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DEAR COLLEAGUES

Our 14 schools came together in early May for a celebration of 30 years of the Anglican Schools Commission. This edition of the Newsletter features those celebrations, including the opening of St James’ Anglican School, a 30th Anniversary Eucharist in St George’s Cathedral and our Anniversary Dinner. They were occasions, not so much to look back over 30 years, as to celebrate who we are today - 14 schools in three Dioceses in three States, comprising 13,500 students and over 1,500 staff. It was wonderful to have students, staff and governors from all 14 schools actively participate in the Eucharist.

At the dinner, an Honorary Membership of the Anglican Schools Commission was awarded to Mr Ian Wallace (bottom left), who retired from the ASC Board after 25 years of outstanding service. A person is appointed an Honorary Member by the Board in recognition of their services to the ASC. Mr Wallace joined the Board in December 1989 and has the distinction of being our longest-serving Director. We are delighted that Mr Wallace has agreed to remain a member of our New Schools and Capital Development Committees.

A video was made for our 30th Anniversary, illustrating the life of our schools in 2015. I invite you to view it on the ASC website … there is a link from our homepage.

As the ASC is the employer of all staff, this means that all employment entitlements and benefits transfer with staff members when they move from one ASC school to another, no matter where it is located. Teaching staff now operate under one of three Enterprise Agreements:

- The ASC WA Agreement for our 11 WA schools;
- The ASC Victoria Agreement for Cathedral College and Cobram Anglican Grammar School; or
- The NSW Multi-Employer Agreement for Trinity Anglican College.

Whilst a member of staff will have a new employment contract if they move between schools and states, and the three EBAs have some different terms and conditions, all accrued entitlements transfer with the staff member, albeit that the EBA for the new school prevails from the commencement of employment there. For example, if a full-time member of staff left employment in an ASC school after, say, four years continuous service, they would lose all accrued Long Service Leave (LSL) entitlement. However, if they moved to another ASC school, their accrued LSL entitlement would transfer with them. A member of staff may take LSL after they have accrued the equivalent of one complete school term’s leave.

Similarly, all other entitlements (including other forms of leave) transfer with a staff member to the new school. For example, moving to a new employer means that all accrued Personal Leave is forfeited. However, if they move to another ASC school, their accrued entitlement transfers with them.

These are some of the tangible employment condition benefits for both teaching and support staff working in our schools. Further, there is no distinction drawn between teaching and support staff in accessing the benefits of ‘entitlements portability’ between our schools.

REACHOUT MANILA

Over the break, another Reachout Manila pilgrimage will head to the Philippines. We wish all pilgrims well as they work in the communities of Macabut, Payong, Reconnville and the Holy Spirit Learning Centre between 1 and 17 July. The pilgrims will work with children from these communities to help develop their literacy and numeracy, run a feeding programme and share across cultures the love of Jesus Christ.

Shelter them with your protection by day and give them the light of your grace by night. Be with them as they journey both outwardly and inwardly and return them safely to their families. (from the Reachout Pilgrimage Prayer).

FINALLY, whilst these mid-year school holidays will provide a much-needed break for students and teachers, the staff at St George’s Anglican Grammar School will be ‘moving home’ from Murdoch to the CBD. Relocating a school is a huge task, but will be worth the effort as students and staff move into their purpose-designed new premises in William Street, next door to the Bankwest Tower, on 27 July.

Every blessing

Peter Laurence (Revd)
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Although we have been operating as a school since 2 February 2015, the Official Opening of St James’ Anglican School was held on Friday, 8 May 2015. As a school of the Anglican Schools Commission (Inc.) (ASC), we were waiting for the Archbishop of Perth, The Most Reverend Roger Herft, to be available, as well as the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the ASC. Having these two events on the same day allowed many interstate visitors to attend both of these significant occasions.

Not long ago, this site was coastal bush atop sand dunes, and now it has been transformed into a bustling young school with 199 students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

As we gathered in the marquee, placed on the lawn adjoining the wonderful purpose-built Stage 1/Early Learning Centre and the School’s Administration Building, the students, in their distinctive orange and blue uniforms, welcomed families, friends and distinguished guests.

We were very pleased to share the occasion with the ASC CEO, The Reverend Peter Laurence; the ASC Chair, Mrs Barbara Godwin OAM; Mr Allan Griffiths, Chair of St James’ Council; and Mr Adrian Pree, Principal of St James’ Anglican School.

We also welcomed many dignitaries from Local and Federal Government departments. Among this latter group were Federal Government Parliamentary Secretary, Christian Porter MHR, who brought a message from Minister Pyne; The Honourable Peter Collier MLC who officially opened the School’s first building; representatives from the Diocese of Perth and from all other ASC schools – including the band from Peter Moyes Anglican Community School; and parishioners from St James’ Parish whose partially built new ‘home’ provided a dramatic backdrop on the skyline to the east of the marquee.

Lastly, but by no means least, we recognise that the students, parents and staff who comprise the School community were the most important guests on the day. The behaviour of the students was exemplary throughout the opening ceremony and the whole occasion reflected the School’s motto, In Faith, in Wisdom, and in Service.

After the prayers of dedication, the St James’ staff was blessed and the plaque unveiled. All the guests left the marquee and enjoyed refreshments on the lawn where they could admire the School’s new buildings and the wonderful views of the ocean to the west.

The 30th Anniversary celebrations were, for St James’ Anglican School, our introduction to the rest of the ASC family. We experienced all the elements of a great celebration: our thanksgiving in the Eucharist for the achievements of the last 30 years, our rejoicing at the dinner for the growth in our schools, and our enjoyment of the outstanding musical talents of the students from our schools.

Above all, we experienced a strong sense of belonging to the ASC family, and were filled with confidence that we can also aspire to the high standards of our brother and sister schools.

Mr Allan Griffiths
Chair of Council
As the chords of the ASC hymn, We're here to ask our questions, God, as your own treasured children, resounded from St George's Cathedral's great organ, servers from St George's Anglican Grammar School (SGAGS) led the first procession, which included the ASC Chair, Mrs Barbara Godwin OAM; the ASC CEO, The Reverend Peter Laurence; the Dean of Perth, The Very Reverend Richard Pengelley; and Bishop Tom Wilmot. They were followed by the three co-celebrants, Bishops of each of the Dioceses where ASC schools are located: Bishop John Parkes AM from Wangaratta, Bishop Allan Ewing from Bunbury and Archbishop Roger Herft from Perth.

The second procession comprised student leaders carrying their School banners, Council Chairs, Principals and Chaplains from each of the 14 ASC schools. This colourful array came to a pause in the Cathedral's central aisle, while the name of each school and its opening date was announced, beginning with St Mark's Anglican Community School (SMACS) and concluding with Cobram Anglican Grammar School (CAGS). The procession provided a vivid and symbolic image of the ASC in its 30th year.

The Eucharist unfolded as students from ASC schools led parts of the liturgy, commencing with the Greeting by Halle O'Bryan, Cathedral College Wangaratta (CCW) and the Invitation to Confession by Noah Carey, St James' Anglican School (SJAS). A combined ASC Choir, supported by a band from SMACS, sang 'Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart' as young dancers from John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School (JSRACS) led Monika Telkamp from Frederick Irwin Anglican School (FIAS) into the central aisle for the Gospel reading.

In place of a sermon, The reverend Gerry Nixon, Chaplain of St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, and Mr Tony Howes, the Cathedral's Drama and Education Consultant, wrote and directed a liturgical drama performed by Isabel Colley, John Wollaston Anglican Community School (JWACS); Fraser Wipp, Peter Carney Anglican Community School (PCACS); Brooke Henley, Peter Moyes Anglican Community School (PMACS), Morgan John, SGAGS and Natalie Dausi, Swan Valley Anglican Community School (SVACS). They presented an abridged history of dance in the Bible which culminated in Bishop John Parkes' short discourse on how we, as members of the ASC, should 'go into the future and dance with all that is Godly'.

The hymn Lord of the Dance continued this theme, before Archbishop Roger, with the two Diocesan Bishops, offered the Great Thanksgiving at the Nave Altar, and the CEO and ASC Chaplains then communicated the congregation of 500.

After Sean Doherty from Esperance Anglican Community School (EACS) led the final prayer and Bishop Allan Ewing pronounced the blessing, the young JSRACS dancers, with ribbons flowing, danced up and down the aisles during the final hymn, You shall go out with joy. Then, to the delight of all, they led the three Bishops out of the Cathedral, 'dancing into the future'! Mr Philip Goldsworthy

CATHEDRAL COLLEGE WANGARATTA
For the ASC’s 30th Anniversary celebrations, Girls’ Captain, Halle O’Bryan and I travelled to Perth from Wangaratta, Victoria. It was a great experience to go across and see a little bit of Western Australia.

The service was brilliant and it was good to see so many other ASC schools represented by their student leaders. It was an enjoyable service which seemed to make the time fly. The hospitality from St Mark’s head boy and his family was amazing. They made sure I never went hungry (which for an over 6 foot tall boy like me is a hard job) and in the little time we had, showed me some of the sights of Perth.

It was great to meet so many new people and to speak with them at the service. I feel honoured to have been given the opportunity to represent Cathedral College Wangaratta, as it was an experience I will surely never forget. Christian Paynter, Boys’ Captain

ST GEORGE’S ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Being a part of the drama for the ASC’s 30th Anniversary Eucharist was a fantastic experience. It allowed me to connect with a broad range of students, whom I wouldn’t have come into contact with otherwise, and also to proudly represent my School in one of its first major events as St George’s Anglican Grammar School.

It felt great to perform in the drama, with a group of like-minded individuals who were all set upon the common goal of giving the best performance possible. However, it was the camaraderie of the drama group that developed during the practices and the Eucharist itself that made the entire process so special. Morgan John
JOHN SEPTIMUS ROE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
When asked about the ASC 30th anniversary Eucharist, all the dancers responded at once, “It was awesome”!! They clearly enjoyed the whole experience. The students from JSRACS felt privileged to receive the invitation to dance at the Eucharist and spent several weeks rehearsing for the big event. Dancing is something the students at JSRACS love to do and they are always eager to perform. The students were very enthusiastic in the weeks leading up to the service and the excitement peaked as the performance date drew nearer. Although they were only a small group they managed to hide their nerves and danced their feet off. Once the Eucharist was over, they asked if they could do it again! Dancing is a brilliant way for people of all ages to express themselves. This group is a lively and energetic bunch which makes the most of every opportunity and does it with a smile. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Lacey: We learnt how to dance with ribbons which was a new technique for us. We got to ride in a maxi taxi and we saw some fancy hats on the important people that we danced with.

James: I got to hold hands and dance with the Archbishop. It was a new experience and their dancing was quite good, even for older people.

Declan: It was fun dancing up the aisle with the Archbishop and the important people. That was definitely my favourite part.

Tamika: The church was huge and the stained glass windows were really pretty. The audience was happy and enthusiastic.

Ms Aline Stepan, JSRACS Dance Teacher

FREDERICK IRWIN ANGLICAN SCHOOL
As Chapel Prefect at Frederick Irwin Anglican School, I was asked to present a Gospel reading for the Anglican Schools Commission 30th Anniversary Eucharist. For me, the service was a wonderful, illuminating experience in which it was an honour to be involved. As a Year 12 WACE student, I have found the year both stressful and confronting in terms of my education. When I arrived at St George's Cathedral for the service, I had so many worries and thoughts on my mind but, after the service, I felt enlightened about the way in which I need to approach my workload and my responsibilities.

As I was reading in front of the Cathedral full of people, surrounded by servers and dancers, I had never felt so safe and secure.

The message of the service connected with me as I am a dancer myself, which means I know what it feels like to lose yourself in music and be in a place where you are not worrying about your examination results or your plans for tomorrow. Consequently, I felt that I both lost and found myself in this service, which changed my outlook towards being happy.

Happiness can be sparked by the smallest of actions and seeing the expressions of trust and faith on the faces of those who stood around helped me to calm my nerves and read as if I was reading to an old friend.

What I took from this special service was to make sure I can find happiness in all I do, as well as try to dance through life.

Monika Telkamp, Chapel Prefect

COBRAM ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL
The ASC’s 30th Anniversary celebrations were a highlight for Cobram Anglican Grammar School. Having been officially welcomed into the ASC family in January, it was a privilege to join with the other ASC schools for such an important event. Student Ambassadors Rhianna Harris and Laura Buykx proudly represented our School at the Eucharist and shared their thoughts with the CAGS community at a whole school assembly the following Monday morning.

‘Representing our school in Perth made me conscious of the size of the family that we have become a part of, and of the support and friendship opportunities that now exist,’ commented Rhianna.

Laura added her thoughts: ‘I wasn’t sure what to expect, but being part of such a large collegiate group is so exciting. Rhianna and I met many other students during the preparation for the Eucharist, apart from the ones we stayed with - who were really nice. We definitely intend to keep in touch. It is so good to be part of such a large group of like-minded people involved in education, and with the Anglican Church.’

From my perspective, as Principal, the School’s journey throughout 2013 and 2014, culminating in CAGS joining the ASC in 2015, has seen us emerge invigorated and with exciting plans for future growth and development not possible without the support of the ASC. The collegiality mentioned by our students and the genuinely warm welcome we have received since joining the ASC has become a hallmark of our regular, and increasing, interaction. This was obvious in all my interactions with other Principals and ASC staff during the 30th celebrations. I look forward to the future with much optimism. Mr Steve Gale, Principal
Streaming from the Cathedral, ASC school representatives and many supporters of the ASC moved across St George’s Terrace to the Duxton Hotel for the 30th Anniversary Dinner where they mingled for pre-dinner drinks before moving into the ballroom for dinner. There, the CEO, The Reverend Peter Laurence who was MC for the evening, welcomed the 284 people gathered. He introduced the Georgiana Molloy Anglican School (GMAS) Ensemble, the first of many performers throughout the evening who either played background music or performed one of the three musical interludes, as described by Mr Andrew Raymond in his Music Notes (right).

Mrs Barbara Godwin OAM, Chair of the ASC Board, brought words of official welcome, as did Archbishop Roger Herft AM in his message recognising the ASC’s 30th Anniversary.

Following entrée, an excellent video was screened to showcase the ASC and its schools. It included vignettes from every school interwoven with insights by a number of people associated with the ASC – the Archbishop, the Chair of the Board, the CEO, a Principal, a Chaplain and students.

St Mark’s Anglican Community School, the oldest of the ASC schools, rounded out the performances of the evening with a memorable performance by Shayla Costello on the electric violin, followed by the St Mark’s Vocal ensemble performing Isn’t She Lovely, the third and final musical interlude before dessert concluded the evening. But not quite because, as is fitting for an anniversary celebration, there was a champagne toast to the ASC and a Happy Birthday to Us as well as the presentation of an Honorary Membership of the Association to Mr Ian Wallace, the ASC’s longest serving Board member.

Mr Philip Goldsworthy

The celebration of the 30th year of the Anglican Schools Commission highlighted both the achievements of the past and the shared confidence in the future of our schools. Our 14 schools are different in age, size and special educational focus, but they are united in their commitment to the founding principles and values of our system. The Thanksgiving Service in the Cathedral and the dinner which followed, were wonderful opportunities for students, teachers and School Council members to celebrate together and share a feeling of belonging. I extend my thanks to all those who organised the events and to the many students who took part. Mrs Barbara Godwin OAM

MUSIC NOTES
Music was a key feature of the celebration of the ASC’s 30th Anniversary. It was particularly exciting to see both the depth of talent and the variety of musical styles presented by representatives of so many of our schools.

The Cathedral service, under the direction of Mr Michael Newton, featured a combined schools choir with thirty students from SGAGS, SMACS, SVACS, PCACS, PMACS, FIAS and JWACS. A small group of instrumentalists from SMACS accompanied the choir for a few of the songs used in the service, and there was a liturgical dance from JSRACS Primary students.

The dinner was a warm, happy atmosphere well assisted by music from many schools:

- Background piano music through the pre-dinner drinks was from Trevor Stockton–Rice, from PMACS
- Guests moved into the Duxton ballroom to the sound of Pachelbel’s Canon, played by the GMAS strings
- Every Breath You Take was the first musical interlude, again performed by the GMAS strings and vocalist
- Swan Valley students provided great vocal and acoustic guitar background during dinner, as did the electric violin of Shayla Costello from SMACS
- Bevan Mulligan from PCACS provided an impressive Chopin piano solo, Fantasie Impromptu Op 66, for the second musical interlude
- Later in the evening, the Vocal Ensemble from SMACS had the guests tapping along to Isn’t She Lovely by Stevie Wonder.

It was great to see Music students from the various schools having a good time working together and thanks must go to all the Music staff from the many schools who put in countless extra hours preparing students for the event. Mr Andrew Raymond, SMACS Director of Music
Travelling across the continent to participate in the ASC's 30th anniversary eucharist and celebratory dinner was a major undertaking, involving the Principal, Chair of Council and the male and female College Captains. The experience was worth every effort and the entourage from Trinity Anglican College (TaC) really enjoyed their time in communion with the ASC family. The TaC Captains, Ella Corbett and Tom Bugden, enjoyed being hosted by senior students from PMaCs which included spending part of Friday at the school. Tom and Ella were inspired and impressed by the 30th anniversary eucharist at St George's Cathedral where they both were readers. For the Chair of Council, Dr Ron Bailey, the celebrations were his first experience of the ASC in action in Perth and he thoroughly enjoyed opportunities to establish new connections and friendships with other Chairs, members of the ASC Board and Principals. The highlights for those representing TaC were many but it would be safe to say that the genuine sense of community and family which underpinned and characterised the celebrations will be the aspect which will remain with them the most.

Mr Steven O'Connor, Principal

We were determined to have as full a representation as possible at the 30th anniversary celebrations to firmly cement our place within the ASC family. We were delighted to have our students participating in the service. For our Chair, Principal and students to process in with all the other schools was very special. Hearing our students deliver the prayers was very touching. It was good to recognise that we are no longer the 'baby' within the ASC family but moving firmly into young adulthood as a bona fide school. The dinner really allowed the staff who attended to feel that they were a significant part of the ASC community.

Mr Kerr Fulton-Peebles, Principal
Peter Moyes Anglican Community School
Allan Shaw Centre

Wednesday 5th August 2015
9:00am – 2:15pm

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