Dear Alumnae,

Welcome to the latest edition of Entre Nous. This electronic newsletter is always a great way to connect with our PCW Alumnae. I hope you enjoy catching up on news from both past pupils of PCW and also some news about our current students and school.

The Reunions this year have been a bit mixed. We started the year with the Boarders Reunion in March which was an amazing success—we had over 150 people in attendance. Everyone had a lovely time catching up with lost friends and reminiscing of their time in the Dormitories at PCW in what is now the new Library.

The 3 year, 20 year and 40 year reunions didn’t go ahead due to the low numbers. The 10 year, 30 year, and 50 year reunions, whilst low in numbers were enjoyed by all who attended.

I hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter. All Alumnae are welcome and encouraged to contribute articles and photos to this Newsletter which is sent out twice a year. Please contact Trish Chester, Principal’s PA on 8517.2704 or office@pcw.vic.edu.au if you would like to include anything.

The next version of the Entre Nous will be emailed late October.
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2015 has started off very busy with many events both for our current students and our Alumnae. As mentioned on the cover the Boarders Reunion was an outstanding success with well over 150 people in attendance. The day began with a tour and talk in the Library (formerly the Boarders Dormitories). Lunch followed in the Hall and tours of the College. Many of these students have not returned to PCW since they left and would have noticed many changes. There was a lot of reminiscing and stories told of the past.

This year has seen many events for our current students: Music Festival at Hamer Hall, Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, SCSA Sporting events, Year 7 Camp, ANZAC Commemoration events and just recently we celebrated Reconciliation Week with many activities over the week.

As mentioned in the Entre Nous last November the Library has now been completely finished and what was the Library is now the new Drama Room. Other refurbishments at the College this year have included the new K101 which is new learning space for students.

The annual Past Student Reunion will be held on Sunday 22nd November—details to follow in the October edition of Entre Nous on this. We would be delighted to see as many people as possible attend this event.

Leonie Keaney
PCW Principal
Past Pupils Committee

The Past Pupils Committee meet regularly and work behind the scenes to support the work of the new PCW Alumnae Office. As a voluntary group they look to:

- Maintaining connections with the Alumnae and the College.
- Support mentoring at PCW
- Develop the Archives
- Support Reunions & Events.
- Support Social Justice at PCW

All alumnae are welcome to join the committee. They meet every second month. Please contact Andree Moloney, President, for details. E: andreemoloney@me.com

Archives

Work in the archives continues and the Past Pupils who look after this are always appreciative of donations of old photos, memorabilia and information. Please send your donations of archival photos etc to the PCW Alumnae Office, 187 Dandenong Road, Windsor (and mark for the attention of the Past Pupils or Trish Chester, Principal’s PA and Alumnae contact).

Do you know a Past Pupil who would like to receive Entre Nous?

Please send me their contact details (including their email and leaving class details if you know them) and I will add them to the distribution list.

Trish Chester: Principal’s PA and PCW Alumnae Office
Telephone: 8517.2704
Email: alumnae@pcw.vic.edu.au or office@pcw.vic.edu.au

A lot of information that goes out now is sent electronically so it is important that we can get as many email addresses as possible. Any member of the alumnae that doesn’t have an email will still receive documentation via hard copy.
Annual Reunion

Sunday 22nd November, 2015
Further details to be emailed at a later stage and will be available on the Website during August
Please let all your friends know
Enquiries: Trish Chester at alumnae@pcw.vic.edu.au

Where are they now?
The Past Pupils Committee would like to establish some pages in the Entre Nous titled ‘Where are they now?’

In these pages we would like people to write in and let us know what they have been up to since leaving school. Other news items could include recent marriages, babies etc.

If you would like to send in a small paragraph, including a photo we would include in the two editions of Entre Nous during the year.

Comments and photos can be sent c/- Trish Chester, alumnae@pcw.vic.edu.au

Weddings

A reminder that the PCW Chapel is available for Past Students to use for their Weddings. The College grounds can also be used for photographs.

Please contact Trish Chester on (03) 8517.2704 who will put you in touch with our Wedding Coordinators.
Reunions

The Alumnae Office organise decade reunions and look for support for Past Pupils from these year levels in gaining additional contact details of past pupils who are currently not on our records. The Alumnae Office will send out the invitations and manage the booking process. Reunions will start with drinks and finger food and then a tour of the College which will include a look at the new Aquinas Library. Year level groups may decide to also extend their reunions and head off for dinner after the Reunion.

We would ask you to help spread the word and encourage those of you who are in contact with other PCW girls to make sure that they are aware of upcoming reunions.

If you are interested in helping to organise your year level reunion please contact Trish Chester on 8517.2704 or alumnae@pcw.vic.edu.a

Other year levels that wish to organise reunions are encouraged to do so and Trish will be able to assist you with databases.

Reunions: 2015

Saturday 14th March:      Boarders Reunion
Saturday 21st March:      Class of 2000 Reunion (5 Year)
Saturday 18th April:      Class of 2005 Reunion (10 Year)
Saturday 2nd May:         Class of 1995 Reunion (20 Year)
Saturday 9th May:         Class of 1985 Reunion (30 Year)
Tuesday 19th May:         Class of 2014 (1 Year)
Saturday 13th June:       Class of 1975 Reunion (40 Year)
Saturday 20th June:       Class of 1965 Reunion (50 Year)
Saturday 18th July:       Class of 1998 (17 Year)
Boarders Reunion

On Saturday 14th March we held a Reunion for students who boarded at PCW over the years. The day was a huge success with over 140 people attending. There was much reminiscing and catching up with friends, many who hadn’t caught up with each other since leaving school. We had one boarder attend who was 87 and one person who travelled from Canada for the event. We also had many from interstate and country areas. Sr Mary Kavanagh who ran the Boarding House for many years was in attendance and caught up with many past students.

The Boarders resided in the area which is now the new Library and Senior Study Hall.

Thank you very much to Sr Mary, and the Alumnae Committee for their help and organisation on the day. Thanks also to Ms Antonella Rosati (DP Students) and Mr Shane Taylor (Head of Faith & Mission) who represented the College on the day.
1 Year Reunion (2014)

Reunions are happy events and Tuesday 19 May was no exception. The graduating class of 2014 gathered and warmly welcomed one another and their teachers with squeals of excitement. It sounded like recess in the Common Room!

Stories about commencing courses, jobs and impending overseas travel filled the room as girls sipped champagne and recalled the previous year. All said it did not feel like time had passed at all and yet so much had happened since graduation, including one engagement.

Who knows what stories will be shared when the graduating class of 2014 gather again in 2024.
10 Year Reunion (2005)
Saturday 18th April, 2015
30 Year Reunion (1985)
Saturday 9th May, 2015
30 Year Reunion (1985) (cont.)
Saturday 9th May, 2015
30 Year Reunion (1985) (cont.)
Saturday 9th May, 2015
50 Year Reunion (1965)
Saturday 20th June, 2015

A luncheon for the 'Class of 1965' will be held during October this year. Further details including the date and venue will be emailed once they become available.

Please feel free to contact Pauline Wilson on dandpwilson@hotmail.com if you would like some more information.
Reunion: 1977 & 1978 Boarders

A group of '77 and '78 boarders got together for a perfect Melbourne Oaks Day for a great day of socialising and catching up. Lots of fun and stories had by all and a wonderful toast to our dear departed friend Felicity Murphy who has left us way too early. Special thanks to Gillian Goller nee Cotterell and her husband Rob for organising the day on the rails in the car park and Gerra Gannon of Bon Vivre for the photography.

Maree Jones
Reunion: PCW Sydney Students Reunion

The Sydney PCW group gathered at the gorgeous Queen Victoria Rooms for high tea in November for their yearly gathering. Although only a small group this year, we are hoping to get more along next year.

Maree Jones

From l to r, Anne Scollon, Marie McCann, Maree Jones, Elaine Rickard
Charlene Liau: ‘Outstanding Achievement by a Young Planner”

Charlene Liau was a student at Presentation College Windsor and graduated in 2004.

Charlene has recently received an award for “Outstanding Achievement by a Young Planner” at the Planning Excellence 2015 National Awards.

This award recognises Charlene as an “outstanding young planner who has demonstrated excellence in her roles with the Commonwealth Government, including as Planning and Policy Adviser for the Northern Australia Taskforce within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and most recently as a Policy Adviser for Western Sydney”.

“The judges agreed that Charlene Liau is an outstanding young planner who has demonstrated excellence in her workplace and leadership the planning profession”.

This is an outstanding achievement and the PCW Community are very proud of Charlene in what she has achieved since leaving school.

Our congratulations to you Charlene.
Alice Cecilia Naughtin (né Coyne) died peacefully at St Catherine’s Aged Care Facility, Balwyn on January 19. She was 98 years and would have turned 99 on 5 April 2015.

She completed her secondary education at PCW in 1931 and was always a proud past student who always appreciated the education she received at PCW Windsor. She received her primary education at Sacred Heart Kew. Her parents settled to Kew after selling their farm at Campbellfield, outside Melbourne, in the 1920s and settled in Cotham Rd, Kew. Her mother strongly believed in the importance of an education for her daughters and sent her daughters Mary and Alice to PCW to receive a good education. Both Alice and Mary completed Leaving Honours and both went on the further study after school. Alice became a typist and stenographer and went on to become the secretary to one of the leading scientists in the CSIRO aeronautical division at Fisherman’s Bend during the war. She married in 1946 and had five sons who all attended secondary school at CBC St Kilda. She was always proud all her sons graduated from university. Alice was a keen gardener all her life and her love of plants she always said came from her knowledge of Botany, given to her at PCW by the nuns. Her funeral was held at St Dominic’s church, East Camberwell, where she was a long time parishioner. Rest in Peace

Peter Naughtin
Son

Alice in her school days
Back Row, 4th from the left

Alice in recent years

Ann was a student at Windsor all of her school life in the 1940s and 50s. Ann passed away on 23/05/2015.

Ann will be sadly missed by her husband, children and grandchildren and her sisters Judith and Elizabeth. Judith was also a past PCW student.

Ann remained in touch over the years with many of her school friends.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Andree Moloney
President: PCW Alumnae
Interview: Mary Brierty (nee McNally)

Mary, when were you a student at PCW Melbourne and what is one outstanding memory of your student days there?

I started school at PCW as a Prep student in 1943 and was there for twelve years completing Year 11 in 1954. My years at Windsor were happy ones with some friendships formed still continuing today.

Tell us a little about your life post PCW!

On leaving school I went to work for PMG Department now Telstra where I stayed for 10 years. I was a member of the Past Pupils Committee for 5 years before I was married. After my marriage we lived in Geelong for six years where 3 of my 4 children were born. On returning to Melbourne I again became involved with the Past Pupils Association for several years.

Tell us of any relations that attended PCW.

My mother and her four sisters all attended PCW. Her two eldest sisters starting there in the late 1880s and early 1890s, all spoke with affection of their time spent there. I also had a niece who was a Junior Boarder at Windsor in the early 1970s. All have many happy memories of their time spent at Windsor.

When looking at your student days compared to today, what changes do you see in the College most notable to you?

Today the Nuns are no longer at the school. The Junior School and Boarding facilities do not exist. The uniforms have changed and the pupils have much more freedom. More classrooms and the new Hall have been built and in the past twelve months a magnificent library has been established.

Why is it important to have an active and energetic Past Pupils Committee?

The role of the Past Pupils has changed over the years. In the 70s and 80s we ran a lot of functions to raise money and printed the Entre Nous quarterly. The Entre Nous is now done by the school twice a year. The committee is now active in collecting memorabilia, looking after the archives and answering enquiries about past pupils wanting to know about their ancestors.
Assistance at PCW Event

The College has many events during the year at which we often have guest speakers, such as people in the community, parents and past students.

We would be interested to know if you would like to present and speak at any of the following events:

- Retreats
- Graduation
- Whole School Assemblies
- International Women’s Day
- Leadership Training
- Year Level Events
- Parent Forums

If you would be interested could you please nominate your interested areas above and provide a few details about your experience in that area.

These details could be sent to Trish Chester, c/- PCW Alumnae, 187 Dandenong Road, Windsor or alumnae@pcw.vic.edu.au
Become a PCW Alumnae Life Member

As past pupils we would encourage you to support this new initiative by becoming Life Members. It is a once only fee of $100. An Alumnae Life Member is a financial member. We value this financial support and your commitment to the Alumnae and this new initiative.

Please complete the form below and post to: PCW Alumnae Office Presentation College Windsor 187 Dandenong Road Windsor, VIC 3181

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Maiden name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

Suburb: ____________________________________________________________

State: __________________________ Postcode: __________________________

Phone: __________________________ Mobile: __________________________

Email: __________________________

Year left PCW + final year level (eg 2006/Year 12): __________________________

Class of (reunion year can differ if you left prior to the end of year 12): __________________________

Brief list of school achievements: i.e.: Completed Matriculation, Completed VCE, School Music Captain

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Qualifications: __________________________

Current Profession: __________________________

Previous Profession: __________________________
Brief statement about your career and life projects (with the view to possible mentoring or being involved with school/alumnae promotion)


☐ I am interested in attending PCW Alumnae Reunions
☐ I am interested in helping organise year level reunions
☐ I am interested in mentoring
☐ I am interested in becoming involved with the voluntary Past Pupils Committee
☐ I am interested in helping with the PCW Archives
☐ I am interested in helping out in some other way...maybe you have some other experience, or maybe you could run the new face book page or you have some fresh ideas...we would love to hear from. Please list below:

☐ I am interested in being contacted to discuss bequests to the College

Please become a PCW Alumnae Life Member today!

Complete the following information and return to us.

Please find enclosed my payment of $100 to become a PCW Alumnae Life Member

☐ Cheque: payable to Presentation College Windsor

Presentation College Windsor – Credit Card Payment Authority

Name on Card: ________________________________

Card Type: Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐

Credit Card Number: ________________________________

Expiry: ______/____

☐ Please charge $______________ to my credit card to become a PCW Alumnae Life Member

SIGNATURE: ________________________________
PCW Memorabilia

Did you miss out on ordering your memorabilia?

We are continuing to raise funds for education scholarships...and would like to encourage all alumnae to support this by ordering some PCW memorabilia. Please complete the enclosed sheet with this publication – sending your order to PCW Alumnae office, Presentation College Windsor, 187 Dandenong Road, Windsor VIC 3181.

Presentation College Windsor: 1873-2013

Our Archive photo book will enthrall you with wonderful memories of Presentation College Windsor. This 100 page, hard cover, beautiful coffee table book is a real treasure and is sure to become a family heirloom.

This is truly great value at only $65

Alumnae Commemorative Brooch

This limited edition Heart Brooch represents the Sacred Heart of Jesus, taken from the Nano Nagle Icon. A beautiful piece of jewellery, finished in brushed silver and gold combination.

$50 for this limited edition Windsor commemorative brooch.

PCW Greeting Cards.

This set of cards contains six different images from Presentation College Windsor. Each pack comes complete with six envelopes. Cards are blank inside for you to insert your own personal message.

$20 per pack.

Alpha and Omega DVD

The story of the Presentation Sisters at Windsor. Their journey, the development of the Convent and the school.

$25 per DVD.

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☐ Cheque payable to Presentation College Windsor

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If you would like to purchase any of the above items please don’t hesitate to contact Trish on 8517.27054 or office@pcw.vic.edu.au and she will organise to send you your items.