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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Greetings,

I hope that Spring is raring its head with joy in your part of the world! For we here in Kilmore, the days are getting a little longer, there's a smidge more sunshine in the sky and the morning frosts have mostly abated (although, let's face it, this is Kilmore and anything could still happen!). For those of you who are in parts of the country that need more rain, we hope and pray that by the time this edition wings its way to you, the rivers have filled and the crops are watered.

As the 125 Year Anniversary draws towards its culminating event at the Gala we've been busy celebrating with a number of past students in various forums. There was a lovely afternoon tea in Adelaide during the Sacred Heart Exchange, a fun night out with a group of old collegians in Sydney, a gathering of 'past students who are current parents at Assumption' here at the College, as well as the usual reunion groups (photographic

evidence later in this edition!). We've been using these opportunities to share with our alumni community what's been happening at their alma mater, as well as showing off some of our future planning. Each event has been a terrific time of story-telling, laughter and general reminiscing of well-loved school days.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the Gala in October. Our team have been working hard to make sure this event lives up to the reputation of the one hosted in 2015, especially since so many described it as the 'one of the all-time best!' Happily, other Colleges have come to us for advice on how to run such a professional, warm and inclusive evening – something we can all be justifiably proud of, and which bodes extremely well for this upcoming event! We've now finalised all the Awards and Commendations (Hall of Excellence, Rising Star and the Cricketers of the Century), and already have bookings for over half the room (we're anticipating 700 people).

For those who can't make it along, you'll be missed! Like last time, we'll make sure there's lots of photos, videos and stories recorded, so that you can keep up to date with what promises to be a history-making evening. If you are coming, make sure you jump online quickly and book your seat/table, so we can make sure we have you seated with your correct year-level or group of friends.

Finally, as we draw towards the end of the year, I invite you to keep our Year 12 students in your thoughts and prayers. Their major assessments and exams are bearing down, and all being well (!) they will soon join you as proud Assumption College graduates. On behalf of you all, I wish they and their families all the best for the challenges of the coming weeks and months. *Quae Supra Quae.*

Please and Blessings.

Kate Fogarty



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The College celebrated the Feast of The Assumption on Thursday, 16 August with a true sense of community and Marian values.

While this year the Feast Day fell on Wednesday, with so many students off campus at TAFE and VET studies, the annual mass, fete and concert was delayed one day to ensure the whole school community could come together.

Beginning with a full school Mass led by Fr John Healy, Fr John encouraged students to liken Mary to popular Mission Impossible character Ethan Hunt. Hunt is often set a next to impossible task to achieve which he goes about with dogged determination.

In his homily, Fr John spoke of how Mary has set us all an example of never losing faith in the path she was chosen for and on this annual Feast Day we were reminded of her strength and her resilience, values that saw her assumed to her rightful place in heaven.

The short assembly following Mass gave all in attendance an update on recent immersions and study tours before the school community were encouraged to celebrate and raise funds for education projects in Timor-Leste at the ever-popular annual fete.

A crisp, clear day ensured great success for the fete with a record amount raised to go



towards the building of a new school in Timor-Leste and all students and staff were commended for the efforts put into fundraising projects and sales on the day.

Stalls included plenty of food and drink and fun games including bubble soccer, sumo wrestling suits, coin tosses, Fortnite action, balloon darts and the always popular petting zoo.

Students and staff from Year 5 and 6 at St Patrick's Primary also joined us for the Mass and fete.

The highly anticipated Assumption Day concert did not disappoint, hosted by Year 12 student

Lachlan Mitchell, with assistance from Joshua Parkinson, it was an often hilarious celebration of the outstanding talent on offer at the College and a great opportunity for the Year 12 cohort to celebrate their final Assumption Day.

An amazing singing performance from Isabelle Zoch and a winning dance routine from Ebony Marshall were the stand out efforts from the day, with a very notable mention to the hugely popular rendition of Grease hits from the Year 12 boy boarders.

Again, the Assumption College community came together to celebrate Assumption Day, whilst thinking of others and applauded each other's strengths and talents.





SEEKING THE THINGS ABOVE

Ryan Blair is a dedicated athlete whose perseverance took him to both the State and National Athletics Championships earlier this year.

Competing in his fifth Nationals in March, Ryan was still honoured to be representing his state.

"The experience was humbling. Competing at the national level and representing Victoria never loses its touch nor does winning state medals."

Ryan took top honours in February at the State Championships with first placings in Under 16 discus and shot put events.

He backed up this tremendous effort at the Nationals with a sixth in shot put and a fourth in discus.

Ryan has been competing in athletics for nine years and is dedicated to the sport, spending approximately eight hours a week training in the off season and during competition season spending at least five hours a week with his coach and usually four hours of additional training by himself.

He is driven and loves both training and competing which pushes him to develop and improve. He also loves doing well at state and national competitions.

"It grants me a sense of achieving my goals and makes me want to work harder to become a better athlete. I am also very grateful for the opportunity to represent my state." Ryan said.

"As a result of these performances, I received an invite to the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport) to train with elite coaches and athletes and further develop my skills to compete at other national competitions."

Ryan thanks his parents for all the hours of driving to and from training and all the emotional support they provide and his coach for his dedication to helping him improve and develop.

Ryan Blair
Year 10 Damian House



Mitchel Langborne has done himself and the school proud with his recent win in the AGSV Cross Country Championships.

Mitchel had an unbeaten run throughout the 2018 season, which is an amazing feat in itself considering it was his first year competing in the event.

Competing on Saturday, 28 July in the AGSV event, Mitchel was able to complete the course in a time which then allowed him to then compete in the Little Athletics Cross Country State Championships, which he also won in the Under 13 division.

Mitchel has been competing in athletics since he was in the Under 6 division and is a member

of the Keilor St Bernard's Athletics Club. He also plays football.

No stranger to competition, Mitchel has also competed in a variety of events at Nationals, All Schools competitions, Victorian Juniors and Little Athletics Championships and enjoys the opportunity to compete and meet new people while also trying to improve on personal bests.

Mitchel would like to thank his parents and also his coaches Ron, Greg and Lincoln.

Mitchel Langborne
Year 8 Damian House

THE MARIST STORY

THE ROOTS

The day after his ordination to the priesthood in 1816, Marcellin Champagnat joined with some other priests, and made a pledge to begin what they called the Society of Mary.

The dream was for this Society to be a robust religious congregation, that would include clergy, consecrated religious men and women, and lay men and women. They would reform the Church by placing Mary at the centre.

In the formal structures of the Church, this dream never saw the light of day, instead, what emerged was separate religious congregations and orders. The Marist Fathers, the Marist Sisters, the Missionary Sisters, and the Marist Brothers. In these early origins, there was an anticipated space for Marist laity.

It was Marcellin Champagnat who founded the Marist Brothers (whom he originally called The Little Brothers of Mary), with a focus on educating poor, marginalised, rural children. Later, this Religious Institute would be formally named by the Church as the Marist Brothers of the Schools.

AUSTRALIA

The first Marist Brothers arrived in Sydney in 1872. Their first school was St Patrick's in The Rocks. In the years that followed, the Brothers set up communities and established schools right across Australia.

Today, the network of schools is known as Marist Schools Australia. There is also a significant aid and development branch to the Marist footprint called Australian Marist Solidarity, involved in programs and initiatives across the Asia-Pacific Region; a Youth Services and Engagement Organisation, Marist 180, operating largely out of Western Sydney; and National works in Youth Ministry.

Over the last 30 years, the Marist Brothers have invested generously and deliberately in the formation of the people who work with and alongside them. Part of this formation has been a gentle and constant invitation for each person to explore their own experience of being 'Marist'.

Along with a culture of empowerment, invitation and relationship building, this has amounted to many people across the country – men and women, young and old, married and single – finding a home in the Church as part of the Marist family.

THE CONTEMPORARY EXPRESSION

Today in Australia, the people and works that are Marist, share a unified identity under the banner of the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat.

Financially backed by the Marist Brothers, the Marist Association is an attempt to grow connection, belonging and purpose between the people who choose to be a part of it, and between the ministries it is responsible for. This, in turn, grows capacity to respond to the needs of young people today.

The Marist Association ensures for the time being, that 'Mary's way' of being attentive and responsive to God remains a living tradition. It hopes to inspire people, encouraging them to find meaning by cultivating the strengths, talents and capacities that lie within them and using them for the benefit of others.

THE INVITATION

In June 2014, the Provincial of the Province of Australia at the time, Br Jeff Crowe, extended the initial invitation for people to consider

joining the Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat. Much work had gone on behind the scenes leading up to this moment, to ensure that this model of fostering the life and mission of the Marist family was feasible and viable practically, financially, canonically and in civilly.

The invitation to choose to be a part of the Marist Association is a standing one!

If you are someone who has had a positive experience of Marist life and mission and would like to deepen this and personalise it further, the Marist Association could be for you.

If you are someone who feels strongly about ensuring that Marist mission continues and want to share in the responsibility for that to happen, the Marist Association could be for you.

If you are someone looking to connect with others who share a spirituality and a desire to serve those around them, the Marist Association could be for you.

If you are someone who wants to understand more about God who is in them and with them, the Marist Association could be for you.

For further information visit:

www.maristassociation.org.au

If you have any questions email:

marist.association@marists.org.au



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GALA DINNER

The pinnacle event of the College's 125th celebrations is the Gala Dinner, which will be held on Saturday, 27 October 2018 at the Palladium at Crown.

We expect over 700 people to attend this prestigious event which will honour inductees into the College's Hall of Excellence together with the announcement of the Assumption Cricket Team of the Century. In addition the night will feature a special segment to recognise our young Rising Stars and acknowledgement of alumnae achievement at the highest level in the AFLW.

Significantly, the event will serve as the official launch of the Building Greatness Appeal, our first major fundraising campaign in over forty years, to deliver a new state-of-the-art community and sports pavilion, to be housed adjacent to Carroll Oval. This magnificent new, two storey building will replace the current Anderson Pavilion.

Our dream is to raise from our community \$3.5m of the overall \$5m needed to deliver this project! It's a big challenge, but we hope that with the support of our current and past families; old collegians; past and current staff; and friends of the College that we will achieve this goal.

As part of the launch, we are delighted to announce that Kia Motors Australia has generously donated a Kia Cerato S Sedan Auto (RRP \$21,490 drive away) to be auctioned on the night with all proceeds going to the appeal. Sincere thanks to Damien Meredith (Class of '74) Chief Operating Officer Kia Motors Australia for this generous gift.

There are a range of opportunities for everyone to be involved, so please stay tuned for further announcements about this exciting campaign.

Don't miss out on what is set to be a magnificent night of celebration and memories for the College in this very special anniversary year. Tickets are selling fast. Tables of 10 are available. Book now at www.trybooking.com/UVKM

Y2 Architecture continues its strong support of the College as event partner and DMC, Spotless and Seymour Coaches are also thanked for their generous support as Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsors respectively of the event.

For further information on the night please contact Community Relations Officer Maria Cleve at maria.cleve@assumption.vc.edu.au or on (03) 5783 5343.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Tom Gleeson, is unable to MC this event. However, we are delighted to announce that Channel 9 sports journalist and Sunday Footy show host Tony Jones will be our host for the evening.





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HALL OF EXCELLENCE & GREATEST CRICKET TEAM

Gala Dinner

27 OCTOBER 2018, PALLADIUM AT CROWN

6:30PM START FOR CANAPÉS AND PRE DINNER DRINKS

The night will include the official launch of the Building Greatness Appeal to deliver a state-of-the-art Community and Sports Pavilion.

As part of the launch, we are delighted to announce that Kia Motors Australia has generously donated a Cerato S Sedan Auto (RRP \$21,490 drive away) to be auctioned on the night, with all proceeds going to the Building Greatness Appeal. Sincere thanks to Damien Meredith (Class of '74) Chief Operating Officer of Kia Motors Australia for organising.

TICKETS \$185 PER PERSON

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BRINGING HISTORY INTO THE LIGHT

Assumption College Library Technician and Archives Officer Maki Daisley knows quite a lot about bringing history out of the dark and sharing it with the Assumption Community.

Mrs Daisley has spent the last two years archiving student records from 1980-2010 and is currently working to categorise all kinds of archival treasures from Assumption College's rich history.

"When I started working with the archives alongside my role as a Library Technician, I found that a lot of work had been done to conserve objects and notable items by storing them in boxes but I had to sort all the items and categorise them," Mrs Daisley said.

"I have digitized most of the prints, photographs and objects for the College record and it is now time to catalogue all this with the right software for access, as presently, all this information is stored in my head."

Mrs Daisley has enjoyed her time delving into the myriad stories that make up the 125 years of history of Assumption College, especially the crossed paths and family connections.

"I have really enjoyed learning about Assumption College and it has been great to see how families are connected through the years and how someone can remember someone else from their time at school," Mrs Daisley said.

"Schools like Assumption College can take pride in 125 years of history and by making that history available, current students can take pride in that. These students can see who has gone before them and this can encourage them to reach for the same achievements."

"Such a magnificent history could be lost if it is not recorded with care."

Mrs Daisley also has played a major role in the development of the new Heritage Centre (formerly the old chapel in Shandon House) as a spectacular archival display that showcases some of the College's rich history.

Mrs Daisley is a current parent of the school as well as a staff member and has an amazing story of her own that brings to light her current talents.

Prior to her arrival in Australia from Japan in 1996, Mrs Daisley was working as a dietician in a food company and in her words "never saw the sun."

"I went to work before the sun came up and never finished before darkness fell so was not really happy. I just wanted to live and see the sun and always heard the stories my father told of how sunny it was in Australia where he had travelled so I decided to become an English student and move to Melbourne," Mrs Daisley said.

"I studied English and Tourism here in Melbourne and worked in a travel agency. I met my husband at school and we married and had children and while I was at home with them I liked to help out at their primary school."

"Their school was small and did not have a proper library but had received a very generous donation of books from a council library and they asked me to catalogue them all. I did that and wanted to learn more so I studied part time for my Diploma in Library and Information Services."



Employment with the Mitchell Shire and then Assumption College followed which brings Mrs Daisley to her current role as a Library Technician with part time Archival Officer duties.

While many locals may joke that Kilmore may not have been the best place to seek sunshine in Australia, Mrs Daisley has done much more than gain that much needed sunlight for herself.

Her work has and continues to bring to light the many stories, both triumphs and tragedies that make the Assumption College story one that deserves the light for all its generations past and all those to come.

DO YOU HAVE ANY ASSUMPTION MEMORABILIA?

If you have any Assumption memorabilia that you would like to gift to the College, please let us know.

We are currently looking for Year Books (Annuals) from 1912, 1915, 1917, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1933 and 1942.

All donations of archival material are greatly appreciated and will be curated and preserved with care.

The College did not publish Yearbooks in 1928, 1929 or 1930. If anyone has any records regarding sports results, awards, pictures from these three years they would be most appreciated.



NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS



The Annual Assumption College Winter Sleep Out did more than just raise valuable funds for the St Vinnies Winter Appeal, it also raised awareness for those less fortunate and brought the Assumption College community together in an inspiring way.

With the theme of "Neighbours helping neighbours" those in attendance were treated to a marvellous night that highlighted how we can all lend a hand to help others and to always be grateful for the lives we have.

Run by the Lux Events team, the night saw over 120 participants sleep in the very cold conditions of the Gonz, enjoying karaoke sessions, dodgeball fun and lots of board games.

Social Justice leader Sarah Cross was extremely happy with the night, congratulating the Events team on a fantastic job.

"I was most impressed by their teamwork and enthusiasm. The team's positivity was infectious and made for a happy, fun vibe in the room that showed in the happy faces of the participants. My highlight for the evening was Sarah Wallace's lip-sync performance to Rewrite the Stars from The Greatest Showman," Ms Cross said.

"Despite the laughter and sense of fun from activities like karaoke and dodgeball, the serious message of the evening was not lost on the students. The videos that the students watched from the Vinnies Winter Appeal highlighted the difficult conditions faced by people who have found themselves homeless. The freezing conditions on Friday night meant that when we left the Gonz on Saturday morning, we all felt incredibly lucky to be able to go home to our nice warm beds.

"The students watched a number of videos produced by Vinnies that were designed to highlight not only the difficulties faced by people living without a home, but to also show some of the varied reasons why people find themselves homeless. One in every 200 people in Australia are experiencing homelessness. One third of Australians seeking homelessness services do so as a result of experiencing family or domestic violence. The largest proportion of homeless Australians are 25-34 year olds accounting for 18 per cent of homeless Australians, with children under 12 accounting for 17 per cent."

Ms Cross thanked everyone involved for all their hard work ensuring the event was such a great success.

"The LUX Events team were amazing. I only came on board for the 2018 Neighbours Helping Neighbours Vinnies Winter Sleep out in the past few weeks after Nigel Engel had worked his usual magic with the team over the first semester of VET classes. The dedicated group of students made it easy for me to simply sit back and supervise, making the odd suggestion, whilst they did all of the organising and legwork."

"Thanks to Julie Pell and the team from Alliance who donated the soup we all enjoyed for dinner at the Sleep out. Thanks too, to the staff who put their own lives and families on hold to come along and supervise the event. With an unprecedented number of registrations in 2018, many of them at the eleventh hour, we needed as many staff on board as we could get. For all the students' hard work, without the support of the staff, the event simply would not have been able to go ahead."



ASSUMPTION – SACRED HEART EXCHANGE

Friday 17 August – Sunday 1 August 2018

Assumption College saw 120 students travel to Sacred Heart College, Adelaide, to participate in the 62nd Annual Exchange.

Students were billeted with SHC families, where they shared meals, enjoyed the sights of Adelaide together, and competed in cultural and sporting events over the weekend.

We thank our SHC families for their wonderful care of our students and we look forward to repaying their hospitality when they visit in August 2019.

Finally, congratulations to our students for representing Assumption in a positive, competitive and respectful manner, with true Marist spirit. You were awesome!

Jenny McKay
ACK-SHC Exchange Committee

ACTIVITY	RESULT	MVP
Netball	SHC won, 49 – 39	Mia Daly
Debating (“Generation Z has it tougher than the generations before them”)	ACK won by 1.4 points	Ella Beveridge
Girls Basketball	SHC won, 46 - 15	Macy Byrnes
Boys Basketball	ACK won, 44 – 41	Sebastian Villegas
Girls Soccer	ACK won, 4 – 2	Monique Mangion
Boys Soccer	SHC won, 5 - 1	James Cilia
Girls Hockey	SHC won, 5 – 0	Zoe Atherden
Athletics	Gift, SHC won Relay, SHC won	
Football	SHC, 10-11-71, defeated ACK, 5-8-38	Shane Skidmore







Andrew Kennedy, Damien O'Keefe, Michael Foldi, Paul Taylor & Nigel Haynes

CLASS OF 1988

In early June the Terminus Hotel in Richmond was jam packed with old collegians from the class of 1988. While many had lost contact over the years, it looked more like a gathering of those who regularly caught up, with lots of laughter and fun.

Past students came from overseas and interstate. Rebecca Le Claire (nee Laffan), Tim O'Dwyer and Paul Hussey took the longest flights, travelling from Canada and Singapore, and Michael Ryan arrived from Sydney. Unfortunately, Damien Beasley, who for a long time has been instrumental in connecting many from 1988, was unable to join us from his home in Japan where he lives with wife Yuki.

Reunions are an effective way to reconnect and build our alumni database. This gathering featured the largest growth in attendance at a year-level reunion on record. And it would not have been possible without the efforts of my sister Caroline Killeen (nee Hemenstall).

Many are apprehensive about school reunions, and this can often result in a low turnout. We work hard at Assumption College to build the database and maintain meaningful relationships with old collegians, but we cannot do it on our own. Sometimes, for example, it takes a former classmate to send an encouraging personal message or make the odd phone call to ensure all will feel welcome and at ease. This is how Caroline contacted 30 otherwise "lost alumni", bringing together

75 from the class of 1988. I am certain that as farewells were said everyone felt uplifted and looking forward to the next opportunity to remember when.

Maria Cleve (Hemenstall)
Community Relations Officer



David Williams, Tim O'Dwyer & Michael Foldi



Dean Brown & Dean Leeds



Jon O'Dwyer, Nat Barry, Paul Dunlop & Michael Ryan

The Girls



REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1958

50 year reunion

(Including all those who would have finished if completing Matric)

12.00pm – 3.00pm
QPO 186 High Street, Kew

\$40 per head for lunch tea and coffee.
Drinks at bar prices.
Organisers: Frank Peck & Kerry Breen

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OCT

CLASS OF 1983

25 year reunion

Pure South Dining
3 Southgate Ave, Southbank
(Bar & kitchen downstairs)
Welcome at the bar earlier

Pay As You Go
Organisers: Wendy Archer (Nee D'Elia)
& Philip Kennedy

RSVP: maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au

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NOV

CLASS OF 1983

25 year reunion

11.00am – 5.00pm
Kilmore Cup – Trackside
East St, Kilmore VIC 3764

Organiser: Wendy Archer (nee D'Elia)

RSVP: maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au

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NOV

CLASS OF 1998

20 year reunion

11.00am – 5.00pm
Kilmore Cup – Trackside
East St, Kilmore VIC 3764

\$15 per head for marquee hire
Organisers: Kathryn D'Elia, Lauren Luca
(nee Breadsell) & Lauren Duffy (nee Henry)

www.trybooking.com/XHXC

25
NOV

QUEENSCLIFF REUNION

All old collegians welcome

12.00pm – 3.00pm
Queenscliff Bowling Club

Organiser: Ron Forbes. Ron will collect
from Ferry if coming from Sorrento

RSVP: [Ron 0438 509 217](tel:0438509217)

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FEB



Br Doug, Jane Williams, Andrea Tindle,
Sheree Ambrosini & Patrick DeGabrielle

OTHER EVENTS

DOUGIE'S LUNCH

12.00pm – 3.00pm
The Pumphouse Hotel Fitzroy

\$110 per head for 3 course lunch with beer
wine & soft drink
\$60 from each ticket is donated to St Vinnies
Organiser: Sam Crimmins

www.trybooking.com/YFWR

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FEB



Caroline Killeen, Nigel Haynes,
Tony & Gabe Noonan & Mitchell Killeen



Paul Hussey & Veronica Meier

Andrew Kennedy, Julian Roche, Matt Sharpe, Justine Robbins & Matt Smyth



QUESTIONS?

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RHODESIA'S TALENT IS RACING AHEAD

RHODESIA SAYKAO

Class of 2016

Former student Rhodesia Saykao (Class of 2016) was lucky enough to participate in a unique art experience when as part of a team from Swinburne University of Technology she designed and got to paint a real Formula 1 car.

As part of a promotion for the Australian Grand Prix in 2018, Rhodesia and her fellow Communication Design students formulated a design and painted the car as well as a wall mural in AC/DC Lane.

"What was painted on the car was designed by myself and the wall was a contribution from us all," Rhodesia said.

"The design concept is inspired by WWI startle camouflage. Later we found out that F1 cars are painted in camouflage during their test drives to hide the aerodynamic designs from competitors.

"During my time at Assumption I always kept up my art on the side of study and picked up Unit 3 / 4 Studio Arts in Year 12. I fell in love with creating and designing and carried this into my tertiary studies at Swinburne studying Communication Design Honours."



GET BEHIND THE FIGHT



Old Collegians Brendan Carey, Mark Spencer, Russell Dickson and Martin Ryan (Class of 1978) are former classmates of Neale Daniher and have remained close friends since their time at Assumption College.

Inspired by Neale's efforts to raise vital funds and awareness for Motor Neurone Disease, the foursome will again take to the wheel for the Daniher Drive as Team Consumption as they did in 2017. They will join Neale and 450 supporters this year.

Daniher Drive is a four day car rally throughout Victoria and South Australia to help raise funds for and awareness of MND. The event is run by FightMND, which has been raising money to fund the best and brightest researchers and clinicians across Australia since 2014.

MND is a progressive, terminal neurological disease that can affect anyone. In Australia everyday at least two people are diagnosed with MND and two people die from MND. There is no effective treatment and no known cure.

Team Consumption need your help to raise funds for this worthy cause. Head to <http://my.fightmnd.org.au/consumption> to donate whatever you can afford.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CAITLIN McCROMBE (NEE CROSS)

Class of 2003



It seems like an eternity ago that I departed ACK after finishing my six years there, but equally it feels like I've never left with Mum (Jo Cross) and my sister, Sarah, teaching at the college and keeping me up to date on all things ACK. It's fair to say that the college has changed A LOT since I left - the days of wearing the two-blue PE uniform to extracurricular sports are long gone. I went and watched one of my nieces play netball at Geelong College last weekend, and those netball uniforms are s-c-h-m-i-c-k. I've even eaten at the Marthes restaurant a couple of times, and that dining experience was certainly a far cry from my days in the ref consuming copious amounts of fruit juice and mountains of toast after morning swimming training during the freezing Kilmore winters.

I feel like I've crammed in an awful lot after finishing year 12 in 2003, and it's been a hell of a ride. Life after ACK saw me dabble in Behavioural Science for a semester at La Trobe before realising I had little interest in behaviour or science, so I did as many do and headed to the UK. I lived in London for a few years where I worked as a Telecoms Engineer before venturing home (with my career compass still not quite set) and went from managing backstage at Melbourne Park and music festivals to working full time in global operations for the Movember Foundation. Did I mention I was a little ambivalent on the work front?

In early 2011 I had my light bulb moment and realised that my propensity for arguing (shout out to some of my old teachers, you probably saw the writing on the wall) and my appreciation for words and their meaning (shout out to my Mum, who was always a stickler for grammar) would provide a good base for me to become a lawyer. Thankfully I was finally on the money and in 2014 I graduated with a Bachelor

of Business/Bachelor of Laws and a Master of Laws. I was soon a Graduate Lawyer at Herbert Smith Freehills staring up at the tower of 101 Collins Street (and that place is a long way from Sutherland St, Kilmore, that much I can tell you).

I lasted a couple of years in the top tier world and changed firms to practice Sports Law. The change enabled me to combine my love of sport (which was fostered during my time at ACK), with my career. It sounds clichéd, but if you can find a way to earn a living from something you truly enjoy, you're winning. After my stint in Sports Law I segued into the magical world of 'in-house', which provides a seemingly luxurious lifestyle following some pretty long hours in private practice. I'm now Senior In-house Counsel at Tabcorp in the Docklands three days a week, working two days a week from home in Geelong. I genuinely love where I work, I appreciate the flexibility I have and I'm grateful that I'm someone who enjoys going to work and the work that I do.

Aside from work and travel, I continued playing netball after ACK and took up surf boat rowing for Lorne Surf Life Saving Club about five years ago. I roped Tess Feery (2002) into rowing after bumping into her at a service station in Geelong five years ago. We are coached and swept by my husband (Jarred) and have had an absolute ball hitting the surf around the country (despite being bashed and bruised in the process). We even won a State Title this season which we were pretty chuffed about following a pretty disastrous previous year. In May last year, my then-fiance and I both ruptured the ACLs in our left knees in an almost unbelievable and completely unrelated sequence of events (me - netball, him - Mad Monday gone wrong). Our surgeon assured us that we were a 'first'; he'd never taken the knife

to a couple for knee reconstructions within a week of each other before. The rehab program set by my sister, Johanna (Physio extraordinaire), to get us to our wedding day must have worked, because Jarred and I had a fabulous day in Lorne in late September, surrounded by family and friends (including some from school). I had my four siblings (Alistair, Hamish, Sarah and Johanna) as my bridal party (pictured). Katrina Ferguson and Carla Mahony (both Putkers pre-marriage) were guests and photographed our day, which again, demonstrates the lasting connections born from ACK (and if they still had the bakery, Putker's pies would have been shortlisted for the menu).

Throughout all my travels, my career and my sporting conquests, I'm forever blown away by just how far the ACK network spans and how widely recognised the school is. I could be at a little bar on the other side of the world, mention that I'm from Kilmore, and before I know it I'm hearing from an alumnus how my Mum says the morning prayer quicker than anyone... it's always a positive connection to make. There are currently three generations of Crosses at ACK, with Mum and Sarah both teaching, and my nieces and nephew taking up all of the opportunities (and more!) that was afforded during my time there - it's truly great to see.

I'm forever grateful for my experiences at ACK; I played an awful lot of sport, and I juggled plenty of commitments, and ultimately it prepared me well for life after school. I'm still busy, and I still balance work, life, sport, socialising etc because that's how I learned to prioritise at school. I have friends who 'get' our shared history and I'm glad that ACK will always be a part of who I am.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

GED WILLIAMS

Class of 1981



The best Valentine's Day gift ever!

On 14 February 2018, when most people were probably messaging their lovers, I was alone in a hotel room in Durban, South Africa. It was late and I checked Facebook messages before going to bed, one from my wife and one from David Goulding.

"G'day old mate - how's it going? Where are you these days? Look forward to hearing your story. Cheers Dave G".

I had not spoken to Dave since I attended his 21st birthday in 1984. In fact I'd hardly spoken to any of my Assumption mates since leaving despite having been class mates with some of them, like Dave, for six years. So started an online conversation with Dave, 34 years of stories to catch up on!

Dave and I found more Assumption mates on Facebook and as I would be in Melbourne in late April we arranged a class catch up at the Mitre Tavern in Melbourne where 35 guys and two girls attended

This class catch up was amazing, most of us had not seen each other in almost 38 years. But the nicknames, jokes, gags all started rolling out. There was a spirit in the air (and in most glasses!) that bonded everyone to one place... Assumption College Kilmore... and all were proud to be associated with one another and the institution that bought us together then... and again now!

For me, I did six years at Assumption, part day-boy and part boarder... so many stories and memories. But at this point in my life, I think it is the values and character that were instilled

into many of us during those impressionable years that we are most grateful for. Of course we acknowledge our parents but many can also attribute these blessings to our schooling years and those who influenced and inspired us to become the people we are today.

As for me... this is my story so far:

1980s: Finished at Assumption 1981, studied and qualified in nursing, midwifery, critical care nursing, married and had two kids living in inner Melbourne working at St Vincent's, Mercy and Alfred public Hospitals.

Early 1990s: moved to Brisbane, had two more kids, specialised in critical care nursing at Princess Alexandra Hospital, moved into nursing management roles, completed graduate certificate in public sector management and Masters in Health Administrations.

Late 1990s: Moved to Alice Springs with wife and four kids, assumed role as Director of Nursing at Alice Springs Hospital (DON@ASH)... an amazing seven-year experience working with the community and watching my children grow. Completed Masters in Law. Led the establishment of the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses. Youngest brother Ian Williams dies aged 29 (Assumption old boy, circa 1982-1986)

Early 2000s: Concurrently Chief Nurse for the Northern Territory while still DON@ASH. Moved back to Melbourne working at Royal Melbourne Hospital and Maroondah Hospital. Led the establishment of the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN).

Late 2000s: Moved to role of Executive Director of Nursing & Midwifery, Gold Coast Health, concurrently appointed Clinical Professor of Nursing at Griffith University... divorced!!

Early 2010s: Continued at Gold Coast Health to finish Robina Hospital expansion and building of new Gold Coast University Hospital, wonderful experiences with the health care and boarder community. First grandchild, Makayla, born at Gold Coast Hospital while I was head of nursing and midwifery... a very proud moment! Met the woman who would become my wife, Suzanne.

2014 - now: Took a year off for my 50th birthday...helped family, friends, colleagues, worked as health facility accreditation surveyor across Australia, worked in many developing countries with WFCCN. Remarried and moved to Abu Dhabi Health Service, UAE as Chief Nursing Officer. Continue to spend much of my free time working with health care professionals in developing countries establishing professional associations, education and training courses, health care improvement programs, etc. Next youngest brother, Michael Williams dies aged 49 (Assumption old boy, circa 1980-1985), soon after next granddaughter, Maya, is born to continue the cycle of life!

I am so please to be reconnected with my Assumption College family and looking forward to our 40th anniversary reunion! It is rumoured that our Year 12 band, "Love Muscle", will reform after 40 years especially for this event!

Ero ero ero rum...!

BETWEEN THE OVERS

Ray Carroll
Former Staff



LIAM DURKIN

Twenty three years old, Liam Durkin (pictured centre) grew up in Trafalgar South on his parents potato farm before spending six years at boarding school at ACK and then Deakin University, completing his undergraduate in professional writing and journalism.

Liam's writing influences are novelist Graham Greene, playwright Tom Stoppard and cricket writer Gideon Haigh.

Upon graduating, Liam has taken on a number of roles, including print media for Gippsland Cricket and media officer for Warragul District Cricket Association.

Locally he plays cricket for Trafalgar Cricket club, and also fulfils the role of club secretary, among other things, Liam's interests include writing, reading, discussion and sport, particularly cricket and football.

A boarder at ACK for six years, Liam played First XI cricket, Second XVIII football and was a valued member of the boarding community.

His younger brother James was also a student at Assumption, prior to completing his education at the Marist school in Warragul. Also a keen sportsman he plays for home club Thorpdale in both footy and cricket. He also serves as secretary of the cricket club.

The two lads enjoy great support from parents Maria and Sean a highly regarded potato grower.

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