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## DIARY DATES FOR 2016

### MAY

- 11 PLC Performs concert
- 13/14 Boarding Schools' Expo - Dubbo Eisteddfod
- 21 Principal's Tour – China (Shanghai, Beijing and (to June 3) Hong Kong with PLC Sydney) (NB. For dates and details see invitation included or contact Director of Development)
- 22 Whole School Working Bee

### JUNE

- 3-7 North West Horse Expo - Coonabarabran
- 9 IPSHA Art Show - Astra Arts Centre
- 17 P&F Trivia Night – Dining Room

### JULY

- 20 Starry Night of Languages
- 21/22 PLC Armidale Music Showcase – Bellingen & Coffs Harbour
- 29/30 IGSSA Hockey & Netball in Sydney
- 29/30 Boarding Schools' Expo – Narrabri
- 30 – 6/8 Cattle team to Royal Qld Show (Ekka)

### AUGUST

- 3-5 Principal's Regional Tour – Coast
- TBC Official Opening of the refurbished Science Labs
- 16 – 18 AGQUIP – Gunnedah
- 17/18 IGSSA Athletics
- 26 /27 IGSSA Hockey & Netball in Sydney

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Grandparents' Day
- 2 Starry Night of Music
- 15 Junior School Open Afternoon
- 16 & 17 IGSSA Hockey & Netball Finals in Sydney
- 22 Valedictory Day

### OCTOBER

- 21-23 Old Girls' Reunion Weekend
- 22 P&F High Tea event
- 28 IGSSA Gymnastics
- 31 Starry Night of Drama

### NOVEMBER

- 5 Starry Night of Sport
- 28 Annual String Soiree

### DECEMBER

- 6 Christmas Carol Service
- 7 Speech Day
- 8 Guild Drama



For further information regarding these events, please contact Mrs Shona Eichorn, Director of Development on 6770 1733 or email [development@plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au](mailto:development@plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au). For all other significant dates, please check the PLC Armidale website [www.plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au](http://www.plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au) or our Facebook page.

# Welcome

Last term we welcomed the following staff who have joined our experienced and talented academic team:



GEOGRAPHY /  
LEGAL STUDIES  
**Mrs Shane  
Moffitt**



MATHS  
**Miss Danika  
Blackburn**



and we congratulated **Mrs Anna Caldwell**, who was appointed as the new Head of Senior School, taking over the reins from Mrs Jo Matherson.



#### Farewell to Katie in the Kitchen

Last term PLC Armidale farewelled our fabulous Chef from Catercare, **Katie Clarke**, who sadly is moving back to her home town in Victoria. We will miss her culinary delights and wish her well in her future endeavours.

## SHOUT OUT...

### PLC Armidale to celebrate 130th Anniversary in 2017!

To commemorate the College's 130th milestone next year, PLC Armidale is planning to celebrate in a very special way. We are compiling a pictorial, coffee-table style book which will feature the College's history, family recipes, anecdotal stories about the College, its gardens and most importantly its people, the students and staff who have made PLC Armidale the flourishing place it is today. It is expected that this commemorative publication will be available for purchase in December 2017.

In undertaking this enormous task, we are looking for volunteers from our PLC Armidale community who may have expertise, an interest or contacts in the following areas and would like to help: archives; writing; photography; food stylists/chefs; printing and publishing.

Should you be in one of those categories, please contact Director of Development, Shona Eichorn on [development@plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au](mailto:development@plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au) as soon as possible.

## From the Editor

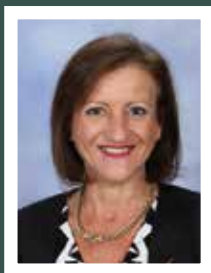
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## From the Principal

Welcome to this first edition of the Green Tartan for 2016. A publication such as this provides an opportunity to showcase the diverse activities of the College, along with the achievements of the students and staff. In what has proved to be a very smooth and positive start to the year, we

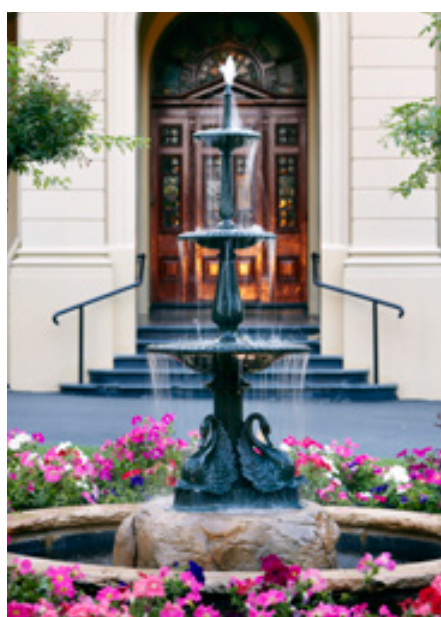
welcome the many new students and their families who have made PLC Armidale the school of choice for their daughter/s. Education, especially in the Independent Sector represents a very significant investment made by parents and one which optimally should be for the duration of schooling. The various conversations along the way, both before, during and after enrolment are important in ensuring that expectations on both sides are shared and understood, that questions and issues are raised in a timely manner to be addressed and effectively resolved and feedback, especially from those experiencing PLC Armidale for the first time is provided. Such communication, imperative in any relationship is what strengthens the fabric of the connection between home and school.

The restructuring of Pastoral Care some leadership roles and within the College, notably in the Senior School has been well received by students and staff. At PLC Armidale, *flourish* is not simply a buzzword, it is both the process and the product of a carefully planned and prepared program grounded in extensive research about the attributes and qualities of character that enables children to navigate their social world well as they grow and mature through

adolescence to adulthood. To embed *flourish* from theory to practice requires the commitment of staff. The newly inceptioned Head of Senior School role led by Mrs Anna Caldwell has oversight responsibility for Pastoral Care across the Senior School, as does Mrs Ainslie Breckenridge as Head of Junior School. This is supported in the development of the *flourish* program materials by Mrs Paula Goode (Pastoral Care Coordinator), Ms Jennifer Leahy (Chaplain) and Mrs Catherine Creagan (Junior School). New responsibilities undertaken by staff in the Senior School include Year Patrons who will remain with a year group across successive years; Year Specialists will focus on developing and refining the activities and events that characterise each new grade or Year Assistants who provide additional support. Whilst the instructional focus of *flourish* might be within Pastoral Care, the application is across every area of the College as a number of our banners and newly developed posters indicate.

This edition of the Green Tartan focuses on one area where girls at PLC Armidale truly *flourish* in the range and calibre of Music ensembles and experiences embedded in a specialised Pre-Kinder to Year 12 Music Education program. The quality and diversity of Music opportunities for girls at PLC Armidale is unmatched by any school in a regional context. You are welcome to attend any of the performance engagements involving the College to experience this for yourselves.

**Mrs Nicola Taylor**  
Principal, PLC Armidale



## PLC SYDNEY AND PLC ARMIDALE IN CHINA

DR DAVID LIM, Chairman of College Council  
DR PAUL BURGIS, Principal of Presbyterian Ladies' College, Sydney  
MRS NICOLA TAYLOR, Principal of Presbyterian Ladies' College, Armidale

### WARMLY INVITE YOU TO

A cocktail reception for current families, ex-students, prospective families and past parents in China.

### INTERNATIONAL COCKTAIL RECEPTIONS

SHANGHAI	Hilton Shanghai, 250 Hua Shan Road, Shanghai. Wednesday 25 May 2016
HONG KONG	New World Millennium Hotel, 72 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Friday 27 May 2016
BEIJING	The Ritz-Carlton, 83A Jian Guo Road, China Central Place, Chaoyang District, Beijing. Tuesday 31 May 2016



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## Have you seen our new website?

During the January holiday break, the PLC Armidale website had a makeover.

Due to the generosity and support of PLC Sydney along with expertise and help from website designers ELCOM, our PLC Armidale website was transformed. It is now more user friendly and helpful, appealing to all of our current, past and prospective families. We hope you enjoy it and would love to receive any feedback.

PS. Don't forget to **LIKE** us on Facebook.



# Speechday

PLC Armidale welcomed back Old Girl, Rhiannon Rees as the College's special guest to the 2015 Annual Speech Day. Rhiannon graduated at PLC Armidale in 1985 and after studying, working and travelling, found herself facing adversity. She shared the ways she was able to overcome each situation to move on and now is a best selling author of two books, as well as a being a Life Coach working with high-profile A list clients and organisations all over the world.

Rhiannon's message to the students, staff and community of PLC Armidale was sometimes it takes facing the challenges life throws at you before you realise success.

Not only were the students' achievements recognised across all fields including academic, sport, music, leadership and community service, Speech Day also provided the Chair of College Council, Dr David Lim to congratulate new Principal, Mrs Nicola Taylor on her sterling inaugural year in the new role.



## PRIZE LIST – 2015

### YEAR 7

**Lucinda BALL** Academic Distinction  
**Thurkka JEYAKUMAR** Academic Distinction  
**Jessica LI** Academic Distinction  
**Chloe VANDERWOLF** Academic Distinction

### YEAR 8

**Isla BIFFIN** Academic Distinction  
**Holly BUTLER** Academic Distinction  
**Emily HEMPEL** Academic Distinction  
**Lucy MARTIN** Academic Distinction  
**Gracen MOORE** Academic Distinction  
**Emma PEARCE** Academic Distinction

### YEAR 9

**Georgia BRECKENRIDGE** Taylor Routley Memorial Prize for Fiction - Junior Secondary; Academic Distinction  
**Darcy CAMPBELL** Academic Distinction  
**Julia CHAMBERS** Academic Distinction  
**Hannah VAN ROY** Academic Distinction

### YEAR 10

**Kate BIDDLE** Academic Distinction  
**Jessica CHAMBERS** Taylor Routley Memorial Prize for Fiction - Senior Secondary; Jean Mitchell Year 10 History Prize; Academic Distinction  
**Alison CHAPMAN** Award for Excellence and Creativity in Visual Arts and Design  
**Anna FINNEY** Academic Distinction  
**Georgina HEBBLEWHITE** Academic Distinction  
**Alex HISCOX** Academic Distinction  
**Ragavi JEYAKUMAR** Zonta Prize for Excellence in Mathematics, Science or IT; Professor John Burton Memorial Prize for Science; Academic Distinction; Rao Year 10 All-Rounder Award  
**Dakotah LOVE** Alexandria Ada Lam Prize for Choir – Senior School  
**Emma RANCK** Blanch Cup for outstanding ability and contribution to Sport in the Junior Secondary School; Australian Defence Force Leadership Award Year 10  
**Brianna ROBERTSON** Middleton Public Speaking Award Years 7-10; Treadgold Award for Public Speaking; Academic Distinction

### YEAR 11

**Clare ASKEY** Academic Distinction (Sponsored by Drisca Pty Ltd)  
**Freya BARTLETT** St Vincent de Paul Society Justice Award  
**Georgina CORNALL** Academic Distinction (Sponsored by Drisca Pty Ltd)  
**Annaliese HARRINGTON** University of Newcastle Faculty of Science and IT Year 11 Excellence Award; Academic Distinction (Sponsored by Drisca Pty Ltd)  
**Emma O'DONOGHUE** University of Newcastle Faculty of Science and IT Year 11 Highly Commended Award; Academic Distinction (Sponsored by Drisca Pty Ltd)  
**Emily SEAMAN** Verna Stewart Community Service Award  
**Zoe SWAN** The English Faculty Poet Laureate Award  
**Madison TAYLOR** Lifesaving Award (Sponsored by Alyssa Goode)  
**Genevieve WALSH** Armidale Dumaresq Council Citizenship Award (Senior School); Beattie Prize for research skills in Modern History; Academic Distinction (Sponsored by Drisca Pty Ltd)

**NB. Year 12 Prizes were awarded at Valedictory Day and listed in the previous Green Tartan.**





# Guild Drama

Guild Drama is heralded by most as the highlight of the year at PLC Armidale and the student driven drama performance involving every single student from Kindergarten to Year 11 in each of the four Guilds: Wentworth, Macquarie, Gregory and Forrest.

Each Guild is provided a topic, which in 2015 was "Why Is It Always Me?". The students then craft a script, organise the set, the props, the music, the choreography and each girl is allocated a role in the twenty minute performance. This year's performances featured identities including: Rhonda and Kahtut; Dame Edna Everidge; Kath & Kim; Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs; Tweedle Dee & Tweedle Dum, to name but a few. Each Guild's performance was watched by a packed audience of students, parents, staff and family, was judged by independent adjudicators and the winning Guild was awarded the special Guild Drama trophy, which in 2015 again went to Forrest Guild.

Following the announcement of the winning Guild, all students from Years 7-11 joined together on stage to sing a moving tribute to two long-standing staff members, Director of Music, Mr Stuart Pavel who retired after almost twelve years at PLC Armidale and Senior School Co-ordinator, Mrs Jo Matherson who relocated to Toowoomba with her family (after eleven years at PLC Armidale), using the song "Thank you for the Music ... (and Science)".





## OUR EVENTS



## Welcome BBQ

Always a delightful way to commence a new school year, the annual Welcome BBQ again provided girls and their families and staff with the opportunity to get together in a relaxed environment and a wonderful way to introduce new families to the College community.



Last term, friend of PLC Armidale, Mrs Margie Roberts, wanted to help the School of St Jude's, Tanzania. Many people will know of the school and heard the inspiring story of how it was founded by local Armidale girl, Gemma Sisia (nee Rice).

Margie approached PLC Armidale to help host an event, as Gemma was visiting the area over Easter and was bringing a recent graduate, Dorrice Livingstone, with her. So, of course we did. The School of St Jude has a special place for many in our PLC and wider community, especially since a number of students and staff visited there as well as climbing nearby Mt Meru, a few years ago.

What an amazing story Gemma continues to share. All proceeds from community breakfast ticket and book sales went directly to providing continued educational opportunities to the children fortunate to have the opportunity to be educated at the School of St Jude's, many of whom are now entering their tertiary studies.

## Community Breakfast for School of St Jude

Many thanks go to Mrs Margie Roberts (along with husband Jonathon and his business, Office Express), for her initiative and enthusiasm in facilitating the wonderful opportunity. PLC Armidale was very privileged to be a part of the School of St Jude's 2016 Tour and to host the Community Breakfast. Special thanks are extended to our fabulous Chef, Katie Clarke and her employers, Catercare, who not only donated the cost of the breakfast but also their time in putting the magnificent breakfast smorgasbord together.

Following the breakfast, Gemma and Dorrice then shared their inspiring story with our PLC Armidale students and staff. What a difference an education can make!





## PLC Armidale Goes Purple for International Women's Day!

International Women's Day (IWD) was celebrated at PLC with the girls watching some YouTube clips related to women's issues and Australian government initiatives that inspire, educate and assist women and girls in health and wellbeing as well as to explore what they can do to help build an equal future. Sharing information on the origins of the day, the many countries that now have an official holiday for the cause, and about the thousands of events being held annually throughout the world to inspire and celebrate women's achievements. During a Pastoral Care session Years 7-12 created paper chains in the colours associated with IWD to decorate a tree in the rose garden which acted as a 'photo booth' at lunch time.



## HSC Results 2015

Our 2015 HSC Results were a pleasing reflection of the application, diligence and commitment of the students, matched by the dedication, experience and expertise of the staff who worked with them.

Over 80% of the cohort achieved at least one Band 5 or Band 6 result, or the equivalent in the Extension courses. Band 6 equivalent were attained in nine separate courses taught at the College, with most of the Design & Technology class securing Band 6.

Our sincere congratulations are extended to our 2015 Dux, Maddison Moar who achieved an ATAR of 94.25.

The College also enjoyed some outstanding individual achievements:

- Georgia Seymour – whose Major Study Dance & Technology – Film & Video was selected for Call Back, the showcase of HSC Dance major works.
- Kirby Moore – Nomination for her Design & Technology Major Design project in the DesignTECH exhibition.
- Aimee Brown – Nomination for ENCORE for her HSC Music composition

As Principal, Mrs Nicola Taylor, stated in her letter to the College community:

"The Class of 2015 will be remembered for their generous contributions to the wider life of the College and their connection to students across the various year groups. They have shown exemplary leadership skills and honed their individual talents to achieve very pleasing results. The College is very proud of a cohort of well-rounded individuals who have enriched the College community enormously with their vitality, dedication and consideration of others, attributes which will serve them well in the years ahead".

## Middleton Public Speaking Competition

The annual Middleton Public Speaking competition was hotly contested between eight (two selected from each year group) students from Years 7 – 10. The judges, Mrs Anita Brown and Mr Sam Doyle had a difficult decision in selecting the top two speakers in both the prepared and impromptu speeches. The overall winner was Year 8 student, Thurkka Jeyakumar and the Runner Up was Georgia Breckenridge from Year 10.



## Tri-Schools Debating (Years 6-8)



The first round of the annual Junior Tri-Schools Debating contested by PLC, TAS and NEGS was hosted at PLC Armidale and in fact the overall winning school was ... PLC Armidale. Congratulations to all participants for some fine debating.

## AUTUMN FESTIVAL



As 2016 is an Olympic year, the theme for the annual Autumn Festival was "Armidale's Own Sporting Legends". So, in keeping with that theme our Year 12 students organised a very proud "PLC walking float" which showcased the diverse range of sports offered at the College. They also made "PLC paper medals" and balloons on sticks, which they gave away to the people in the crowd. It was a fine display of PLC Armidale community, unity and spirit.





## Term 1 Excursions

While Year 10 were visiting our nation's capital this year and learning all about everything that Canberra has to offer, from Parliament to Questacon, our Years 7, 8 and 9 girls were experiencing the challenges of the great outdoors, many for the first time.

Our girls and staff travelled to the Tweed to work with the internationally recognised outdoor education company, Outward Bound. Outward Bound have partnered with The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program, which adds a new and exciting dimension to our already successful program at the College.

Outdoor Education provides challenging experiences that help people step outside their comfort zone, discover who they are and develop their inner strengths. It provides the opportunity to work as a team and builds resilience, confidence, discipline and self-esteem.

During the week Year 7 built rafts and swam across dams, they completed ropes course, went bush walking and enjoyed the exhilaration of the Flying Fox. Year 8 bush walked, mountain biked, canoed and challenged themselves on a high ropes course. Year 9 experienced canoeing, abseiling and expedition style hiking which was very challenging and rewarding.

For some girls this was the first time that they had slept in a tent, first time they had experienced the adrenalin rush with the high ropes activities and abseiling. The girls enjoyed three days disconnecting from technology and reconnecting with each other and their surroundings. They enjoyed the stunning scenery and star-gazing at night around the camp fire, toasting marshmallows. Everyone stepped out of their comfort zone, physically challenged themselves and had a great week.

**Here is what some of the girls thought of the experience:**

**Year 7:** "I loved the fact that we had to overcome our fears to do exciting things and that most of the activities were challenging. I felt like I had accomplished something when I got home."

**Year 8:** "The camp taught me to never give up and to always try your hardest and I think learning new things and doing things I hadn't done before is what I enjoyed most at camp."

**Year 9:** "I enjoyed being away from technology and pushing ourselves to go up and down hills, even if they were challenging and the team work involved was great".

**Anna Caldwell, Head of Senior School**



### Year 9 Girls prepare for Duke of Edinburgh Award Program

From left to right: Isobel Harris, Jemma Mailer, Anna Thomas, Holly Butler.

### In other 'D of E' news...

Congratulations to Sarah Askey and Sarah Tremont from Year 9, both from Armidale who both achieved their Silver D of E award in Term 1.

## Rotary Public Speaking success

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Brianna Robertson from Armidale on her recent success in the Rotary District 9650 regional final of the Public Speaking competition at Taree. Brianna won the final, and received a two week trip to New Zealand. Well done Brianna!

## Senior Drama

Stage 5 Drama students have been learning the conventions of Victorian Melodrama. The classroom has been overrun by caped crusaders and vile villains tormenting the odd damsel in distress. Victorian Melodrama relies on the enactment of a variety of stock characters within a script that incorporates a variety of conventions including pangs, provocations and penalties. This term, to tie in with our study, the class has composed their own Victorian Melodramas with a twentieth century twist. The students will be showcasing their play building and costume-designing skills for the English Extension and Design and Technology electives in Week 11. You might just see some of our vivacious villainesses and headless heroines with their names in lights one day! Stay tuned.

**Erin Foster, Modern History, English and Drama Teacher**







## National Primary Games in Tamworth

This event was initiated in 2015 by the Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS) for Primary school aged children from Years 5 & 6, across eleven different sports. The focus of the weekend carnival was on participation, sportsmanship and the experience, as opposed to winning. This year the event was moved to the April holidays, which unfortunately meant that many of our girls were away. PLC Armidale entered one team in the Hockey competition and at the end of two tough days were undefeated. Congratulations to all the girls and to coach, Kim Taylor.



## Years 5 & 6 Excursion Sydney

In early March twenty-eight eager students from Years 5 & 6 set off for a four-day excursion to the 'big smoke' – Sydney! We covered a lot of ground, beginning with a Captain Cook Cruise around Sydney Harbour, a visit to the Art Gallery of NSW and the Powerhouse Museum. To aid our studies of convict history and the Australian government system we also visited Hyde Park Barracks and the State Parliament of NSW. No trip to Sydney would be complete without a visit to the Aquarium and Taronga Zoo where became 'Save the Dugong' ambassadors. The highlight for many girls was our five minutes of fame when we were filmed for Channel Seven's *Sunrise*. All enjoyed heading back to Naamaroo each afternoon and jumping in the pool after a long, hot day out exploring Sydney.

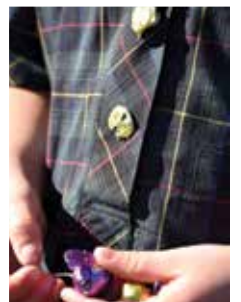


## Mini Fete

In Term 1, the Junior School SRC had a focus on the environment, both globally and locally. The SRC took action at a school level when they hosted a Mini Fete to raise money for the Junior School Global Garden project. Each class hosted a stall selling food items or small trinkets. Funds raised went to the purchase of new supplies such as seeds, mulch and watering cans.



## Easter Fun!





## OUR BOARDING



Boarding at PLC Armidale is a unique experience. We have a high staff to student ratio so there is always someone to talk to, do activities with and always help with homework and assignments. This year, we even have a Prep Co-ordinator who liaises with the school to ensure all work is being done.

Our Boarder Representative Council is very active and meets to discuss boarding house routines, maintenance of houses, activities and any other current challenges.

Term One was busy for our girls in the College Cattle Team who attend all the country shows practising their skills at judging and showing cattle. Our annual Boarders' Weekend at Coffs Harbour is still the highlight of the year and a great way to forge friendships, make the new boarders feel welcome and comfortable with the staff and students.

Our Activity program focuses on outdoor activities while the weather is warm so a trip to the Tamworth Water slide was a popular option this term. The girls are very grateful for the offers to stay or visit with day girls on the weekend and we like to reciprocate by inviting day girls for a sleepover night.

Our offer of casual boarding is very popular when parents need to go away for business or other family commitments and this interaction of boarders and day girls certainly strengthens the bonds across all the year groups.

We also offer an Extended Day Program where girls can stay in the Boarding House after school, participate in their extra-curricular activities, have dinner and do their homework before being collected by parents at 8pm.

We also offer limited accommodation for our parents, which has been very popular.

We are looking forward to a busy musical Term 2.

**Margot Ball, Head of Boarding**







# Music

*Music in the Junior School has started the year with a bang, so much has happened!*

## INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

All students have been encouraged to take up a new instrument or continue with the instruments they are currently learning. It has been pleasing to see many students take up a new instrument this year, some even taking up a second or third instrument.

The introduction of the new Woodwind and Brass programme in the PLC Junior School has been a great success, attracting many students who would otherwise not have thought to learn a woodwind or brass instrument. We currently have seven girls enrolled in the programme studying instruments including saxophones, clarinets, trombones, trumpets and tubas. We would love to encourage any other girls who would like to start an instrument in woodwind, brass, strings, percussion, piano or voice to do so as Music is for life and you will have those skills forever.

Term 1 also saw the return of the first In-House Concerts for the year. This was a great showcase of Junior School music talent, with many of our girls performing one piece at these concerts, some for the first time. It

was wonderful to see the vast progress all our students have made over the summer and the first few weeks of term.

## CLASSROOM MUSIC

Classroom music in the PLC Junior School has continued to go from strength to strength. Girls are taught a sequential music programme that solidifies rhythmic and melodic skills, sight-reading, listening, writing, composition, performing, ensemble and part work, tone colour, expressive elements and form and structure. Each year group is also taught a sequential listening to art music programme so that every child from Pre-K to Year 6 can learn to engage with and appreciate the most well known treasures from composers spanning 600 years.

2016 has also seen the introduction of a new recorder programme for Years 2, 3 and 4. Students have been given their own recorder and part of their music lesson every Friday for Year 2 and every fortnight for Years 3 and 4 is dedicated to teaching the girls recorder.

Years 5 and 6 have been working on individual singing and plays to improve their

part work (being able to perform two or three parts at once) but also to learn to hear multiple melodies and parts in larger works.

Year 6 has also been working on an arrangement of the Cup Song, which they will present as a class ensemble for the Eisteddfod.

## CHOIRS

All the Junior Choirs have been busy preparing a programme for the Eisteddfod in Term 2. The K-2 Choir has prepared two songs and has had a go at singing in parts, with much success.

The Year 3-6 Choir has prepared four songs and has been working on dynamics and a rich, full choral tone.

The PLC Treble Makers (a voluntary ensemble, that meets every Friday morning before school) has prepared two pieces and has been working on listening to each other to achieve a beautiful blend of sound and tall singing to create a more rounded, in-tune tone. This group has had a surge in new members this year and we are very proud to announce that we now have twenty in our ensemble!

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# SAVE THE DATE

## PLC Armidale Performs

Wednesday 11 May, 6pm – 7.30pm

Aprelude to our PLC Armidale Eisteddfod performances and a fundraiser for Year 9 student Anya and her family as she continues her treatment at Westmead Children's Hospital. Gold coin or any donations will be gratefully received.



However, we are still on the look out for a few more members and would encourage any girl who is interested to come along.

As a newcomer to Armidale and PLC I have been deeply impressed by the Music department and the College overall. PLC is truly an outstanding school and I am thrilled to step into such a stimulating climate.

What has made my experience at PLC so positive and rewarding is the culture of music in the school and the high calibre of students and staff. The achievements in Music of the girls at PLC are very significant, with levels of engagement and quality comparable to any leading school in Australia.

The year started early for many girls from PLC selected to be a part of the National Choral School. These students included: Elinor and Clare Warwick, Jess Tann, Dakotah Love, Syrana Glenn, Lucy Quast and Mia Emanuel.

The National Choral School is the finest choral experience in Australia.

Isla Biffen was also selected for the National Choral School, however was unable to attend as it coincided with the National Music Camp. Isla was one of two harpists selected nationwide for the National Music Camp. This is a tremendous honour and places Isla as one of the Australia's most accomplished school aged harp players.

Every term has a busy calendar for Music in Armidale and at PLC. The main events this term have included:

- The NECOM Music Workshop Days
- The AYO Garden Party and Sawtell Weekend
- In House Twilight Concerts
- The launching of the Junior School Wind Programme
- The Choral Workshops with Shelli Hulcombe and Peta Blyth
- TAS Easter Carol Service
- The PLC, TAS and NEGS combined school musical
- Senior Strings Busking at Centro

While all these major events have been keeping the students busy, most of the time and attention in Music this term has been put towards quietly working steadily in class and practicing solo and ensemble repertoire.

All students experience classroom music. Here the three learning experiences of performance, listening and aural all assume importance as we work our way through the syllabus expectations.

For the students to perform in ensembles, they need to practice and work through individual repertoire. Many are preparing for forthcoming Eisteddfod performances and AMEB examinations. It is important to have performance goals and I commend the students who engage with the challenge.

The Years 9 and 10 elective students have been working well on the foundations of Music Theory, including writing in four part harmony, while the Years 11 and 12 students are becoming deeply acquainted with Music Analysis and the Concepts of Music.







The electives have all composed works which the adjudicator Matthew Hindson will write comments on. We look forward to hearing his selection of prize winners next Term. PLC has traditionally had a number of students assume successful positions in this part of the eisteddfod.

Year 8 have been learning about Music Theory too, including applying it in practice through the creation of class compositions for the Eisteddfod. Year 7 are mastering the art of singing and playing the recorder and in Term 2 are immersed in their studies of the Great Composers and the Instruments of the Orchestra.

At PLC we are blessed with an outstanding team of peripatetic teachers, all of whom are highly accomplished professionals with very impressive qualifications.

Recently at the Opera in the Paddock performances the orchestra included six of our peripatetic staff including Robert

Jackson, Cello, Joanna Fairs Wu, Violin, Li Ling Chen Oboe, Nick Negerovich, Flute, Alistair Finco, French Horn and Laura Curotta, Viola. All of these teachers have extensive experience as professionals and many hold masters degrees from Germany or France. This is only a small example of the high calibre of teaching that is available at PLC in partnership with the New England Conservatorium of Music.

Armidale and PLC have had the great fortune this year of the arrival of another gifted teacher, Mr Paul Marshall. Mr Marshall has had an incredibly successful start at PLC teaching woodwind, brass, musicianship and double bass. He is running the Junior School and Year 7 Wind Programmes and through skilful teaching and his own enthusiasm, has inspired countless students. We are extremely grateful that Paul and his wife Louisa have chosen Armidale to raise their children!

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## OUR MUSIC

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues Miss Constance Rolfe and Mrs Deidre Rickards for their untiring work and their inspirational teaching. They have both been a great support to me and have made my transition to PLC all the more satisfying and rewarding.

I have been extremely impressed with the Junior School Music programme led by Miss Rolfe. Based on the Kodaly Method, it is inspiring to see the students learning musical literacy, alongside English literacy.

The outstanding string programme is a credit to the expert leadership of Mrs Rickards. The culture of uncompromised excellence that Mrs Rickards fosters in the ensembles is what distinguishes PLC as a centre of excellence in Music. This can be clearly seen in the alumni of the College music programmes, many of whom are expert leaders in their fields.

I look forward to seeing the Brass and Wind programmes continue to develop as part of the strategic plan towards a school symphony orchestra unfolds over the coming years. This is a very exciting time for Music at PLC.

As a music educator, I have often been inspired by great musicians and for this report I will end with a quote that succinctly states my own philosophy of music.

"For music is a transcendental exploration of human emotion and experience, the very fabric of life in its purest form." Tiffany Madison

**Mr Matthew Minter**, *Director of Music*



## Combined Schools' Musical

# Bye Bye Birdie

Congratulations and well done to all our girls who were involved in this year's combined school musical. "Bye Bye Birdie" involved students from PLC Armidale, NEGS and TAS and was performed in the Hoskins Centre at TAS. Special thanks also to Miss Constance Rolfe, our Junior School Music teacher and PLC Armidale Old Girl, Miss Aimee Brown for their outstanding contributions to a brilliant suite of performances.







## SCIENCE IGNITED

In August last year, PLC Armidale together with the support of the College Council, Federal Government, College Foundation, P&F and Old Girls' Committee, embarked on a campaign to refurbish the four Science Labs. The project was called IGNITE. This August (date tbc), will see the official opening of those four new Science Labs and the completion of the project. Whilst the doors to the Labs have seen their first students in Term 1, with 75% of our fundraising target raised, we are still hoping to realise the final 25% before the end of July.

We will announce the date of the official opening just as soon as we can as we are still waiting advice from the Federal Government and Office of the Chief Scientist in Australia.

In the meantime, there are still elements of the PLC Armidale Periodic Table available. Please check our website for details or contact Director of Development, Shona Eichorn for more information. All donations are tax deductible.

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For the first time, PLC Armidale hosted a whole school Pre-Kinder to Year 12 Swimming Carnival at the Mockton Aquatic Centre in Armidale.

The winning Guild this year was Gregory.

Champions for each Age Division were:

8 Years	India Smith (Forrest)
9 Years	Scarlett Loxley (Gregory)
10 Years	Maggie Ryan (Wentworth)
11 Years	Emily Thompson (Gregory)
12 Years	(Junior School) Heidi Martin (Gregory)
12 Years	(Senior School) Sophie McRae (Gregory)
13 Years	Lilly McCook (Wentworth)
14 Years	Lucy Ball (Wentworth)
15 Years	Mia Emmanuel (Macquarie)
16 Years	Brianna Robertson (Forrest)
17 Years	Anna Finney (Macquarie)
18 Years	Clare Askey (Forrest)



## IPSHA & IGSSA Swimming

After a hugely successful PSSA Swimming carnival where PLC Armidale students received around one third of the ribbons, congratulations are extended to the following students who competed admirably at the IPSHA Swimming meet in Sydney: Scarlett Loxley; Maggie Ryan, Jenna Marquardt, Emily Thompson, Pip Constable, Maddison McCook, Heidi Martin, Naomi Martin, Ruby Broun, Gabrielle Cotterell, Abigail Thompson, India Smith, Holly Dauparas and Alannah Williams.

In the Senior School, PLC Armidale had twelve students compete in the highly competitive IGSSA Swimming Carnival at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatics Centre.

Congratulations to Emma Barnier, Brianna Robertson, Helen Waters, Saskia Kennett, Mia Emanuel, Gracen Moore, Lucy Martin, Lucy Ball, Chloe Vanderwolf, Lilly McCook, Harriet Beynon and Sophie McRae for swimming their best at the carnival with a number of PB's being recorded. Special congratulations to Emma Barnier who swam in the B final of the 50m freestyle.







## Tildesley Tennis (IGSSA)

This year PLC Armidale nominated six players to compete in the hotly contested Tildesley Tennis tournament. Our team consisted of: Team Captain Madison Taylor (Year 12, pictured left), Kiera Shaw (Year 11, pictured below right), Emma Ranck (Year 11), Mackenzie Constable (Year 9), Sarah Miron (Year 9) and Charlotte Caldwell (Year 8). All girls played exceptionally well against some tough competition from schools such as: Danebank, Kincoppal Rose Bay, Brigidine, SCEGGS, St Vincent's and Meriden. Team Captain, Madison Taylor who was competing in the Tildesley tournament for the fifth year, won through to the third round. It was an amazing accomplishment and, the first year that she had even won a match at Tildesley, let alone progress to Round 3. The PLC Armidale girls played outstanding tennis despite the losses and displayed terrific team spirit and sportsmanship. Very encouraging signs for the future of tennis at PLC Armidale!



## Cricket at PLC Armidale ... Howzat?

Last term, PLC Armidale hosted a visit by NSW Cricket with guest Australian Cricketer, Naomi Stenberg. The action packed day provided an opportunity for considering women in sport and what it takes to sustain the challenge of being an elite athlete. Both Senior and Junior girls participated in a range of activities including, skill sessions, demonstrations, mini matches and an inspirational workshop on setting and achieving goals. The team from NSW Cricket commented on our girls' engagement, physical prowess and sportsmanship with some stand out participants throughout the day. We are looking forward to continued connection with this group, particularly with the suggestion of a Dads & Daughters "fun competition" on the cards in Term 4.



## Gymnastics Success

Year 11 student, Emma Barnier (a boarder from Gunnedah) is currently competing in the NSW Gymnastics trials. After the first weekend of trials she was ranked 12th out of 120 competitors and needs to improve her ranking by four places in order to be considered for selection in the NSW team. However, should Emma not be selected in the NSW team, she will be eligible for the Border Challenge (the State of Origin of Gymnastics) as only top 8 placed competitors go to the National Championships. A wonderful achievement none the less. Congratulations Emma and fingers crossed!

## In Hockey News

There's been not much rest over the Summer holidays for Year 10 student Sarah Askey and Year 9 student, Mia Emmanuel (both from Armidale) who have been training exceptionally hard. They have been rewarded for all their extra efforts though as both were named in the Under 16 IGSSA Girls' Hockey team, followed then by their recent selection in the NSW CIS team to compete in the NSW All Schools' Championships to be held in Sydney in May. We wish both Sarah and Mia the best of wishes for the next step.

## Indoor Hockey Success

Congratulations to Lily Neilson in Year 8 who was selected in the NSW Under 13 Indoor Hockey which competed in the National Championships in Wollongong over the Australia day long weekend. A tremendous experience for Lily!

## Athletics

After a brilliant athletics season of PB's and placings, Year 9 student, Gracie Martin from Glen Innes, was selected to represent NSW at the National Little Athletics Championships in Perth, competing in her favourite 400m and 200m events. Gracie recently won the 400m and placed second in the 200m at the NSW Little A's titles in Newcastle. Despite the nerves of the occasion and having to run from Lane 1.

Year 5 student Sienna Dellow has also had a terrific Athletics season, collecting a number of bronze medals in the 100m, 200m and long jump at the NSW Country Athletics Championships earlier in the year.





# Athletics

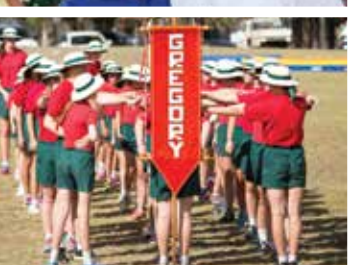
The Whole School Athletics Carnival was held on the final day of Term 1, was an outstanding display of participation, school spirit, sportsmanship, and athletic ability.

The overall winning House for 2016 was Wentworth.

Champions for each Age Division were:

<b>8 YEARS</b>	Sophie Young (Macquarie)
<b>9 YEARS</b>	Charlotte Portell (Macquarie)
<b>10 YEARS</b>	Sienna Dellow (Macquarie)
<b>11 YEARS</b>	Madison McCook (Wentworth)
<b>12 YEARS (Junior School)</b>	Mary Flannery (Wentworth)
<b>12 YEARS (Senior School)</b>	Sophie McRae (Gregory)
<b>13 YEARS</b>	Sharnika Hammond (Wentworth)
<b>14 YEARS</b>	Charlotte Caldwell (Forrest)
<b>15 YEARS</b>	Emma Ward (Gregory)
<b>16 YEARS</b>	Georgia Breckenridge (Forrest)
<b>17 YEARS</b>	Emma Barnier (Forrest)
<b>18 YEARS</b>	Clare Askey (Forrest)

Wentworth also won the Marching trophy.





# NCIS Soccer Success & Selection

Again in 2016, PLC Armidale nominated a soccer team to participate in the NCIS Football (Soccer) competition held at TAS. Our team consisted of girls from Years 8 to 12: Georgia Breckenridge, Charlotte Caldwell, Lily Coleman, Georgina Cornall, Sarah Evans, Syrana Glenn, Isobel Harris, Cate Hyne, Thurkka Jeyakumar, Saskia Kennett, Dakotah Love, Emily McLeod, Emma O'Donoghue, Mimi Raymer (Captain), Jessica Ruba and Zoe Swan. After a day of tough competition, our girls finished with one win, two draws and a loss. Congratulations go to: Mimi Raymer, Cate Hyne, Georgia Breckenridge and Jessica Ruba who have all been selected in the NCIS team to compete in CIS Championships next term.



## Community Partnership – PLC Armidale & NIAS

This year PLC Armidale entered into an official Community Partnership with the Northern Inland Academy of Sport (NIAS). As outlined by Principal, Mrs Nicola Taylor, this partnership will be of immense benefit to both organisations:

“Just as the Northern Inland Academy of Sport’s objective is developing talented athletes (and coaches) on and off the field as well as nurturing, encouraging and celebrating their achievements, similarly is PLC Armidale in its endeavours to educate successful women of tomorrow in a Christian environment today. More than this, there is a great synergy in the values, culture of learning and operations of both organisations, which makes the partnership between the two even more significant and ultimately of mutual benefit.”

The agreement will see NIAS making use of the accommodation and facilities at the College with the benefits to PLC Armidale including the opportunity for its sports coaches access to the various professional development sessions as well as showcase the College. The NIAS Netball Squad (including five PLC Armidale girls : Sarah Miron, Chloe Stier, Sophie Hansen, Laura Cotterell and Mia Tindale) conducted its first weekend camp earlier in Term 1 and PLC Armidale was the venue for the inaugural NIAS Coaches Professional Development workshop.

Featured with Mrs Taylor is NIAS Executive Officer, Mr James Cooper.

## OUR SPORT & TEAMS



Our Cattle Team has attended various local shows during Term 1 including Tenterfield, Guyra, Glen Innes and Armidale, competing in stud sections at Glen Innes and Guyra Shows. Our team includes: Saskia Kennett, Annabel Finemore, Molly Trindall, Abby Stevenson, Amber Whibley, Paris Whibley, Emma Dauparas, Emily Peet and Sienna Catterall.

Three girls attended the Tenterfield Show where Saskia Kennett was awarded Champion Parader. We had a full complement of students at Armidale Show and we were pleasantly surprised with the results. Once again the animal judging comprised of live Merino, fleece, White Suffolk (meat), horses, steers and heifers. Molly Trindall reached the finals of the Intermediate Paraders’ and Abby Stevenson came 4th in the Junior Paraders.

Saskia Kennett reached the finals of the Intermediate section of the White Suffolk Judging and Emma Dauparas came 5th in the Junior section. Abby Stevenson had a great show where she also came 4th in the Merino Judging (Juniors) and 2nd in the fleece judging (Juniors). Sienna Catterall received a blue ribbon for winning the heifer section of the Junior Judging. PLC once again came 2nd in the Schools’ Competition. Amber Whibley and Molly Trindall won the Farmers’ Challenge.

Our enthusiastic team is now preparing to participate at the Brisbane Royal Show (Ekka) in August, whilst our energetic Equestrian team is training to compete in the annual North West Horse Expo at Coonabarabran next term, from June 3.



## Congratulations Carolyn

After competing in the NSW Over 50s Hockey team at the National titles in Brisbane last year, our Sports & Senior School Administrator, Carolyn Beresford was selected in the Australian team (and as one of the team captains) to compete in the World Cup, which was held in Canberra last month. One of the tournament highlights for Carolyn was not only playing against countries like Wales, New Zealand and Ireland, but that our Year 10 girls and staff from PLC Armidale were in Canberra to cheer her on in the match against New Zealand.

Carolyn has represented Hockey NSW fourteen times and has represented Australia three times prior to the recent World Cup tournament. Congratulations Carolyn!



## Our P&F

As 2015 drew to a close, it was wonderful to be notified that the items approved from the P&F Wish List had been ordered or purchased ready for use at the beginning of the 2016 school year (featured in the photo above). The Wish List is one of the most satisfying outcomes of the year for the P&F as it provides us with tangible proof that all the hard work and hours put into our fundraisers is of significant importance and improves the teaching and learning opportunities for our girls.

We were delighted with the number of parents who attended our first P&F meeting of the year. These meetings provide an important link between parents and the wider happenings of the College as we hear what's going on in each area of the College and the overall direction we are heading. The P&F have decided to reduce the number of fundraisers this year, in the hope that our parent body is more able to support our 2 fundraising events this year, recognising how busy we all are throughout the year.

For the first time in recent history the College held a whole school swimming carnival which proved to be a big success. Thank you to our Years 5 and 9 parents who provided morning tea for the parents, visitors and staff.

Our whole school athletics carnival held on the last day of term 1 provides us with the opportunity to open up our canteen. We are always overwhelmed by the generous support of our families who donate food to be sold and take time to help run the canteen over the course of the day. It is always a wonderful day to catch up with parents and meet new faces.

At the end of term 2 we will be holding our first fundraiser of the year, a Trivia Night. This will be on Friday 17 June – please check for updates on the PLC Armidale website and Facebook pages. Our major fundraiser of the year will be our High Tea which will be held on the weekend of the Old Girls Weekend on Saturday 22nd October. Please mark these dates in your diaries.

We are always grateful for the support of our families and the College. We look forward to seeing you all at our fundraising events over the course of the year.

*P&F Co-Presidents - Janine Ranck and Deb Hiscox*



# Save the date

## P&F Events in 2016

Friday 17 June - **Trivia Night**

Saturday 22 October - **High Tea**



# Foundation Annual Giving flyer

The PLC Armidale Foundation was formed in 1999 to assist in securing the financial future of the College. Like many independent schools, PLC Armidale school fees are used to pay for the operating costs, whilst the Foundation is involved in assisting the school raise funds for major projects and upgrades, and to assist families with school fees by way of scholarship support.

The Foundation acknowledges the generous donations made from parents, old girls and the wider community. This support has helped fund the Astra Arts Centre, Science Lab upgrades, tennis courts, and acquisition of the primary school to name a few.

Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible and I would encourage you to support the Foundation fund raising activities such as the Annual Giving campaign and other appeals where you can. Support can be by way of electing to contribute to the Foundation on your fee invoice or to support fund raising appeals when they occur. Please do not hesitate to contact Director of Development, Shona Eichorn or myself should you wish to find out more information about the Foundation.

**Brett Constable, Chair**

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## Our Alumni, featuring our Musicians

Following the recent Choral and Vocal Master classes from one of our "old girls" Shelli Hulcombe (nee Gilhorne), new Director of Music at PLC Armidale, Mr Matthew Minter asked me to pass on to him some names of other Alumni who are working in the world of Music. I apologise if I miss someone. The following names are ones which I can immediately recall. It's quite a challenging task as the Music programme at PLC Armidale has a long history of success and we have had a vast array of highly motivated musical girls move through the school curriculum.

Before I mention these names I would like to recognise some recent successes. Since 2008, PLC Armidale has had six Encore nominations from the HSC candidature: Two in Performance (Eliza Scott and Charlotte Low) and four in Composition (Virginia Botha, Caroline King, Victoria Jackson and last year, Aimee Brown). This is a fantastic result from a small country school such as PLC Armidale and it is a reflection of the climate which pervades the Music department.

### Music Education

We have some highly successful Music Teachers and Music Teacher trainees. The latter are Charlotte Low and Jessica Wright (they are currently engaged in a BMus Course).

Working in the field of Music education in schools: Leanne Roobol, Lyndall Nevin, Rachel Templeton and Kirrily Williams (nee Johnson).

Shelli Hulcombe is a Lecturer in Voice at Queensland Conservatorium of Music and also performs with Queensland Opera. Her sister Natalie works in Music Theatre in Australia and New York.

### Music Performance

Currently training for the profession is Eliza Scott who is a member of the Australian Youth Orchestra and will travel to Europe later this year. Hannah Grigg is also training in the field of Conducting and Choral work.



Working in the field of Performance are the following Alumni:

**JOANNE GREEN** (Violinist) – Graduate of the Royal College of Music (London) and currently a member of the Scottish Ensemble (the elite Chamber orchestra in Scotland).

**ALICE RICKARDS** (Violinist) – Graduate of the Royal Academy of Music (London) and currently a member of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra based in Glasgow.

**LEXI HUTTON** (Soprano) – Graduate of the Royal College of Music (London) and currently a Principal soprano with Deutsche Opera in Berlin.

**HANNAH FRASER** – Graduate of Sydney Conservatorium of Music and currently the Mezzo Soprano in the prestigious Australian Vocal ensemble "The Song Co." Her sister Hester is also a successful professional free-lance singer/composer.

All of these alumni studied Music for the HSC at PLC Armidale and have made the courageous decision to pursue the subject further either in education and/or performance. I remember the commitment and passion from each girl and it is heartening to know of their successes.

**Mrs Deidre Rickards**, *Director of Strings, PLC Armidale Music Department*



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## In other Alumni News

**PEGGY CRADDOCK** (1949 – nee Wilkinson)

After my mother's death (aged 30) two of my sisters and I were put in an orphanage. In 1945, having won a bursary and a scholarship to PLC Armidale, I began my studies there. After the Leaving Certificate, I attended Armidale Teachers' College and began teaching at Granville South P.S, then Forbes, where I married.

My husband and I had five children, one of whom, Timothy died, aged six, of Leukaemia, when we were living in Walgett. I became a Teacher/Librarian and continued teaching in Walgett, Moree and Matthew Pearce P.S at Baulkham Hills.

After retirement, Laurie and I became involved as Council Members in the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at Sydney University and the Sydney Peace Foundation. I set up a library there in 1998 and continue to run it. It has been named C.P.A.C.S Peggy Craddock Resource Centre on the brass plaque on the door. We have students from around the world doing degrees in Peace and Conflict Studies, returning to work in their own countries to work in this field after Graduation.

My husband, who died late last year, and I were extremely fortunate to meet the Peace Prize winners such as Desmond Tutu, Mary Robinson and so on. When Nelson Mandela, on the recommendation of archbishop Tutu came to C.P.A.C.S we were fortunate enough to meet and talk with him. When told by our Director, Emeritus Professor Stuart Rees, that he didn't look his 82 years, he swiftly replied "But you know, I had 27 years rest!"

Thank you for the Green Tartan, I always find it interesting! Peggy Craddock

(PS. Peggy's daughter-in-law, Nicola Craddock (nee Davies) is also an Old Girl of PLC Armidale.)

**DR TERESA LAU**, 1995 (Year 12)

*In an email to the College recently:*

I am so excited to hear that PLC is coming to promote in Hong Kong and Shanghai! I entered PLC Armidale when I was 9 years old (Year 4) in 1988 and at that time, I was the youngest in the school and one of the few Asians there. There were only less than 10 of us in the whole primary. I am now an ophthalmologist and I have clinics in HK and Shanghai.

Warm regards, Teresa

## Past Staff

It was wonderful to hear the news of former PLC Armidale Junior School Music teacher, **Miss Amy Walsh's** recent engagement to Richard Fenton. The happy couple are teaching in Singapore and will be married in Sydney later in the year. Congratulations Amy and our warmest wishes to you and Richard.

# PLC Armidale Old Girls Reunion Weekend October 21- 23

## FRIDAY – 21 OCTOBER

2pm

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## SATURDAY – 22 OCTOBER

1pm

Old Girls' Union Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Light refreshments available

2pm

P&F Fundraising Event... presenting an afternoon of elegance, traditional High Tea and the latest looks for Summer 2016, the PLC Armidale High Tea and Garden Party in one of Armidale's most stunning gardens... right here at PLC Armidale. Gather your girlfriends and join us for a complimentary champagne, food, fashion and of course enjoy our gardens and tours of the College.

Tickets will be made available on Try Booking in Term 3 (tbc).

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Year Reunion Dinners – Various locations.

Please contact Reunion organisers.

## SUNDAY – 23 OCTOBER

9.30am

Service at St Paul's in Faulkner St, followed by Morning Tea.

The contact people for the various reunions are as follows:

Reunion Year	Graduating Year	Organiser/s	Phone
5 Year	2011	Claudia Powell <a href="mailto:claudia_powell01@hotmail.com">claudia_powell01@hotmail.com</a>	
10 Year	2006	Jessica Bryan (nee Patrick) <a href="mailto:jessica@connectevents.com.au">jessica@connectevents.com.au</a> Natasha Purvis <a href="mailto:natasha_purvis@hotmail.com">natasha_purvis@hotmail.com</a>	0413 629 269 0403 937 366
20 Year	1996	TBC	
30 Year	1986	Tracy Cooper <a href="mailto:tracy@seechangeconsulting.com.au">tracy@seechangeconsulting.com.au</a> NB. Other helpers wanted!	0413 968 535
40 Year	1976	TBC	
50 Year +	1966 +	Betty Clarke	0428 877 516

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. Please contact Shona Eichorn, Director of Development on email [development@plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au](mailto:development@plcarmidale.nsw.edu.au)

## Accommodation Option - An Invitation to Board again!

Should you and your friends like to reminisce your years at PLC Armidale, we are making available one of the Boarding Houses as alternative low cost accommodation for this special weekend. Should you wish to take up this first ever opportunity, please contact Director of Development, Shona Eichorn, for more details and bookings.



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