Mr Simon Cobiac, Br Brendan O’Hearn and Mrs Anna Mirasgentis.

On behalf of the Blackfriars Priory School Board and the Dominican Order of Preachers I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Simon Cobiac as the Principal of Blackfriars Priory School, commencing in January 2017.

Mr Cobiac is currently Principal of St Patrick’s College Launceston, Tasmania, a position he has held for 14 years. St Patrick’s is a highly regarded Catholic College of some 1,500 students and 200 staff in the tradition of its founding schools, established by the Christian Brothers, the Sisters of St Joseph and the Presentation Sisters.

Prior to leading St Patrick’s, he was Deputy Principal at St Joseph’s College Mildura for six years, a teacher at Rostrevor College for 14 years and also taught for four years at Blackfriars Priory School.

It was particularly reassuring to the selection panel and the Board that Mr Cobiac is highly regarded by the Vicar General of the Hobart Diocese, and by his current Board Chair, his previous Board Chair and his Deputy Principal among others. He was commended for his strong and progressive leadership at the school and for the depth of his service more generally across the Catholic Education sector in Tasmania, including his role on the Tasmanian Catholic Justice and Peace Commission and as a National Director of the Catholic Secondary Principals Association of Australia.

Some may recall his teaching years at Blackfriars Priory School from 1978 to 1981 where he taught Religious Education, English and Drama. It was his first position as a teacher and one he remembers fondly. Mr Cobiac has been very impressed by all he has observed and learnt about Blackfriars Priory School during the recruitment process and placed particular emphasis on the Dominican spirit at the School, the teaching philosophy emerging through the strategic plan, the extent of general and specialist co-curricular programs and our wonderful Early Learning Centre.

In this light, the Board and the Order would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Anna Mirasgentis for her professionalism and dedication in fulfilling the role as Acting Principal this year. Anna’s enthusiasm, tireless work ethic and inclusive leadership has served the School Community incredibly well and we thank all of the School Community for embracing and supporting her in the role this year.

As always, I am happy to be contacted about the above or any matter about the leadership and direction of our great school and its community, in this most significant year - the 800 Year Anniversary of the founding of the Order of Preachers.

Mr David O’Loughlin
Chair, Blackfriars Priory School Board
2016 has been a year of great celebration for the Order of Preachers and for our Dominican Community. How wonderful it is to be an integral part of such a faith-filled, Christ inspired richness that is as significant today as it was 800 years past. Each page you turn, you are invited to participate in our journey in 2016 and enjoy the many facets of daily life which highlight what it means to be educated in a Dominican School.

Blackfriars offers a rich, vibrant and multifaceted education with immense opportunities created by the excellence and diversity of our School’s educational offerings. Our international dimension of education at Blackfriars Priory School is enriched by our culturally diverse student population, through both local and international students, and is also linked to the global awareness and critical thinking that underpins many aspects of the curriculum. Study tours and student exchanges are excellent opportunities for our students to develop international understandings and live out their commitment to an inclusive and welcoming community that celebrates differences. Our strong relationships with Schools in China, Japan and USA continue to provide us with diverse experiences. Our short and long stay international students from around the world have provided us with a richness of culture and further inspires our students to learn languages and travel to embrace new experiences.

Our new Strategic Plan and Master Plan will focus on continuing to develop Blackfriars capacity as a centre of excellence in learning and wellbeing, and in delivering an educational experience that helps students flourish and reach their God given potential. The School Board remains committed to upgrading and improving our facilities to meet the demands of a 21 Century learning environment. The new Performing Arts Centre, Primary Precinct development is a strong commitment to providing an innovative pedagogical experience. In a rapidly changing world our students will need to be flexible, communicate effectively, collaborate, be creative, motivate, build teams, problem solve, have high emotional intelligence and be independent if they are to excel as leaders of tomorrow.

**Farewell to the Graduating Class of 2016**

In Term 4 we recognised the achievements of the graduating class of 2016, for the completion of their schooling, and for their leadership and academic achievements. Yet embedded in all the celebration there were emotions of sadness as the Year 12 students concluded a significant chapter in their life.

As they travel the path from one year to the next I asked them to pause and appreciate the road they have travelled, reflect on their experiences and the insights they have gained of themselves from this year’s journey. I hope they take all the events, experiences, opportunities and the friendships they have gained at Blackfriars and allow them to be the driving force and source of immense support and inspiration to make a difference in the world.

Life itself is a gift, which offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more. This is our gift to God. As graduates they will grace the corridors of universities, registered training organisations and workplaces and will contribute to the local and global community in a myriad of ways. With them on their educational journey they will have the Dominican values, the knowledge, skills, authority and stature to change the world for the better. Most importantly they have a sense of service that will continue to inspire people in the future. As St Dominic sent the friars out to study and to preach, the school encourages them to go out into the world with compassion to engage in the quest for truth that leads to justice, peace and freedom.

Eleanor Roosevelt believed ‘The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.’ It was a great honour and privilege to be their Principal in 2016. They leave the School with my sincerest blessings and I encourage them to achieve great things, let go of their fears, take risks, challenge their thinking and find inspiration in God and the world around them. With faith, they will find, that God’s vision for their life is far greater than anything they could have imagined.

The path that they tread, like the path of St Dominic, is not going to be an easy one, there will be many thorns and ruts on the roadway. But they should be heartened in the knowledge that God is not just at the beginning and end of their journey but in every step along the road. May God bless them on the road that carries them through the journey of their life.

**His Grace, Archbishop Philip Wilson’s Visit**

It was also an honour and a privilege to have, His Grace, Archbishop Philip Wilson join us on Wednesday 2 November, during the 800 Year Jubilee of the Dominican Order. There are close ties between Archbishop Wilson and the Dominicans. Fr Robert Spence OP, the first Superior for the Friars in Australia, was the Third Archbishop of Adelaide, and it was another predecessor of Archbishop Wilson who first officially blessed Blackfriars Priory School in 1953, Archbishop Matthew Beovich.

In that year, 63 years ago, our school opened its doors and was entrusted with the education of young men, and in recent years they have been joined by girls in the Early Learning Centre. Together they join in the discoveries of human wisdom with the truth of the Gospel, to keep the faith alive in how they live their lives.

In this Jubilee year, we need to look to the future and to the world, to understand by this experience how we can serve in the
world and the Church today. As a Dominican Community in Adelaide we follow our Archbishop’s vision of and efforts towards renewal. A challenge that is echoed by Fr Bruno Cadoré, Master of the Dominican Order, in his call to engage with new cultures and new ways of life.

**Head Prefect and Deputy Head Prefect**

All students have the capacity to be a leader by modelling best behaviour, applying themselves diligently to their studies, interacting positively and respectfully with others and by engaging enthusiastically and proudly in all school activities. A position and title does not teach someone how to be a leader. Leadership is an attitude, cultivated over time and I hope as part of the Blackfriars Community our students become the servant leaders our society needs.

The roles of Head Prefect and Deputy Head Prefect are significant as the students not only need to uphold and promote the Dominican values and expectations of the school, but also contribute to the development of a strong school spirit through leadership and the development of inclusive relationships.

It is with great privilege that I announce the Head Prefect for 2017 is Joshua Santillana and the Deputy Head Prefect is Zachary Dalton. I congratulate Joshua and Zach on being elected by their peers to these leadership roles. They have been recognised for their personal leadership characteristics of intelligence, integrity, discipline, courage, self-sufficiency and confidence.

As Head Prefect and Deputy Head Prefect they will lead, motivate, influence and encourage an exceptional cohort of boys. As a community we congratulate these young men on their appointment and thank all the students who had the confidence and courage to apply. We are confident that the new Prefects will have what it takes to inspire the boys of our Dominican School in the year ahead, to set a very high standard and hold their course with courage. I very much look forward to working with each and every one of them in their new leadership roles, and remember that leadership is based on a spiritual quality; the power to inspire; the power to inspire others to lead. A spirit of leadership invites others to contribute their gifts and talents in order to find new ways. Together we all share the responsibility to shape our dreams and turn those dreams into reality. And that will surely mean learning new ways. So, the challenge for our new Prefects is to be more than just the inheritors of a tradition – they are called to be the creators of our culture, the inventors of traditions; the dreamers of new ways of living out our calling to be children of God.

To Joshua Santillana and Zachary Dalton, congratulations and I am confident that you, the Prefects, the House Captains, Vice Captains and Deputy Vice Captains will lead the school to excellence in 2017.

**2016 comes to an end**

As we finish one great year at school and look forward to another I want to say in closing that it has been a privilege as Acting Principal to serve the Blackfriars Priory School community this year. I look forward to an exciting 2017 with Mr Simon Cobiac our new Principal as we strive to define new levels of excellence for ourselves and our school community. We are part of a great school which has proudly provided a strong education for boys in the Dominican tradition for 63 years.

It has been an extremely busy year and I wish both staff and students a well-deserved break. When we review the year, everyone should be proud of their achievements whether it is in the classroom, on the sporting field, on stage, in service to our community or in achieving our own personal and professional goals. The numerous highlights this semester reflect the diversity of curriculum and co-curricular opportunities and are a reflection on the people who make up our wonderful community. The staff as a whole are committed and are the reason this year has been such a success. I am blessed to be working with such a wonderful and dynamic team.

We are privileged to be part of this 800 Year Dominican Story and while the celebrations are quickly coming to end, we will continue to keep the flame of St Dominic burning bright for future generations. St Dominic is bestowed as the ‘light of the Church,’ a man of immense integrity and humility and through his legacy, will continue to shine within each of us through our Christ-like engagement with the world.

Mrs Anna Miraggentis
Acting Principal
Primary Precint Upgrades

The re-development of the Primary Precinct Area in between the Primary Classrooms, the O’Hearn Block and the Frassati Hall will commence during the Term 4 holidays with the aim for completion prior to the beginning of Term 1 in 2017.

This exciting initiative will transform the current area into a learning space which focuses on developing a Reggio Emilia environment for the students and the staff whilst embracing the design principles embedded in the Four Pillars of the Dominican Tradition: Prayer, Study, Community and Service.

The design has a focus on natural play and materials that create unique outdoor spaces that promote social interaction and outdoor learning.

An indication of the Concept Plan for the area, which has been produced following feedback from staff, students and the wider community is pictured above.

Car Park Extension

A condition for the approval of the Early Learning Centre in 2013 was that the School increase the number of car parks by 15.

Plans for the extension were drawn up at that time as part of the Performing Arts/Gymnasium Project and are indicated below.

The contract for this project has been awarded with the work to commence in December 2016 for completion in January 2017.

Mr Gerard Leahy
Business Manager
Year 9 Challenged in the Flinders Ranges

The Flinders Ranges presented our Year 9 students with a range of challenges. If the cold weather in early August wasn’t challenge enough, the prospect of preparing and cooking their own meals on Trangia stoves and sleeping in tents also tested the boys’ resilience and outdoor skills. They then had the difficulty of having access to no technology for 4 days, which some say was their biggest challenge of all! Whilst away, our students participated in hiking, mountain bike riding, rock climbing and abseiling. They also had the opportunity to develop relationships with their peers and staff throughout the 4 day and 3 night adventure north. It was pleasing that so many students took the range of challenges on with a positive outlook and all returned to the comfort of their own beds with a sense of pride and achievement. Once again we had a number of dedicated staff who attended and supported our students. The Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventure team also provided support with the coordination of activities, meals and logistics.

Mr Brett Knowles
Director Student Wellbeing & Administration

What Doesn’t Kill You to Feature in the Fringe

The senior Drama production, ‘What Doesn’t Kill You’ by Sally Hardy was performed on 14 and 15 June and was a great success. This was a unique process where the play was written for the senior Drama class by award winning writer Sally Hardy and the students in the class contributed ideas to the characters involved and the plot development.

It was a play that explored the topical and relevant themes of masculinity, father-son relationships, the cycle of family violence and the phenomenon of adolescent risk taking among boys.

We approached the issue of domestic violence with sensitivity and supported the White Ribbon Foundation through establishing the performance as a White Ribbon charity event.

Excitingly next year the play will form part of the 2017 Adelaide Fringe festival. This is a highly acclaimed festival and noted for its professional standard of performance and art work, all over the world. This is a unique opportunity for the students to perform during the popular festival and to present their very many talents to the wider community.

Theatre Sports Tournament - OLSH and Blackfriars

Recently Blackfriars combined creative forces with OLSH senior Drama students to participate in a Theatre Sports Tournament. This was a fantastic evening featuring highly comic skills by Year 10, 11, 12 students from OLSH and Blackfriars who worked in combined teams, to produce unscripted Improvisational Skits.

Students from OLSH and Blackfriars have been rehearsing their improvisational skills during Term 3 and have learnt about the art of creating powerful, entertaining and engaging performances for a given audience.

A memorable highlight from the evening includes, Lorenzo Ravida’s (Year 10) new yoga position, ‘The Vertical Astronaut’ from the Puppets Skit. All participants had a wonderful time and the audience really enjoyed themselves on the night. The winning team, ‘Indecisive’ consisting of Year 10 Blackfriars Drama students Adam and Lorenzo and Year 11 OLSH students Tavleen and Jaiden, excelled on the night. Well done to all involved.

Mrs Rebecca Occhiuto-Hassam
Drama Teacher
In 2016 Blackfriars Priory School have embraced the implementation of an interdisciplinary STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) program, which offers students the chance to undertake broad, open-ended projects both within the curriculum and as co-curricular activities. This year, our students were successful in winning first place in four state-wide STEM competitions.

Blackfriars were excited to be part of the SA Robocup Junior in 2016 in their second appearance at this competition. The competition team members, selected from the school’s junior and senior Robotics Club, attended a full day at the Hindmarsh Education Development Centre where they competed against other schools from across the state in various categories of competition. Our boys participated in the soccer and rescue competitions, which entailed building and programming LEGO robots to compete in various challenges. Blackfriars was very successful, taking first place in both the junior and senior divisions of the soccer competition and third place in the rescue challenge.

Another exciting STEM initiative has been the close partnership developed with the not-for-profit organisation concept2creation. Concept2creation (C2C) seeks to encourage students to undertake careers in science and engineering. They achieve this by involving students in projects where a solution must be developed to a ‘real world’ problem. Links are then made with industry as the students have access to professionals in their fields of interest with whom they can discuss their various strategies and solutions.

Blackfriars were involved in both the C2C Drone and Senior Vehicle Challenges this year held at the Golden Grove Recreation Centre in October. Hundreds of students from 31 schools participated in the event. The Expo is the final stage of the year’s C2C projects and gives students the opportunity to showcase their innovations. Our boys were required to modify a drone to survey damage to power lines, and report back on their findings. Similarly, the boys involved in the Vehicle Challenge were required to redesign a Scalextric car so that it could be assembled, raced and disassembled as efficiently as possible. Both teams were required to produce interim and final technical reports during the year and design a visual display to be showcased at the C2C Expo. The drone boys were also required to present their project to a panel of judges in the form of an oral presentation. Blackfriars were successful against strong opposition from other schools in both competitions, winning first place in the Drone and the Senior Vehicle Challenges.

Miss Charlotte Berrill
Robotics Club/C2C Co-ordinator
When planning began in 2014 for the idea of a Blackfriars Exchange with Fenwick High School as part of the celebrations of the 800th Anniversary of the Dominican Order in 2016, we couldn’t have imagined how fantastic the experience would be for all involved.

33 days, 7 flights, a complete immersion into US High School life at our co-educational, Dominican sister school, Fenwick High School, several excursions to various cultural, sporting and recreational highlights in the greater Chicago area, a rigorous Water Polo training routine and above all the incredible generosity of the Fenwick host parents and indeed the entire Fenwick community. What a wonderful experience!

The seven Blackfriars Water Polo players from Year 9-11 who were fortunate enough to travel were all asked to write a daily journal of their experience whilst attending classes shadowing their Fenwick host brothers. Quotes from the boys’ journals such as, “the school was amazing”, “this trip is the best thing I have done in my life” and “the experience and friends I got from coming on this trip will stay with me forever” typify the feelings of the boys who travelled. Our boys as a group were fantastic. In some ways it was a holiday but in many others it was a demanding schedule that tested their resolve, patience and ability to appropriately represent their school and their families 24/7.

Just 19 days after our group returned from Chicago, it was the turn of the Blackfriars community to reciprocate the hospitality of our Dominican brothers from Fenwick High School. A party of seven students and two staff arrived on 13 June and were with us for three weeks. The Fenwick boys shadowed our boys at school but were also able to engage in various sightseeing activities in and around Adelaide and South Australia.

Having been very generously hosted by our Fenwick counterparts for four weeks in May, the Blackfriars community was able to reciprocate their generosity. The song *I’ve been everywhere man* comes to mind when considering the activities pursued by the Fenwick boys during their time at Blackfriars.

Experiences included: Meeting the Principal for a Flag Raising Ceremony, Mass at Rosary Church, NAFC Football game as guests of City of Prospect, Par 3 golf at North Adelaide, attending classes with their Blackfriars host brothers, shopping excursion in Rundle Mall, Adelaide Oval roof climb, visit to Mt Lofty Summit, attending a Crows closed training session and meeting the players and Adelaide Oval tour, surfing lesson at Middleton Beach, excursions to Cleland Wildlife Park and the Beachhouse at Glenelg, watching the Crows vs North Melbourne at Adelaide Oval, Mass at St Laurence’s Church, pie tasting lunch courtesy of Bakery on O’Connell, training with SA State Water Polo squad at Marion x 10 sessions, Blackfriars Tuesday morning swimming x 3 sessions, assisting with coaching at Vikings Water Polo Club, x 3 sessions. Some also did the following with their hosts: day trip to Broken Hill, overnight visit to Kangaroo Island, day trip to the Riverland.
In closing I would like to thank both the Fenwick and Blackfriars school communities for welcoming our international visitors. A particular thank you to all host families for your care and generosity and lastly, a big thank you to the Perry family in Chicago. Your collective enthusiasm and effort have kept the legacy of Coach Dave Perry alive since this international exchange partnership began in 1992.

The email I received from Mr and Mrs Hoban, Fenwick parents, is a wonderful expression of thanks to our community. ‘We are so happy to have Matt home! He was talking nonstop all last night which is unusual for a boy of few words typically. His time in Australia was life changing even though I am not sure he realizes it yet. This exchange was such a wonderful experience for our entire family. We have Blackfriars to thank for much of that. Your care and planning is so appreciated. Thank you for arranging so many special outings for their time in Adelaide. Take care and stay in touch.’” Mike and Karen Hoban

Mr Jon Harmer
Community Relations Officer

Formalising the Relationship Between Fenwick and Blackfriars

A very significant part of the exchange visits was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by acting Principal of Blackfriars, Mrs Mirasagentis and President of Fenwick, Father Richard Peddicord. The MOU states its intention ‘to formally acknowledge a sister School relationship between Blackfriars and Fenwick with the intent of continuing points of contact from this day forward. This relationship is undertaken to promote mutual understanding between our uniquely Dominican schools.’ It is the intention to offer further exchanges between Blackfriars and Fenwick on a biennial basis.
As the jubilee for the 800 years of the Dominican Order draws to a close we reflect on two significant events in semester 2; the 800 Year Dinner and Community Mass and Carols.

The 800 Year Dinner was an outstanding evening and brought together generations of Blackfriars old scholars, parents, staff and friends. The evening was held at Donato Reception Centre where plenty of food, drinks and stories were shared. Prior Provincial Fr Kevin Saunders OP addressed us and shared his thoughts on the Blackfriars story in light of the 800 years of the Dominican Order. The evening showcased the Blackfriars historical video which was gifted to the Dominicans by Mrs Anna Mirasgentis. Old Scholar and Board Chair Mr David O’Loughlin reflected on Blackfriars from his perspectives as student, parent and Chair. The highlight for the evening was the fundraising auction which saw Renato Sanzo walk away with enough chocolate to last him for the next 800 years! A Blackfriars event would not be possible without BB who gave up watching his beloved Hawks to be with his more beloved Blackfriars.

Special thanks to the organising committee for making the evening such an outstanding success.

It is hard to believe that another school year has drawn to a close, as too the celebrations of the 800th year of the Dominican Order. The end of the year provides us with the opportunity to stop and reflect on life and readjust our ‘life compass’ to ensure we are moving in a positive, Christ centric direction. We are approaching the commercial chaos of Christmas and as a Catholic school we are charged to remind our community of the true message of Christmas. The joyful birth of Jesus awakens in us the importance of God, family, celebration, forgiveness and compassion in our lives.

Blackfriars celebrated the Christmas season and giving thanks for 2016 and the Dominican Jubilee through a Community Mass and Carols evening, on Monday 28 of November. The event was for all students, parents, friends and staff of Blackfriars.

The evening commenced with a Mass of thanksgiving in the Neill Gymnasium celebrated by our Chaplain Fr Karl Emerick OP, followed by carols performed by our talented music students on the front lawns. Money raised on the evening went to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Special thanks to all the staff and students who assisted on the night. We hope to see more old scholars there in 2017.

Mr David Ruggiero
Assistant Principal, Religious Identity & Mission

James Gill and Danny Caiazza during the live auction of the 2015 Adelaide United guernsey.

Mrs Anna Mirasgentis and Fr Kevin Saunders cut the cake with L–R: Fr Anthony Van Dyke OP; Fr Peter Galvin OP; Fr Ben Hensley OP; Fr David Halstead OP; Br Brendan O’Hearn OP; Fr Karl Emerick OP; David O’Loughlin.

Past parents Carmel Rolevink, Lydia Newland, Sue Nelson and David Nelson.

Old scholars from the class of 1992 Francisco Lacar, Dharmesh Raman, David Ruggiero and Greste Farrugia.

Current parents Virginia and Andrew Zajaczkowski.

Br Brendan O’Hearn Helen OP with past parents Helen and Michael Kane.

John Berryman, Emily Upton, Angelisa Marino, Michael Parella and Corey Leditschke.

Current parents Allena and Lee Bishop.

Old scholars from the class of 1992 Francisco Lacar, Dharmesh Raman, David Ruggiero and Greste Farrugia.

Former staff members Michael Flaherty, Rene Schinkel and Royce Davey with current staff member Chris Packer.
The Blackfriars vs Christian Brothers College (CBC) Intercol occurred during Week 5 of Term 3 and concluded winter co-curricular sports for another year. During this week long event, students competed in a variety of co-curricular activities. Students competed for six major trophies which count towards the overall Intercol Championship: Senior Chess, Senior Debating, First XI Soccer, Senior A Table Tennis, Senior A Basketball and First XVIII Football. The sportsmanship and discipline shown by students on the field was exceptional. All games were played in good spirit, competitive and entertaining to watch.

The Intercol commenced on Monday 22 August with Senior Chess, Senior Debating and Middle Debating. The Senior Chess team was locked at 2-2 and came down to the final game. The audience were in complete silence as they watched and analysed every move made by both players. Daanyaal Shakooredeen maintained his concentration and was victorious with a checkmate leading Blackfriars to a 3-2 win. Congratulations to all team members - Daanyaal Shakooredeen, Zachary Dalton, Minh Trung Nguyen, Anthony Yu and Kenyi Simbor. Blackfriars earned an early 1 – 0 lead for the Intercol Championship.

The Senior Debating team convincingly won their debate 3 – 0 on the topic 'That tertiary education should be free'. Blackfriars were the negative team. The boys were strong in their arguments, composed and talked with passion and confidence. Congratulations to Daniel, Khuong Nguyen, Zachary Dalton and Connor Watson. Well done also to Joshua Wightman for timekeeping and helping the team prepare for the debate. This made it 2 – 0 for the Intercol Championship!

The Middle Debating team also convincingly won their debate 3 – 0 on the topic 'That voting should be voluntary'. Blackfriars were the negative team. The boys were strong in their arguments, composed and talked with passion and confidence. Congratulations to Haydn Black, Francesco Freda and Frank Snelling. Well done to Franco Fratini as Chairperson and to coach and old scholar William Thomas.

The First XI Soccer team played CBC under lights at Cane Reserve. In an entertaining and competitive match, Blackfriars won 3 – 0 with Mark Sison scoring two goals and Kenyi Simbor scoring one. Congratulations to Mark Sison who was awarded Best on Ground. This made it 3 – 0 for the Intercol Championship!

The Middle A, B and C Basketball teams played in the Blackfriars Gym. CBC were tough and very competitive. Blackfriars went down in all three games.

The Senior A Table Tennis played CBC in a highly anticipated match. It went down to the very last match where Phi Nguyen played exceptionally well to defeat his opponent under pressure. It was a very tense finish and exciting to watch. Blackfriars won 11 – 9. Congratulations to Triet Le, Jason Lim, Bruce Le, Kenny Cao, Bill Duong, Tony Dinh, Phoenix Ho and Phi Nguyen. Blackfriars now claimed a 4 – 0 lead in the Intercol Championship!

On Saturday 27 August, all teams competed in Basketball, Soccer and Football. The Senior A Basketball team had a tough match against CBC. The first quarter was close but Blackfriars were unable to keep up with CBC’s accurate shooting and court play. Blackfriars went down 25 – 44. Congratulations to Josh Santillana who was awarded Most Valuable Player.

The Senior A Soccer team achieved a hard fought 2 – 1 win against a strong CBC team. Blackfriars went 1 – 0 up early after an excellent bit of play. Both teams had chances to score but it was CBC who made it count near the end scoring an equaliser. Blackfriars came together with positive encouragement, determination and the will to win. After constant pressure on the CBC defence, James Neate scored the well-deserved winner late in the game. Blackfriars held off countless attacking plays at the end from CBC to win the match 2 – 1.

The First XVIII Football team were determined from the start to bring home another trophy. The game was exciting to watch with both teams displaying excellent skill and executing tactics with precision. In a tense finish, Blackfriars won by one point! The final score was 8.9 (57) – 8.8 (56). Congratulations to the team and Captain Jay O’Leary on a well-deserved win. Well done to Angus Ralph who was awarded Best on Ground.

The Blackfriars vs CBC Intercol is major event and one that all Blackfriars students look forward to and remember. Thank you to the staff, coaches, managers, BOSFC, BOSASFC, Prospect District Cricket Club and the many volunteers that made this Intercol a success.

Senior Squash
Congratulations to the Senior Squash team on winning their Grand Final on Friday 26 August. Blackfriars defeated PAC 3(8) – 1 (4). The team consisted of Charlie Dubois, Blake Sanders, Jack Sellars, Leon Day and Marcus Caporaso. Congratulations also to coach and manager Mr Blair Wimshurst.

Winter Co-Curricular Sport Best and Fairest Trophy Winners – Senior A Teams
Congratulations to the following students who showed exceptional sporting talent and performed consistently well throughout the year for their team.

First VIII Football Best and Fairest – Jay O’Leary
First XI Soccer Joe Mullen Best and Fairest – Kenyi Simbor
Senior A Basketball Best and Fairest – Josh Santillana
Senior A Table Tennis Best and Fairest – Phi Nguyen
Senior A Squash Best and Fairest – Blake Sanders

Mr Michael Parrella
Secondary Co-Curricular Coordinator

Intercol Trophy Results Summary

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Blackfriars reclaimed the Intercol Championship Trophy for 2016 winning 5-1!
Senior A Squash Division 2 champions.

First XI Soccer medal winner Mark Sison.

First XVIII Football Intercol Trophy Winners.

Callum Flanagan and Boyd Woodcock proudly displaying the Intercol silverware.

Senior Chess winners.

Senior Debating Intercol Winners.

First XI Soccer team after defeating CBC in the Intercol with coaches Tarek Elrich and Ernie Luongo.
The school is again fortunate to have engaged another talented Adelaide United A-League Soccer player, Mr Tarek Elrich. Tarek is a professional Australian footballer born and raised in Western Sydney. Tarek is bilingual speaking both English and Arabic fluently and is of Lebanese descent. Tarek debuted his football career at the age of 16, playing for Sydney Olympic in the National Soccer League (NSL) and then moving to play for A-league clubs Newcastle Jets (2006-2012), Western Sydney Wanderers (2012-2013) and Adelaide United (2013-present). His passion for football combined with his professionalism has made Tarek an asset to widespread communities. He has participated in mentoring aspiring youths and has undertaken coaching roles with local juniors in Adelaide and Sydney.

Tarek participated in under 20s young Socceroos, playing 12 games and in 2008 he assisted in the qualifications for the under 23s Olyroos team into the Beijing Olympics. In 2015 he made his senior international debut for the Socceroos in the World Cup qualifiers and has played in three games, starting in all three. Tarek is currently in the leadership group as one of the vice-captains of Adelaide United.

We welcome Mr Tarek Elrich to our community and we look forward to working with him as part of our Soccer Academy Program.

In addition to signing Tarek as our ambassador for Blackfriars Priory School, we have a team of coaches who have an extensive amount of senior and junior soccer coaching experience.

- Robert Matesovic - Senior coach - NPL League -Raiders Soccer Club. Representation at state teams and Adelaide United Youth Assistant coaching. Currently coaching our Year 9s Soccer assisting First XI.
- Latham Byfield - Assistant - Sports Science and Conditioning Coach at Adelaide United, coaching Year 8 levels.
- Ernie Luongo – Specialist Soccer Coach - Coached at Senior / Junior levels - played at National Soccer League level (First XI)

Enquiries relating to the Specialist Soccer Program can be directed to the Program Coordinator, Mr Ernie Luongo via email: eluongo@bps.sa.edu.au
Blackfriars Annual Concert 2016

On Thursday 8 September our community joined together for our 2016 Blackfriars Annual Concert at the Woodville Town Hall. The evening was filled with a wonderful energy and community spirit, where our students performed an entertaining repertoire. The event was a great success, instilled within the Blackfriars community. It was a true joy to see the smiling faces and sense of pride our students demonstrated on stage.

ABODA

Blackfriars was represented in five sections at the 2016 Annual Australian Band and Orchestra Director’s Association festival. Schools from across the state compete in the festival and it is a wonderful opportunity to gain feedback and for our students to learn a challenging repertoire.

For three months, Blackfriars collaborated with St Mary’s and Cabra to form a Combined Dominican Orchestra in celebrating the 800 years of the Dominicans. On Wednesday 24 August over 100 students from the three schools took to the stage and performed Andrew Boysen’s Symphony Number 4. We were absolutely thrilled when it was announced that the Orchestra received a Gold award. All of the students performed with much professionalism and represented their schools with pride.

On Thursday 25 August Concert Band One performed and achieved a Silver award in a very energetic performance. On the Friday morning, Concert Band 3, which is made up of students from Years 3-8 performed and was also awarded a Silver.

Friday afternoon Stage Band Two performed in their inaugural ABODA Festival and received a Gold award, which is an outstanding accomplishment.

This is a true credit to the new ensemble and also their Director Mr Charli Holoubek. Friday evening Stage Band One performed and received a Silver award, along with some very positive comments and feedback.

Overall, Blackfriars was greatly represented and it is a true credit to the dedication and work of our students. I would like to sincerely thank Mr Charli Holoubek and all who were involved for their efforts in the organisation of the event.

Catholic School’s Music Festival

Throughout this week we had a large representation of students perform and showcase their talents. On Monday 26 September the Year 6/7 choir directed by Mrs Libby Hunter formed part of the Festival Choir. The learning journey of this experience was evident through their performance and pride.

Stage Band One directed by Mr Charli Holoubek concluded the support acts on Monday evening. Our students were a true highlight of the evening, playing a very energetic and technically challenging Rompe Cabeza. The positive and passionate approach that this group of students demonstrate in each performance was observed by many members of the Catholic Schools Community and they are to be congratulated on the standard in which they represent our school.

The Baritone students performed each evening alongside the Festival Choir. They worked collaboratively with other students from Cabra College, CBC, Nazareth and St Michael’s College. The friendships and camaraderie formed throughout the week truly highlight the values of our school. I would also like to acknowledge Declan Fitch-Woolford and Silas Koo who performed as part of the brass group.

Stage Band Two, The Big Band Theory, Harmonics and Soundbenders ensembles were also outstanding in their performances in the Piano Bar on Monday evening. Thank you to all students who participated in the evening, your efforts are truly appreciated. Thank you to all of the parents who continue to support their sons and the joy and journey which music provides. Finally I would like to thank Mrs Libby Hunter, Mr Charli Holoubek and Miss Marie Wohling for the preparation of their respective ensembles. Overall, we have had a very successful last couple of months where our students have had some wonderful opportunities to shine and demonstrate not only their performance abilities but their passions.

Miss Jessica Reppucci
Music Coordinator
The Primary School have as always been extremely busy during the second half of this year. As I am writing this article you forget how many wonderful experiences and opportunities our students participate in over the school year.

In Week 6 of Term 2 the whole Primary School community came together to celebrate all the wonderful musicians and artists we have in the Primary School. All of the classes had some of their art on display for parents to have a look at before or after all of the classes, different choirs and various ensembles performed.

The end of Term 2 also saw the Primary School hold their very first dance concert. All of the primary classes were taught a different dance style from around the world, and as a Primary School we took a tour of these dance styles. It was great to see so many parents and friends come along and support their son in this fantastic opportunity. Dance is now part of the Australian Curriculum and it is expected that all children will be given the opportunity to participate in these lessons.

Another part of the curriculum is Health, and we had a visit from Mr Richard Rowland who runs the educational company of FYI Health and Safety Education. All of the classes had the opportunity to attend one of the many sessions that he runs in an inflatable classroom. While the boys participate in interactive quizzes related to a particular topic the teacher gets to sit in the massage chair.

All of the classes from ELC to Year 6 had a visit from the Holden Hill Police to talk about their role in the community. The boys all really loved the final part of the talk where they got to press the siren and light buttons. Not sure the Senior School appreciated the surprise they all got, and thought that something drastic was taking place on school grounds.

In August we all came together to celebrate the Feast Day of St Dominic. All of the Primary classes completed different activities after coming together to celebrate Mass. The Reception students completed a collage of St Dominic, the Year 1 students made stain glass windows, the Year 2 students made some craft and had a quiz about St Dominic, the Year 3 and 4 classes completed a race around the school and all of the Year 5 and 6 classes walked to St Laurence’s for a tour of the inside of the church, led by Fr Alex Vickers OP. Luckily for the captains of the Spence team, they were able to get up and personal with some of Father Spence’s relics that are in the Friars residence.

To tie in with Science Week in Term 3 we had planned for a night of Star Gazing with the South Australian Astronomical Society. Unfortunately, due to the poor weather we had to cancel this event twice but we were fortunate that they were able to fit us in the following week, and it was a beautiful clear night sky, perfect for looking at the different planets and star constellations.

Another celebration that is becoming very popular in the Primary School, is our Grandfriends morning. We had a fantastic number of grandfriends that came to see what the boys do at school, and they had the opportunity to see all of the boys perform something they had prepared in class. They then had a shared morning tea and were able to see what their grandchildren have been doing in the classes.

Throughout Terms 2 and 3 some boys in the Primary School chose to complete the ICAS test papers. They could choose from the Digital Technologies, Science, English, Spelling, Writing or Mathematics test. The results from these tests have been very pleasing and the number of students who choose to complete these tests have also increased, giving the boys the opportunity to sit a variety of different tests.

Excursions that have recently taken place involved the Year 1 boys going to the Adelaide Zoo, the Year 4s had their first overnight camp at the Adelaide Zoo Snooze and the Year 5 and 6 students all did a walking tour around the Prospect area looking at the street art, as inspiration for their task in Art for Semester 2. We finished off the term, with the Reception to Year 2 classes participating in their annual swimming lessons.

Mrs Alison Ronoastro
Primary Curriculum Coordinator
Nagi Moukachar, Vinnie Pinneri, Keyan Ashna, Alistair Crowe trying on police hats at the SAPOL visit. Below: SAPOL presentation to Primary and ELC students.

Above: Primary dance concert. Below: Lambros Choimes in the Year 1 performance.

Declan Hillman and his grandfather on Grandfriends Day.

Max Sampson with his grandparents on Grandfriends Day.

Christian Valentincic with family on Grandfriends Day.

Thomas Snelling with grandparents John Snelling and Cathie Oswald.

Above: Lucas and Alex Semcesen with their dad Adrian at the Father’s Day liturgy and morning tea.

Henry Kemp with his dad Nicholas at the Father’s Day liturgy and morning tea.
Celebrating Community on Community Day

A big crowd enjoyed the sunshine at the BPS Community Day on Sunday 6 November.

It was a lovely showcase of our fabulous community spirit at Blackfriars. Our Vietnamese Parents group worked very hard in the lead up and on the day, providing a variety of dishes. Our Music students did a wonderful job performing throughout the day. Thank you also to all the parents who baked cakes for the cake stall. There were a variety of stalls which were all staffed by volunteers. We are very grateful for the time and energy given by all our volunteers to support the event. The money raised on the day will be directed to the Parents and Friends. The group have been fundraising this year to purchase a new BBQ trailer for use at future community events.

Rachel Elgar
Marketing & Communications Officer
A big thank you to those members of the school community who attended the Blackfriars Priory School Foundation Wine & Cheese Night. Past and present staff, parents, friends and old scholars gathered for a night of socialising whilst being treated to a selection of fine wines and a sumptuous supper courtesy of the various businesses listed.

The collective generosity of our sponsors and those who attended assisted greatly in raising approximately $3,000 for the Blackfriars Foundation, which subsequently supports the financing and completion of capital projects within the school.

Thank you once again to all of our sponsors. Please support these supporters of Blackfriars!

Mr Jon Harmer
Community Relations Officer

**Blackfriars Foundation Wine & Cheese Night**

Parents, staff and old scholars enjoying the supper at the Wine & Cheese Night.

Former staff members Andrew and Fiona Wald with David O’Loughlin, auctioneer extraordinaire and Chair of the Board.

Above: MC, Mr Jon Harmer, thanks sponsors on the night.

The mystery tasting, six disguised bottles about to be uncovered to reveal their true contents.

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Mr Jon Harmer and David O’Loughlin during the wine auction.
The above photo was taken circa 1957 of a ‘dropcentre’ electric tram on King William Road outside Adelaide Oval, with some Blackfriars boys in blazers and their Cambridge blue caps, standing in the gangway.

The photo was taken from the western side of King William Road on the corner of Oval Road, which later became Victor Richardson Road, but which now no longer exists. Oval Road was used for tram parking during events, and was just north of War Memorial Drive. Behind the tram in the distance is Sir Edwin Smith Avenue. To the right of the tram is a tram stop pole and a clock, at which the tram motorman had to register before departing, to stop trams running early. The motorman on this tram seems to be about the “punch” the clock, as the action was known.

The tram was going from Enfield (Main North Road) to Colonel Light Gardens (Goodwood Road). Trams serving Blackfriars also went from Prospect (via Prospect Road) to Mitcham (via Unley Road). Most Blackfriars boys (who didn’t walk or ride) used the Prospect Road trams, but some used to walk through to Main North Road via Thorngate Street if they were travelling to Enfield or through the City to Goodwood Road. Hence the Blackfriars boys on a tram from Main North Road in the photo.

I wonder whether it was a Saturday morning as it was unusual for boys to wear blazers on normal school days at that time. They might have been travelling home from Saturday morning sport (or detention) or they might have been on their way to sport in another suburb. In those days school students used to use public transport (without supervision) to travel to all sorts of places - they weren’t driven around like they are today! I travelled through the city by bus and tram from the age of 8, and on occasion rode my bike through the city from the southern suburbs. In all my time at Blackfriars only one boy drove a car to school - Kevin O’Leary.

Trams stopped running on Main North Road on 8 December 1957 and on Prospect Road on 20 July 1958, so this photo would have been taken before the end of 1957.

It is interesting to note that in the early 1950s there were about 300 trams and 23 different tram lines. Now we have 23 trams and one tramline, and the government is proposing about five new tramlines, including one along Prospect Road, so Blackfriars will again be served by trams.

Tom Wilson (1964)
Paul Pattison (1980)

Upon graduating from Blackfriars in 1980, I studied English language and literature at the University of Adelaide for six years. I also played cricket for the university, winning the A Grade bowling award twice. I was also lucky enough to play some representative cricket for the state during this period. Upon graduation from the university, I was employed to teach secondary English at BPS from 1986-2008. I was also fortunate to play in an A grade premiership at the East Torrens District Cricket Club.

In 2008, I left my employment at BPS to take up a position as Head of English at an international school in Dubai. From there I relocated to Cambridgeshire in the United Kingdom to administer English departments and teach secondary English. I returned to Adelaide in 2013 to teach English and coach cricket at Saint Ignatius College in Athelstone. In 2014, I returned to Cambridge to study for a Master’s Degree in English literature and creative writing. In September of 2015 I graduated from my MA with first class honours. I have subsequently commenced my PhD doctoral thesis in creative writing at Cambridge ARU (having been awarded a scholarship) and am writing a neo-Victorian novel as part of that project. I still teach English part-time, play pub cricket, follow Manchester City (also in pubs), and keep an eye on how the Crows are faring.

A lot of my memories as a Blackfriars student stem from my many great teachers from 1974-1980. I will always remember my English teacher, Mr George Rice, who significantly influenced the direction of my life, Dr Paul Hine as a history teacher, Mr Jon Harmer and Mr Daryl Moss from the PE department, Mr Chris Packer as HOD Mathematics, and of course, the visionary and inspirational Dominican Principal, Fr John Neill, and so many of my school mates and friends.

From my teaching days, I will always remember so many polite and well-mannered students who were such a pleasure to teach, and my good teacher friends, Warren Jones, William Zytunik, Charli Holoubek, Richard Noone, Marie O’Callaghan, Phil Alderson, Jane Hines, Peter Sage and Bob Becker.

On a personal note, I will always remember capturing the 1st XI cricket team and being awarded the English prize in 1980: two incredibly formative experiences for me. Blackfriars will always hold a treasured position in my heart as a warm, caring and spiritually edifying environment in which I was able to fulfil my potential academically, personally and spiritually.

Brad Eiffe (1983)

I graduated from Blackfriars in 1983. I studied part time at the University of South Australia, while working full time with Onkaparinga Woollen Mills in Human Resources, graduating with a Bachelor of Business majoring in Labour Relations.

I married Jackie (also from Adelaide) in 1994 and we have two wonderful daughters, Hannah and Jess who are both studying at an international school in Dubai.

In my career I moved to Melbourne and then to Sydney for career opportunities gaining experience in multi-national companies. In 2012 we decided to move to the Middle East and are now living in Dubai. I am currently Group Vice President Human Resources for Al Ghurair Investment (www.al-ghurair.com/en/) a privately owned, diverse industrial group with in excess of 6,000 employees.

We plan to return to Australia at some stage but for now we are happy in Dubai.

I started at Blacks in Year 5 and have many great memories, many great teachers and some wonderful friends. Apart from helping me get into university, I am most grateful to Blacks for the friends I forge lifelong relationships with. The three groomsmen in our wedding were all my class mates and we are still best friends today.
Matt Sanford (2011)

Matthew Sanford (2011) working in the interests of all levels of Football!

Previously involved with the Port Magpies and visiting AFL teams Matt Sanford is now involved with dual Women’s Premiership winning club Morphettville Park and the state Women’s League side. He recently also took on the role of trainer for the curtain raiser before the Showdown at Adelaide Oval. From that game the Adelaide Crows will select the first AFL Women’s team to play in an National AFL competition.

Matt also continues to play Div 5 R for BOSFC and also is renowned for his famous souvlaki BBQs on game days.

Keep up the good work Matt!

Vallelonga’s + 1 = Red Hen Gin

Michael (1996), Daniel (1998), Anthony Vallelonga (2000) and Luke Page (1996) have started Adelaide’s first CBD-based gin distillery. The last two years have been spent fine tuning the flavour and now Red Hen Gin has hit the shelves of Adelaide bars and bottle shops. The name Red Hen is a reference to the Redhen Railcars that the boys caught to school each day. Along the way, the boys have also received help from other old scholars; Tim Smedley (1996), who designed the website and Joe Casar (1996), whose ad agency Svelte Studios has helped with the branding.

We wish them good luck on their new commercial venture.

Travis Hillman (2000)

Last man standing - 10 years on.

BOSFC stalwart Travis Hillman was the last member of the club’s inaugural premiership team of 2006 to still be playing in 2016. Trav warms up for his game in front of the marquee in which his former team mates were about to celebrate their premiership anniversary.

Paul Page (1986)

BOSFC stalwart Paul Page (1986) attended the 10th anniversary game at St Dominic’s oval with sons Hudson and Lincoln. Paul was a Vice President, sponsorship coordinator, time keeper, goal umpire etc etc, in the formative years of BOS Football Club.
2016 has been a big year for the Blackfriars Old Scholars Football Club in more ways than one, both on and off the field. The club continues to be a dominant force in the middle ranks of Amateur league, consolidating itself once again to be in the top echelon of A5. The club was unfortunately beaten in its second finals appearance in 2016, thus remaining in A5 for 2017. Another on field highlight for 2016 was the success in the numbers and performance of the “Hounds” B grade team. The boys tasted success far more often this year which makes prospects for 2017 very exciting.

This year was also very notable for BOSFC off field with celebrations surrounding the clubs 10th anniversary in 2016 proving to be very popular. A combined Ladies Day and 10 Year Reunion for the Premiership team of 2006 in the clubs inaugural season, saw many familiar faces return to the club. The crowning social event for 2016 was the clubs 10 year Anniversary dinner at which the club unveiled the Team of The Decade and celebrated 3 Premierships in 10 years. Notably the high percentage of Blackfriars old scholars within the club’s rank if evident in the fact that 21 of the 26 inductees to the team of the decade are old scholars of Blackfriras.

With an increasing number of Yr 12 graduates from “Blacks” on board and the continuation of coach Aleks Bojanic’s involvement as A Grade coach, 2017 bodes well for BOSFC. Remember new players from the Blackfriars school community and from outside are very welcome. Go Hounds!

Mr Jon Harmer

Blackfriars Old Scholars Football Club

BOSFC Team of the Decade 2006-2015

Forwards: Lee Swiderski [’90], Hugh Millikan, Travis Hillman [’00].
Half forwards: Luke Bortolotti [’07], Rob Parish [’06], Andrew Demasi [’00].
Centre: Dylan Lee, Paul Rugari [’90], Brad Hillman [’04].
Half backs: Luke Murphy, Ben Battams [’96], Sam Murphy
Backs: Alex Dellemalva [’06], Dan McKenna, Adam Staruchowicz [’06].
Rucks: Matt Brincat [’06], Sam Horsell [’06], Michael Spry.
Interchange: Michael Iuliano [’06], Phuoc Vo [’09], Michael Glen-Holmes [’98], Patrick Harmer [’05]
Coach: John Belton [’85]
Captain: Matt Brincat [’06]
Old Scholars

Old Scholars Reunions

The Blackfriars reunion program entered its fourth year in 2016 and in the latter half of the year it was the turn of the classes of 1996 (20 years), 1986 (30 years), 1976 (40 years), and finally the elder statesmen from 63/64/65 – 50 years plus to gather in numbers. All with the common point of contact being their time at Blackfriars. The awareness of the reunion program is growing, with the numbers attending increasing for each reunion. One thing has remained constant; the unbridled enthusiasm when old mates who havn’t seen each other in 10/20/30/40/50 plus years catch up over drinks and nibbles in the school staff room for the first time.

A particular thank you to Br Brendan who continues, after 30 or more reunions to support these nights with his very popular dry humour and unquestioned knowledge about the school’s history. Thank you Brother!

Mr Jon Harmer
Community Relations Officer

40 Year Reunion

In 1976 The Therry Dramatic Society invited Catholic Secondary Schools to perform a one-act play in front of a live audience.

Blackfriars Year 12 students were eager to participate selecting Eugene O’Neil’s rather dark and bleak play In the Zone which takes place at the outbreak of World War One. The actors are aboard an ammunitions-carrying vessel where a sense of paranoia around one of the shipmates being a German spy builds to a dramatic climax. Blackfriars were invited to the Grand final and won the competition!

Right: Old scholars (L-R): Anthony Harford, Brendan Godfrey, David Kelly, Michael Horvat and Richard Milne reminisced about the play 40 years later at the Class of 77 reunion. Richard is holding a copy of the 1977 Blackfriars yearbook which refers to their Thespian success.

Right below: Members of the Class of 77, with former classmates from St Dominic’s gather for a meal at the Wellington Hotel.

Below: Br Brendan O’Hearn OP gives a tour of the “new” Blackfriars Chapel, which of course was purchased 20 plus years after the Class of 1977 graduated.
20 Year Reunion

The Class of 96 proudly assemble in very good numbers at their 20 year reunion at the Wellington Hotel.

Prefects one and all. Nine student leaders from 1996 reunite at the reunion.

Reunion organisers Van Nguyen and Luke Page did a great job rallying the troops from the Class of 1996.

Old mates Andrew ‘Izza’ Pannazolo and Mark Demasi catch up on old times.
The Class of 63 and 64 reunited for the second time in two years recently with a lunch at the Caledonian Hotel, MCd by Peter Sich. The 63/64 boys have been amazing in their efforts to spread the net far and wide to make contact with their old classmates. Under the guidance of Paul Varsanyi from Canberra they have this year absorbed the graduates of 65. An item Paul placed in the Sunday Mail led to the location of missing boys, including Wayne Johnston, Wayne Lewis, John Booth, Les Kotowski, George Mrotek, Ted Samojlowicz and Maurice O’Brien. Remembered with a minute’s silence were Steve Popaduk and John Thilthorpe, who had passed away since the reunion of 2014.

A highlight of the reunion was the viewing of two digitally remastered Super 8 films produced by Paul Varsanyi in 1964 entitled ‘Dr Ben Dare’ and ‘All in a Day’s Work’, the latter an eight minute treatment of the fall of the Roman Empire. Several of the cast, including Michael Venning, Ed Raman and Richard Giles were in attendance at the reunion.

Paul is pictured right giving commentary of the films, much to the amusement of his former school mates in attendance.

Footballers from the Class of 1986 gather together for a reunion picture. Not to be outdone the Soccer players from the Class of 1986 gather in a far more relaxed pose.

They came from far and wide (L–R): Mathew Voon, Mark Baxter and Stephen Boddington came from Hong Kong, London and Hong Kong respectively for the reunion.

The meal is finished and the stories begin! The Class of 1986 gathered in excellent numbers despite the 30 year gap since graduation.

63/64/65 Year Reunion

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Old Scholar Weddings

Stephen Dearman ('02) married Bettina Manuele on 20 February 2016 at the Sacred Heart College Chapel, followed by a reception at the Adelaide Town Hall. The couple travelled to Europe for 8 weeks for their honeymoon. Congratulations to Stephen and Bettina!

Lukas Antoniadis ('05) and Louise Paparella were married at Sunnybrae Estate on 9 January 2016 surrounded by close friends and family. The couple then spent their honeymoon exploring both Islands of New Zealand for two and a half weeks. Lukas and Louise are teachers at St Catherine’s Stirling and Pultney Grammar School respectively. Congratulations to Lukas and Louise!

Mark Dearman ('00) married Kerri Morton on 18 June 2016 at St Andrew’s Church Walkerville, followed by a reception at the Police Club Adelaide. Congratulations to Mark and Kerri!

Andrew Bernath ('99) married Sarah Howley, St Dominics ('04) on 15 October 2016 at Cardinal Ceretti Chapel, Manly followed by a reception at, Jonah’s on Whale Beach NSW. The couple honeymooned at Bora Bora in the Tahitian Islands. The wedding party consisted of five Blackfriars old scholars and two schoolmates of Sarah’s from St Dominic’s. Pictured above are Andrew Bernath ('99), Oliver Markota ('99), Robert Bernath ('01), Luca Luchesi ('99), Rhys Peters, Tom Whiting holding Sarah Howley. Congratulations to Andrew and Sarah!
2017 Event Calendar
Save the Dates

Open Day, Tuesday 28 March
Visit: www.bps.sa.edu.au

Blackfriars Business Lunch (Pre Crows vs Power Showdown) Friday 24 March 2017

2017 Blackfriars Old Scholar Reunions are being organised for the following dates. Please contact Jon Harmer on 8169 3936 or via email jharmer@bps.sa.edu.au for more information.

**Class of 2016, 1 Year Reunion** – Monday 13 February 2017 Contact Jon Harmer on jharmer@bps.sa.edu.au

**Class of 2007, 10 Year Reunion** – Friday 31 March 2017 Contact Michael Heath on michaelheath@outlook.com.au or Luke Schinella on luke@schinellasyourlocalmarket.com.au

**Class of 1997, 20 Year Reunion** – Friday 30 June 2017 Contact Matthew Haskett on mattyhaskett@gmail.com or Matthew Betton on matty_belts@yahoo.com.au

**Class of 1997, 20 Year Reunion** – Friday 11 August 2017 Contact Rolf Scharfbillig on rolf.scharfbillig@gmail.com or Robert Sergi on sergcorp@senet.com.au

**Class of 1977, 40 Year Reunion** – Friday 27 October 2017 Contact Tony Mahoney on tony@amagconsulting.com or Malcolm Balkwill on balkwill@bigpond.net.au

**Class of 1967, 50 Year Reunion** – Friday 17 November 2017 Contact John Delaney on jandcdelaney@bigpond.com or Rene Schinkel on reneschinkel49@gmail.com

**Christmas Eve Reunion** – Sunday 24 December 2017
All very welcome, particularly those who have flown home from overseas or Interstate for Christmas!

Old Scholar Births

Above: Chris (’06) and Evi Morrison welcomed a son, Xavier Michael Morrison to their family on 14 September 2016, weighing 2.85kg. Congratulations Chris and Evi!

Right: When it comes to celebrating the arrival of new born babies within the Blackfriars community, the arrival of Isla Dellalmaiva, born on 8 June 2016 was particularly special. Isla’s dad Simon Dellalmaiva (’04) met her mum Ariana Bresnahan at Fenwick High School during the 2004 Blackfriars International Water Polo tour. They became friends at the time, keeping in touch for a number of years before Ariana moved to Adelaide in 2009. They subsequently married in Chicago in 2013. Roll on to 2016 and Isla was born at the Burnside Memorial Hospital (weighing 2.55 kgs). Now 6 months of age, Isla is doing very well despite arriving a month before her due date! Not only does Isla have dual citizenship of the United States and Australia but her parents are a living example of the growing friendships between our two Dominican Schools, despite being 16,000 kms apart across the globe. Proud parents Ariana and Simon are pictured with baby Isla displaying her ‘Future Friar’ onesie at this year’s 800 Year Fenwick / Blackfriars Exchange farewell function.