby, a strong Early Learning Program for Fahan School has certainly paid off and is delivering an extremely successful program that will no doubt continue into 2014.

Liz Jack, Chair Fahan School Board





Leaders

It is incredible that 2013 is almost over; so much has happened over the past ten months. As always, girls have displayed their Fahan spirit in all they have done. We have competed with enthusiasm and determination at sporting events and finals, performed with passion and skill at eisteddfods and at Fahan's first *WotOpera* workshop and, with the support from our teachers, Fahan girls have learnt and achieved so much academically.

This year, the Year 12 girls were busy fundraising for Cystic Fibrosis Tasmania and the Amroha International Society. In Term Three we hosted our major fundraising event, the Year 12s' *Quiz Night and Auction*. Over 150 people from the Fahan community attended the event and, with the help and support of the all the Year 12 families who supplied the supper, and our teachers who put together the Quiz, the night was made possible.

On behalf of Year 12, I would like to thank all the contributors, including many Fahan businesses, who so generously supported our event, resulting in a very successful night.

It was very inspirational to have the president of Cystic Fibrosis Tasmania, Mr Scott Lancaster, speak to us about the disease and about how much our fundraising will help cystic fibrosis sufferers and their families.

All the Year 12 girls' hard work made the whole night run smoothly and with their combined effort we were able to make a total of \$12,000 for our two charities.

Term Three continued with lots of events. Girls were involved in House Athletics, House Debating and House Plays. Sigrid Macleod hosted a wonderful *Arts Week*, including a very exciting *Costume Day* for girls in Years 7 – 12, with the highlight being Mrs Foster's Dame Edna Everage costume.

For Years 11 and 12, our three weeks of Fahan's first-ever Term Four passed by in a flash. For me, the *Fahan Alumni Reunion Weekend*

was a highlight. It was so wonderful to meet the past students and to know that no matter where they have been in their lives, they still have their love for Fahan.

As this is the final *Fahan in Focus* for 2013, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has kept the smile on my face throughout my time as Head Girl. I am so fortunate to have had the opportunity to be Head Girl this year; the whole of my 15 years at Fahan will be something I will always cherish. Thank you to my fellow Year 12 leavers, especially the Deputies, Helen and Abbey, for being there for me and good luck to Phoebe, Jemima and Sophie for continued successful leadership in 2014.

Maria Daglas, Head Girl





Redevelopment

As students and staff were finalising assessments, events and projects in final weeks of the 2013 school year, the fourth major infrastructure development in six years began at Fahan School.

Chair of the Fahan School Board, Ms Liz Jack, announced the new project to the School and wider community at the November launch of the new three-year Strategic Plan.

"The project will include a \$300,000 extension and renovation of the Junior School and will accommodate the steady increase of enrolments into the School," said Ms Jack.

"We now have waiting lists for many of our year groups and for the first time, from the beginning of next year, we will have additional Year 5 and Year 6 classes," said Ms Jack.

Even with a steady rise in enrolments, the School will remain committed to its intimate nature.

"We are committed to our families and will con-

tinue to offer a low student to teacher ratio. This is central to the history, traditions and culture of the School and will not be compromised, despite demand," said Ms Jack.

"One of our key strengths is our size where each student is known and respected as an individual. We will maintain this family friendly feel whilst ensuring sustainable enrolment numbers," said Ms Jack.

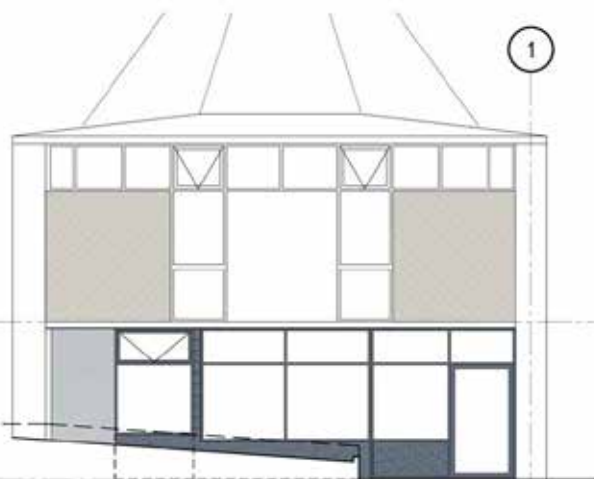
This expansion follows this year's major transformation of the School's original main teaching block into a state-of-the-art architecturally designed teaching and learning space for the middle and senior school students.

Principal, Tony Freeman, said the School's vision is to be recognised as the outstanding school for girls in Tasmania and providing the right learning environment, staff and facilities helps achieve this.

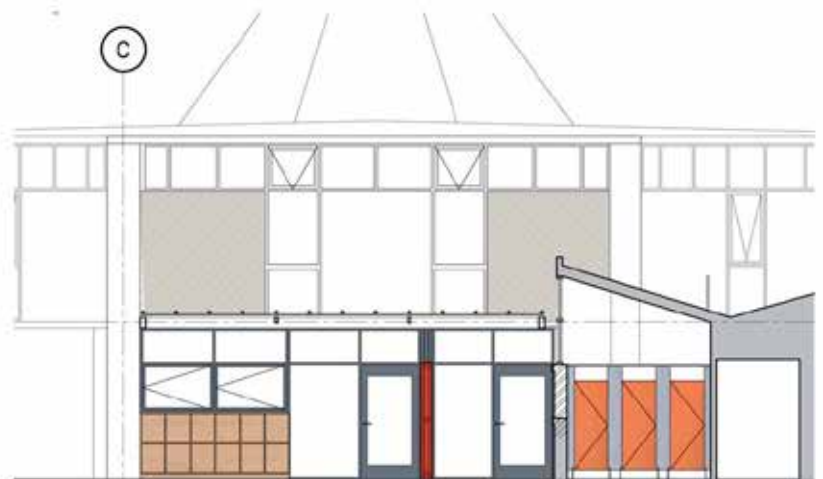
"We are very proud of the girls' achievements

across a wide range of activities particularly in the academic field where, based on TQA figures, Fahan students achieved both the highest rate of candidates gaining university entry and the highest mean ATARs of any school in the State over the last six years," said Mr Freeman.

The Junior School development will be completed by construction firm Vos Construction and Joinery Pty Ltd with architecture and project management provided by Tim Penny. The project will be completed in time for the start of the 2014 School year.



Sketches of the current works in the Junior School





Year 6 students Bella Goward, Elizabeth Ellis and Isabella Farid

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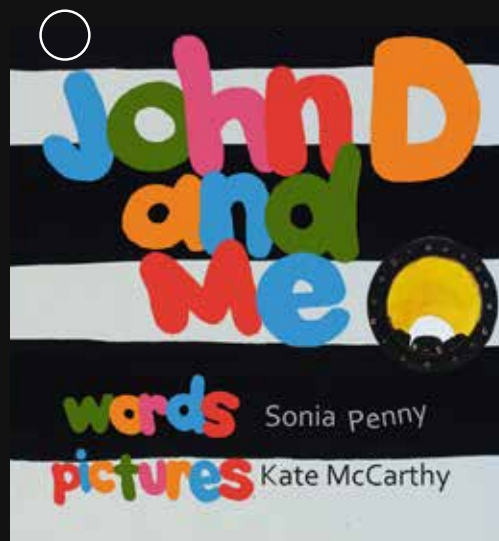


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The Wackadoo Zoo



Year 2 students Holly Radburn and Brianna Watchorn

On Thursday 19 and Friday 20 September, Year 2 performed *The Wackadoo Zoo* in the TM Hall for Fahan students, teachers and families.

The story is about a zoo where the animals are not as they seem to be. The monkeys crow, the lions meow, the elephants oink like pigs and the bears chirp. Bindi, the Zookeeper, seeks help from Professor Felix Poopenshtock and his offsider, Eugene, to see if they can help the animals in her zoo make the correct sounds. The scientific meddling proves difficult and the girls who visit the zoo exclaim that they like the fact that the zoo animals are different and this is why they like visiting *The Wackadoo Zoo*. The Professor is sent away and Bindi and her animals at the zoo live on happily being a little different.

Here is what the Year 2 girls had to say about their performance.

"I enjoyed playing Eugene, the funny character, and I really liked the propeller hat, *Happy Feet* t-shirt and big glasses. It was fun to have dress rehearsals. I looked forward to performing but I was a little bit nervous. We had lots of practice to remember the lines," said Charlotte Jones.

"I liked it when I made Charlotte go into the Lion's cage. I loved my costume with my big

jacket, bowler hat and glasses. It was really fun being on stage with a microphone. I am looking forward to performing again," said Molly Bradfield.

"I liked being a main character because I got lots of lines. I really enjoyed it. My favourite scene was when Harriet and I were talking over each other as we narrated the story. My favourite song was *Different Means Special*," said Grace Campbell.

"I loved all the singing and dancing especially *Dance Like an Animal*. I loved the costume too," said Harriet Badenach.

"I really enjoyed the phone call with the Professor, I liked learning all the lines at school. I was a little nervous but excited to perform," said Grace Finkelde.

"I really liked all the animal characters and Eugene was very funny. I loved the elephants and their dance moves. Dancing is fun and I look forward to performing again," said Millie Lindell.

"I really liked the dancing, especially *Dance Like an animal*. I can't wait to dance on stage again," said Sienna Watchorn.

"My favourite part was the elephants. I also really liked the Preps and their underwater



Prep students performing their underwater scene



Kinder students Charlotte Palmer and Sarah Reynolds



song; the expressions on their faces were great," said Grace Meyers.

"It was fun being a monkey, I liked singing and dancing. It was good to have the make-up put on us," said Alice Richardson.

"My favourite song was *Party at the Zoo*, at the end of the play. It was also really good fun to dress up as monkeys and have our faces painted," said Esme Trambas.

"I loved all the dancing and singing, especially *Party at the Zoo*. I really liked my elephant costume with glasses and face paint. We also had our feet painted," said Lilly Evans-Gregg.

"I liked when I said the line, 'How about we all run away to the circus?' I also really liked the singing and dancing," said Zoe Logan.

"I liked running through the audience in the song *Party at the Zoo*. I liked my Panda costume, it was great. I wasn't scared at all about going on stage," said Holly Radburn.

"I loved having my face painted and my feet! My favourite line was when I said, 'I can't bear growling,' because all we could do was tweet like birds even though I was a panda bear," said Brianna Watchorn.

"I liked the song *Dance Like an Animal*. I liked having my face painted and the costume was great, especially the head of the Lion. It was fun performing, even though I was a little nervous," said Airlie Pyke.

"I liked it when Airlie said, 'I'm pleased to eat... meet you'. I really liked the finale dance. I had a tingle down my spine before going on stage but I was excited to perform. The face paint took ages to get off but it looked really good," said Zoe Talbot.

A special thank you to all staff, family and friends for all their help making this production such a success.

Cast:

Harriet Badenach – Giraffe narrator
 Grace Campbell – Giraffe narrator
 Grace Finkelde – Bindi, the Zookeeper
 Molly Bradfield – Professor Felix
 Poopenshtock
 Charlotte Jones – Eugene
 Millie Lindell – Daisy
 Sienna Watchorn – Jessie
 Grace Meyers – Violet
 Esme Trambas – Zoo Monkey
 Alice Richardson – Zoo Monkey
 Zoe Logan – Zoo Elephant
 Lilly Evans-Gregg – Zoo Elephant
 Holly Radburn – Zoo Panda Bear
 Brianna Watchorn – Zoo Panda Bear
 Airlie Pyke – Zoo Lion
 Zoe Talbot – Zoo Lion
 Kinders – Leopards, Lions and Tigers
 Preps – Mermaids
 Year 1 – Penguins
 Year 3 & Year 4 – Choir



Pre Kinder at Fahan School

In conjunction with Lady Gowrie Tasmania, Fahan's Pre-Kinder program provides a stimulating introduction to school life within a safe and nurturing environment that encourages each child's natural curiosity and sense of discovery.

Children may enrol in this program from 3 years of age.

Incorporating the Reggio Emilia approach to Early Childhood learning, in keeping with Fahan School's and Lady Gowrie's philosophies, Pre-Kinder at Fahan incorporates enjoyable and educationally sound activities including music, art, storytelling and movement.

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Sailing



Racing at the Inter-Dominion in Brisbane



Award ceremony at the Inter-Dominion in Brisbane

Sailing has been great this year at Fahan School. The girls have had many fantastic opportunities to take team sailing to the next level.

The year started off with the School Teams Racing State Championships in the Term One holidays. Samantha Bailey was unable to participate but Ella Connor, Emma Barton, Madeline Salter, Natasha Keep, Kathryn Vosper, Lily Zeeman and Meg Goodfellow have made Fahan School proud by placing 5th overall and gaining an invitation to compete in the Australian Teams School Sailing Championships held at Sandy Bay Sailing Club on Wednesday 10 to Saturday 13 July 2013.

The Team consisted of Ella Connor, Maddy Salter, Natasha Keep, Lily Zeeman, Meg Goodfellow, Kate Vosper and Samantha Bailey. The girls competed along with three other Tasmanian schools and also schools from Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory, giving a total of 24 different teams competing.

Fahan School's team came 17th overall and was the first all girls team to finish. Being the first all girls team gave the girls another great opportunity to be invited to compete in the Inter-Dominion, where the top three Australian teams competed against the top three New Zealand teams. This competition was

held in Brisbane, during the September school holidays.

The team consisted of Samantha Bailey, Meg Goodfellow, Lucy McTaggart, Lily Zeeman, Kathryn Vosper and Madeline Salter. The girls would like to especially thank Lily Zeeman who put her hand up to become their third skipper and Lucy McTaggart who stepped in to be their third crew member.

The preparation for the Nationals and Inter-Dominion consisted of many Sunday afternoons, over winter, training with The Friends' School and their coach, Claire Cunningham.

Samantha said that the girls weren't the first all girls team to cross the line but it gave them a great learning experience and the opportunity to travel as a team to compete.

"We would like to say a special thank you to our team manager, Felicity Allison, coach, Claire Cunningham, and our parents who took us to training, to Brisbane to compete and for being supportive all the way through," said Samantha.

2013 has seen a great development in Fahan Sailing and everyone is looking forward to next year.



Fahan team competing at Australian Teams School Sailing Championships at Sandy Bay Sailing Club



Year 12 students Natasha Keep and Ella Connor



7/8 Create

This year the Middle School students have had the opportunity to share their work in Art, Drama and Music during two special evenings called 7/8 Create. The sharing of work on the two evenings is a new concept developed to showcase the Arts in the Middle School to parents and family members of the Years 7 and 8 students.

The students prepared work during class and also displayed work-in-progress on the evening.

In the Music School, the girls performed a variety of musical pieces to an enthusiastic audience. They were then taken to the Art Room where everyone enjoyed delicious food, tea and coffee. Displays of final work and journals were perused whilst staff and students explained some of the techniques and projects.

After this, selections of drama pieces were performed to a packed audience in the South

Room.

The success of the evening was certainly apparent when so many parents commented on the quality of the works performed and created. They were also very appreciative of the opportunity to visit the places where their daughters are so enthusiastically engaged in the creative process at Fahan School.

"My parents were really impressed with the Music performances and the food," said Year 7 student, Sophie Cornwell.

"My parents thought it was a great way to see our creative work in an informal and friendly way," said Year 7 student, Eilish Bremner-Wojtowicz.

Well done to everyone involved in making both 7/8 Create evenings such a wonderful success.



Year 8 students Charlotte Young and Ruby Zantuck

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Lumina 9



Hamish riding his new bike

Fahan School's *Lumina 9* program has been introduced to give the girls learning opportunities which link their studies more closely to the world outside the classroom and provide opportunities for them to begin contributing to the wider community.

This year the *Lumina 9* students have participated in many valuable experiences outside of the School while remaining within the Fahan community, including trips to the Kelvedon Classroom, Fintona – Fahan School's sister school in Melbourne and the Outdoor Education Camp.

The integral part of the *Lumina 9* program is to provide students with the opportunities to begin to become engaged as global citizens. This year they established wonderful relationships with: the Migrant Education students (TasTAFE); Colony 47 - Mara House, which provides 24 hour supported accommodation for young homeless women aged 13-18 years

in the Hobart area and Variety Tasmania – The Children's Charity.

'*Lumina 9* has been fun and exciting, meeting new people and getting to know their stories and backgrounds. It has been an eye-opening experience,' said Chun Yu, Year 9 student.

The girls have been wonderful ambassadors not only for the School, but also for their families and community.

Variety State Manager, Luke Doyal, visited Fahan to talk to the *Lumina 9* girls about the *Variety Santa Fun Run*, in which the girls were eager to participate. The girls were so inspired by the wonderful work Variety does for children that they wanted to do more.

The girls worked together and quickly raised \$250 for the *Bikes4kids* initiative, organised through Variety Tasmania. On Friday 22 November the *Lumina 9* girls were able to present 5-year-old Hamish Willis, who was



Year 9 students Alice Killalea and Lucy McTaggart with Hamish



Year 9 students helping Hamish on to his new bike



born with a severe congenital heart defect called hypo-plastic left heart syndrome, with a shiny new bike in time for Christmas.

Hamish was thrilled to receive the bike and rode it around the School tennis courts.

"I can't wait to go to the bike park!" exclaimed Hamish.

All Lumina 9 students are to be commended on their wonderful enthusiasm and dedication to help others in our community. Well done girls.



Year 9 students playing Soccer with the Migrant Education students



Year 9 students presenting Mara House with the toiletry bags they made



Toiletry bags made by Year 9 girls for Mara House



TCE Art Exhibition



Year 11 Artwork by Savannah Gregg

The Years 11 and 12 Art Production and Art Studio Practice students had their final exhibition on Tuesday 12 November this year. They all produced work of a very high standard for the final external assessments, and the variety and complexity of the work was certainly exceptional.

One of the remarks from the examination panel noted how inspiring our girls' work was and impressive to see how they continue to utilise so successfully the more traditional forms of art such as painting, drawing and printmaking.

We are very fortunate to be able to hang the work in its entirety in the TM Hall as many of the schools do not have the space to do this, often having to display work in corridors and makeshift spaces.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and students come to the opening of the exhibition and I was delighted to see everyone take

the time to look at the students' journals to see the way they had developed their ideas to culminate in a final body of work.

It was an unusual year due to the change from three terms to four, which essentially meant all of the final work had to be very resolved by the end of Term Three. With the benefit of hindsight, next year will see us all armed and ready for another jam-packed year in the Art Department.

Alex Pitt, Art Teacher



Year 11 Artwork by Freja Heather



Year 11 Artwork by Georgia Morris



Year 11 students Ruby Murphy, Oscar Wyatt, Sara Gates-Matthews and Jemima Penny



Year 11 student Savannah Gregg



Year 12 Artwork by Emma Skalicky



Travers Morphett Lecture



Robyn Nevin AM speaking at the TM Hall

In 2010 Fahan School launched the annual Travers Morphett Lectures as an avenue to showcase the achievements of its Alumni. The recipients are experts in their chosen fields.

This year the School welcomed back treasured alumna, and star of Australian stage and screen, Robyn Nevin AM who delivered the annual Travers Morphett Lecture on Wednesday 14 August in the TM Hall.

Robyn has been an actress for more than fifty years, graduating from the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) in 1960. She has also been a director of stage and screen and a theatre producer, running two state theatre companies as Artistic Director and CEO.

Robyn spoke of her time at Fahan School when Miss Morphett first spoke with her, in the Barn in a School Assembly, about the opportunity to enter a new school for actors that would be opening the following year in Sydney, NIDA.

Robyn recalled Miss Morphett saying, "Robyn this is a wonderful opportunity and you should take it".

Robyn was one of the first students to enter NIDA in 1959 and explained that apart from her immediate family members, Miss Audrey Morphett was the single most influential person in her life and career.

"I believe Miss Morphett instilled in me a confidence to go after my dream and seize every opportunity," said Robyn.

"Now having spent over 50 years in my career as an actress in the theatre I am eternally grateful for the words and guidance Miss Morphett gave to me as a 16 year old girl".

The TM Lecture was a wonderful night with around 200 guests, students and staff enjoying listening to Robyn's remarkable life stories. Robyn spoke fondly of her time at Fahan, including her role as Snow White at the Hobart Theatre Royal.



Year 12 students Sigrid MacLeod and Maria Daglas with Robyn Nevin AM after the TM Lecture



Tony Freeman and Robyn Nevin AM looking through a copy of a School play program, in which she had the leading role



Earlier in the day, Fahan School had the pleasure of welcoming Robyn back to Fahan for a tour of the School. During the visit, the Year 5 girls were very lucky as they had the opportunity to participate in a question and answer workshop with Robyn in the Music School. The girls were very excited to meet Robyn and had prepared many questions to ask her about her career and her time at Fahan.



Robyn Nevin AM at a workshop with Year 5 students and The Mercury staff



Lisa Brown presenting Robyn Nevin AM with a Fahan School Alumni badge



Robyn Nevin AM and Tony Freeman



Parents' and Friends' Association



Year 12 girls helping at the P&F Gala Evening
Holly Smith, Sigrid MacLeod, Ellen Law, Maria Daglas and Anna Hopkins

It's a wrap for 2013 for Fahan School's Parents' and Friends' Association, which saw a number of new events and personnel on board, making it another successful year. A huge thank you must go to one of our most dedicated team members, Sally Ferguson, who has tirelessly volunteered her time to ensure that all of those pre-loved uniforms that come through the clothing shop find a new home. Sally's ongoing support has enabled the P&F to purchase things like the 3D Printer for a lot of very excited girls and has helped us hold a range of quality social events for the parents throughout the year.

2013 kicked off with the annual *Sunset Under the Sails* evening in late February, which again attracted around 150 people, allowing many of the new parents to meet some of the more seasoned members of Fahan School's community. Everyone was able to sit back, relax and listen to the wonderful tunes of the popular



Enjoying the P&F Gala Evening
Elaine Killalea, Kirsten McTaggart, Gillian Vosper and Clare McCulloch



Key organisers of P&F Gala Evening
Hannah Bale and Kelly Logan



musicians, *Soul Fish*.

The Annual General Meeting in April attracted a full house of new and existing committee members lining up to contribute some fantastic new ideas. The mid-year *Movie Night* was a great success, attracting 70 plus kids, and nearly as many parents, who gathered in the TM Hall foyer, enjoying some nibbles and a few quiet drinks.

The most exciting and anticipated event of the year was the inaugural P&F *Back to School Gala Evening*. Held at the Hobart Town Hall, the venue truly set the scene for a magnificent night from where, I am sure everyone went home with something by which to remember the evening.

The final event for 2013 was our *End of Year Celebration BBQ* to acknowledge the wonderful support the P&F has received throughout the year from many sponsors and helpers.

Once again the weather gods looked upon us amidst a week of snow, wind and rain.

Keep an eye out for the line-up of events for 2014, which will include the ever-popular *Fahan School Fair* on Sunday 21 September.

On behalf of the P&F, have a safe Christmas and New Year.

Carl Cazaly, President Parents' and Friends' Association



Jane Barling and Craig Barling



Delicious and elegantly-crafted cake, created by Felicity Roger



John Williamson and Jill Abel



Alumni Reunion Weekend



Alumni vs Student netball match

Fahan School welcomed back over 140 alumni to Fahan School for the annual Alumni Reunion Weekend held on Friday 18 October to Saturday 19 October.

The Alumni vs Student Netball match was held in the gym on Friday. The game coincided with the School's *Big Sister Little Sister* event so all students gathered to cheer on the teams, making team mascots and waving balloons. The game was a close one, with Students coming out on top winning 19 to 13.

The Cocktail Party, held on Friday night, was a wonderful event where all year groups had the opportunity to get together for a drink and a bite to eat while catching up with old friends. Held in the recently refurbished Senior Secondary School building, the Cocktail Party was a great way for the ladies to get together and reminisce about their time at Fahan.

The decadent Saturday afternoon began with high tea served in the Travers Morphett Hall followed by a tour of Fahan School grounds.

Fine tea and coffee were brewed, served alongside a delicate range of finger sandwiches and specialty cakes. All year groups enjoyed this wonderful afternoon catching up with old friends. Following the high tea and tour of the grounds was the Boarders' Reunion, hosted by our Director of Residence at Nateby.

The Fahan Reunion weekend is a wonderful initiative to bring together not just alumni from their own year group, but enabling them to meet generations of alumni over a glass of bubbly or at the high tea. Fahan School and the Fahan School Alumni Association are to be congratulated for organising the events over the Reunion Weekend, especially the recreation of old sporting rivalries in the various games of netball and hockey played between current students and the 'old girls'!

Elise Archer MP, Class of 1988.



Alumni Reunion Cocktail Party - Class of 1973

L-R: Diana West (Hale), Margie Cole (Gaffney), Elizabeth Gibson (Young), Elizabeth Foster, Julie Paul (Palmer), Anna Welch (Reed)





It was wonderful to see how much the School has expanded in just 10 years. The current students are very lucky to have such facilities. It was great fun to catch up with classmates and go around to play where we used to hang out! I can't wait to come back to Tasmania.

Leanne Le, Class of 2003.

I attended the Saturday afternoon high tea over the Reunion Weekend and it was delightful to catch up with my classmates, some of whom I have not seen for a while as they live interstate or in the north of Tasmania. We had

quite a bit to catch up on and we all commented on what diverse careers and life paths we had. I particularly enjoyed the School tour and seeing how much the School has grown and how our classrooms have changed (in 25 years!). My daughter, Bailey, has recently started at Fahan Pre-Kinder and it is wonderful to have a connection with Fahan again.

Rachel Moore, Class of 1988.



Top left: Fahan School Alumni Association members

Jacquie Ray, Rachel Allanby (Kingston), Alison Graver, Jacquie Coad (Burke), Bec Bailey (Wallace), Lisa Brown (Morgan) and Kate Langridge. Absent: Kathryn Thomas (Ikin), Anna McMahon, Moneka Knight, Rebecca Fullerton

Top right: Alumni Reunion High Tea - Class of 2003

Sara-Jane Short and Leanne Le (Quach)

Bottom right: Alumni Reunion High Tea - Class of 1988

Back Row L-R: Rachel Moore, Rebecca Townsend (Davidson), Anna Gill (Knoop)
Front Row L-R: Caroline Burbury, Fiona Lowenthal, Elise Archer MP (Nylander)



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Pride of Fahan Alumni Award



My name is Nikki Goddard, I am 19 years old and in 2012 I was the *Pride of Fahan Alumni Award* recipient. Last year my plan was to take a gap year, travel to a developing country and volunteer for six months. My plans changed when I was accepted into the university course I had only dreamed that I would get in to, a Bachelor of Psychology at the University of Tasmania. Once I had been accepted, I was motivated to continue studying.

I won the *Pride of Fahan Alumni Award* in 2012 because of my volunteering efforts and my plans to continue volunteering. During my interview with Kathryn Thomas and John Williamson, I spoke about my desire to help people. I also spoke about how I wanted to advocate volunteering to the Fahan community. Since receiving this award, I have been even more motivated to continue on with volunteering and aid work. I am currently an active volunteer for Amnesty International and Results International, and I am a member for the Headspace Youth Reference Group. In the past I have volunteered for Red Cross and The Footpath Library.

I, along with 1,000 other like-minded young people, travelled around parts of Australia on the *Roadtrip to End Poverty*. The week of the roadtrip was one of the most inspiring weeks of my life. For me, it was not only incredible because I was part of an historical, youth-led movement to end poverty, but also because I found 55 like-minded, amazing people, who accepted me for who I am. After our first night together, we split up into two groups and set off to cover different parts of Tasmania. My group consisted of 29 people and we covered Launceston and Devonport. What I loved about this group of 29 people is that we connected at a level that I have never seen before. Never before have I seen a group of people love, care and support each other in the way that we did. I don't think there is any other setting in which 29 girls and boys,

ranging from 16 to 25 years of age could have done this.

After four nights of travelling around Tasmania, campaigning, petitioning, door-knocking, doing media stunts and talking to community groups, we re-connected with the other Tasmanian group and flew to Canberra. From here on in, nothing was quite the same. Spending my life with 55 incredible people then turned into spending every waking moment with 1,000 equally amazing people.

Feeling the energy of 1,000 of us, standing on Parliament lawns at 6am, chanting our hearts out, was definitely the highlight of my trip. We were there to try to end extreme poverty. I was part of a movement; I was part of something life changing and magical.

I also took part in *Live Below the Line*, a National campaign that runs for a week, where you live on \$2 worth of food a day for five days. I absolutely adore food and so to do this was very challenging for me. For five days I ate carrots, plain cous cous, noodles, chickpeas and plain pasta. On day two I dropped my bowl of 28c noodles, and had to go without lunch. This was a really hard concept for me to deal with. If I hadn't been doing *Live Below the Line*, I would have just opened another packet of noodles and thought nothing of it. However, I had spent all of my money and had to go without. I simply could not afford to buy another packet of 28c noodles. On day three I was sick to death of having no choice in what I could eat. By day four I felt so down that I didn't want to eat anymore. What kept me going was the money that I was raising for education programs in Cambodia and Papua New Guinea. I signed up two days before *Live Below the Line* started, and in eight days I managed to raise over \$1,600.

I would like to thank Fahan School Alumni Association for awarding me the *Pride of*



Fahan Alumni Award. This award has been a constant reminder of what I have done so far in my life and what I plan on doing in the future. Currently, I am looking at going away volunteering in the Pacific for a couple of months. This is a huge goal of mine and I am working very hard to see it happen.

I believe Fahan is an absolutely beautiful school. It provided me with the knowledge and belief that I can achieve anything that I set my mind to. Fahan encouraged me to set goals and achieve them, to work hard for what I want and for what I feel is right in this world and to stand up for what I believe in. Being at Fahan empowered me to become a strong, independent woman and that is something that I will never forget.

Nikki Goddard, Class of 2012

Twice a year, girls are invited to submit an application for the Pride of Fahan Alumni Award to receive up to \$500 towards achieving their dreams.

If you would like to contribute to the Pride of Fahan Alumni Award, please contact Fahan School Alumni Association President, Kathryn Thomas, at thomask@fahan.tas.edu.au.

Fahan School Alumni Reunions also provide attendees the opportunity to contribute funds to this special award.

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Abigail Rothery Year 12
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Savannah Gregg Year 11
Journalism



Tessa Johns Year 10
Athletics



Sarah Grace Year 10
Netball



Gerdy Jevtic Medal 2013

The Gerdy Jevtic Medal is presented annually to an alumna or member of the teaching staff who has brought pride and honour to Fahan School. Over the years there have been wonderful examples of this quality, as demonstrated by those who have been awarded the medal – last year Georgie Renshaw (Ikin) was the recipient.

This year the Gerdy Jevtic Medal is awarded to Judith Durham OAM.

As lead vocalist of Australia's first, global, chart-topping band, The Seekers in the 1960s, Judith Durham became Australia's first international pop princess. The Seekers, records outsold The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and The Who, during that time.

Who could forget hits such as *The Carnival is Over* and *Georgy Girl*, which saw the group topping charts in the UK, the USA and Australia.

Judith Durham became 'Australian Of The Year' in 1967 when The Seekers were honoured jointly by their country.

Judith has exceptional talent as a composer, lyricist and poet of inspirational and philosophical works.

Her biography *The Judith Durham Story: Colours Of My Life* is now in its sixth edition.

Outside of music, Judith has been Australia's National Patron of the Motor Neurone Disease Association since the death of her beloved husband, brilliant pianist Ron Edgeworth, from MND in 1994. Judith is also Patron of the Injured Nurses' Support Group and the Small Miracles Foundation (formerly Bonnie Babes Foundation).

Also, in her appearances with The Seekers, Judith has supported Melbourne's Alfred Hospital, Kids Under Cover and Variety Clubs.

In 1995 Judith was honoured with the Order of Australia Medal for services to music, in particular as an entertainer and composer.

Judith has been a great ambassador for Fahan School and we had the privilege of presenting the Gerdy Jevtic Medal whilst she was in Hobart to perform in The Seekers 50th Anniversary Tour concert. You can view her video at <http://vimeo.com/80322099>. The password is *fahan*.

Congratulations Judith. The words of your first big hit are quite prophetic; *We will never find another you!*





Antonia Miller

Miss Antonia Miller was born in 1936 and passed away in 1984. Toni commenced at Fahan School in Year 5 in 1944. As a young girl, she was the Under 10 State Athletics Champion. Toni excelled in Hockey and was a player in the 1st Eleven which won the State final. She also participated in the Intervarsity Team with a trip to New Zealand.

Toni was Head Prefect at Fahan School in 1953. Whilst at School, Toni won the Bean Scholarship, which was given for Virtue, Manners and Learning.

Toni was awarded, posthumously, the Gerdy Jevtic Medal for bringing honour to the School through her contribution to Education. The medal was accepted by Toni's niece Lindy Maddock (Miller) who was attending Fahan School in 1984.

Toni's involvement with education on the North West Coast was extensive. She was a

primary school principal for many years and was also involved with a number of education associations.

Her teaching experience included working overseas and in Canberra. She was Infant Mistress at Queenstown Central Primary School, Principal at Penguin Primary School, spent three years as Acting Supervisor in the North West education region, and was Principal at Havenview, Acton and Devonport Central Primary Schools.

Toni was a major instigator in the establishment of Miandetta Primary School, which was one of the State's first open-plan schools.

She was made a Fellow of the Australian College of Education in 1982 and was active in the group, both in the State and nationally. Hockey and bush walking were Toni's favourite pastimes and she found time to help others as a Probation Officer and a member of Life Line.

Toni was also actively involved in Guiding Tasmania and a member of the State Executive for Guiding and held the position of International Advisor. She was also an Advisor for the Australian District Overseas and visited Penang and the Australian Air Force Base at Butterworth.

The number of girls going overseas from Tasmania has increased tremendously, thanks to Toni's work as International Advisor. The international side of guiding was dear to her heart and she saw in it a positive way to work towards a better world.

Three of Toni's great nieces currently attend Fahan School; Lauren Maddock (Year 9), Caitlin Maddock (Year 11) and Olivia Young (Year 9). Olivia's sister Sophie will attend Year 7 at Fahan School in 2014.

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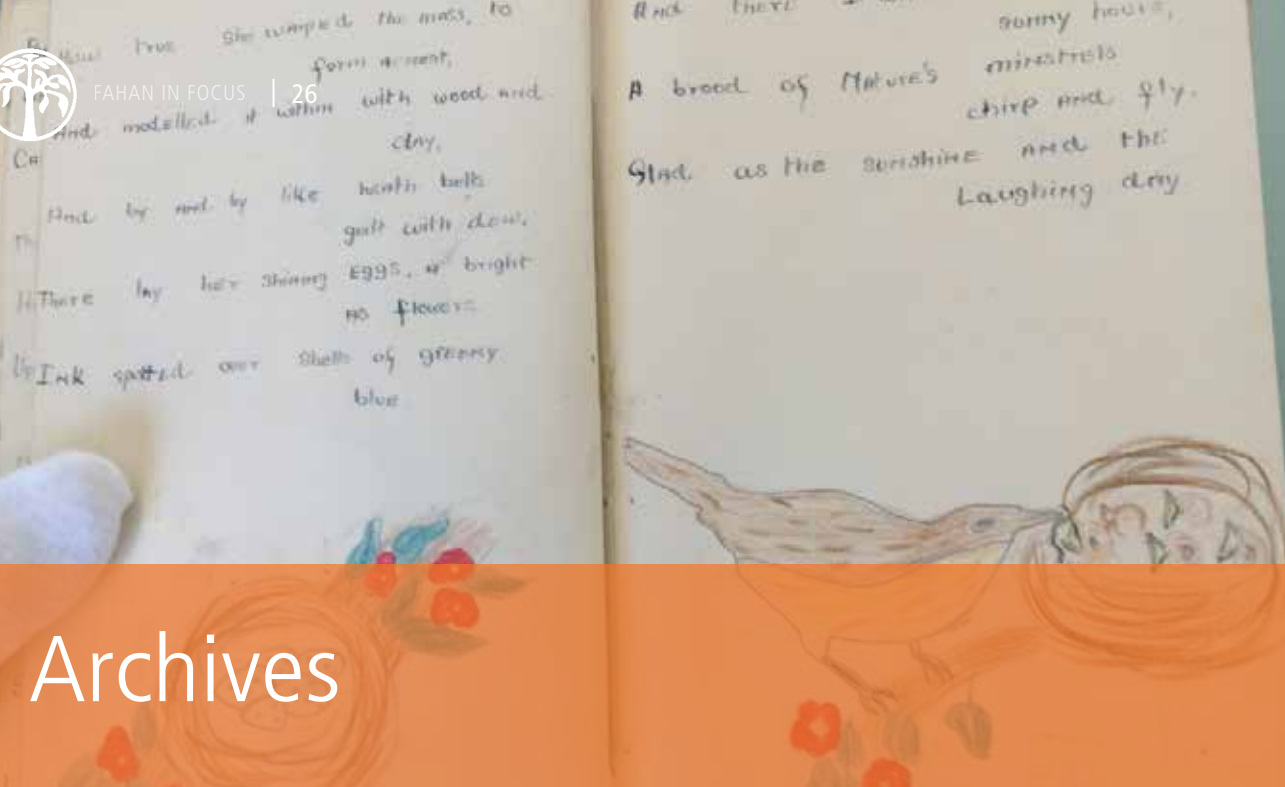


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Archives

One of the highlights for the volunteers working in the archives over the past few months, was the opportunity to show visiting Fahan alumna and acclaimed Australian actor, Robyn Nevin, copies of the School play programs in which she had leading roles, and the wonderful handwritten notes and scripts of Miss Morphett. Undoubtedly the years Robyn spent at Fahan played a significant part in her future pursuits.

Collections relating to the achievements of alumni add an important chapter to the continuing curation and research of the materials in our care. Many personal accounts and reflections of years spent at Fahan have been wonderful additions, documented and stored, waiting for opportunities to be displayed and interpreted.

"Miss Morphett and Miss Travers were the head-mistresses; the latter a tall and statu-

esque woman with an awesome demeanour resembling a dignified scholar of profound knowledge. With her grey skirt brushing her ankles, allowing the students a glimpse of her grey stockings and shoes, she swept around the School with a proud gait likened to a proud soldier crab skimming across the sand to a predetermined destination," Jennie Clarke (Duncan) from Fahan School 1944-1955. A glimpse at the early years that left an unforgettable memory.

Photograph albums, boxes of drama memorabilia, documents, letters and booklets written and illustrated by students, have all been photographed and added to the archives data base over the past few months. Our most pressing need is for more adequate and suitable storage space, where materials can be safely and easily accessed for display, research and documentation, and equipment for scan-

ning the many thousands of photographs. Our thanks to Senior School Librarian, Emma Crawford, for her continued enthusiasm and encouragement and to all those who have donated to our archives over the past year. We look forward to your continued support and interest. Donations are always welcome.

Roberta (Robbie) Poynter. Nateby Club

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Documents and letters related to the commissioning of the School Song, photographs and newspaper clippings.

Josephine Wells (Davies) and Margaret Davies

8mm movie film taken by the late Dr H B C Houston at Fahan and transferred to DVD can now be viewed on the website at www.fahan.tas.edu/history

Lois Houston

Handwritten poetry books 1950

Sandra Pitt (Lewis)

Fahan School 1944-1955. A glimpse at the early years that left an unforgettable memory.

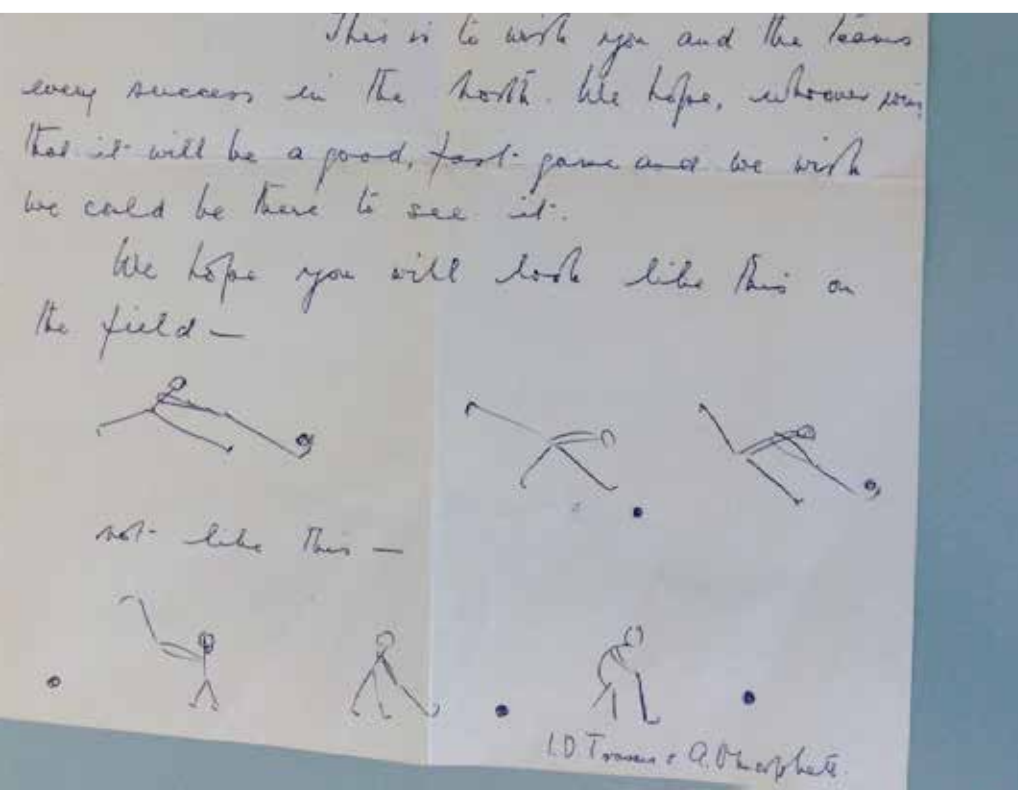
Jennie Clarke (Duncan)

Brochure (information pertaining to Fahan P G C)

John Williamson

1st Old Scholars Badge

Barbara Roulston (Bartlam)





Nateby Club

Thank you to Edwina Cummings, Laura Bird and Karen Tonks for their dedication to our enjoyment. Our morning tea organised by them in the TM Hall in July was the usual pleasant get together.

We were entertained by two retired teachers, Margaret Watson and Myrna Bedding, who delighted us with their reminiscences. It is interesting how the name "Mrs Best" comes up so often. As students, we would not have thought of that stern woman's effect on the staff.

As well as giving our usual donation to the Early Learning Centre, the Nateby Club has this year provided the funds to build a hand-rail at the side of the steps up to the TM Hall and has also given Birgitta Browning \$500 to spend on the garden.

Birgitta, Jenny Morris and I showed a group from the Cressy Garden Club around the garden. This included Robyn Lester (Deirdre

Bale's daughter) and Anne Taylor (daughter of Margaret Scott). Afterwards we learnt that no money is available for mulch or new plants. As the garden is so important to all of us I am hoping we can give ongoing help.

If you have any plants to spare that would go well in the garden, please get in touch with Birgitta via the School office.

Christmas lunch was held in the TM Hall on Wednesday 27 November. The food was lovely and had many complimentary remarks from the ladies. Everyone was delighted with the performances by the children from the Early Learning Centre. It was lovely to see some ladies travel down from Melbourne and Sydney to attend our Nateby Club Christmas Lunch.

Hope to see some new and younger faces at our functions in 2014.

Sue Allison, President, Nateby Club

BIRTHS

To Katie Cavell (Class of 1998) and Alioune Badara Faye, a son, Saliou Kingsley, 8 April 2013

To Tasha Tyler-Moore (Class of 1998) and Russell James, a son, William Morris, 22 March 2013

To Jenny Brabazon (Class of 1998) and Gavin Stone, a second son, Lachlan Oliver, 18 November 2011, a brother for Hamish Jon

To Stephanie Murfet (Class of 1988) and Pete McLagan, a second son, Hugh McLagan, 10 April 2013, a brother for Gus McLagan

ENGAGEMENTS

Jacqueline Fox (Class of 1991) to Wayne Brookes

MARRIAGES

Katie Cavell (Class of 1998) to Alioune Badara Faye, in Brussels, 7 June 2013

Jenny Brabazon (Class of 1998) to Gavin Stone, 28 April 2007

Tasha Tyler-Moore (Class of 1998) to Russell James, 17 March 2009

DEATHS

Jacqueline Milne nee Scott (Class of 1994)

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