STAR OF THE SEA COLLEGE CREST: 1920 – 2013

Circa 1920: SEA in the middle + Elsternwick

Circa 1950: Gardenvale replaces Elsternwick

Circa 1960: STAR replaces SEA in the middle; Presentation introduced; gold & green

Circa 2010: Blue & white stripes; no ribbons

black & white

navy, white & red

red & blue

blue & yellow

ANZAC House provides a wonderful opportunity for Year 9 students to spend time together in a unique environment dedicated to student learning at this particular level. They share the campus with the residents of the ANZAC Hostel and the veterans who attend the ANZAC Day Centre: read the report on page 6.
This year has certainly been one of great celebration. *The Star* is filled with the myriad ways in which we have honoured this significant milestone.

During the course of our 130th year, it became apparent that a review of the Star of the Sea College crest was necessary. There were a variety of crests in use and an increased demand for a robust design in our publications and on public displays and associated items. The design in use from the 1960s was unsuitable for current technologies and lacked clarity in public appearances.

Extensive research highlighted the fact that there is no official documentation about the evolution of the crest. However, its changes clearly reflect the needs of people, changing places and practical purposes ...

- circa 1920s - Elsternwick
- circa 1950s - change from Elsternwick to Gardenvale
- circa 1960s - replace SEA with STAR; add Presentation
- circa early 2000s - abridged crest emerged for ease of reproduction and cost reduction:
  - elements of the crest were removed
  - banners replaced ribbons
  - colours were inconsistent: red and blue, blue and white stripes, yellow and blue, green and gold

A Crest Review Team was established, comprising Bernadette Turner (Deputy Principal), Rehana Patrick (Visual Arts & Design faculty leader), Josephine Aquilina (Registrar), Lisa Murie (Star uniform coordinator and past student), Elaine Tebbutt (designer) and Judy Ryan (Publications Officer). Its brief was to research the Star crest over 130 years and to present an appropriate, contemporary design.

The Team has retained the five elements of the traditional College crest in its new design...

- the seven-pointed star
- Presentation
- the College name – Star of the Sea (words together not separate)
- Facta non verba
- the colours red and blue

I believe that the refined College crest remains faithful to our history and mission and projects a strong, contemporary look for the College. It is reflective of our desire to treasure our Presentation past while fashioning a Presentation future. I am very grateful to the work of the Crest Review Team.

I sincerely thank the Star community for its support of our celebrations in 2013 and wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.
PRESENTATION CONFERENCE IN HOBART
The theme of the Presentation Schools’ Staff Conference held in Hobart in July sums up the transitional period currently being experienced at all Presentation schools. Star staff joined other Presentation people who share a common heritage and strong desire to keep the charism of Nano Nagle and the Presentation order alive and flourishing within their schools. They came to a deeper understanding of the mission of Nano and ways in which she responded so selflessly, and at considerable risk, to the needs of her time.

All were keen to sustain the energy and commitment of the conference through the establishment of a Nagle Alliance of Schools. This broadens the National Presentation Principals’ Group to include primary schools and secondary schools that were founded by the Presentation Sisters but are no longer Order owned.

NANO NAGLE ESSAY PRIZE
Year 9 and 10 students from around Australia were invited by the National Presentation Principals’ Group to submit an essay exploring Nano Nagle’s quote, Spend yourselves on the poor. They had to reference Presentation projects and priorities in our country in 2013. The essays were judged by a national panel of teachers and writers. Year 10 student, Brenna Dempsey, used her experience of walking Nano’s footsteps in Ireland with her mother as the basis of her essay, which also explored Star’s many commitments to social justice. Brenna’s essay was judged Runner-Up by the adjudication panel.

Brenna’s essay has been published in the 2013 edition of The Lantern and is on the Star website: www.starmelb.catholic.edu.au

NATIONAL PRESENTATION PRINCIPALS’ GROUP INITIATIVES … IONA (WESTERN AUSTRALIA) & STAR EXCHANGE
An initiative of the National Presentation Principals’ Group is a Year 10 exchange program among the six Australian Presentation-owned schools. Star was “twinned” with Iona College in Perth and in Term 3, five Star students trekked across the Nullabor with Mrs Harmes, Star’s Social Justice Coordinator. They spent a week at Iona, attending classes and learning more about the shared heritage and vision. Iona students made a return visit to Star in the last week of Term 3. They enjoyed our annual Art and Design exhibition, attended classes and spent a day working at the Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda.
Star of the Sea College Board members were profiled in the June edition of The Star. The Presentation Sisters’ Leadership Group has since appointed Tim Coyne and Stephen Sweeney to the Board, and Frances Mirabelli and Nicole Sinclair to Board Committees. Anna Cerreto will join the Board in the role of observer. Anna’s profile also appeared in the June edition of The Star.

Tim Coyne BEc, FCA, FFinsia, Registered Company Auditor
Tim is a Chartered Accountant, Registered Company Auditor and Senior Partner at Ernst & Young, specialising in banking and asset management. Tim has a wide range of financial and risk management experience in the financial services sector. He is married to Bridget and they have four children: Isabelle (Year 10), Victoria (Year 8), Zachary and Madeleine.

Stephen Sweeney
Stephen has been a committee member of the Parents’ Association for two years. His professional background includes positions with the Victorian Public Service and the not-for-profit and public company sectors in finance, governance and management roles. Since 2006, Stephen has lectured in postgraduate business subjects at the University of Ballarat. Stephen is married to Ann and they have three daughters: Meghan (Year 11), Beth (Year 9) and Rosie.

Frances Mirabelli MBA, BAppSc, AICD
Frances is the Deputy CEO of LASA Victoria. She has an MBA from Monash University, a Bachelor of Applied Science from RMIT University and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. In 2009, Frances completed The Colloquium at the Cranlana program. A past student of Star, her daughter, Sofia Felton, is in Year 7.

Nicole Sinclair BE (Mech) (Hons), MBA
Nicole’s family has a long history with Star: her mother, sisters and cousins are all past students and she is a graduate of the Class of 1995. She is a qualified mechanical engineer and is currently the CEO of Parish Engineering. Nicole is passionate about promoting strong career opportunities for women, particularly in non-traditional industries.

THE LEADERSHIP PROJECT
The Leadership Project, managed by Deputy Principal, Bernadette Turner, encourages staff to aspire to future leadership positions at the College. Two new leadership positions have been announced in 2013 ...

Ann Brady is the Senior Studies Leader, a role that supersedes that of the VCAA Coordinator to better support the decision-making needs of senior students;

Mellesa McDiarmid is the Wave Project Leader, overseeing the redesign of the teaching and learning environment in Year 7 and 8.

Two other appointments have been made in 2013 as a result of The Leadership Project process ...

Emily Martin, Pastoral Coordinator of Year 7: Being a part of The Leadership Project helped to affirm that I was a valued member of the staff. I love the opportunity of sharing ideas and imagining new ways to improve how things are done. I will bring energy to the role, making positive changes for Year 7 students.

Rebekah Snape, Humanities Faculty Leader: I was acting Humanities Coordinator for four weeks when I was finishing off my Masters. It was rewarding to work with colleagues that I respect, encouraging me to apply for the Humanities Faculty Leader role when it was advertised. I’m looking forward to the next two years, confident that I will be working with dedicated staff and the support of my amazing mentor, Mellesa McDiarmid.
BRIDGET’S HEALTHY MIND! HEALTHY BODY!
College Captain, Bridget Parsons, was a panelist at a fundraising event to discuss the topic Healthy Mind. Healthy Body. Organised by Learning for Life Autism Centre, the gathering explored many aspects of the current body image discussion in the media.

Flanked by TV celebrities, a dietician, psychologist, personal trainer, writers and researchers, Bridget brought her unique perspective to the discussion with flair, integrity, intelligence and good grace. Panel facilitator, Tom Gleisner, quizzed Bridget on the two-year You Are Beautiful campaign that has been run by Star’s student leaders. One of the organisers commented that she was in awe of Bridget’s command of language, ability to think on the spot and her mature capacity to reflect on her experience.

Bridget’s participation in this forum is an example of the power of a single voice and the potential of all of our students to speak out on issues of importance.

2013 VICTORIAN PHILOSOTHON
Could the Tinman really be a person?
Could Nature have rights?
What is poverty?
Should we fight for a philosophical education for all?

The 2013 Victorian Philosothon was held in October. Star’s team competed against Scotch College, MLC, PLC, Ballarat Grammar, Loreto College Ballarat and McKinnon Secondary College. The aim of the Philosothon is to promote philosophical inquiry and rigour by bringing students from Year 8 – Year 11 together around stimulus material, allowing the group to move beyond discussion towards critical inquiry.

From Term 1 at Star, fifteen students were invited to attend weekly meetings to ponder life’s great puzzles and to rigorously explore unanswerable questions. Discussions were practised in a Community of Inquiry, a Socratic circle where students questioned, probed, analysed, assessed, clarified and deepened their understanding of complex issues and ideas with open minds and intellectual honesty.

Nine students were selected for the Philosothon: Hannah McKinnon and Jess Zuk (Year 8); Siena Visentini and Natalie Scordel (Year 9); Ella Robinson, Bridie Mannion and Georgia Wiley (Year 10); Carol Emmi and Adelaide Harney (Year 11). Year 9 student, Natalie Scordel, was awarded the prize for Female Philosopher of 2013.

Congratulations to all participants, including those girls who were not selected for the final team. They worked hard and applied impressive intellectual energy to the discussions, enriching the philosophical experience for everyone.
At the annual Presentation Night in November, awards were conferred on the following students in recognition of their contribution to the wellbeing of the College community in 2013.

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Congratulations to these students for their outstanding academic and cultural achievements

Ms Sandra Diafas
Star wins the prestigious ANZAC Day Schools’ Award
I write to congratulate Star of the Sea College for being the Victorian winner in the secondary school category of the 2013 ANZAC Day Schools’ Award ... your school has won $2000 as well as a plaque ... demonstrated a strong commitment to honouring the memory of men and women who have served Australia in times of war. The judges were impressed that the school has developed a “Companions program” where students visit veterans at a local residential care unit, and the strong links the school has to several unit associations.
Minister for Veterans’ Affairs,
Hon Warren Snowdon MP: 16 July 2013

VC Award recipient, Mark Donaldson inspires students
It was an honour that Trooper Mark Donaldson VC accepted an invitation to speak to Year 9 ANZAC students in the Patricia Carroll Auditorium in November. Trooper Donaldson was awarded the Victoria Cross in 2009, Australia’s highest military honour presented only to those who displayed the most conspicuous gallantry in the face of the enemy. Trooper Donaldson spoke to Year 9 students and staff about leadership and overcoming adversity. He truly is an inspiration and we are so proud that he was able to visit Star.

ANZAC exchange with students from the Kimberley
Four Year 9 students and two staff members travelled to Western Australia for a girls’ leadership program in July. Students and staff were welcomed to the community of Warmun by elders of the community. They had a wonderful time, forging lasting links with their host sisters and families. Back in Melbourne, Star returned the hospitality by hosting five students and three staff members from Warmun for a week. The Kimberley group travelled into the city each day to learn about living life in Melbourne, returning to Star for dinner, activities and sleep.

Reflection of Year 9 student, Siena Visentini: The Year 9 ANZAC Companions program is a very rewarding experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with my companion, Pat. Their humour, kindness, stubbornness, stories and individuality makes the time we have with them very special. It is a great example where you can give a small amount of time and you receive a wonderful experience in return, whilst positively impacting people’s lives.
LANEY: AN ASPIRING ARCHIBALD ARTIST
Year 11 student, Laney Jaksetic, is determined to enter the 2014 Archibald competition. Laney exhibited a large-scale oil painting of her friend, Ellen O’Meara, in Star’s Art Week exhibition in September. Laney won the 2010 stArchibald when she was in Year 10.

ELEANOR: A WINNING DESIGNER
Star’s new Nagle Café was a vibrant space but it needed a logo. A brief from Ms Diafas to the Year 10 Visual Communication Design class requested a logo that would reflect the contemporary interior design and its use as a meeting place. Eleanor White’s winning design addressed the two-fold nature of the Nagle Café with charm and flair. She combined multi-coloured cutlery (representing eating) within a bold, circular speech bubble (representing gathering and chatting). The colours of the four houses differentiate the pieces of cutlery, highlighting their varied functions.

YEAR 7 STUDENTS: ART INSTALMENT - EAST WING FOREST MURAL
Under the inspiring guidance of artist Christine Sage, Year 7 students considered how to bring nature to the East Wing courtyard where they gather for recess and lunch. The eastern wall of Sebastian Hall was the canvas where a forest was to “grow”, creating a relaxing new vista. Christine ran master classes and set the tone for collaboration, giving each group a chance to contribute to the beautiful mural.

The gorgeous colours layered over each other gave the work depth as each artist was faced with the prospect of either painting over someone else’s work or having theirs layered over by the next group. The concept of letting ownership move from ‘mine’ to ‘ours’ is evident in the harmony of the entire 2.5m x 11m piece.

A forest of gum trees soon emerged, sprouting from dense scrub and grasses, dotted with delicate flowers, watched over by curious birds perched in the branches above. The dreamy scene has completely revitalised the courtyard. It may have also revitalised some wonderful, young artists in their way of thinking about making art together.
EXCITING SCIENCE AT STAR

Science at Star continues to evolve to meet students’ needs as well as maintaining a flexible, relevant curriculum that includes current scientific developments. The aim is to empower students to be the leaders and the scientists in a changing world for the future. Star fosters the natural curiosity that is intrinsic in all students to solve problems through valuable, hands-on, practical investigations.

**Year 7** students explore scientific concepts and discover solutions from first-hand investigations. They learn to use precise scientific equipment, plan their own investigations and make relevant conclusions based on their findings. Understand that scientific investigations do not always provide the results that you expect. You often fail first in order to succeed.

**Year 8** students are further encouraged to put their knowledge into practice. Many of the topics studied require students to formulate their own hypotheses and carry out investigations to support or disprove their original ideas. This allows them to understand that scientific investigations do not always provide the results that you expect. You often fail first in order to succeed.

**Year 9** students put Science into action with electives that offer valuable practical experiences. Learning about environmental issues moves from the classroom to the Elwood foreshore, dressing up in waders to examine the water life of a pond. In electronics, they solder, use a hand drill and create a circuit board.

**Year 10** provides students with the diversity and fundamentals for VCE science studies. A new elective in 2013 - In Sickness and Health - extended students’ learning to a real-life application such as disease and its treatments. They heard from leading researchers from the Peter Mac Cancer centre about finding future cures for cancer, as well as visiting its laboratories.

**VCE Science** students undertake practical investigations and excursions. Chemistry students visit Melbourne University’s Chemistry department to use analytical instruments. Biology students visit the zoo to study animal reproductive adaptations and CSIRO labs to carry out genetic engineering experiments. Physics students exhaust the rides at Luna park to study the effects of forces. Psychology students attend the Melbourne Museum and the Dax Gallery as part of their studies of the mind and mental health.

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Science Enrichment is offered to students that need to put their passion into practice by participating in programs that extend their learning and provide the opportunity to apply their knowledge. Selected Year 7 and Year 9 students became conservationists for a day at Melbourne Zoo. Year 9 students participated in a Science Experience program at Melbourne and Monash University. Year 10 students had the opportunity to undertake the Growing Tall Poppies program run by Melbourne University’s Physics Department. They carried out their own research project, toured the synchrotron and had to give a formal presentation of their findings.

Science Week raises students’ awareness of how Science impacts on their lives. It is also a chance to have fun whilst celebrating a scientific topic. In 2013, we celebrated 100 years of Australian inventions. Students were challenged to build and test different designs and devices such as balloon-powered cars, tallest straw towers, the strongest icy pole bridges supporting the greatest mass, and egg capsules that could protect their eggs as they were dropped from balcony heights. Amazingly, there were many capsules that saved their eggs from five-metre drops and bridges that supported 40 kg masses!

Anne Tripaydonis (2010) Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne

Science was always an area that I was interested in. As I learnt more throughout my secondary school years, I grew to appreciate what I was learning and how it applied to the world around me. I always liked knowing how and why things worked as well as being able to help people. It makes sense that I’ve ended up in medical research that allows me to work in both fields. I had wonderful teachers at Star who encouraged and inspired me to continue studying science and languages.

I am currently completing my final year of a Science degree at Melbourne University, majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with a minor in Immunology. I enjoy the practical classes and it is amazing to have professors sharing knowledge that really is at the cutting edge of what is currently understood by scientific researchers.

In second year, I was accepted into the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI) of Medical Research in a Structural Biology Lab. Working in this amazing place whilst studying, with leading scientists as mentors, has been a rewarding experience. The lab I work in is investigating the cell signalling pathway involved in a form of unusual cell death called necroptosis. Understanding this pathway is important for the development of better drugs to treat infectious diseases. I have learnt so much in a year-and-a-half about scientists working as a team and how discoveries come from hard work and resilience. I am hoping to complete an Honours year in 2014 at the WEHI with the possibility of a PhD in the area of Molecular Biology.
Reflections on a Vietnam immersion ...

Twenty-four Year 10 students and four staff members travelled to Vietnam in September to build houses and visit orphanages. They ate amazing food and met the most wonderful people as they immersed themselves in the Vietnamese culture.

The most memorable aspect was how the girls worked collaboratively as a team. There was a really special bond with each other and with the teachers. All the kind Vietnamese people welcomed us with open arms into their community ...

Michelle Jing

What captivated my heart was listening to the singing of an uncle of a family we were building the houses for. He sang with such love and care for us with his family standing by his side. Tears were shed and the language barrier made no difference as we understood the true kindness, love and generosity that was being expressed by this man ...

Sophie Wallace

The most moving aspect was just how little we had to do to put a smile on the faces of the people we met. Simple actions of a hug or a high five would make their day. It was amazing and life changing to see that such small things would have such an impact ...

Brenna Dempsey

I remember a girl from the first orphanage. She made no sounds or words and looked at the ground. A few minutes later she grabbed my hand and held it. When I squeezed it, she smiled. She seemed so happy to sit, hold my hand and smile. I can still picture her smile ...

Sinead MacDonell

The bond we made with the family we built for was special for me. Although we couldn’t communicate by words, we understood each other simply with a smile. You savour every moment of being able to meet and work alongside the family. What we experienced together will always have a place in my heart ...

Bridget Groves

Cycling to and from the building site each day was a special experience. We rode bikes along the Mekong Delta, waving and saying “sin chao” to locals. Children ran out of their homes to greet us and high-fived us as we rode past. Everyone was very happy and greeted us with big smiles, something that will stay with me forever ...

Aoife Cunningham

A remarkable experience for me was visiting the Agent Orange Centre in Da Nang. We were greeted with huge smiles and a beautiful banner. We all danced to Gangnam Style and, though it was extremely hot, we didn’t mind as the smiles on their faces showed that we had brought happiness into their lives ...

Annabelle Comerford

I will remember forever our visit to the Catholic orphanage. Most of the children had Downs Syndrome. We fed those who weren’t able to do it for themselves and we sang for them. They danced around or just stood with us and their smiles lit up the room ...

Natalie Andrews
Celebrating our Fathers and Grandparents …

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION
The Parents’ Association Dinner Dance took place at The Brighton Savoy in June. It was a wonderful evening and a fitting celebration of Star’s 130th year. My thanks to the organising committee who spent many hours planning and preparing for this event. Thanks also to major sponsor, Renault, and to the many parents who attended and those who donated prizes.

The annual Father-Daughter breakfast in September was a great success. It was a joy to see so many dads and their daughters enjoying breakfast together. Guest speaker, Darren Crocker (father of Meghan) is the Assistant Coach at North Melbourne. He provided a candid insight into the world of football and the science and strategy of coaching: the importance of working as a team, staying focused, aiming high and celebrating success. The Parents’ Association is grateful to Darren for his input.

President Kylie Taylor

YEAR 7 CELEBRATE THEIR GRANDPARENTS
At the end of Term 3, Year 7 staff and students celebrated those very important people in their families: their grandparents. Granddaughters accompanied their grandparents while viewing the art exhibition and the entertainment provided by Irish dancers and Stacella. A beautiful morning tea was enjoyed by all who attended.
Past Students share their Experience and Wisdom ...

Careers Mentoring - an initiative of the Past Students’ Association - ensures current students benefit from the wealth of talent and experience of past students. Established in 2011, the program offers information about typical or unusual pathways to desirable careers, personalised mentoring and opportunities for work experience.

Thirty past students are currently available to offer mentoring advice to senior students. Past students are encouraged to participate in the program: paststudents@starmelb.catholic.edu.au

The inaugural Meet with Success night for Year 11 students in June showcased the wisdom and experience of successful Star women. The College acknowledges them and their generosity of spirit:

Amanda (Sexton) Bater (1991) - social work with refugee women and children
Emma Danckert (2006) - own graphic design business
Sara Dunne (1989) - fashion & charity
Victoria Healy (2001) - actor & comedian
Emma Hess (1985) - social work/international aid
Emma (Whelan) McDonald (1998) - zoo keeper
Maree McEvoy (1973) - business management
Deanne Martin (1987) - manufacturing industry
Elizabeth Miller (1984) - nurse & politician
Cath Pope (1986) - technology/business development
Benita Pringle (2006) - police officer
Jessica Quist (2005) - law/criminology
Siobhan Rehill (1989) - town planning
Adele Schocker (2005) - secondary teacher
Veronika Sedek (1999) - IT development specialist with Telstra
Kate Boston Smith (1998) - actor & comedian
Amanda Stokes (1989) - fashion & charity
Rebecca Ticli (1997) - secondary teacher

A parent’s testimonial

We attended last night’s “Meet with Success” evening and wanted to let you know what an excellent night it was. The women provided practical advice and an insight into many aspects of careers: how they succeeded and, importantly, to never give up! It was perfect timing for my daughter who is thinking about the direction she would like to take. It opened her eyes to things she had not considered.
Nance Morgan attended Star as a student from Year 6, graduating in 1946 as School Captain. She entered the Presentation order in 1952 after completing an Arts Degree at Melbourne University. As Sister Giuseppe, Nance was a much-loved and inspirational teacher to decades of Star students and, for three years, was Superior of the Star of the Sea Convent.

In 1974, Nance moved to Keysborough to help establish the new Parish of the Resurrection. After leaving the Presentation order, Nance spent most of her life in Brisbane, first in Catholic Education then with the Mamre Association, working with the parents of disabled children. She developed many strong relationships and is remembered for her warmth, compassion and empathy.

I was at Star with Nance from 1943 to 1946 ... only eleven of us in the Matriculation class and three entered the convent: Nance, Eulalie Considine and Leonie Walsh ... she was Head Prefect and was usually chosen to represent the school at any function. She played tennis very well and ... was also a talented singer and actress.

Maureen Homewood (Mattheison - 1946)

Nance was a member of our Congregation for many years – teacher, Boarding Mistress, Counsellor, Superior of the Star Community, Assistant Mistress of Novices and member of the PBVM Leadership Team. She was a wise, compassionate, kind and gentle woman.

Sr Patricia Hickman pbvm (1957)

My earliest memories of Aunty Nance were ... a tall, gentle woman who wore an imposing, long black habit, belted by a massive set of rosary beads ... We rarely saw her away from the convent although there was the occasional barbecue in our garage because, as a nun, Aunty Nance was not able to enter our home ... (she) left the convent to pursue other things ... colourful scarves became her signature as she embraced her love of people, art and nature.

Trish Morgan (1977)

[At Keysborough] she encouraged some men to use a garage on the new Church site as a recycling business: a ‘men’s shed’. She was amazed at the fundraising that flowed from this project – a little bit of ‘Nance magic’!

Luke Morgan (nephew)

When Christine Chamberlain and I visited Nance Morgan on 16 July ... I remembered the twinkling eyes, the distinctive profile, the beautiful skin, her lovely smile - and she had golden, grey hair ... a walking stick and sensible runners were the only signs of slight inconvenience. We returned to Melbourne to hear the news that she had died the evening after we had seen her, sitting in her armchair, watching her beloved Broncos help Queensland to victory in the NRL State of Origin.

Meredeth Kenny (Wallace - 1963)
PAST STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION

It has been a productive year for the Past Students’ Association (PSA) with the completion of the Garden of Reflection. The Garden was funded by the sale of the Star of the Sea roses and the generosity of Frances Tobin Funerals by Women, the PSA and the Class of 2011. Unfortunately, the old brick wall has some structural damage so a protective barrier will be in place until it is repaired. Patience is required until we have a lovely place for quiet reflection, remembering our loved ones.

We have received donations of $9,000 for our Chapel Appeal. Future donations will assist in funding the polishing of the beautiful floors.

The PSA’s Careers Mentoring program, established in 2011, was in action at the Meet with Success careers evening for Year 11 students in June: read the report on page 12. Information about the program is available at www.starmelb.catholic.edu.au/community_paststudents_initiatives.html

The PSA Committee thanks Geraldine Carrodus (Keaney - 1963) for her commitment to the Past Students’ activities. We have been very fortunate to have Geraldine as the PSA Liaison Officer at Star and her efforts have been appreciated.

The Annual General Meeting for the PSA will be held on Monday, 17 February 2014 at 6.00pm in the FAYBYRNE Performing Arts Centre. We warmly welcome new members and their ideas and efforts to support the PSA and the College.

President Barbara Harkin (Nankervis – 1964)

THE CHAPEL APPEAL

The refurbishment of our beautiful Chapel is a major PSA project. Stage 1 - painting the interior - was completed in 2012 with a contribution of $37,000 from the PSA. Stage 2 - the resurfacing of the parquetry floor and the installation of invisible ducted heating – will be funded by $9,000 that has been raised through the Chapel Appeal. Many thanks to those who have contributed to this project. We require further generosity from past and present Star families to complete Stage 2.

Any contribution will be gratefully received with all donations being tax deductible. Contributions over $500 will be acknowledged on a special honour board at the rear of the Chapel.

If you wish to make a donation to the Chapel Appeal, you may use the form on the cover sheet that accompanies this edition of The Star or email paststudents@starmelb.catholic.edu.au

FROM THE COLLEGE ARCHIVIST

I enjoy spending time with our precious, elderly Sisters who are so interesting and have a wealth of information that has been very helpful in my projects.

I also enjoy spending time with volunteers, Pat Campitelli and Patty Chaplain, who assist in maintaining our collection. They have such loyalty to Star and extensive historical knowledge. Our conversations about school experiences are endless!

We are always happy to accept any material that you may wish to donate and all items would be carefully preserved. We happily welcome anyone who cares to visit on any Thursday during the school term.

Kerry Doquile (Mitchell – 1963)

STAR WOMEN SPEAK 2014

Star Women Speak will be held on Friday, 2 May 2014 in the George Reed Foyer of FAYBYRNE from 6.00pm till 8.00pm. We are delighted to announce Felicity McGahan (Cooke – 1986) as guest speaker.

Felicity has had a long and varied career in fashion and retailing in Australia and the USA. She has also served on the Board of Eye to Eye, a mentoring group for students with learning difficulties. Felicity has recently returned to Australian with her husband and two children to take up the role of Global General Manager for the Cotton On company.

An invitation will be emailed in 2104 to those on our email list. For enquiries, telephone 0419 321 441.
Maureen McCarthy (1970) was a guest presenter in Library week. Maureen entertained students with tales of her time at Star and also the research she did for her latest book, *The Convent*, set at the Abbotsford Convent.

Sally Gibson (1973) has been appointed to the Board of the Victorian Mental Health Carers Network. Sally is also a member of the Board of Mind Australia, the largest mental health service provider in Australia. In 2010, she co-convened the workplace mental health support network, Open Minds, in the Victorian Public Service. Open Minds now has 1300 members and provides training in mental health literacy to managers as well as education and support. Sally was the 2010 recipient of the Ben Bodna Award for Individual Excellence from the Public Advocate for her work with Open Minds. A trained peer supporter in mental health, Sally is happy to provide peer support to anyone in the Star community who may be carers. Contact Sally after hours on 03 9531 3930.

Julie Anne Wolfe (1986) has worked in the Emergency Department of one of Brisbane’s leading hospitals for many years and is now working as a nurse at Woodford jail. She has two teenage children. In her spare time, she sings professionally in two bands: one covers music from the 1940s, the other from the 1980s.

Angela (Torchia) Diakoumis (1991) has worked as a registered nurse for 20 years. She is currently working at Epworth Hospital in Richmond in the Day Surgery Unit. Angela has two boys: Alexander and Gregory.

Lia Wassell (2005) My arrival in Guatemala in March was initially confronting but, after I was shown the various aspects of God’s Child (a home that cares for malnourished children), I felt that I could be useful straight away ... as “hugger and holder” of babies which was very special. These children were not orphans: they were in need of nutritional supplements. Carlos was a special boy with intellectual disabilities. While I was there, Carlos was found left at a rubbish heap and I met him when he was brought to the Home.

To sit and hold the hand of one so vulnerable, and look into his eyes, is something I will never forget.

Joanna Charlton (College Captain - 2007) was one of six Victorian players that competed for one of the most prestigious events in Women’s Amateur golf: the 2013 British Amateur Championship. Jo is a member of the Metropolitan Golf Club and is currently Victorian Women’s State Team Captain. To participate in the competition, the 144 players had to have a handicap of at least +0.2.

Tilly Hall (2007) was required to have an international experience as part of her international studies degree. Women’s rights, sex trafficking and Palestinian land rights were some of the areas she was most passionate about. She came across a program supporting women’s empowerment in India at a school called Tender Heart. She had fallen in love with India on a previous trip and was eager to get back. Read about Tilly’s volunteering at Tender Heart: http://www.mineisyours.net.au/from-india-with-love/
Lauren Messina is studying Graphic Design and Genevieve Bailey is studying a double degree in Commerce & Economics and have been friends since they met at Star. They were recently in Cork at the Nano Nagle bridge and came across the Nano Nagle plaque. Both girls were in Nagle house so it was a special moment for them.

Benita Kolovos (2012) received the Premier’s award for Literature at the 2013 Premier’s VCE Awards ceremony at Docklands. Her award was richly deserved. She engaged actively in class discussions and shared her insights with her peers and worked constantly to add to her repertoire of ideas.

Benita Kolovos with Ms Difas and VCE English Literature teacher, Mr Farrar

2014 Diary Dates ...
Monday, 17 February at 6.00pm
Annual General Meeting

Monday, 31 March at 6.00pm
PSA Committee Meeting

Friday, 2 May at 6.00pm
Star Women Speak

Monday, 28 July at 6.00pm
PSA Committee Meeting

Monday, 15 September at 6.00pm
PSA Committee Meeting

Thursday, 16 October at 5.00pm
Reunion of the Class of 2013

Monday, 10 November at 6.00pm
PSA Committee Meeting

Saturday, 22 November at 6.30pm
Class of 1964 - 50 Year reunion

Sunday, 23 November at 1.00pm
Annual Mass, Open Day & Afternoon Tea

Note: Committee Meetings and Star Women Speak will be held in the George Reed Foyer of FAYBYRNE.

REUNIONS IN 2014 ...

Golden Night for the Class of '64: Saturday, 22 November 2014

Our hair may be silver but at heart we are still those same teenage girls that graced the gates of Star 50 years ago... let’s celebrate with a sumptuous night of treats ...

Il Caminetto Restaurant,
284 Bay Street, Brighton

Drinks at 6.30pm; dinner at 7.00pm in the private dining room

$65 for three-course dinner & BYO wine (small corkage fee) and licensed

For further information, email Barbara: barbaraharkin@bigpond.com

Register your email address: www.starmelb.catholic.edu.au/community_paststudents_ starnetwork.html

Reunion of Class 2013

5.00pm, Thursday, 16 October in the George Reed foyer. Hosted by the Past Students’ Association
**BIRTHS**

Julie-Anne Molino (1991) and Hamish on the birth of their baby son, Alessandro Julian

**ENGAGEMENTS**

Vanessa Mackinnon (2007) on her engagement to Chris Jeans

Rhianna Mackinnon (2002) on her engagement to John Lawson

**MARRIAGES**

Larissa Cairns (Stacella Choir leader) and Paul Montgomery were married in a beautiful and happy ceremony at St Peter and Paul’s, South Melbourne which featured the glorious singing of our Stacella choir

Regine Karantzas (2005) and Jack Miriklis were married in a beautiful and happy ceremony on 30 November

Anita Santalucia (1999) and Michael Galteri were married in the Star chapel in May

**DEATHS**

We ask your prayers for the following members of the Star of the Sea family who have died recently …

Patricia Clancy AM (1944) - died December 2012. Patricia was a highly regarded family lawyer who was awarded the AM in 1992 for services to the law and, in particular, to family law. After her retirement, she worked as a mentor for women who were about to be released from Fairley Women’s Prison.

Roger Cleary (Grade 2, 1954) - loved brother of Elaine (1963)

Joan Cooney (1940s) - spent all of her school years at Star of the Sea. Joan was a much respected nurse and Theatre Manager at St Vincent’s Hospital for many years and also nursed in Vietnam during the War.

Nan Cunningham OAM (1958) (Sister Maria RSC)

Nan was a boarder at Star from 1955. She commenced nursing training in 1960 and was a wonderful and dedicated nurse. Nan sometimes chaffed at the strict rules governing the lives of student nurses. She loved going to the races with her brother, Michael, and developed a ruse for partaking in this forbidden activity ... Nan would study the funeral notices in the paper and discover a ‘relative’ whose funeral she could not possibly miss!

At the age of 21, Nan announced that she was entering religious life with the Sisters of Charity. There followed a long career of service and dedication through which she used her nursing training and experience. She chaired the Australian Health Care Association for several years and was instrumental in establishing Catholic Health Australia. In 2011, her outstanding life of service was recognised with the award of Order Australia Medal.

Despite the high offices that she held, Nan never lost her love for serving the poor. In the last years of her life, she devoted her time to caring for the families of prisoners.

In a letter to classmates on the occasion of a school reunion, Nan wrote of her years at Star: ‘as the years go by, I realise just how fortunate I was to have had the opportunity of a really broad education’.

**Remembered with great love and admiration by the Class of 1958**

Moya Dunn (Ford - 1938) - loved sister of Frank (dec - Grade 2, 1930), Berenice Shaw (1940), Inez McLoughlin (1947) and Annette Hanigan (1955)

Margaret Linard (1958) - Margaret was responsible for the Australia and Oceania region of the Focolare Movement

Nance Morgan (Sr Giuseppe pbvm) - read the tribute on page 13

Gillian O’Reilly (Scharpe - 1958) - Gillian (Jill) died in September after a short illness. She was the sister of Yvonne (1956) and Lois (1962)

Natalie Oswald (Sheehan - 1940) - loved mother of Leanne (1972) and Phillip and John (both attended Star until Grade 2). Natalie was a long serving and loyal member of the Past Students’ Association and was President for several years during the 1960s

Carolyn Ryan (Schofield - 1958) - a detailed version of her obituary will be on the website in 2014

Patricia (Trish) Trainor (Jacks - 1947) - loved mother of Lisa, Sally, Kate and Anna (1980s), sister of Shirley (1940s) and Betty (1950s)

Marie Turnbull - loved mother of Anne Wright (1964) and grandmother of Michelle (1990), Jane (1992) and Elizabeth (1996). Marie had a long association with Star and was an active member of the Mothers’ Association for thirteen years. She occupied the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer at various times in the 1950s and 1960s. Marie was in her 99th year.