

FROM THE HEADMASTER



Staffing

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Graeme Brooksby to a full-time permanent Physical Education teacher position at Prince Alfred College. Graeme holds a Bachelor of Education from the University of South Australia, specializing in Outdoor and Physical Education and Geography. He has spent the majority of his career at Gleason College, where he has held a range of roles including Coordinator of Physical Education and Humanities, Year 9 Coordinator and most recently as Health and Physical Education Coordinator. Graeme is an experienced and highly successful teacher of Physical Education and has taken on a range of leadership positions very successfully. He is one of the most highly respected members of staff at his current school.

I am also pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Dorian as the new Director of Property Services, replacing Peter Hughes. Mark is currently the Campus Facilities Manager for the University of South Australia City Campus where he oversees the maintenance and management of all facilities on these sites. Originally trained as a carpenter, Mark has had managerial responsibilities for a number of years and is currently completing his MBA. Mark comes to us with excellent professional skills, a strong background in systems and processes and also a focus on client service.

We look forward to welcoming both these new staff members to Prince Alfred College in the New Year.

We also farewell a number of staff, including Languages teacher Dirk Zadra and College Psychologist Janice James-Valentine. Both have given the College great service and have always focused on providing the best for our students.

Unauthorised use of the College Internet

The College has, in the last month, received two notices of breaches of Copyright laws. The infringements have occurred because the College network has been used to download/stream a pirated movie.

It is part of the acceptable use policy of the College that users do not engage in unlawful activities using the College's internet services. The penalties for such breaches are considerable and place at risk, the College's ability to provide ongoing access to the Australian Academic and Research Network (AARnet) and more widely, the Internet.

I would take this opportunity to ask all parents to remind their sons of the need to behave responsibly when using College services.

End of Year

As our school year draws to a close, I would firstly like to thank all our families for your support of Prince Alfred College during this year. It has been a year of considerable change for the College, with a new Headmaster and Chairman of Council and some restructuring in school leadership.

It has also been a year of significant progress and achievements not least of which is a record enrolment for 2014. Our students have achieved well across a range of spheres and I believe they have been well supported in what they have done by our staff, as well as by their families.

2015 will no doubt see further changes with the dynamic nature of schools being emphasized by a new crop of students and families joining us. We will be embarking on new projects in a number of areas, all aimed at enhancing the offering of the school.

In conclusion, I would like to wish our families well for the holiday break ahead. I hope that everyone gets some time together, whatever form your family takes, to enjoy the true spirit of the Christmas season.

To those who are concluding their direct involvement with Prince Alfred College at this time, we thank you for your support and wish you well for the future. To those who are returning, we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Barbara and I wish everyone well for the Christmas break ahead.

Bradley Fenner
Headmaster

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2015 TERM DATES

Term 1 - Thursday 29 January to Thursday 2 April (10 weeks)
Exeat Dates: 14-15 February and 7-8-9 March

Term 2 – Tuesday 21 April to Friday 26 June (10 weeks)
Exeat Dates: 16-17 May and 6-7-8 June

Term 3 - Tuesday 21 July to Friday 25 September (10 weeks)
Exeat Dates: 8-9 August and 4-5-6 September

Term 4 - Monday 12 October to Friday 4 December (8 weeks)
Monday 12 October – ELC – Year 6 and Year 12
Tuesday 13 October - Years 7 – 11
Exeat Dates: 31 October-1 November and 21-22 November

A full list of events for 2015 is available on the [PAC website](#).

Scholarships for 2016

The College is proud to offer Scholarships to boys commencing Years 7 and 8 in 2016. These academic Scholarships are allocated on a competitive basis with qualification dependent on the applicant's performance in the ACEP Scholarship Examination. The ACEP Scholarship exam will be held at the College on Saturday 7 February, 2015.

The last day for registration is Tuesday 20 January, 2015. For more information and registration please click [here](#) to visit our website.

Ride a Bike Right School Holiday Program

Ride-a-Bike Right is holding a "learn to ride" program for children 'still on training wheels', to give them the skills, confidence and safety to become independent riders. The specialised 3 lesson program follows on from their highly successful schools' program which has seen over 600 children get of training wheels in the last year.

Give your child the cycling freedom they crave and get rid of those training wheels forever! Click [here](#) for further information.

School Holiday Tennis Clinics

Make sure you get in early and book a place in the school holiday tennis clinics run by our Tennis Coaches Dean Schipanski and Paul Baccanello. More details – Click [here](#) to download form.

Goodlife Health Clubs Offer

Goodlife Health Clubs are excited to offer students 15-18 years old, free access to their clubs over the school holiday period. Click [here](#) for more information and [consent form](#).

School Holiday Come 'n' Try Water Polo

PAC students aged 10-14 years with competent swimming ability are invited to join the Adelaide Vikings holiday water polo program. Boys will learn the basic skills of water polo with qualified coaches.

When: Monday 15 December to Friday 19 December

Time: 9.00am -11.00am

Where: Adelaide Aquatic Centre, Corner of Jeffcott Rd & Fitzroy Tce, North Adelaide (meet by the diving pool)

Cost: \$25 for the week. ** Pool entry extra.

Conducted by: Adelaide Vikings Water Polo Club Inc.

For further enquiries please email [Jon Harmer](#) or phone on 0417 812 544 or phone Bevan Dearman on 0421 916 689.

Princes in Pictures

To view and order photos taken at College events, please visit [Festival City Photography's website](#) where you will be directed to Prince Alfred College's photos. You will be asked to enter your access code, the code is – **Princes2014**.

Select the Event you wish to view and you now have the option of adding images to a **favourites** selection to select the best photos later, or you can add them straight to your Shopping Cart. If you encounter any problems, please call Festival Photography on **1300 360 241**.

Social Media

We made it...the 2,000 mark was reached on our Facebook page late last week. Let's not stop here and see if we can reach 2,500 early next year. Keep spreading the word to the Princes Community to like us on [Facebook](#)  plus like and share our posts within your own group of friends.

[Twitter](#)  continues to grow each week with our tally now at 339. To assist with increased numbers please retweet or reply with comments as this is a great way to increase our numbers here.

Our engagement rates continue to grow with an amazing reach from many posts about the tragic loss of Phil Hughes to more about our most recent AFL draftee Harrison Wigg.

We are also experimenting with Instagram – click [here](#) to connect.

If you have anything that you think should be promoted via social media please email [Elena Toskas](#).

Unfortunately this will be my report as I am leaving PAC to take on a role with Lion as the Sales Activation Operations Manager starting in a week's time. Thank you all for the support you have given the Communications and Marketing area over the last year and a bit. I've really enjoyed getting to know you all and the people associated with the College.

Craig Burton

Manager Strategy & Communications

PAC Winners at 2014 Chinese Award Night

On Friday 28 November, two PAC boys and their families, along with Mr Kelvin Sparks, Director of Teaching & Learning (ELC - Year12) and myself (Mr Greg Zheng - Chinese teacher), attended 2014 Chinese Award Night, held in Bonython Hall, Adelaide University, by CLTASA (Chinese Language Teachers Association of South Australia).

Prince Alfred College was the State Winner of 2014 Language Perfect World Championship.

Michael Balestrin, Year 7 Chinese language student, was the double winner of 2014 Language Perfect Gold Award and also a 2GB iPod shuffle. He was also selected as the student representative to receive the State Champion Cup.



CLTASA Primary Award photo: Darcy Longrigg - CLTASA Primary Award winner, with other winners from schools in SA.



Language Perfect State Champion Cup: Jenny Jin, Vice President of CLTASA (Chinese Language Teachers Association of South Australia) and Michael Balestrin - Language Perfect Gold Award Winner & 2GB iPod Shuffle Winner and Greg Zheng.

Below is the congratulation message from the 2014 Language Perfect World Championship Committee in New Zealand:

"CONGRATULATIONS to Prince Alfred College. They are the winners of the Language Perfect World Championships CLTASA Award for the Top School in Chinese in SA! The students earned 85, 784 points in Chinese to place first out of 32 schools competing in Chinese in SA. They also came 3rd in Australia and 4th globally for Chinese! That is an OUTSTANDING effort! Globally, 300,000 students from 20 countries around the world answered 178 million questions overall in 29 different languages!"

Darcy Longrigg, a Year 4 Chinese language student, was the recipient of 2014 CLTASA Primary Chinese Award. Darcy was a very passionate and capable Chinese learner. This award was truly reflective of his great effort and exceptional performance this year.

The CLTASA Chinese Award Night is an annual event to showcase and reward learning achievements of the Chinese Language learners in South Australia. Award winners and their parents attend an inspirational evening of celebration and encouragement for Chinese language learning. Each winner will receive a prize and certificate.

PAC Chinese language students' performance in 2014 Language Perfect Championship

Globally:

- 2nd in the world for average score for each student
- 2nd for Chinese in the 101-250 students category out of 248 schools
- 4th in the world for Chinese out of 809 schools

Locally:

- 1st in SA for Chinese out of 32 schools
- 3rd for Chinese in Australia out of 577 schools

Certificates & prizes

- 6 gold awards (4 last year, over 3000 points), 6 silver awards (4 last year, over 2000 points), 31 bronze awards (14 last year, over 1000 points), and 22 credit awards (47 last year, over 500 points)

Greg Zheng

Chinese Teacher (LOTE)

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Staffing 2015

As the year draws to an end, I would like to pass on my thanks for sharing your son's learning experience with us in 2014. Perhaps it is my aging profile, but somehow the years seem to progress much quicker than they used to.

On Tuesday, during transition day, boys had the opportunity to move into their classrooms for 2015 and meet, where possible, their teachers.

For your information we welcome back Mrs Nesha Sathurayar after maternity leave. She is very excited to be back working with the boys. Mr Rob O'Toole joins us after a number of years working overseas and most recently in Singapore. Rob also spent some time relieving in the Collage in the latter part of this year. Mr Sam Barton will take on the role of Physical Education teacher for 2015. The remainder of our Specialist teachers are unchanged.

We farewell Ms Stacey Wybrew who is moving to Port Lincoln for family reasons, and Mrs Anne Melbourne and Mrs Katherine Baird who will be taking maternity leave. We wish them all well in the next phase of their lives.

Classroom teachers for 2015 will be:

Reception:	Mrs Burford and Mrs O'Hara
Year 1:	Ms Coggins and Ms Kupke
Year 2:	Mrs Leeson and Mr Waters
Year 3:	Mrs Martin, Mr Bishop and Mr Behan
Year 4:	Mrs Lacy and Mr Allan
Year 5:	Mrs Gilchrist, Mrs McKay and Mr O'Toole
Year 5/6 Multi level:	Ms Gerschwitz and Mr Totthill
Year 6:	Mr Thompson, Mrs Gartner and Ms Sathurayar.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a blessed Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

Neil Andary

Deputy Headmaster / Head of Schools

MIDDLE SCHOOL

The festive season is special in our country. We are blessed with fine weather and our school calendar in the southern hemisphere helps to imbue our celebrations at this time of year with a reflective quality for our boys. It is a time to take stock of our journey, to assess our progress against our goals, to recalibrate where necessary, and refresh and restore ourselves for a new year ahead.

It is also a time when the riches of our cultural landscape come to the fore. We have been reminded recently of how important the rhythms of our sporting traditions are to us. Yet, a conversation with any of our families will highlight the diversity of celebrations that will be entered into around our tables in the coming weeks. My family will be celebrating the Dutch feast of Sinterklaas this weekend. It is a time for the children to receive small gifts and tokens (if they have been nice) and for us to share a meal together. I am sure that even among our cultural traditions, there will no doubt be those little variations in your family that make this time of year special for all.

This is also a time for gratitude and it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the efforts of all our staff and boys in making the journey through another Middle School year. I have deeply valued the conversations and experiences that I have had in my first year as Deputy Head of School - Middle. I would particularly like to acknowledge the service of our Year Level Coordinators - Melissa Brister, Peter Bubner and Phil McLaughlin, in working to develop wellbeing programs and provide support for our boys. In this they have been ably supported by our Home Group teachers. Nick Raimondo has provided excellent leadership in the Middle Years Program in a year which saw Prince Alfred College successfully negotiate its way through the authorisation process with the International Baccalaureate. Our Teaching and Learning Leaders and teachers in the MYP also deserve our thanks and recognition for their efforts throughout. Finally, I would like to offer special thanks to Reverend Mark Dickens who has been instrumental in shaping a vision for student voice, leadership and service in the Middle School that will continue to build into the future.

Finally, we are reminded at this time of year to think of those for whom tradition and celebration are not a given. It is our hope that the boys will take a moment to reflect on the value of the opportunities that are available to them at Prince Alfred College and that they are inspired to take action as Princes Men to enhance the lives of others, even if through small and humble gestures.

I trust that in the coming weeks you will have time to reconnect with family and friends. On behalf of the Middle School staff and leadership team I wish all of you a safe and restful holiday period.

To our Year 9 boys, all the best for your transition into Senior School. For our returning and incoming cohorts, we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Vrolijk Kerstfeest en Gelukkig Nieuwjaar (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year).

Michael Oomens

Deputy Head of School - Middle

SENIOR SCHOOL

Senior School Presentation Assembly

The final event of the year begins Friday 5 December at 11.45am in the ANZAC Hall and concludes at 1.00pm. At this time we will present 2014 Student Life and Academic Subject prizes and Semester 2 Academic Honours & Colours Certificates, as well as announce the College Captain and Vice-Captain for 2015. Families of students being formally acknowledged will be notified by email.

Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN. Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post Office. Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'.

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC22604'

RAA Driver Education

RAA Driver Education course offers students learning to drive the opportunity to participate in a comprehensive driver education program. For students at PAC, the theory classes can be accessed at a variety of host venues after school hours, 4.00–5.30pm (10 scheduled lessons). The RAA is accepting enrolments now for the Semester 1, 2015 course. Full cost of course is \$1,895, or RAA Member price \$1,795. This does not have to be paid in full upfront, if you enrol before Christmas you have a longer payment plan, with 15 fortnightly payments of \$126.35 or RAA member \$119.70. The classroom theory component will start at the end of February 2015 but the driving lessons can begin as soon as the enrolment form has been processed if the student has a valid Learner's Permit. Limited places are available, so if interested please contact Lesley Fitzgerald on 0433 795 385.

2015 Year 12 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our new Year 12 Student Leadership Team. They will be formally acknowledged at next year's Welcome & Commissioning Assembly. Click [here](#) to view.

Merry Christmas

Please note that the Frederic Chapple Library will close at 1pm this Friday 5 December and there will no supervision of students after the Presentation Assembly.

As this is the final newsletter for 2014 I would like to extend a safe and Merry Christmas as well as Happy New Year to all students, parents and staff.

Mark Dell'Oro

Deputy Head of School - Senior

UK Gap Year 2016

As the 2014 school year draws to a close, a reminder that applications are now open for students who are planning a Gap Year in the UK commencing January 2016.

It may seem like a long way off, but UK boarding schools are now considering applications for gap places.

More information can be found on the [UK Gap Year](#) website and [Application Forms](#) downloaded. Any interested Year 10 or 11 students should act now if they're planning a Gap Year starting in 2016.

It is important to note that applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the start of the placement. Exceptions can apply to those who are eligible for British or European Union passports.

Please email [Louise Brunner](#) or phone on 8363 7260 or you can email [Minetta Cox](#) at Champion Travel or phone 8239 0999 for more information.

Monica Magann

Careers Counsellor

2015 Father / Son Nepal Experience

Would you benefit from engaging with your son on an adventure away from home, immersed in an environment that will challenge you emotionally, psychologically and physically?

Off the back of very successful experiences in 2013 and 2014, PAC proposes to offer another Father / Son experience to Nepal for boys in Years 9-11 and their Fathers in the 2015 October School Holidays.

The trip will include a trek in the Himalayas, the opportunity to visit schools and engage in local communities, visiting a number of cultural landmarks and exploring ancient villages.

"This trip forced me to take time off which I never do and share this incredible part of the world... The best father son experience shared so far"

"The shared experiences such as the Nepal Trek build upon a foundation of trust and communication between father and son. It doesn't make a poor father-son relationship a great one, but adds a unique layer to the relationship that is unique to them, and no-one else in the family."

Please email [Andrew Stace](#) with father's name, email address, phone number, son's name and year level in 2015, to receive an information booklet and express your interest in this amazing opportunity.

The Minister's Community Achievement Award

This Award is presented to an outstanding Novita 'all-rounder' who has demonstrated a commitment to personal independence and taking part in community activities.

The 2014 recipient is Darcy Thompson.

Darcy, aged 17, was born with cerebral palsy, which affects all four of his limbs as well as his speech. He has been a client of Novita for over 16 years, since he was just 9 months old.

Throughout Darcy's life he has achieved numerous milestones, particularly in community engagement, sport and education, whilst also coping with major surgery and numerous medical and therapy interventions. He attends Prince Alfred College where he receives great support. He has just completed Year 11 and has been appointed a House Vice-Captain for Year 12.



From the age of 11, Darcy has actively participated in Australian Paralympic sports. From 2009 to 2013 he was a member of the South Australian 7 a-side Paralympic Football team, competing annually in the national men's Paralympic soccer championships.

Two years ago, Darcy commenced Paralympic cycling. Since then, he has won silver medals in the 3000 metre pursuit and the 1 kilometre sprint at the Para Cycling Track National Championships. This year, in the Para Cycling Road National Championships, he won the gold medal in his classification for the 42 kilometre road race, and the silver for the 15 kilometre event.

In his spare time, he has skied the summit of Mt Buller, climbed to the top of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, and regularly trains in a gym as part of his cycling fitness program. Last year Darcy raised \$1,500 for Novita by running the 12 kilometre City to Bay Fun Run. He wanted to raise funds for Novita in return for the support he has received from many Novita therapists.

In his latest challenge, Darcy will be travelling next week to Cambodia to complete a Prince Alfred College 'house' building project with Habitat for Humanity. He organised fundraising through a 115 kilometre bike ride to Victor Harbor, which he completed with able-bodied cyclists, and raised almost \$2,000 for the project. This surpassed his previous longest ride by 50 kilometres!

Darcy has represented the peak disability agency, Ability First Australia, at a reception at Kirribilli House, as well as representing Novita at a South Australian Parliament House reception, following the launch of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. He was also honoured to be the main flag bearer for South Australian Paralympic athletes at the Adelaide Town Hall celebration reception, on their return from the London Paralympic games.

When he was 8 years old, Darcy received a Lions Club Children of Courage Award at Government House, and the citation included – "Darcy makes no concessions for his disability. There are no excuses, and despite his physical challenges, Darcy likes to participate in everything." That observation still stands today and it is a pleasure to reaffirm this by presenting him with the Minister's Community Achievement Award.

Congratulations, Darcy!

State History Challenge Finalist

William Campbell, an IBDP History student, has excelled in a State wide history competition – the National History Challenge – this year. William recently attended a presentation ceremony at the State library where the Honourable Jennifer Rankine, Minister for Education, presented the awards.



William was a state finalist in two categories after writing a fascinating essay on the role played by 19th Century European diplomacy in creating the conditions for the First World War.

Ms Rankine commended all of the entrants and talked about the importance of History as a subject for any young citizens in addition to emphasizing the importance of rigorous research and careful analysis of source material, so important in this modern era. She stated in her address that "the study of History allows students to learn and develop crucial skills in research, analysis and reflection that apply to all areas of expertise and endeavour". William is hoping to study Law and International Studies at the University of Adelaide next year.

Award winners, parents and teachers enjoyed the tea and fresh scones supplied by the History Teachers' Association of SA at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Ron Pippett

Teaching and Learning Leader–Humanities & Senior History

MUSIC

Big Band Camp – January 2015

Last year we had a great start to the year with Big Band 1 coming back before the start of term to prepare for a major concert. This bonded the band together and gave the whole ensemble momentum for the rest of the year.

In 2015, we would like to extend this to Big Bands 1, 2 and 3. Boys will work intensely in sectionals with our Single Studies tutors and in full band rehearsals.

Auditions for all positions in Big Bands 1, 2 and 3 will take place in Week 2, as well as final decision on division choices. These auditions will be based on the pieces we rehearse at this band camp, so there will be a high degree of motivation to make sure we all sound great. In addition, Big Band 1 has been selected to play at the Commissioning Assembly on the first school day. Big Bands will hit the ground running.

I have been very impressed by the individual auditions from boys in these bands this term. It is rare to see such improvement over 8 short weeks. At this stage, we are planning to move each band up a division next year.

PAC bands have an enviable reputation at Generations. If we can maintain our current level of focus and determination in 2015, we will move this standard up a notch.

Band Camp details listed below –

Last Week of School Holidays

Tuesday January 27

Big Band Camp

Selected players from Big Bands 1, 2 and 3

Band Room

Big Band 3 – 12:30 to 3:00

Big Band 1 and 2 - 3:30 to 6:30

Wednesday January 28

Big Band Camp

Selected players from Big Bands 1, 2 and 3

Band Room

Big Band 3 – 12:30 to 3:00

Big Band 1 and 2 - 3:30 to 6:30

Week 2

Seating auditions for Bands 1, 2 and 3

AMEB & ANZCA Examinations

Congratulations to the following boys who have achieved great results in their recent AMEB and ANZCA Music exams.

AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board)

Ryan Li	Grade 3 Flute
Ayodimeji (Ayo) Oloruntoba	Grade 3 Clarinet
Harrison Lindner	Grade 4 Clarinet
Matthew Smalls	Grade 5 Clarinet
Blake Lindner	Grade 4 Saxophone
William Smart	Grade 5 Saxophone
Angas Marshall	Grade 6 Saxophone
William Cooke	Grade 7 Saxophone
Cheng-Yu (Jack) Wu	Grade 5 Trumpet
Oskars Lidums	Grade 5 Trumpet
Thomas Dodsworth	Grade 4 Horn
Axel Heinrich	Grade 4 Horn
Dhwarakesh Rajaram	Grade 1 Trombone
Rami Andary	Grade 3 Trombone
Fabio Frisan	Grade 4 Trombone
Lachlan Hislop	Grade 4 Trombone
Cormac O'Brien	Grade 4 Trombone
George Skothos	Grade 4 Trombone
Oliver Smart	Grade 4 Trombone
Michael Smith	Grade 4 Trombone
Mitchell Whiteman	Grade 4 Trombone
Edmund Black	Grade 4 Pianoforte
John Maiello	Grade 4 Pianoforte
Carmine Piantedosi	Preliminary Violin
Regan Nelson	Preliminary Violin
Hamish Headland	Preliminary Violin
Lachlan Wedd	Grade 1 Violin
Cheng-Yu (Jack) Wu	Grade 6 Violin
Jackson Doley	Grade 3 Viola
Fabio Frisan	Grade 2 Double Bass
Ethan Hickman	Preliminary Guitar
Thomas North	Preliminary Guitar
Jack Rawlinson	Preliminary Guitar
Chi-Yeung (Tom) Shuen	Preliminary Guitar
George Skothos	Grade 2 Guitar
Peter Skothos	Grade 3 Guitar
Andrew Oakley Conlon	Grade 6 Guitar

ANZCA (Australian and New Zealand Cultural Arts)

Mason Ross	Modern Guitar Preliminary
Sebastian Scalzi	Modern Guitar Grade
James MacDonald	Modern Guitar Grade
Daniel Mills	Modern Guitar Grade 2

Music Performance Calendar

Click [here](#) for the **Music Performance Calendar** advanced dates for 2015.

Andrew Newhouse

Director of Music Performance

BOARDING

Boarding Prefects 2015

On Sunday 30 November Phil Noble and I conducted a Leadership Breakfast and Planning Seminar with our newly appointed Boarding Prefects for 2015. After a delicious bacon and egg sandwich the boys were lucky enough to hear from current parent, Old Red and State MP Mr Peter Treloar, who gave us an insightful overview of his leadership journey. In addition, we were able to map out the goals and plans of the boarding prefects and their areas of responsibility. I am pleased to see that things are shaping up for a successful transition into 2015.

Boarders you have the edge

Article from the Sydney Morning Herald on 11 September 2014. Click [here](#) to view.

Country kids are punching well above their weight in the big city. Twenty one of our top 100 chief executives – or 38 per cent of those born in Australia

The list of country luminaries includes Woolworths Grant O'Brien from Tasmania's Burnie, BlueScope Steel's Paul O'Malley, born in NSW's Dubbo and Fortescue Metal's Neville Power, a banana bender from far north Queensland's Mount Isa.

Tough times, plenty to do in terms of work and maybe a bit of resilience, Wesfarmers Chief Executive, Richard Goyder quips about growing up on a farm in Tambellup, near the southern tip of Western Australia

Weekend Activities

Last weekend we were able to pack a lot into the boarding program including Bubble Soccer, Surfing and Mrs Toh's master class on Gingerbread decoration which was hotly contested on Sunday afternoon. Who will be the winner?

Farewell to a Boarding staff member

Undoubtedly one of the strengths of the Boarding community during 2014 has been the quality of the staff contributions to the programs we have implemented and the level of care the boys have received. One of these valuable contributors over the last 3 years has been Mr Jack Harford. I would like to sincerely thank Jack for his professionalism and care that he has shown throughout his time and the special responsibility for students residing in the Hartley wing. We wish him well for his full-time teaching role at Princes.

Have a restful and safe Christmas break.

Darren Roylett
Head of Boarding

FRIENDS OF PAC

AGM

We are excited to announce that after much collaboration, the Parents and Friends committees of both the Preparatory and Middle & Senior Schools have now merged to become the new Friends of PAC Association.

We will continue as a larger and stronger association across the whole College, supporting the school community, building strong community spirit and raising funds to help develop resources and facilities for all of the boys to enjoy.

Throughout the year the Friends of PAC hosts fun family and parent events bringing people together, coordinates movie nights, morning teas, fashion parades, cake stalls and sausage sizzles, supports other school groups and sporting associations and generally adds to the strong tradition of school spirit at PAC.

The Friends of PAC is an energetic and passionate group of parents and we warmly welcome new committee members from every year level (ELC-Year 12) for 2015. Meeting just twice each term, this is a great way to become involved in the school community, requiring as much or as little time as you are able to offer.



If you would like to find out more about Friends of PAC please contact Rachel Walsh – President on 0413 014 535. Please refer to [PAC](#) website for more information.

OLD SCHOLARS

136th Annual General Meeting

The PAOCA is pleased to advise that at its 136th AGM held on Thursday 20 November, Mr Thomas Huxtable (2003) was elected as President. We wish Tom well in his new role.

At the AGM the Committee adopted the PAOCA 2015-2017 Strategic Plan. Click [here](#) to view.

The PAOCA Management Committee would like to thank Mr John Jovicevic for his dedication in his role as President for the last two years.

Prince Alfred Old Collegians' Cricket Club

The PAOCCC will hold its inaugural Past Players, Vice-Presidents and Sponsors Day on Saturday 20 December 2014 commencing at 1:00pm at Park 9.

If you would like to participate, please refer details in the below mentioned flyer:

PAOCCC INVITES YOU TO THE INAUGURAL

PAST PLAYERS, VICE PRESIDENTS & SPONSORS DAY

This day promises to be a huge social gathering of past players from almost every decade of the Club's 80 odd years.

The event is being held at Park 9, where past players will be able to inspect the new pitch. There will be a large marquee set up and the Club will be serving some of the finest food and drinks throughout the day as provided by our sponsors.

The match of the day features our A Grade playing traditional rivals SPOC, in a limited overs 1-day match and is the first time in many years that the two clubs have played for premiership points. You'll also get the opportunity to test drive the latest Ford range thanks to Stillwell Ford.

COST: Free for all Vice Presidents and Sponsors (\$50 for others), all food, drink and quality cricket supplied.

FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL XMAS DRINKS @ THE HACKNEY

Following the Past Players, Vice Presidents & Sponsors Day will be the Annual Christmas Drinks and final presentations of the year at The Hackney. The club will put on subsidised beer, wine and sofas at a price to be confirmed closer to the date.



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Please refer to [PAOCA](#) website for reports and photos from our 2014 events and a comprehensive listing of our events planned for 2015. Alternatively contact PAOCA Executive Officer, Mary-Ann Standish on (08) 8334 1880 or via [email](#).



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