Entre Nous goes electronic!

The title *Entre Nous* means ‘between ourselves’ and suggests cosiness. At the turn of last century *Entre Nous* first appeared as a small booklet that circulated news and views, on a regular basis, within the college walls. By the 1920s the past pupils were publishing under the title, and it has been their preserve ever since. Its highs and lows are too numerous to record here, with the most recent revival occurring in 2001. A decision was made in 2010 to circulate future editions of *Entre Nous* electronically. Please encourage school friends to register their email addresses with the Alumnae office to enable them to receive this PCW past pupil publication.

This is our first edition, and we would like to encourage all Alumnae to contribute.

What can you send?

- **Community Information:** births, deaths, marriages, weddings, career moves.
- **Reunions:** Info on upcoming reunions and photos/stories about reunions held.
- **Memories and Photos of PCW:** We would love to hear about your days at PCW.
- **What are you doing now?** Tell us what you have been doing since leaving PCW.

We look forward to your contributions and comments.

Please send information/stories/photos to either:

- Lynaire Falkenstein
  E: alumnae@pcw.vic.edu.au
- Pauline Wilson from the PPA committee
  E: pcwppa@hotmail.com.

Past Pupils Committee

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

- Maintain Connections—with 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 Maureen Pontin, President, for details.
E: allmaur12@gmail.com

2011 Past Pupils Committee
Back row: Lyn Coles (Heenan), Margot Hannan (King), Andree Moloney (Kelly), Marie Curlis (MacDonnell), Marilyn Commins (McMannis), Pauline Wilson (King), Sr. Diana Gabel pbvm
Front row: Marisa Balaz , Maureen Pontin, (Tierney) President, Sr. Mary Kavanagh pbvm, Thomasyna Devoy (Atkins).
Absent: Pat Brincat (Kerin)
The new **PCW Alumnae Office** is launched! This initiative comes about after much work and discussions with the Past Pupils Association (PPA) and the College.

Our new plans open the way to develop a growing Alumnae, promoting connections with past pupils and facilitating reunions each year. All past pupils are Alumnae and if we have your details we will make sure you get our newsletters and publications along with invites to reunions. If you are reading this we have your details on our database. Please pass this onto your friends who have lost touch with PCW so they can reconnect as well.

Moving forward the new PCW Alumnae Office will be managed by the College, with much support from past pupils. We are looking to create a greater sense of connectedness.

As Alumnae we are looking to develop and fund an Alumnae education student scholarship in the future. There will be opportunities for past pupils to support the college with donations, bequests and mentoring.

An Alumnae Office that provides a scholarship, publications, reunions and mentoring opportunities requires time, resources and funding.

From 2011 the college is attaching a $100 Life Membership fee to all student enrolment confirmations. Upon their graduation these students automatically become Alumnae, as you all did, and are financially supporting the Alumnae Office.

Our first request for past pupils to support this new initiative by becoming financial Life Members went out with ‘Windsor News’ in December 2010.

We have had numerous alumnae support this, but we would encourage all past pupils to become an Alumnae Life Members. It is a once only fee of $100. **Please become a PCW Alumnae Life Member today!** All Life Members will receive a PCW Alumnae Key Ring in recognition this support.

An application form is attached to the end of the newsletter for you to print off and return to the office.

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**Can you help on a sub committee?**

**Alumnae Celebration Dinner in 2012**

2012 is the centenary celebration for the Past Pupils Association. We are planning a large celebration and fundraising dinner. We are looking for additional help and support. Are you an event organiser, do you have contacts to help with getting items for a silent auction and major raffle prize? Would you be able to help at the event? I would love to hear from you.

Lynaire Falkenstein
PCW Alumnae Office
alumnae@pcw.vic.edu.au

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**Archive Collection**

Alumnae Archives Committee would appreciate any contribution of memorabilia. For example: **uniforms, hats, gloves, ties** (in good condition), **yearbooks and photos** (with dates and names if possible).

Our desire is to have an active and perpetual reminder of our marvellous school history, which will be an informative and active support to today's school community.

With your support our archives will grow to become that vision.

Please send all donations to the PCW Alumnae Office, 187 Dandenong Road, Windsor, VIC 3181. Any queries please email alumnae@pcw.vic.edu.au.

Thank you for your support.

Maureen Pontin (Tierney)
Marie Curlis (MacDonnell)
Andree Moloney (Kelly)
Wedding at PCW

Hannah Evans (Fisher) and Michael Evans were married at PCW chapel on 5th Feb 2011. The school grounds were flooded the night before during the heavy February rains, but had dried up in time for the wedding!


Hannah and Michael honeymooned on Hamilton Island, QLD.

Hannah is a Dietician, Michael an Engineer and Flora is a nurse and (nearly) a primary school teacher.

Past Pupils

Opp Shop Project

A group of past pupils have an ongoing project every year, providing volunteers to work in the Lions Club Opp Shop in Mt Waverley for a week. By collecting goods for sale and providing a roster of helpers to work during the week the project generates income for the past pupils. Previously this money has been required to keep producing and mailing Entre Nous.

With this publication now being electronic and published from the Alumnae Office it has been decided that the money raised during this week will go towards the work of expanding and providing supplies for the archive. For example the archive team would like to purchase models for display of old school uniforms.

This year the team will be working 3-7 October 2011. If you would like to help in the shop that week or have donations of high quality goods please email pcwppa@hotmail.com
Community News

It’s a small world!

Whilst in a shop, Shades of Eire, in Killarney, Ireland last year I was served by a lady, Anne O’Connor.

Anne told me of her Aunt who left Ireland when she was sixteen and spent the rest of her life in a convent in Dandenong Road.

I added “Windsor, and was her name Sr. Patricia?” The answer was Yes.

Amidst tears I was able to tell her That Sr. Patricia Walsh taught me in grade 2 in 1952 and remained my special friend until she passed away.

What a small world we live in.

Anne Canny (Herron)

Community Service Award

The Past Pupils Association Community Service Award recognises a young woman who has participated in community service activity at PCW or in the wider community and has also contributed to student leadership during her years at PCW. Her academic excellence is important as is her involvement in extra-curricular activities at PCW.

The 2010 Past Pupils Association Community Service Award went to Kate Bradley.

Do you know a past pupil who would like to receive Entre Nous?

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

Lynaire Falkenstein
E: alumnae@pcw.vic.edu.au

An Irish Blessing

May love and laughter light your days
And warm your heart and home
May good and faithful friends be yours
Wherever you may roam
May peace and plenty bless your world
With joy that long endures
May all life’s passing seasons Bring the best to you and yours
Reunions

Class of 1980 - 30 Year reunion

On 21 November 2010, the class of 1980 celebrated their 30 year school reunion which was organised by Gina Dougall, Sue Broadhead (nee Tyrrell), Cathie Connors and Lisa Hannan.

It was a beautiful, sunny day and the event was held at Lisa Hannan’s house with more than 40 girls attending. There were also quite a few girls who made a huge effort by coming from interstate.

Many glasses of champagne were enjoyed while catching up with each other and for some, this was the first time they had seen any of their PCW classmates since leaving school.

In the past, the Class of 1980 has organised 4 previous reunions, making this the 5th reunion since leaving school. We hope there are many more to come.

Class of 1981 - 20 Year reunion

The class of 1981 met for their 20 Year reunion, March 2011 at Presentation College Windsor. There were many memories and connections within the cohort, some had not seen each other since their graduation.
Where are they now?

Silvana Anthony
(Catalano).
Class of 1991

It's been 20 years since I completed Year 12 at PCW and I'm currently in the toughest job I've ever been in – raising two children under 3! But up until recently I had the distinct pleasure of working for Julia Gillard, as a policy advisor. The path I took to public policy, now both my passion and addiction, was quite a convoluted one and not to be recommended. I was a late convert to the field of Economics, taking it up in Year 12 with a mix of sciences, maths and humanities – just to keep it interesting. At university I continued with my new found interest but also studied Italian and Italian literature to maintain sanity.

In the mid 1990s the job market wasn’t as buoyant as has been in recent years so I worked and studied in Melbourne until I found an opportunity to head to public policy land a.k.a. the Australian Capital Territory. After a stints working on policy in the Education Department, and then the Treasury, I made my way up to the Hill in 2003, working for one of the figureheads of the ALP, not to mention Australian politics, Bob McMullan, Member for Fraser (Canberra electorate), as an advisor in the area of public finance. Politics being the brutal business that it is, reshuffles prompted my move to Julia Gillard’s office where over a 4 year period I advised in diverse areas such as health policy, budget policy and question time “tactics”. After Labor won government I worked with another stalwart of the ALP and again, of Australian politics, Lindsay Tanner as an advisor on budget matters. I moved back to working for Julia Gillard after been given an opportunity to work part time after the birth of my first child and the impending arrival of of my second. I now return to Melbourne to join extended family after 11 years in Canberra – fondly remembered for the place I met my husband, Stephen, gave birth to two children, and had a riveting experience working in the nation’s parliament.

Upcoming Reunions

The PCW Alumnae Office is hosting decade reunions and school tours at the College. If we have your details on the Alumnae database you will receive an invite. We are always looking for support from these years in helping track down contact details of past students we have lost touch with. If you can help please call the PCW Alumnae office on 03 8517 2734. All details for these reunions can be found on the College website www.pcw.vic.edu.au

- **Class of 1981** (30 year reunion) - Saturday 14 May.
- **Class of 2001** (10 year reunion) - Friday 20 May.
- **Class of 1971** (40 year reunion) - Saturday 18 June
- **Class of 2010** (1 year reunion) - Friday 9 September
- **Class of 1961** (50 year reunion) - Saturday 17 September

**Individual Class Groups holding reunions this year are:**

- **Class of 1963:** 1st Sunday after Mothers Day - Sunday 15 May 2011. Contact Lynne Rodda email lynne.rodda@outlookfs.com.au or phone 1300 657 872
- **Class of 1961:** (Two get togethers this year!) Class of 1961 meet every year and this year will be meeting for lunch at Yarra Yarra Golf Club, Warrigal Road, Bentleigh East. Sunday 26 June, commencing at 12.15. Further details from Margot Hannan 03 9560 9712
- **Sydney 2011 Reunion:** Tuesday 15 November 2011. 11am. T-Room QVB Building. Reply to Anne Scollon 0419 229 385 or 02 8021 4518 or sclangon@optusnet.com.au

**Alumnae Annual Reunion 2011**

- **Sunday 20 November:** This reunion is for all Alumnae and is managed by the Past Pupils Committee. It is held to coincide with the Feast of the Presentation. Mass is held in the College Chapel followed by afternoon tea. All are welcome. Further details to follow later in 2011.
Memories of PCW: Van Baer Family

Five members of the van Baer family completed their secondary education at Presentation Convent Windsor, as it was then called, from 1939 to 1954.

Marie (1939 to 1942): In her senior classes were Mary Prendergast, Marie Houlihan, Pat Sholly, Shirley Walsh, Mary Howley, Pat Pinto, Judy Larkin, and Gay Jackman.

Paula (1939 to 1944): Some classmates from her final years were Alison Copley, Patricia White, Cecily Byrne, Marie Taylor, Alicia Fraser, Marie O’Brien, Margaret McMeel, Peggy Buckley, Monica and Eileen Cox, Norma Conway, Frances O’Kane, Pat Ingham, Pauline Wade and Joan Dunstan.

Diana (1943 to 1948): In her final years were Nellie Marshall, Barbara Higgins, Betty Carrick, Barbara Lang, Mollie Buckley, Wendy Shanahan, Agnes Allen, Nancy Gorman, Marion Muirhead, Pat Maloney, Margaret Farnan, Mary Thresher, Alice Morris, Beverley Dunstan and Leah Horowitz. The Prefects for 1948 were Nellie Marshall, Wendy Shanahan, Mollie Buckley and Diana van Baer.

Debutantes in 1948, Diana—back right

Wendy (1947 to 1952): In her final years were Pat Drake, Gina Stellato, Joan Ryan, Pat Dunn, Mary Treacey, Margaret Shannon, Margaret Ewing, Pam Gaunt, Norah MacDonald, Nancy Hendrickson and Carmel Bourke.

Louise (1947 to 1954): Amongst those in her final years were Pat and Betty Chandler, Anita Sim, Elaine Davis, Diane Battista, Noeline Lombard, Brenda Ryan, Madeleine Tomlinson, Susan Moran, Bernadette Russell, Anne Kruger, Anne Keating, Pat O’Keefe, Frances Hogan, Anona Lucas and Pat Nugent.

1955
Back: Anne Keating, Anona Lucas
Front: Louise van Baer, Frances Hogan

Nuns on the teaching staff during these years were Srs. Bertrand, Edwardine, Aquinas, Benignus, Laurence, Paul, Agnes, Rosaria, Lucy, Conecta, Lelia and Euphrasia.

Lay teachers included L. van Baer (English, Leaving Honours), Mme Easton (French), Miss Mercovich (Elocution), Miss Carré (Physical Culture), Mme Filippini (Singing), and Neale Fraser (Tennis).

We all remember Sr. Edwardine trying to make ladies out of us with frequent reminders not to use slang or stand with our hands on our hips like a washerwoman (or was it a fishwife?), and instilling in most of her charges a great love of poetry and literature; lunches in that hot, hot lunchroom in the summer, the mad rush to get to the tennis court at the bottom of the stairs at lunchtime and after school; Sr Bertrand showing movies in the hall occasionally - it was usually Laurel and Hardy or some comedy, and she would laugh so hard she would almost fall off her stool; the history lessons of Sr. Aquinas, and her great admiration for Napoleon; lessons under the Moreton Bay fig tree in the hot weather.

From a letter from Louise to Marie in June 1951: “The fete is on next Friday week, so we are having concerts and raffles galore. We had a baby competition in the Leaving Room. It was 6d for every photo of yourself under 3 years and we made 35/6d out of it altogether. We have had 4 dances at lunch times and we have sold toffees and chocolate crackles etc. We have started on our 4 raffles. The Inters have given a picture afternoon and they have also had a hot parade that they made £4 from. The Subs. have had a picture afternoon and the 7th and 8th gave a concert last Friday. We are having a concert the week after next some time and we are doing The Bathroom Door and a sketch from William and the A.R.P. The Leavings are doing them and the Matrics are doing The Old Geyser. Anne Kruger and Brenda Ryan are singing Westering Home, Gina Stellato and Madeleine Tomlinson are singing The Three Bells, which is on the hits at present. Susan (Moran) is dancing, Bernadette Russell is reciting, Betty Chandler is playing the violin, Pat Chandler and Elaine Davis are playing a duet, and Pat O’Keefe is playing the piano by herself. I am a little boy in the William sketch.”

And again on 1 July 1951: “It didn’t rain on Friday when we had the fete. We made £785 on it. We were going to have a concert for the fete but it wasn’t ready in time, but Sr Bertrand said it would be a nice gesture if the “Senior class” gave a free concert as a token of their gratitude to the school for their cooperation in the fete. I am the cat in the concert with the grey suit again. It was Sr Paul’s feastday yesterday - we did up the board in Physics “Happy Feastday - The Law of Conservation of Energy = no Homework” but unfortunately it didn’t work.”

At the end of year prize-giving the nuns always tried to see that everybody got some recognition, either a Collins leather-bound classic or a certificate. We all share happy memories of our days at Windsor.

Five members of the Hibbert family were also educated at Windsor and there may have been other families with the same experience who might care to share their memories.

Wendy Perkins (van Baer)
iPad launch 2011

PCW has provided iPads to students in Years 9 & 10. PCW is unique in that these are college funded and also come with an itunes card for students to get all the necessary applications required.

The iPad will have many educational uses for each student including: an ebook reader (replacing text books), web browser, email, calendar, contacts, Notebook (to make handwritten, typed or audio notes in class), creating and editing of documents and dedicated applications for the curriculum. Beyond 2011 Apps will be book listed and school based reading packs will be downloaded.

Providing our students with iPads captures their imagination. The possibilities are endless for teaching and learning. The iPad is a leading edge elearning tool and it is the most significant development in mobile learning technologies since the advent of the laptop in the early 90’s.

Open Day 2011

The annual PCW Open Day was an outstanding success. A record number of visitors come through the College on February 27 2011. Open Day is part of the program that allows prospective girls and their families to come and view the school, meet students and staff and ask all the questions about PCW. The school promotes itself to families over a wide geographic area and on that particular day we had visitors from 67 primary schools. This mix ensures that PCW continues to be a diverse community of nationalities and cultures. During the course of the year we have our Open Day and also run 6-8 School Tours each term – providing opportunities for families to gather information that helps them in making the very important decision about where to send their daughter to school.

The student tour guides did an amazing job. We had 140 guides on the day – a mix of Year 7 students who had only been here for a few weeks partnered up with senior students. Thank you for coming on a Sunday and sharing the pride you have in your school with our visitors.

The school looked amazing. All staff had put in tremendous amounts of work to ensure that the grounds were beautiful and the rooms & displays of student and curriculum work were informative and interesting. Many faculties also had hands on activities for the younger members of families such as painting, mask making and writing your name in Japanese.

Our iPad session created much interest – and many younger children did not want to go on the rest of the tour! Introducing the iPad as a learning tool at PCW embraces new technology and offers a learning experience for a student that has the potential to tap into so many more resources than they could access previously.

Our thanks go to all the staff, students and past pupils who attended and supported the College.
PCW supports Japan.

Following the earthquake and tsunami in Japan PCW responded quickly. There was some concern about the group of Japanese students who had just left us the day of the earthquake. We were relieved to hear that they all had a safe though interrupted trip home. Kago-shima is a long way from the earthquake zone but the impact on all Japanese must be great.

The awareness of Japan at our school is strong because, like many schools in Australia, we have had a long association with our sister school in Kagoshima and many students, staff and families have hosted Japanese students over the years or visited Japan on one of the many exchanges that have occurred. This awareness prompted an immediate plan to respond through letters, some fund raising and a ‘red and white day.

Staff and students all dressed in red, white or both and at recess this photo of everyone in the shape of the Japanese flag was taken in the quadrangle. What a great way to send a message of support to our friends and their fellow citizens who are suffering so much.

You’re invited to events at PCW!

PCW/CBC Musical: Wizard of Oz.

Opening Night Wednesday 31st August 2011.
National Theatre, Barkly Street, St Kilda.
Tickets will be available from July—call PCW on 03 8517 2777.
A great production to bring the whole family to!

PCW Annual Art Show.
Tuesday 20 September 6pm. PCW Hall

Xmas Carols on the Lawn.
Wednesday 7 December. 6pm to 8pm
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  
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)

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☐ 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:

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☐ 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: [Redacted]

Expiry: ______/______

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

SIGNATURE: ____________________________