

Alumnae News

Special Edition July 2019



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Alumnae Association

Image International Women's Day Breakfast Alumnae speakers Azmeena Hussain (Class of 2004) and Lauren McCutcheon (Class of 2012) pictured with 2019 School Captains Rhea Shami and Lucy Kehoe

Editorial note

This special edition of Alumnae News accompanies Shaping the Future, which shares Sacré Cœur's exciting plans for the future. These publications replace the June 2019 edition of the Burke Road Bulletin, which will return for the November edition.

The latest edition of the e-newsletter Esprit de Cœur also shares news of recent reunions, High Tea, AGM and alumnae profiles which can be found on the Alumnae page of the Sacré Cœur website:

sac.vic.edu.au/community/alumnae-association

Presidents' welcome

Welcome all to this special edition of Alumnae News which accompanies the School publication, Shaping the Future.

The Association whole-heartedly endorses the plans shared with you in Shaping the Future, and thank you to the Principal,

Mrs Anna Masters, Chair of Board, Mrs Joan Fitzpatrick and Board Members, School Leaders and Staff for their dedication and the ingenuity inherent in the future plans.

The Sacred Heart Mission and Cor Unum Values of Faith, Community, Integrity and Kindness highlight the educational, structural and spiritual purpose which underpin this Strategic Plan. What better way could there be for our girls and for our society, than ***Courage x Kindness = the Sacré Cœur Way?***

Within this special edition of the Alumnae News, you can read about the Alumnae Association activities and events over the past year and learn about the exciting new database program, called sacconnect, which is up-and-running and waiting for you to sign up!

Increasing numbers of alumnae are coming to reunions and events. The events we organise are for you, so please let us know your ideas and wishes for your Alumnae Association.

Kerry Bergin and Marianne Cassin
Co-Presidents



Memory Sharing

On Sunday 19 May, the Alumnae Association Committee welcomed alumnae from many decades to the Annual Mass. A beautiful choir including 2018 Alumnae and their Co-Captains Krystal Salloum and Ruby de Luca, led the singing of our favourite hymns including, Les Promesses du Sacré Cœur (Cœur de Jésus).

A High Tea served by the Alumnae Committee in the Kirby Centre, which many alumnae remembered as the Dining Room, followed the Mass. Decadent cupcakes and homemade scones topped with jam and cream filled the tiered cake stands and the Sacré Cœur dinner plates overflowed with ribbon sandwiches and hot savoury delicacies – all washed down with glasses of champagne and cups of tea and coffee!

Co-President Marianne Cassin welcomed the Class of 1949 and 1959 reunions and the large table of the Class of 2018. For many alumnae from 1949 and 1959 it was the first time they had returned to Burke Road, and for the 2018 Class it was their first opportunity to return in casual

clothes and drink champagne in the Kirby Centre with their School Principal, Anna Masters in attendance! Marianne reassured all those in attendance that ... *"the Association will always be there for you. We are a kind and caring community and we are here for you all at any stage of your lives."*

A brief Annual General Meeting was conducted which included the presentation of the Financial Report and the Janet Stuart Bursary Fund Report. Alumnae Association office bearers and general committee positions remain unchanged until the end of this two year term, May 2020. Marianne thanked the Principal, Mrs Anna Masters, for her strong support of our Association and invited her to address the meeting about the recent developments within the School.

The Annual fund-raising raffle was drawn by Krystal Salloum (2018), Ruby de Luca (2018) and Nora Toohey (1944). Three lucky winners received some beautiful prizes.

The photos illustrate the spirit and enjoyment of this Annual High Tea.



Alumnae Association Annual Report 2018-2019

Our Co-Presidency of has proven most beneficial during its first year in office. The sharing of skills, ideas, tasks and responsibilities has been both productive and enjoyable. Many people have supported us in our role. The President ex-officio, Marisa Reid, is always generous with her advice, support and tireless dedication. We have a Committee from a broad range of class years who willingly share their talents, experience and knowledge. Our thanks, in particular, to our current Secretary, Genevieve Grabau, assisted by Steph Quinn and our Treasurer, Charlotte Stoltz, assisted by Simone Eason.

Melinda Adams is an exceptional Alumnae Relations Manager. As well as being a highly skilled and

innovative Manager, Melinda's loyalty and enthusiasm for the Alumnae is immeasurable. Marian Andrews willingly extends her role as The Foundation Executive Administrator to ensure the success of our functions and activities. Mark Oski creates meaningful liturgies for our two Annual Masses and many other School staff contribute to ensuring our visibility and involvement in the School.

Our sincere thanks to the Principal, Mrs Anna Masters. Anna instantly became a quasi-alumna when she arrived at Sacré Cœur. We are delighted that Anna has become integral to our Association and that she affirms our active presence in the School Community.

As Co-Presidents we attend Alumnae Association facilitated functions and participate in a number of school activities, either together or separately. We do our best to continue the tradition of the RSCJ with bereavement support to alumnae, in the form of letters and attendance at funerals where possible. We are reliant on alumnae to inform us of deaths in their family or friendship networks.

ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS

- **August 2018** – we were entertained by the talented students who performed at the School Concert in the Recital Centre.



- **September 2018** – the Annual Generations Afternoon Tea included three generations of one family. We look forward to this number growing over time. We also met with the Year 12 Class for an introductory “Welcome” to their Association.
- **October 2018** – The French Village Fair was held and the Association had a dedicated stall with a percentage of proceeds going to Sophie’s Farm. The Committee created a beautiful booklet, *One Heart: Treasured Memories of Sacré Cœur Alumnae*, to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of Sacré Cœur and for sale at the Fair. One of our committee, Charlotte Stoltz, provided delightful illustrations and another alumna, Marnie Haddad took the photographs for this booklet. Celeste Medcalfe spearheaded this project with assistance from a dedicated group of committee members. Our special thanks to Celeste and Charlotte.
- **November 2018** – the Remembrance Day Mass for deceased members, family of members and RSCJ was held followed by a morning tea in the Kirby Centre provided by the Alumnae Committee.
- **December 2018** – we had the honour of sharing a most beautiful School Carol Service.
- **March 2019** – we participated in the new school initiative, the Opening of the School Year Cocktail Party. This provided another opportunity for alumnae inclusion in School life.

- **March 2019** Alumnae representatives were invited to the Melbourne RSCJ Dream Catcher Gathering, in March 2019. This meeting was one of many held across the world in RSCJ institutions, aimed at garnering ideas from lay personnel as to how they envisaged the RSCJ of future generations.
- **Class Reunions** underpin our main raison d’être; attendances are increasing as is the noise level, both good indications of the enjoyment level of coming back to School! The committee willingly give their time to host these reunions and share the joie de vivre.
- **Small Pleasures** Once again, a sell-out crowd packed Leonda, Hawthorn, on 27 October 2018 for this fabulous annual event. There was a Cup Day theme with all things racing, except live horses! There was even an hilarious race call involving “horses” with symbolic Sacré Cœur names!

The School has agreed to increase the Alumnae Association Membership joining fee, paid on student enrolment, from \$100 to \$200, from 2019. This increase will support the new sacconnect website, the increasing cost of reunion catering and our on-going commitment to the Janet Stuart Bursary Fund.

ASCA: AUSTRALIAN SACRÉ CŒUR ASSOCIATION

Sacré Cœur has had the mandate of ASCA from late 2016 until the end of 2019. During this period considerable achievements have been made by the President, Sophie Jackman, to ensure the

sustainability of ASCA by streamlining communication between the three RSCJ Alumnae Associations and Jane Murfett, as Treasurer, for establishing an efficient and transportable financial system. The ASCA website has been decommissioned. The intention of this was to reduce duplication, eliminate the financial costs incurred to maintain this website and to increase usage of our direct links to our sister schools’ websites and to the AMASC website.

AMASC: ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DES ANCIENNES ET ANCIENS DU SACRÉ CŒUR

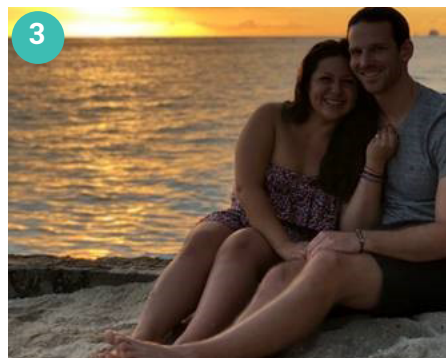
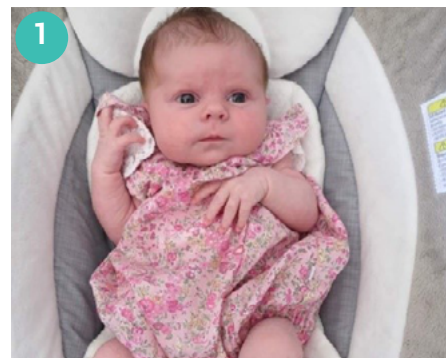
An Extraordinary General Meeting was held in Joigny in October 2018 and Paola del Preta, from Italy, was elected President. The theme of her presidency is: Let’s live together the Family of the Sacred Heart. The AMASC website will now be managed by one of her European Board members. Paola plans to meet with the RSCJ to discuss how AMASC can support their missionary work; redefine the concept of hospitality; and plan a World Congress on a more modest basis, hosted by an RSCJ school.

Our most sincere thanks to the Committee of 2018-19 who have worked together with congeniality and collegiality and in the spirit *Cor Unum*: Charlotte Crowley, Nicola Duggan, Simone Eason, Gabrielle Garlepp, Genevieve Grabau, Sophie Jackman, Lizzie Joyce, Virginia Kennedy, Helen McCormack, Celeste Medcalfe, Jane Murfett, Steph Quinn, Marisa Reid, Charlotte Stoltz and Sarah Rudd-Coyle.

**Kerry Bergin and Marianne Cassin
Co-Presidents**

Births, Engagements and Marriages

1. **Birth** **Melissa Tiffen** (staff) and **Chris** welcomed **Matilda (Tilly) Tiffen** on 28 March 2019.
2. **Birth** **Gerardine Dickson** (Lim 1996) and **Drew Dickson** welcomed **Rae Djeva Jin Wei Dickson**, a sister for **Alouette**, on 21 October 2018.
3. **Engagement** **Carmen Carnovale** (2007) and **Kingsley Hill** were engaged at **Waikiki Beach, Hawaii** on 16 January 2019.
4. **Engagement** **Gemma Rice-Van Heer** (2014) and **George Leeman** were engaged on 1 March 2019 with plans to marry in early 2020.
5. **Marriage** **Charlotte Packwood** (2006) married **Jack Joslin** on 13 April 2019 in the **Sacré Cœur Chapel**.
6. **Marriage** **Charlotte Crowley** (2010) married **Sam Morris** on 31 May 2019 at the **Panama Dining Room, Fitzroy**.
7. **Marriage** **Laura Prowse** (2007) married **Sean Smartt** on 12 October 2018 at **St Peter's Church, Toorak**.
8. **Pictured** **Laura's** bridesmaids **Gab Nunan, Kate Murphy, Jacqui Bull** and **Anna Dwyer** (all Alumnae from 2007) and her other **Sacré Cœur** friends from the **Class of 2007: Danielle Busuttil, Sara Brown, Olivia Garlepp, Felicity Browne, Laura Murphy, Sophia Thomas, Steph Woefle** (Barnetby) and **Alex Pekin**.
9. **Marriage** **Amy Vinning** (2005) married **Luke Dickson** on Saturday 15 December 2018 at **Flowerdale Estate**. There were thirteen of her **Sacré Cœur** friends helping her celebrate.
10. **Marriage** **Andria Piacentini** (2005) married **Michael Farrugia** on 22 September 2018 at **Coombe, Yarra Valley**.



Deaths

We remember the members of our alumnae who have recently died.

Alison McInnes (Murphy 1944) died 31 October 2018. Mother of **Helen McInnes** (1970) and **Ann McInnes** (1971). Sister of **Helen Murphy** dec, **Isla Wimpole** (Murphy) dec, **Maud Murphy** (1938) dec, **Dorothy Murphy** (1940) dec and **Enid Neal** (Murphy 1947) dec. Aunt of **Margaret Wimpole** (1968), **Catherine Neal** (1975) and **Margaret Neal** (1981).

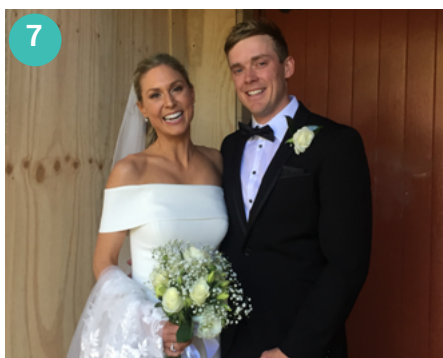
Barbara Clarebrough (1948) died 2 June 2019. Sister of **Margaret Holzer** (Clarebrough 1944 dec).

Melanie Young (Burnett 1959 Stuartholme) died 30 December 2018. Mother of **Vanessa Huxley** (Young 1993) and **Meagan Selkirk** (Young 1985). Grandmother of **Kallista Selkirk** (Yr 11). Cousin of Mother **Yvonne Swift** (1930).

Denise Johnston (Cook 1961) died 22 June 2019

Joanne Perry (O'Connor 1962) died 4 February 2018. Sister of **Margaret Haslope** (O'Connor 1965) and **Jennifer Daffy** (O'Connor 1969).

Leonie de Haas (Warton 1977) died 29 June 2019



Alumnae 2019 events

GENERATIONS AFTERNOON TEA

Celebrating the many generations of Sacré Cœur women with an afternoon tea for grandmothers, mothers and aunties with a child currently at the School.

When Tuesday 17 September

Time 3.30pm

Where Sacré Cœur

SMALL PLEASURES LUNCH

The much anticipated Small Pleasures lunch is happening again on Saturday 23 November at Leonda. This sell-out event raises funds to support members of the Sacré Cœur Alumnae community living with a debilitating illness or injury or experiencing life-changing trauma. It was set up in memory of Rebecca Dollman (1991) who passed away in 2013.

Follow Small Pleasures on Facebook (@SmallPleasures) to share in the heart-warming work done by the group and to find out when tickets go on sale. All alumnae members will also be invited by email.

When Saturday 23 November

Time 12pm

Where Leonda

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Join with Sacré Cœur friends and family to remember and celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have died. The Mass commemorates our deceased Religious, Alumnae, family and friends.

When Saturday 16 November

Time 10am

Where Sacré Cœur

Alumnae 2019 reunions

1979 REUNION (40 YEARS)

When Saturday 31 August

Time 4-6pm

Where Sacré Cœur

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2009 REUNION (10 YEARS)

When Friday 30 August

Time 6-8pm

Where Sacré Cœur

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2018 REUNION (1 YEAR)

When Friday 30 August

Time 6-8pm

Where Sacré Cœur

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SAVE THE DATE

2014 REUNION (5 YEARS)

When Friday 22 November 2019

Time TBA

Where TBA

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sacconnect

The Alumnae Association is excited to share news of a new online platform for our alumnae to stay connected - **sacconnect**.

This networking tools enables us to:

- **connect and re-connect** – with classmates and other alumnae;
- **give back** – introduce, employ and/or mentor new graduate alumnae;
- **expand** – leverage professional networks and make beneficial contacts; and
- **get ahead** – advance career opportunities via personal contacts and gain access to exclusive opportunities.

Signing up for sacconnect is done in less than two minutes. Import your LinkedIn or Facebook profile, or sign up via your email address.

The Alumnae Association is grateful to the School for their support of sacconnect and to our Alumnae Relations Manager, Melinda Adams, for implementing our exciting new platform.

Please let us know what you think or if you have trouble with the sign-up. Your feedback will help us improve, so please let us know how you want to sacconnect.

Sign up today by visiting **sacconnect.com.au**

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