Welcome to Term 1 of 2016!

Message from Mrs Kylie Alcorn
PLC Armidale Old Girls’ Union President

As President of the PLC Armidale Old Girls’ Union I was delighted to present a cheque to the College for $5,000 on your behalf as our contribution to the refurbishment of the four Science Labs. Giving back to the College in this way was one of our key goals as identified in the vision/mission/purpose “think tank” at Old Girls weekend in September last year.

In addition, our Old Girls bursary was awarded to Laura Hayes from Glen Innes for 2016. Laura is the daughter of Nellie Hayes, a PLC Armidale Old Girls who graduated in 1990. Both this bursary and our science lab refurbishment contribution were funded by interest earned on the investment of our capital. In this way we ensure our capital is preserved and continues to generate income to fund future activities.

Your Executive have been thinking of ways to keep you better informed and connected. Accordingly the minutes of each of our meetings will now be posted on the school website under the Community/Alumni/Old Girls tab. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th April at 12.30pm in the PLC Armidale administration building. If you are local and can attend, I encourage you to do so. You will be warmly welcomed.
Message from Mrs Nicola Taylor, Principal

In my first year at PLC Armidale, I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting with Alumni of the College. These delightful occasions provided me the opportunity to reflect on the legacy effect of past students and the influence that we as custodians have on the College and its future. I have appreciated everyone’s willingness to share their stories whether as a past student, parent or staff member. Many of the experiences have been positive others simply memorable!

These personal experiences provide opportunity for feedback and suggestions as to improvements at the College that will make our current families’ experience—a very positive one. We value the ongoing input and support from our Alumni and would very much encourage your increased connections with PLC Armidale so that we can collectively build the history of the College.

We were encouraged by the recent participation in the Science Lab fundraising project, where many of the PLC Armidale Science Alumni gave of their time and experience to help with the IGNITE fundraising endeavours. This collaborative effort was invaluable and would welcome this approach for future College projects.

I trust that you find this edition of the Alumni News informative and that you take the opportunity to reflect on your experiences, share them with others, and re-connect with each other and the College.

Please take the opportunity to call in to the College and have a look around or take time to visit when we may be in your local area.

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PLC Armidale Reunions

This year the annual Old Girls’ Reunion weekend will be held from October 21-23. Our PLC Armidale P&F is organising a fabulous event for the same weekend to which all Old Girls, past parents and staff, are invited. There will be more information about this event in the Green Tartan which will be available and distributed in May or on our Facebook page and website.

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Thank you very much to all those girls who have so willingly volunteered to organise their respective reunions this year. We would love to hear from anyone who graduated in 1976 and 1996 as at this stage we do not have any helpers.

School of St Jude’s
Community breakfast at PLC Armidale- Tuesday 29 March -7am

Many in our community would have heard of local girl, Gemma Sisia (nee Rice) and her amazing efforts in establishing the School of St Jude’s in Tanzania. Whilst some in our College had the opportunity to visit the School of St Jude’s in 2011 and climb nearby Mt Meru with some of the school’s students, along with supporting the numerous fundraising activities.

Gemma is returning to Armidale this Easter and PLC Armidale is very fortunate to have been offered the opportunity to host not only Gemma, but also one of the school’s incredibly successful 2015 graduates, Dorice Livingston. Dorice is completing her year of Community Service before starting University to study Medicine – I’m sure you are aware of how few Tanzanian students get the opportunity to do that.

I expect that she will give a very engaging and inspiring talk about the effect her education has had on her life.

We hope that many from our PLC Armidale community will join us for the morning’s breakfast and address (please gather all your friends and family). The generous sponsorship of PLC Armidale, Catercare and Office Express means that all the proceeds from the ticket price will go directly to the school. Details of how to book for this extra special breakfast can be found on page 4 of this Alumni News.

Please remember, it is a 7am start ... immediately after the Easter break!

PLC Armidale FACEBOOK PAGE
Like Us and find out what’s happening at the College more regularly!

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Where are they now?

**Emma TINDALE (2014)**
after a GAP year in the UK, Emma is now studying at the UNSW – Fine Arts (Honours) course.

**Fiona CROSS (1995 - nee Rowbotham)**
Fiona studied a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science)/Bachelor of Laws, University of NSW (2000); a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (2001) and is now a Solicitor, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW)-2001- present. She is a senior criminal lawyer conducting criminal prosecutions in the Sydney metropolitan area, namely committal proceedings before a Magistrate, and jury trials in the District Court. In the last few years, Fiona has been involved in a number of high profile prosecutions in Sydney and Newcastle.

**Sarah WINNARD (1995 - nee Wythes)**
Sarah is embarking on a new stage of her career, joining the Apple Retail Leadership team in October 2015. Sarah also has her own creative business, ‘maggie & jill’, making handmade clothing, bags and home decor from fresh, modern fabric. She also provides business coaching and learning and organisational development consultancy on a freelance basis. Sarah is passionate about promoting and encouraging more girls and women to get outdoors, and she has established ‘Girls On Top’, leading all women mountaineering expeditions to raise awareness and money for charity.

**Jenny FLETCHER (1987)**
– making a difference in Kenya
https://powermag.org/news-events/video/renewable-ariya-capital

**Bronwyn GRILLS (1988 – nee HOLMES)**
Graphic Designer at PLC Armidale! Married to Stuart and has two lovely daughters, Anna and Camilla.

**Fiona NORRIE (2006)**
now an Agronomist in Moree. Mrs Taylor and Mrs Eichorn met Fiona’s Dad, Phil and Grandfather, Clive at Narrabri Rotary Club recently.

In Other PLC Armidale Old Girl News...

**Kirsty Doyle (2003 – nee Sniekers)** and husband, Tim, had a baby boy, Darcy Peter Doyle on February 26.


Significant Milestones for PLC Armidale
– in commemoration

In 2017, PLC Armidale celebrates 130 years of educating girls and this year, we celebrate 75 years as a school under the governance of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. So, we would like to commemorate these significant milestones in a number of ways which will be communicated to you as soon as confirmed.

Stay Connected!

And please contact our Development Office
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Warmest regards,

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**PLC Armidale Significant Dates**
– where we’d love you to attend, visit or support PLC Armidale!

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| PLC Sydney & Armidale Cocktail Receptions for our international Alumni | Shanghai, Hong Kong, Beijing | May 25
|                                           |                                        | May 27
|                                           |                                        | May 31
| North West Horse Expo                      | Coonabarabran                           | 3 – 7 June                       |
| Boarding Schools’ Expo                     | Crossing Theatre, Narrabri              | July 29 & 30                     |
| Agquip                                     | Gunnedah                                | August 16-18                     |
As seen on ABC's Australian Story

FIGHTING POVERTY THROUGH EDUCATION

An inspiring story of the motivated Australian teacher who founded one of Tanzania's most successful charity schools.

You're invited to The School of St Jude's Community Breakfast!

WHEN 7am, Tuesday, March 29 RSVP Wednesday, March 23
WHERE PLC Astra Arts Centre, Crest Rd, Armidale
COST Breakfast provided, $20 adult, $10 school age children
REGISTER Book your tickets via www.trybooking.com/KQQF
CONTACT Shona Eichorn at PLC on 6770 1700

Learn more: www.schoolofstjude.org

Guest Speakers
Gemma Sisia & Dorice Livingstone