Welcome to Entre Nous eNews

This email newsletter is always a great way to connect with our PCW Melbourne Alumnae. I hope you enjoy catching up on news from both past pupils and the College.

This February brings to an end the celebrations of 140 years of education here. In February 1874, classes began in the Church of St Mary’s East St Kilda following the foundation of Presentation Convent Windsor on Christmas Day 1873. There were 26 students, girls and boys, the first young people to begin the long and proud tradition of Presentation education in this place. To be part of a school entering its 141st year is a wonderful thing. Here in our still-young country, the opportunity and privilege to draw on such a history and legacy is rare for students and for staff.

We remember our past and especially the courageous and adventurous women of the foundation group of Presentation Sisters. We also draw on the great narrative of our school to inspire us for the future and give us confidence as we play our part in the next chapter of PCW’s story.

From the beginning of 2014 the College is to be know as PCW Melbourne. The much loved, traditional crest has been retained and modified and our school colours have been reviewed to reintroduce the green so cherished by past students. Identification of our school with Melbourne reflects our inner city location as well as our emerging identity as a school with an international focus and engagement, especially with Asia.

A key project for this year for the College is the development of the relocated Aquinas Library. Work has commenced on the first level of the 1901 Kavanagh Building in the original Boarders dormitories which for the last twenty years have been computer labs. They are high ceilinged, light and airy spaces that retain many beautiful features of their early 20th century design. Our library will not, however, be of the last century or the one before. It will be a lively place of 21st century learning and gathering with optimal use of contemporary technologies and communication.

We are all fortunate to be a part of the enduring story of PCW Melbourne.
Alumnae Office
The Alumnae Office is under going a change....after nearly six years at PCW Melbourne and the last four years working with the past pupils, the development of this office and running reunions...I am leaving to go and live in Japan (with my husband who is undertaking a new work position there).

It has been fabulous getting to know many of you and being involed with your reunions. My replacement is yet to be announced, but rest assured the College is commited to keeping in touch with you and will be working to find the right person to take over. All emails to alumnae@pcw.vic.edu.au will be picked up by another staff memeber who will be able to help you with your enquiries about reunions and other matters.

I want to thank you all for your support and friendship over this time.

Lynaire Falkenstein

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 VIC 3181 (and mark for the attention of the past pupils).

I found this old photo in the archives...do you know what year it is from? Or the names of the girls?
2014 Reunions

Invitations have been sent out for the following reunions:

Class of 1994 - 20 Year Reunion Saturday 3 May
Class of 1984 - 30 Year Reunion Saturday 10 May
Class of 2013 - 1 Year Reunion Tuesday 20 May

Also coming up are these reunions:

Class of 1974 - 40 Year Reunion Saturday 14 June
Class of 1964 - 30 Year Reunion Saturday 21 June

If you would like to come to any of these reunions, or want additional information, please email: alumnae@pcw.vic.edu.au

Please note that you may not have received an invitation because we do not have your up to date mailing details on the database. Please send us your up to date contact information.
County Court turns into a family court

It’s a sister act that decrees a Victorian – if not an Australian – judicial first. Siblings Katherine Bourke (R) and Claire Quin (L) are now judges on the same bench, with the latter having been recently appointed to the County Court.

The full article can be read in the The Age, March 18.

Did you know?
Kathy Bourke attended PCW is was in the graduating Class of 1978
Claire left PCW at the end of Year 8 in 1979.
Janette Bourke (mother) was Deputy Principal at PCW for 5 years when Sr Margaret Walsh was Principal. She left at the end of 1979 and went onto a position of Principal at Sacre Coeur. The Bourke’s have a long asccoiation with Windsor with all 4 daughters: Katherine, Margaret, Jane & Claire attending PCW.
Education Scholarships

PCW has a 140 year history of sustained commitment to compassion, inclusion and social justice.
The Presentation Sisters mission: Education for All - is still very much alive today.
We invite you to make a donation towards education scholarships, providing opportunities for young students to experience success and achievement and to receive a Presentation Education.

Please accept my donation towards Education Scholarships. A tax deductible receipt will be sent for your donation.

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