



St Scholastica's College

Ex-Students' Union

Newsletter 2018

From the President



Dear Ex-Students,

The College

So much has happened at St Scholastica's, both at the College and with the Sisters, since our last newsletter. The

first event I had the pleasure of attending was the House Renewal on 11 July 2017. Some of us remember the old houses of Lourdes, Loretto, Genazzano and Nazareth. In 1965 the House names were changed and named after Bishops - Polding, Davis, Vaughan and Ullathorne. With the growth of the College, seven new Houses, named after Sisters of the Good Samaritan, were introduced with a special farewell ceremony to the old and a welcoming of the new. It was done with much pomp, ceremony and music combined with fun and enjoyment. It was great to see the girls welcome this change with much enthusiasm. See article from Kate Rayment for further details.

The next exciting event was the launch of the College's Master Plan for the Built Environment on 21 August. Special guests included Fr Dominic Murphy from Forest Lodge, Sisters of the Good Samaritan, and members of the College Board. The architects were also on hand to answer questions following the presentation. Stage 1 has now been completed which comprises the Benedict Centre being converted to new flexible learning spaces, classrooms and shared learning spaces. The library and staff rooms have been relocated to temporary buildings on the lower green space. Great importance has been placed on maintaining green space and so once all building works have been completed, the temporary buildings will be removed, and the space made open and green once again.

The College's Open Day on 18 March 2018 was well attended. Despite it being a scorching hot day, we had plenty of visitors and sold lots of our memorabilia. Thank you to Ellen McKenzie, Anne Whiting (Buckley), Anne Wells, Tricia Macrae (Grannall) and Win McCluskie for helping.

A New Congregational Leader

Every 6 years, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan hold their Chapter where they discuss their future direction and elect a new leadership team. We are all so proud that a Schols Ex-student (and I must add, a Rosebank Ex-student as well), Sr Patty Fawcner, is the new Congregational Leader, and another Schols Ex-student, Sr Veronica McCluskie, is a new Councillor. I enjoyed attending the event introducing the new leader, and hearing some amazing stories from the Sisters working in the Philippines, Kiribati and NT.

Mass Honouring Deceased Sisters

The Mass honouring the deceased Sisters of the Good Samaritan, held on the first Sunday in November, is a well-attended event by Ex-students and families of the deceased Sisters. All Ex-students are welcome to attend this event.

Reunions

I thank our Ex-students for their continuing support of our Bursary Fund and the Good Samaritan Foundation (Education) Fund. We were delighted to receive a generous donation from the Class of '77 resulting from their 40-year reunion. **Please remember our Bursary Fund when organising your milestone reunions as there are so many students in need of our support.**

Our 94th anniversary reunion was a great success. We were so fortunate to have Fr Paul Coleman, SJ celebrate with us even though he was very ill with cancer. He insisted on carrying on with his duties for as long as he possibly could. He died on 25 September aged 90. He was the most remarkable man and loved by all. He is very sadly missed. We are lucky to have another Jesuit priest celebrate our Mass this year.

Congratulations to the class of 2017 on their wonderful achievements in the HSC. We welcome them to join us now as Ex-students.

Thank you

Finally, I thank the College, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and our Ex-students for their continued support of our Ex-students' Union.

Karen Debenham (Gillespie '67)

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*Ex-Students' Union Stall at
College Open Day March 2018*

The Ex-Students' Union Aims To:

- Work closely with the College to provide support in various activities, promote loyalty, friendship and support amongst Ex-Students.
- Provide support to the Good Samaritan Foundation.
- Provide bursaries to daughters of Ex-Students who, due to unforeseen circumstances, have difficulty paying their daughter's school fees.

From the Principal



2017 was a year of significant progress at the College with the Building Master Plan Stage 1 refurbishment completed; the new College website and portals developed; and a new House

structure established and implemented. There was an increased emphasis on the Mission life of the College, in particular, our place in the Catholic Church and the Good Samaritan tradition.

Strong and effective partnerships were developed in the area of STEM education, including a partnership with FINCH Creative Technologies Company for the delivery of Stage 5 Design and Technology and a partnership with the University of Sydney for the delivery of a Coding program for students in Year 10. Both programs brought significant professional expertise into the College and provided wonderful learning opportunities for the girls, who worked with engineers, computer scientists, and production and robotics experts. The development of staff through these programs is also noteworthy.

Higher School Certificate Results

In 2017, 162 Year 12 students sat the Higher School Certificate examinations and 20 Year 11 students sat HSC Mathematics as an accelerated class.

The College Dux for 2017 was Lillian Atkinson with an ATAR of 98.4.

At least three students received ATARs above 98 and greater than 25% of students in the cohort received an ATAR in the top 10% of the State.

Master Plan

During 2017, the Master Plan and Stage 1 works were completed. Faithful stewardship was the driving force behind the Education Brief and development of the Master Plan for the physical environment. Care was taken to maintain the heritage and green focus of the site and to balance the aesthetics with existing structures while providing contemporary, mature, practical and sympathetic design and functionality. The natural, human, physical and financial resources of the College have been carefully considered and addressed throughout the process of development.

The completion of Stage 1 provided great energy for the commencement of the 2018 school year and great enthusiasm for the completion of the remaining stages of the works.

New Houses

The new House structure introduced in 2017 gave rise to an emphasis on the Good Samaritan women who have been so influential in Australia and overseas. All seven new Houses are named after Sisters of the Good Samaritan, each of whom provides strong, positive influence for the young women educated at the College.

The original four Houses, Davis, Polding, Ullathorne and Vaughan were retired, as there was a strong preference among students not to add new Houses to the existing four. The seven new Houses match the seven Homerooms in each year group. Students will

begin their time at the College in a Homeroom, and whilst their other subjects will change over the years, their Homeroom remains their House identity as a constant throughout their time at Schols. The Houses facilitate both a connection for students across all year groups and as a focal point for relationship building with peers.

All students work to see their House succeed. Each House has a leadership team drawn from Years 11 and 12, with class representatives from the junior year groups. The student leaders of each House are in turn supported by their staff House Mentor.

The new Houses are as follows:

Patron / House	Emblem	Gadigal Name	House Colour
Sr Mary Magdalen Adamson	Sydney wattle	Wadanguli	Adamson
Sr Mary Gertrude Byrne	Lily pily	Midjuburi	Byrne
Sr Ignatious Agnes Clarke and Sr Teresa Margaret Clarke	Banksia	Wadangari	Clarke
Mother Scholastica Gibbons	Kangaroo apple flower	Bumurra (fruit from the plant)	Gibbons
Sr Agnes Mary Hart	Waratah	Warada	Hart
Mother Mary Berchmans McLaughlin	Sydney blue gum	Yarra	McLaughlin
Sr Mary de Lourdes Ronayne	Coastal tea-tree	Bunya	Ronayne

2017

It is clear that 2017 was a year that marked some significant development towards addressing the needs of a rapidly growing population over the last decade or so. It was also a year that re-centred us on our mission as a Catholic, Good Samaritan College and an educational institution with high standards and expectations.

Thank you to our Ex-Students' Union for your contribution to the work of the year, especially through the financial assistance that supports a student's education.

We are always grateful for donations from our alumna. Now is a critical time for such support, as we embark upon the final works to bring our aged facilities up to a suitable standard to take us forward for the next 20 or more years. Please contact Carolyn Walker if you would like to contribute to any part of the facilities or equipment.

I invite you to browse through our new website, in particular the Ex-Students' Union Page:

<https://www.scholastica.nsw.edu.au/exstudents>

May God bless you all.

Kate Rayment



Former House captains L-R: Amanda Kyei, Principal Kate Rayment, Narelle Hancock, Annette Ngan, Karen Debenham (President Ex Students Union), Anne Wells (Secretary Ex Students Union) and Narelle Harvey at St Scholastica's College.

News from the Good Sams

Good Samaritan Chapter 2017

"I'm humbled to be called by my Sisters to this ministry of leadership, but also, I'd have to say that I'm proud to be asked to lead this Congregation which I love so dearly," said **Sister Patty Fawkner**, the newly elected Congregation Leader.

I am aware that leadership at this time in our world and in our Church is a mixed blessing. Organisations evolve to greater complexity, and this is true for us as Good Samaritans even though we are diminishing in numbers. "So I'm amazed at how much at peace I feel. I know that I have the love and prayerful support of my Sisters and that fills me with confidence."

Patty said the Congregation's new Statement of Directions for the next six years, which grew from a 15-month period of dialogue and discernment, is faithful to the Good Samaritan Sisters' charism and tradition of 'seeking God and being neighbour' and focussed on the needs of the contemporary world.

"As Good Samaritans, we listen to the Spirit calling us to act boldly and courageously: nurturing a culture of mutuality; committing ourselves to ecological conversion; fostering an ecclesial community; embracing God's mission in partnership," the Sisters' 2017-2023 Statement of Directions said. "[This Statement] challenges us to work in partnership to respond to the needs of those people who are often left on the margins of society's care and concern. This includes care for our fragile planet and our bruised and wounded Church," said Patty.

"We recognise the conflict and animosity that exists between nations and sectors of society and we want to nurture a culture of mutuality, starting with ourselves. This Statement is a vision for us, so we will need to spend time unpacking it and exploring its implications for our priorities, policies and projects. We are a small congregation... but we do have human and other resources to contribute to God's mission."

The New Leadership Team

The newly elected Leadership Team responsible for the governance of the Congregation until 2023:

- Sister Patty Fawkner - **Congregational Leader**
- Members of Council are:
 - Sr Catherine McCahill
 - Sr Meg Kahler
 - Sr Marella Rebgetz
 - Sr Veronica McCluskie



Update on Old Polding Villa

Work continues on the new building facing Arcadia Road (the site of the old Polding Villa.) The new building will be called **St Scholastica's Community Residence** and it is hoped that it will be ready for Sisters to move into mid-year. There will be about seven Sisters in full time residence plus a number of rooms for visiting Sisters. The old carpark is being carefully transformed into a garden. The design of the building will enable lower energy consumption, as the material composition ensures more stable temperatures. Paddy Robinson of Finglinna Studios was commissioned to provide artwork of Sr Scholastica Gibbons RSC and Archbishop John Bede Polding OSB, on float glass for the prayer room. We look forward to seeing the works completed and the new building filled with Good Sams life.

Catherine Cresswell (Good Samaritan Foundation)



Sister Joan Sexton (Sr Teresita)

At 88 years of age, you would think life might have slowed down somewhat for Good Samaritan Sister Joan Sexton, but she says her days remain full and happy, fed by the daily newspaper which keeps her up to date, and nourished by her life-long commitment to prayer, community, reading and reflection.

"I've always had a great love of literature and so I joined a book club in Ryde where we read a great number of books and had wonderful discussions about them. We also used to go to the Parish at Ryde every Tuesday and take a group of migrant women for English speaking classes." Joan's enthusiastic approach to life has stood her in good stead throughout a life which has included some significant

Sisters Celebrating Jubilees

Congratulations to **Sisters Beverley Caffery** ('53) and **Judith Souter** ('51) who are celebrating Diamond Jubilees this year.

challenges, including losing her mother at a young age and being appointed a school principal at just 23 years of age.

Born at her parents' home in Glebe in 1928, Joan was the last of four siblings and says she grew up in "a very, very Catholic home." Her schooling was largely completed with the Good Samaritan Sisters at St Scholastica's, apart from a short period spent at St James Catholic School, Forest Lodge. Joan left school after completing the Intermediate Certificate and worked at the Commonwealth Bank for two years, before entering the Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

"I would have entered sooner, but my father wanted me to make my debut before I entered," she says. "So I made my debut at Waverley College, and he gave me his blessing; I entered the novitiate in 1946. "I think I just wanted to do something in order to help other people, and I realised that the Sisters have a great influence on people and that's why I wanted to enter."

Looking back on her vocation and her work, Joan says it has been a great privilege. "The ability to influence girls and to promote their self-confidence to move ahead in society and to do whatever they could do, was really a privilege," she says.

Joan, who was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 2003, for service to education and the community, says while religious life has had its challenges, it's also brought her deep joy. "I think most of all, I've loved the ability to participate in the liturgy, and prayerful living," she says. "And then, of course, also helping those who came seeking some help or some enlightenment in one way or another."

This is an edited version of an article first published the October 2017 edition of "The Good Oil", the e-magazine of the Good Samaritan Sisters. You can keep up to date with the stories and the work of the Good Sams at <https://www.goodsams.org.au>



News from the Good Sams Foundation.

Sisters of the Good Samaritan ministries continue to flourish, bringing refuge, education and hope to vulnerable women and children in Australia and the Pacific. The Good Samaritan Foundation gives thanks to all who support these works, either through donations, volunteering or keeping the ministries in their prayers.

Good Samaritan Inn

The past twelve months have seen some exciting developments for the ministries. Good Samaritan Inn Melbourne has been able to extend its days of operation and is now open 7 days a week (up from 5 days per week.) This helps fill the demand for short-term accommodation for women with children escaping family violence. Good Samaritan Housing in Brisbane offers longer term accommodation of up to 12 months for women with young children who would otherwise struggle to find stable housing.

Bacolod City Philippines

In the Philippines, the Sisters work with the poor and squatter communities in Bacolod city, providing a feeding program that serves more than 60,000 meals per year to children. Other programs focus on providing opportunities for women to develop livelihood skills, providing benefits that help lift them and their families out of poverty. The Good Samaritan

Kinder School, under the leadership of Sr Leonie Duenas provides a high quality, supportive early education program for 120 children each day. (A 3 minute video of the Sisters at work in Bacolod can be seen here - <https://vimeo.com/256363635>.)

Kiribati

In Kiribati, the Sisters of Good Samaritan have for some time dreamt of having additional teaching and office spaces at their Early Childhood Centre in Abaokoro. Gradually, this dream is taking shape with the significant support of Sts Peter and Paul Catholic Parish, Bulimba, Catholic schools and other donors and supporters. Building in Kiribati is challenging because of the distance from suppliers of building materials and shipping them to Kiribati. Over the last 12 months, much of the effort has been directed towards consultations with the Sisters in Kiribati and local community. The hope is that substantial progress on the project will take place during 2018 as the plans are developed and later contracts let for materials and building works. Continued support of this project is much appreciated by the Sisters in Kiribati and the children of the Abaokoro area who will benefit from this project.

Catherine Cresswell

Ex-Students' News



Senator Malarndirri McCarthy ('88)

The College was honoured to have **Senator Malarndirri McCarthy ('88)** as guest speaker at Speech Night 2017.

Malarndirri is pictured with the College Captains for 2018, Jasmine Fawor and Priscilla Kyei.

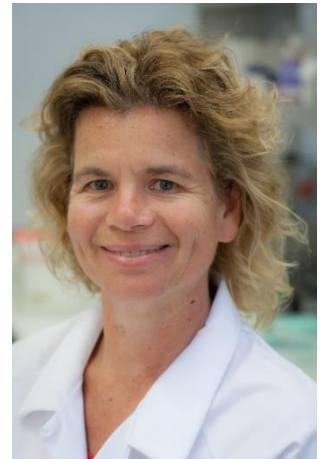
Professor Alaina Ammit

Professor Alaina Ammit was welcomed back to Schols as guest speaker at the College's International Women's Day Breakfast. Professor Ammit is an Ex-student of Schols and is currently a member of the College Board. Professor Ammit spoke about the nature of working as a woman in the field of science and medical research.

The presentation took the students on a walk through Professor Ammit's career as she explained the nature

of qualification and progress that forms the backdrop for her work at UTS as Associate Dean (Research) and Professor of Respiratory Pharmacology in the Faculty of Science and at the Woolcock Institute. Interestingly, Professor Ammit drew attention to the graph of male to female ratios of those in positions in science, from Bachelor level study through to the highest levels of academia. Where initially women outnumber men, by the time higher positions are in play that ratio is reversed and exaggerated.

In her presentation Professor Ammit shared her analysis of why this disparity is the current norm, and suggested ways to respond. From prejudice, unconscious bias and sexism as features of a current context she urged those present to be powerful, united, smart and strong. Her analysis and advice was well received



Reunions



60 Year Reunion - Class of '57

We all agreed that we couldn't believe this was our 60th reunion as it seemed only a couple of years had passed since our 50th reunion at St Schols. We met at '99' on York Street in the city and the chatter didn't stop as we recalled many stories of our years at St Schols, the Sisters who were there then and the adventures we had. Four of our classmates were unable to join us and we remembered with sadness classmates that had died. We thought too of Fr Harley whose first year at St Schols coincided with ours and who said Mass for us at our 50th. People came from Canberra, the South Coast and the Central Coast and it was particularly pleasing to meet Jane, Pat and Maureen P for the first time in many years. We've decided to meet each year from now on and hope

that the group expands as word spreads of our future gatherings.

Ann Eskens (Hogan)

50 Year Reunion – Class of '67

It was a big celebration in 2017 for the very first HSC Class, the Wyndham guinea pigs as we were called, reaching our 50th anniversary. The fun started with a relaxing pre-reunion lunch at the Tramsheds on Saturday 27 May. With non-stop chatting we re-lived memories from our childhood days as we marvelled at the transformation of the old Tramsheds into such a great gathering place. Some of us grew up in the Forest Lodge - Annandale area and used to play there when we were kids!

Then, on Sunday 28 May, we joined in the College's Annual General Reunion for Mass and lunch. The College Chapel was always a very special place for us and it was a beautiful way to start our day back at the College, 50 years after leaving. We lunched in the Trixie Forrest Centre, sharing memories and photos and reminiscing about the good old days, where our lives had taken us and also remembered with much sadness those from our group that we had lost. Some of us had travelled from as far as Tasmania, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Wollongong and the Central Coast to be part of our reunion.



Back row – Heather Joseph (Michael), Christine Shanahan (Pearce), Karen Debenham (Gillespie), Sharon Wilson (O’Keeffe), Mary McMahon, Jan Guest (Dahlberg), Annette Wirz (Hurley), Kath McGill, Win McCluskie. Front row – Kathy Jones (Smallwood), Virginia Wright, Diane Iredale (Beashel), Mary Russell (Burke), Angela Mottram (Prendergast), Sr Gemma Cahill, Vicki Jackson and Cath Crittenden (Weir)

As if we hadn’t had enough of reunions, there were some who weren’t able to make either of the above events, so we organised yet another gathering in Bowral on 5 July where 13 of us met for lunch. Classmates travelled from Wollongong, Kiama, Central Coast, South Coast, Canberra, Orange and Sydney. Again, we continued with our chatter and a wonderful day was had by all.



Bowral Post reunion lunch – back row Mary Russell (Burke), Rosanne Newton (Bull), Karen Debenham (Gillespie), Sharon Wilson (O’Keeffe), Anne O’Connell (Bellew), Annette Wirz (Hurley), Lorel Martin (Kirkpatrick). Seated – Lynne Schulze (Powell), Jan Guest (Dahlberg), Kathy Jones (Smallwood), Vin Robinson (Chiappetta), Lyn Pfister (Turner) and Maureen Morris (Hanley)

40 Year Reunion – Class of ‘78

On Saturday 17 March the Class of 76/78 celebrated their 42/40 year anniversaries at the UTS Haberfield Rowing Club. We had 40 people attend and our token male teacher, Tim Lloyd, put in an appearance. Another 30 people, including teachers, were unable to attend. People travelled from Perth, Queensland and Victoria as well as country NSW. It was a fabulous night with many stories, much reminiscing, lots of laughs and reconnecting. Everyone who attended commented on what a great night they had and we are already planning the 45/47th reunion in 5 years time! We certainly reprised our memories of our days as Schols Dolls!

Maria Rayment (Pavey) ‘78

40 Year Reunion – Class of ‘77

It took 40 years, but on Saturday 25th November the Class of ‘77 got together again and a wonderful time was had by everyone who gathered for this special occasion. There was some amazing searching done by the band of organisers, **Maria Brady (Rec), Debbie Daley, Annette Ngan Abi-Arrage and Narelle Harvey (Hancock)** who tracked down 73 girls from our year group, many of whom were there on the night.



We travelled from Sydney, country NSW and interstate to be at the Harold Park Hotel. Some gathered at Schols earlier in the afternoon and had a walk through the school with the Principal Kate Rayment, seeing first hand the many wonderful changes that have happened since we were at the school. One of the highlights of the night was the speech by our school captain, Susan Bastick, who complimented us on being strong, confident women who had gone on to achieve in all aspects of family life and careers. Susan Bastick, reminded us that we had learned this from our wonderful teachers especially Sr Teresita and Sr Marilyn; two women who had a great influence on many of us. A sign of the affection for our school was the generous donation toward the Ex-students bursary fund which was raised from our reunion. After lots of catch ups and recollections was the promise that it definitely won’t be another 40 years before we all get together again.



Do you recognise the hat? Modelled by Suzanne Gabrielle Gill (Thomson) at the ‘77 Reunion. Christine Volk (Smith) ‘77

Our Newest Ex-Students

The Graduating Class of 2017

Schols celebrated the wonderful achievements of the graduating class of '17 in the NSW Higher School Certificate, with approximately 25% of students gaining ATAR scores above 90. Congratulations to all students and their teachers.

There were 69 students on the distinguished achievers list for gaining above 90 in one or more of their subjects and 137 Band 6 results achieved (90% or more in that subject).

Congratulations to **Lillian Atkinson** and **Claire O'Mahony** who were named on the All-Rounder list for achieving 90% or more in at least ten units and to **Xinyang (Aurora) Gr** who placed 5th in the state in Japanese (Beginners).

Paris Davis and **Ava Olander Bligh** were both nominated for HSC Showcase and **Katriya Ng** and **Ruby Pedder** were selected for Art Express. **Bella Astley**, **Mia Brotherton** and **Claire O'Mahony** were nominated for OnSTAGE.

Sister Clare Memorial Award

Dux of 2017

The Sister Clare Memorial Award is presented to the St Scholastica's student who achieves the highest ATAR in the HSC class of the previous year provided she is continuing to tertiary studies. The award is in memory of Sr Clare Slattery sgs MBE who died on 18 October 1980 after a long and distinguished career at St Scholastica's College. **Lillian Atkinson** (Lilly) achieved the highest ATAR of 98.4 and was named the Dux of the College in 2017. Lilly will be presented with her award at the Annual Reunion on 27 May. Lilly plans to study Bachelor of Law/ Bachelor of Science at the University of Sydney majoring in Genetics and Genomics as a Dalyell Scholar in 2019. The Dalyell Scholars program is designed for students with exceptional academic ability. Congratulations Lilly.



Obituaries

Rose Paton (Duggan '45)

The Schols Ex-student community was very sad to learn of the passing of Rose Paton (Duggan) on February 5, 2018 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Rose was a dedicated Ex-student of St Scholastica's and had served on the Ex-student Committee for many years.

Rose was born on 30 August 1928. She was the youngest of 10 children, educated at St Joseph's Primary School, Rozelle and then St Scholastica's College. After leaving Schols, Rose went on to study accounting and her first job was at AMPOL where she met the love of her life, Alf Paton. They were married in 1962 at St Joseph's Church, Rozelle and had 3 children, Jo-Anne, Sean and Luke. In 1975, Rose's world came crashing down when Alf was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Rose nursed Alf until he died in 1976. She maintained multiple jobs to raise and educate her family as well as doing gardening, making curtains and clothes for her children.

In 2005 Rose was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was determined to beat it, prayed for her life and was



granted remission. In 2014 the cancer returned and metastasised to her stomach. Coupled with a failing heart condition, she still didn't give up. After 4 rounds of chemo, her very small and frail body could not cope with the infections she kept contracting and she made the very hard decision to stop all treatment.

Rose had a very strong faith and was a highly active member in her Church community. She loved travelling, the ballet and musicals, photography, crosswords and cooking. She loved her family unconditionally and was a doting grandmother to Benjamin, Alexander, Vanessa and Mitchell.

Rose is remembered for her strong dedication to our Ex-Students' Union. She served on the Committee for many years, most recently as Treasurer. She worked tirelessly to increase our membership and will be most remembered for setting up and continually raising funds for our Bursary Fund through which we are able to contribute to the College fees for the daughter of an Ex-student who through unfortunate circumstances is in need and may not otherwise be able to continue her education at St Scholastica's. During the week before she died she was still providing information for this Newsletter!

Rose will be sadly missed by all.

Monica Turner (McNally)



Monica Bernadette McNally grew up in Glebe and received her early education at St James, Forest Lodge. She then attended St Scholastica's where she excelled at English, History and Christian Doctrine. Monica gained her

Leaving Certificate and received an offer for a Teachers College scholarship. She did not study to become a teacher nor did she take up an offer to study law because her father was very ill. Instead she entered paid employment to assist her family and was appointed to a position in the Office of the Public Trustee.

In 1947 she married George Turner and they settled in Strathfield where they had nine children. In bringing up her children she had a very strong focus on all aspects of their religious and academic

education, both in their schools and through support at home.

She was always grateful for the education she had received from the Good Samaritan Sisters and she was passionate about educational opportunities for all children, especially girls. She was a tireless advocate for government funding of Catholic schools and distinguished herself as a very persuasive writer and compelling public speaker.

Brenda Burton ('44)

Brenda died peacefully on July 2017 after a long illness. Brenda a committed teacher, serving as teacher and principal in her 25 years in the Order of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. After leaving the order, Brenda continued her teaching career as an English and Special Education teacher at Ashfield Boys High School. Many of her former students remained in contact with her throughout her life. Brenda later moved to the Blue Mountains and retained her sharp intellect and her interest in literature, art and music.

Deceased Ex-Students

The names of all deceased Ex-students are recorded in our memorial book, which is placed on the altar during the Annual Reunion Mass.

- * **Sr Margaret Prendergast ('45)** died May 22, 2017 aged 89. Sr Margaret taught at St Scholastica's in the late '70's and '80's.
- * **Marie Berry (Fraser) ('31)** died 6 May 2017. Marie was 102, making her our oldest Ex-student.
- * **Mercia Bunting (Malouf) ('46)** died 26 July 2016 and her sister **Valda Malouf** who died 6 August 2016. Mercia and Valda are sisters of **Carmel Gazal (Malouf) ('45)**.
- * **Monica Turner (McNally) ('43)** died 9 May 2017 aged 92.
- * **Maureen McGrath ('51)** died 27 May 2016.
- * **Bernice O'Sullivan (Jackson) ('44)** died 24 June 2017.
- * **Daphne Blake (Stephenson) ('40)** died 3 October 2016.
- * **Brenda Burton ('44)** died in July 2017.
- * **Patricia Markham (Clarke) ('40)** died 14 September 2017.
- * **Narelle Testa (Unterrheiner)** died 31 October 2017 aged 58. Narelle was the daughter of **Valerie Unterrheiner ('45)** and sister of Sharon, Leanne Raylene and Bernadette who all attended Schols.

- * **Nancy Delaney ('43)** died 9 December 2017, aged 91.
- * **Monica Fitch (Wilkins) ('47)** died 11 December 2017, aged 87.
- * **Rose Paton (Duggan) ('45)** died 5 February 2018.
- * **Margaret Turner (Brown) ('44)** died 14 February 2018.
- * **Joan Lawler (Malouf) ('53)** died 8 March 2018.
- * **Patricia Byrne ('40)** died 6 April 2018. Sister of Frances ('42) and Eileen Wells ('45) both deceased and aunt of Anne Wells ('71), Catherine Carroll ('73) and Elizabeth Garcorz ('82).



Ex-students' Family Deaths

- * **Garry Turner**, husband of **Catherine Turner (Lee)** ('62) died 6 August 2017.
- * **James Casey**, husband of **Monica Casey (McConkey)** ('46) died 26 August 2017
- * **Clare Fuller**, mother of **Maria** ('02) and **Katrina Fuller** ('04) died 23 December 2017.
- * **Adrian Gilchrist**, brother of **Carmel Keys (Gilchrist '44)** died on 2 November 2017.

- * **Monsignor Eugene Harley**, brother of Patricia Sutherland (Harley) ('46) (dec) died 25 April 2016. Monsignor Harley was Principal Chaplain to the Australian Defence Forces, 1959-1985. He served as Assistant Priest at Forest Lodge, Cronulla and Campbell ACT and as Parish Priest at Mosman until his retirement.

News and Photos

We are always interested to hear of Ex-students' achievements, weddings, anniversaries and births. Sadly, we are often notified of Ex-students' deaths, but we would love to hear more news of the special joyful occasions in your lives. Please contact us so that we can publish details and photos in future newsletters and share them with your fellow Ex-students.

Send your news and photos to Christine Volk (Smith) ('77) at christinevolk@bigpond.com

Treasurer's Report

- Our Bursary Fund received \$5195.24 with a further \$728.50 raised by the Class of '77 at their 40 year reunion making a total amount \$5923.74.
- Our investment fund this year reached \$105,308.30. The bursary amount paid for 2017-18 was \$6000.00.
- The Good Samaritan Foundation (Education) Fund received \$2935.00.

Karen Debenham – Treasurer (Acting)

Winners of Last Year's Raffle:

1st prize: Ann Elliott (Simpson) '76

2nd prize Anne Whiting (Buckley) '76

3rd prize: Catherine Hamilton (Rouen) '57

Invitations

Invitation to Ex-Students Annual Reunion

Join us for Mass in the Chapel at midday on Sunday 27 May 2018, followed by a light luncheon to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Cost: \$40 (includes lunch and champagne on arrival)

To RSVP, please contact Karen

karendebenham@optusnet.com.au

We especially welcome our newest Ex-Students - the graduating class of 2017.

Upcoming Reunions

The **Class of '73** are meeting for lunch on Saturday 26 May with some students also attending the Annual reunion and General meeting on Sunday 27 May. Anyone who was part of this year group from 1968 to 1973 is invited to attend.

Please contact **Helen Castle (Malloy)**
helencastle@gmail.com for information.