Diary Dates 2016

Community Events

• 800 Year Jubilee Dinner
  Friday 19 August 2016, 7pm
  Donato Reception Centre, 62 Humphries Terrace, Kilkenny
  Tickets available online: www.trybooking.com/KXCS

• Parents and Friends Quiz Night
  Friday 16 September 2016, 7pm
  Blackfriars Frassati Hall

• 800 Years Community Day
  Sunday 6 November 2016, 11.00am - 4.00pm
  Blackfriars front lawn

• Blackfriars Foundation Wine & Cheese Night
  Friday 18 November 2016, 7.30-11.00pm
  Blackfriars Frassati Hall

• End of Year Mass and Carols
  Monday 28 November, 6.30pm
  Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 14 Barker Rd Prospect

Old Scholar Reunions

Blackfriars Priory School old scholar reunions are being organised for the following dates. Please contact Mr Jon Harmer on 8169 3936 or via email: jharmer@bps.sa.edu.au for more information or to register.

• Class of 1996 – 20 Year Reunion
  Friday 24 June 2016
  contact Luke Page via email: luke@peterpageholden.com.au or
  Van Nguyen on vanuskus@hotmail.com

• Class of 1986 – 30 Year Reunion
  Friday 12 August 2016
  contact Shane Hodby via email: shane.hodby@drummondgolf.com

• Class of 1976 – 40 Year Reunion
  Friday 28 October 2016
  contact Tony Harford via email: anthony.harford@onesteel.com or
  Paul Cooney on paulandmeli@bigpond.com

• Class of 1963/64
  Saturday 22 October 2016
  contact Paul Varsanyi via email: varsanyi@aapt.net.au

• Christmas Eve Reunion
  All very welcome, particularly those who have flown home from overseas or interstate for Christmas! Caledonian Hotel on Saturday 24 December 2016, contact Jon Harmer via email: jharmer@bps.sa.edu.au
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Pictured above: Stage 1 Wire sculpture by Luka Tokic-Bensley and Stage 2 Art, Harry Hite, experimental marbling technique, a part of his final artwork.
From the Principal

It has been the long held mission of Blackfriars Priory School to engage our students in a balanced educational experience which assists in holistic growth. We want to inspire each student to be a great person of faith, humility, integrity, wisdom and compassion.

This publication provides a snapshot of our work across ELC to Year 12 in 2016. The achievements of our students are highlighted in the pages of this publication. It is testament to a well-rounded and balanced approach to education at Blackfriars Priory School that these achievements span academia, music, the arts and sport, as well as a generous contribution to service. Supported by professional and extraordinarily dedicated staff, students are encouraged to think deeply, while maintaining the four pillars of Dominican life (Prayer, Study, Community, Service) that will instil in them the aptitudes and attitudes to contribute to their world with wisdom, imagination and integrity.

In this year of diligent planning and preparation for the future, the wise stewardship of the School Board, the expertise and professionalism of our teaching and non-teaching staff, and the generous support of the broader community finds us poised on the cusp of another full and rewarding year in 2016, with an added sense of jubilation as we celebrate 800 years of the Dominican Order.

Strategic Plan Report

The new 2016-2020 School Strategic Plan has been finalised and will be launched in Term 2. The Strategic Plan has been developed in partnership with the School Board, Foundation, staff, parents, students and the wider Blackfriars Priory School community. We thank you for helping us shape our action priorities for the next five years, and look forward to working with you in strengthening our school into the future, embodying excellence and equity.

Achieving excellence in schools requires a commitment to continuous improvement and quality assurance. Our Strategic Plan 2016-2020 outlines the long-term strategic direction for the school. It describes the improvements we will deliver over the next five years and how we will achieve them. As a learning community our work now is to develop a School Improvement Plan to provide the detailed road map that will take us to our desired destination. We need to identify the changes or innovations we need to make to bring our vision and mission to life.

An improvement plan will assist us in understanding our current context through:

- Analysing our data to provide information about current student achievement.
- Identifying the improvements that we are seeking under each action priority.
- Identifying resources required and establishing timelines that are realistic.
- Determining how improvements will be measured (KPIs) and when they are reviewed.

To support this process, we have created Collaborative Learning Communities to reflect on our current performance and engage in action research to develop strategies that support innovation.

Features that define our Collaborative Learning communities are:

- Supportive and shared leadership
- Shared values and vision
- Establishing priorities, actions or strategies for school improvement
- Collective learning and the application of that learning
- Shared practice
- Supportive conditions for the maintenance of the learning community
- Building and strengthening partnerships with the Dominican Friars to ensure the action priorities are implemented in a manner that reflects their purpose
- Working in consultation with the school’s Principal to build partnerships with business, industry, local government and community organisations to help implement the School Improvement Plan.
Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program

Blackfriars Priory School will be the first school in the state to pilot the Entrepreneurship and Innovation program for budding student entrepreneurs. The program was created by the Principal and a Blackfriars old scholar, Adam Troy, who graduated in 2007. The program was created to develop a clear pathway into Business and Enterprise and address the rising rate of unemployment (which currently sits at 7.2% in South Australia). During the program students will not only learn the steps professional entrepreneurs use to validate their ideas using the nine separate segments of the lean canvas business model, but they will also learn how to identify and take advantage of opportunities in growing industries. By the end of the course they will have completed a fully-fledged business plan which they can use to start their own business, enter a competition, or attract investment.

The Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program is about educating students about entrepreneurship so they are aware of all their options when they finish high school, as well as equipping them with the skills and capabilities for life and work in the 21st century. Students, as part of this program, will also understand the importance of being ethical when operating a business and their social responsibility.

The SACE Board has approved our Learning and Assessment Plan and students will gain 20 credits of SACE Stage 1 Cross – Disciplinary Studies for this 40-week program.

“Blackfriars Priory School should be congratulated on taking steps to develop a study of learning that draws on a number of subject disciplines, using community resources”. Rosa Bollella, SACE Officer for Schools

An article regarding this Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program appeared in the local City North Messenger earlier this year. Education is no longer about preparing students for a specific career, it is about teaching students lifelong values, discipline, and the ability to explore new ideas and to think independently. Students need to develop their creativity, be able to critically think, communicate, collaborate and problem solve as these will help them invent and shape their own careers, be active citizens and compete in a global marketplace. Almost five million Australian jobs – around 40% of the workforce – face the high probability of being replaced by computers in the next 10 to 15 years. We just need to look at how a range of existing technologies, such as cloud services, Big Data, the Internet of Things, artificial intelligence and robotics are rapidly reaching the point where they will have widespread impact on the economy (automotive, mining and manufacturing). This contribution expands on machine thinking and unpacks the ways in which a range of technological developments are all acting to transform human activity. On its own, each technology has the capacity to change business activity. Taken together, they have the potential to radically reshape society. 60% of young people are currently studying for jobs that will be altered by automation.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

Mr Jak Francis, has been internally appointed as STEM Coordinator, to improve engagement and participation in STEM subjects and promote career pathways. He has developed a report which has been forwarded to the Executive in regards to our current engagement with STEM and outlined a vision that aligns with our new Strategic Plan.

In 2016 we will:

- Develop a STEM committee
- Research multiple definitions of STEM to consolidate a concise definition in the scope of a school environment
- Embed real-world problem-based learning projects across learning areas/subjects
- Develop partnerships between school and industry
- Understand how STEM can assist students develop high-level skills through facilitated self-learning and peer-to-peer learning to produce their own high quality projects
- Facilitate the engagement of students in contemporary technologies such as 3D printing, electronics, coding/programming and CAD in which many students have a natural interest.
- Attend and organise professional development opportunities.
- Participate in STEM competitions in South Australia

Academic Results

To continually improve our academic performance, we have developed an Academic Support Centre which will be open five days a week and is supervised daily by a Curriculum Leader. We have also established a Homework Club for all students who require tutoring. Staff have been allocated from different learning areas to the Homework Club which is open from 3.30pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday during the school term.

This support together with the close monitoring and tracking of student progress by Heads of House and Curriculum Leaders will provide us with opportunities to implement early intervention strategies for those students who are at risk of not successfully completing their year.

Acknowledgements

I would like to acknowledge the true heart of the school — our students.

The Executive and I remain ever mindful of our duty as custodians of the school to ensure current and future generations of Blackfriars Priory School students may experience the diverse range of academic and co-curricular opportunities, lifelong friendships and inimitable Dominican school spirit that Blackfriars Priory School offers. The students’ achievements, big and small, continue to make us proud and inspire in us a shared sense of spirit and motivation, best summed up by the School motto: “Deus Scientiarum Dominus” - The Lord is an All-knowing God - the antiphon of St Albert the Great, the patron saint of Blackfriars Priory School.

I trust you will enjoy reliving the highlights and join us in thanking the Dominican Fathers who established this school and on whose shoulders we stand here today. We invite you to join us in celebrating the 800 years of the Dominican Order at the 800 Years Jubilee Dinner on Friday 19 August 2016 at Donato Reception Centre.

Mrs Anna Mirasgentis
Acting Principal
2015 Year 12 Results

Blackfriars Priory School community is extremely proud of the academic achievements of the 2015 Year 12 students. Their exceptional results are a testament to their hard work, diligence and sacrifice. We congratulate each student on their achievements and wish all the graduates of 2015 every success for the future. Importantly we also recognise their achievements in sport, music, co-curricular activities and social justice pursuits. Their engagement in broader school life is commendable and the hallmark of a Dominican education.

Within the Year 12 cohort, 131 (95%) students gained their South Australian Certificate of Education. The Highest ATAR achieved was 98.90 by Vincent Vidanes followed by Gabriel Rus who gained 98.20.

The success achieved by our students has been across a range of disciplines, allowing each student to use their unique gifts and talents to achieve their personal best. While the pursuit of excellence is important, the School encourages students to believe in themselves and embrace the many different learning opportunities that life provides. All of the above statistics only tell part of the story of our 2015 Graduating Class. As important in their story is the quality of their character development whilst at School and the values they display as young men in the world.

We implore our boys to take the values they have witnessed and lived at Blackfriars Priory School and use the interconnectedness of knowledge to become the great leaders of tomorrow.

I express my gratitude to all Staff for their commitment and professionalism and to the families for their support and guidance that have enabled the Year 12 students to achieve their personal and academic aspirations.

Congratulations to the 2015 Year 12 students and as a Dominican Community we wish them all the best in the future.

Mrs Anna Mirasgents
Acting Principal

**STUDENTS PLACED IN THE TOP 10% OF THE STATE**

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**2015 UNIVERSITY OFFERS BY DISCIPLINE**

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STEM at Blackfriars Priory School

STEM is a recent educational concept which has received a massive push by the Australian government. Total government funding for inspiring all Australians in digital literacy and STEM is reported at $112.2 million. STEM is an acronym for the words: Science; Technology; Engineering; and Mathematics. STEM is a project-based curriculum approach that combines the learning areas with a problem solving focus to face real life scenarios that require a solution. These scenarios should be simulations that develop the skills which are needed to apply knowledge to a workplace or community situation.

The engineering part of STEM is by far the most important. This can be confusing as engineering is not a subject generally taught at school, and does not belong to any one curriculum area. This part of STEM merely refers to the design phase and building phase when students are completing projects. By engineering, students are applying knowledge in science, mathematics, and technology, to design a solution to their problem. The problem solving nature of engineering is the most important, especially as Bloom’s Taxonomy outlines that creating and designing are the highest orders of thinking. Bloom’s Taxonomy is a well-known ideology, commonly referred to by educators, which classifies different learning objectives.

STEM projects allow students to be solution driven, team players, innovative and creative thinkers, good communicators, and confident in trial and error; skills which are highly relevant in a workplace setting. The main benefit of STEM is that students are prepared for these challenges in the workplace at the conclusion of their secondary education. Feedback from STEM project trials in the Science Department have reported that engagement is high, as the students are allowed to undertake a more investigative and creative approach to projects, as opposed to traditionally structured practical activities.

The Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA), have released predictions in a 2015 report in regards to how the workforce will operate in the future. This organisation has predicted that there is a high chance that 40% of Australia’s workforce, consisting of more than five million people, could be replaced by automation within the next 10 to 20 years. Automation involves using technology to complete a task to minimise the need of human labour. A relevant example is at supermarkets, where self-serve checkouts have been implemented in most stores over the last decade. The report outlines that future generations need to be able to adapt to change, and may need a greater understanding of technology to coincide with automation.

STEM is important because it prepares students for work and life scenarios beyond a school environment. Skills such as: communicating with colleagues and people; creating logical solutions to unseen problems; using initiative to optimise efficiency; planning and organising and learning to grasp new processes and concepts. The famous quote “Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime” summarises the importance of STEM. STEM activities are effective at teaching students’ life-relevant skills which will support them in the future.

Blackfriars is currently involved in the following STEM competitions:

**STELR API Solar Car Challenge**

14 Solar Car kits are sent to a school to be assembled in class. An engineer from university also visits the school to talk to classes.

**Auerecon Bridge Building Competition**

Blackfriars will be sending a group of middle school students to a competition where they are given a design brief and materials to build a bridge on the day. This activity will also be run in year 9 science classes.

**C2C Junior and Senior Challenge**

Blackfriars has selected a group of year 9 students who need to design a small scalextric car to be raced at a competition. The car needs to be fast and energy efficient.

**C2C Drone Challenge**

This is a senior competition where the students are required to fly a drone. The activity is a simulation where the drone is used to find potential faults in power lines. The drone needs to be designed so I can send a live feed of video and GPS back to a console.

**Robocup Junior**

Students build and program robots to solve a problem from a given design brief. The type of problem usually involved a robot retrieving an item or following a path.

Science curriculum leader Duro Dobrijevic and laboratory technician Charlotte Berrill have been the driving force behind entering competitions and building STEM as a part of the curriculum. There will now be a fortnightly article in the school newsletter which will outline recent news around STEM education, whether it be participation in external competitions, or exciting activities that have occurred during class time.

**Mr Jak Francis**

STEM Coordinator

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Students working with robots and Tommy Karamatic, Year 7 building a bridge out of spaghetti.
As the only school founded by the Dominican Friars in Australia, Blackfriars remains faithful to the search for Truth (Veritas) as lived and taught over the last 800 years by the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), and exemplified by Saint Dominic, our Founder, and Saint Albert the Great, our Patron.

Born in the late 12th century, Saint Dominic was sent at an early age to study for the priesthood. Whilst studying in Palencia, Spain, he witnessed a famine that desolated Spain. The young Dominic sold his valuable books and other assets to assist the poor. Saint Dominic’s commitment to study continued throughout his life. This pursuit of knowledge, not for its own sake but to better understand God’s creation and to use in the works of the Order has continued through the centuries. Today, Dominicans can be found throughout the world.

This year we celebrate the Jubilee of the 800th Anniversary of the confirmation of the Order of Preachers. On 22nd December 1216, through a Papal Bull issued by Pope Honorius III, which formally established St Dominic’s Order of Preachers. The first major event for our Jubilee Year was our 800 Year Jubilee Mass which we celebrated with our Dominican Family.

Blackfriars has been a part of the Dominican story for less than 8% of those 800 years... which places the magnitude of 800 years into perspective! Most companies, besides a few ancient Japanese family businesses, survive 800 years. Therefore, 2016 will be a year of Jubilee as we allow the 800 year story of the Order of Preachers to inspire us.

The first major event for our Jubilee Year was the Jubilee Mass which we celebrated with Rosary School on Thursday 25 February 2016. Held on the front lawn of Blackfriars the Mass was celebrated by the Prior Provincial, The Very Reverend Fr Kevin Saunders OP, Dominican Friars, The Very Reverend Alex Vickers OP (North Adelaide Prior), Fr Karl Emerick OP (School Chaplain), Fr Ben Hensley OP, Fr Anthony Van Dyke OP and Fr Peter Galvin OP, concelebrated the Mass and were assisted by Deacon Matthew Boland OP. Much loved school icon Br Brendan O’Hearn OP was an integral part of the celebrations for the day. Other guests included Sr Noreen Reynolds OP and Sr Margaret Wallace OP of the Dominican Sisters of North Adelaide, as well as family, staff, parents, friends and students of both schools.

The Mass was a beautiful thanksgiving for our Dominican family. Following Mass, celebrations were held in the Frassati Hall for staff and guests and students from Rosary and Blackfriars enjoyed celebratory donuts and together. The next major 800 Year event will be the 800 Year Dinner on the 19 August at the Donato Reception Centre. Tickets are selling fast. Please visit www.trybooking.com/KXCS or contact us Dot Eiffe on 8169 3900 or email deiffe@bps.sa.edu.au for more information. Hope to see you there!

Mr David Ruggiero
Assistant Principal Religious Identity & Mission

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**Invitation**

Blackfriars Celebrates 800 Years of the Dominican Order

**800 Year Jubilee Dinner**

- **Date:** Friday 19 August 2016, 7:00pm
- **Venue:** Donato Reception Centre, 62 Humphries Terrace, Kilkenny
- **Tickets:** $90.00 per person, including a delicious 4 course meal, beer, wine and soft drinks Entertainment and auctions
- **Dress:** Lounge suit or cocktail
- **Bookings:** www.trybooking.com/KXCS

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Brother Brendan O’Hearn ministering the Eucharist at Mass
Summer CBC Intercol
Well done to the Senior A Volleyball and Senior A Badminton teams who defeated CBC to retain both Intercol trophies. The Senior A Volleyball team defeated CBC 2 – 1 in a competitive game with each team showing excellent sportsmanship. Well done to team captain Connor Riley and all other team members. Blackfriars remains undefeated in the Volleyball Intercol Trophy. The Senior A Badminton team convincingly won 12-0. CBC had little chance against a strong Blackfriars team. Blackfriars also remains undefeated in the Badminton Intercol Trophy.

Open State Knockout Cricket
On Wednesday 23 March, Blackfriars competed in the final of the Open State Knockout Cricket Competition against Faith Lutheran College. In a low scoring contest, Blackfriars finished Runner’s Up. Leading up to the final, Blackfriars played exceptionally well and defeated Ocean View College, Roma Mitchell Secondary College and Modbury High School to make it to the finals. There were many outstanding individual performances that contributed to the team’s overall success in bowling and batting. Most notable was in the semi-final against Modbury High School where Captain Callum Flanagan produced a stellar performance with the bat making an unbeaten 103 not out. His outstanding individual batting performance included 12 fours and four sixes. To top that off, Flanagan brought up not only his 50 but his century with a six! The team will be aiming to build upon this success and next year go one step further and win the competition.

Swimming Championships
Congratulations to the Secondary Swimming Team who placed third at the Secondary School Sport South Australia Swimming Championships in the B Division. The event was held on Tuesday 8 March at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre at Marion. The boys on the night were outstanding with team captain Caelan Grooby leading the way, finishing in first place in division one of both the Open Boys 50m Backstroke and the 50m Freestyle. The Blackfriars team narrowly missed top spot by 24 points. A fantastic effort from all the students involved.

Catholic Secondary Schools Academy Cup
On Wednesday 13 April, Blackfriars Priory School competed against Nazareth Catholic College and Cardijn College in the inaugural Catholic Secondary Schools Academy Cup. This will become an annual event between each school where a selected squad of Year 8 and Year 9 students from each school’s soccer academy will compete and showcase their soccer talents. Blackfriars were victorious and won the trophy after consecutive 2-1 wins against Nazareth and Cardijn. Man of match medals were presented after each match in recognition of an outstanding on field performance. These were awarded to Luis Lawrie-Lattanzio and Jai King-Byrne. This is an outstanding achievement for the team who played with determination and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the competition. Congratulations also to Head Coach Robert Matesovic and Assistant Coach Ernie Luongo.

Individual Student Success
There have been a number of Blackfriars students who have achieved success through their strong determination and commitment in their chosen sport.

Congratulations to Year 9 student Damon Doody on his selection for the SANFL Under 15 All Nations State Team. The State Diversity Championships were held in Townsville in April. Damon competed against other state teams in a very competitive competition.

Congratulations to Year 9 student Jesse Taylor on being selected to attend the Australian Born 2001 Water Polo training camp. The camp was held at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra over the Easter long weekend. Jesse has subsequently been selected in the Australian Born 2001 team to tour Europe in July.

Congratulations also to the following boys on their selection in Water Polo SA State teams this year.

- Declan Hillman and James Wiebrech in the SA Water Polo 14 and Under B team at the National Championships in Queensland.
- Caelan Grooby, Liam Cameron, Peter Burgess and Brayden Addison in the SA 18 and Under team at the National Championships in Perth.
- Brayden Addison, Jesse Taylor, Liam Rowland, Vincent Muneretto and Zen Zaccara in the SA 16 and Under squad to play in the National Championships in Queensland in September.
Congratulations to Cristian Quirino who represented Australia as part of the AC Milan Soccer Academy. Cristian was one of three players selected from South Australia to join the Sydney based academy. After performing well in three trial games, Cristian was then selected in a 20-man squad which travelled to Milan to compete against three high profile Series B development teams – Novara, Modena and AC Cesena. In Cristian’s final game against AC Cesena, he was awarded Man of the Match and presented with the oppositions team banner.

Mr Michael Parrella
Co-Curricular Coordinator
Swimming Carnival

The Blackfriars secondary Swimming Carnival took place on 19 February at the North Adelaide Aquatic Centre. Students prepared and travelled together in their respective houses to the carnival venue and spent the day competing, cheering and supporting their fellow house mates. From a team perspective, one of the major highlights of the day was the introduction of the semi-finals of the Water Polo into the programme. The competition was fierce and the team support from the competing houses was outstanding.

There were some excellent individual results on the day, including some records:
- Age Champion Under 13 – Noah Caton – Burke House
- Age Champion Under 14 – Peter Le – Devittoria House
- Age Champion Under 15 – Jesse Taylor – Lagrange House
- Age Champion Under 16 – Brayden Addison – Devittoria House
- Age Champion Open Age – Caelan Grooby – Aquinas House
- Open A Freestyle 50 metres record – Caelan Grooby – previous record 25.64 – new record 25.63

The major focus of the day for most students, aside from enjoyment and participation, was the overall winning house. This year, Denifle house was able to halt the recent dominance of Burke house and take the swimming carnival title. Mrs Osborne, the Denifle Head of House and House Captain Jack Eastwood gleefully carried the winner’s trophy back to 17 Prospect Road with the excited Denifle team members in tow. Denifle house finished with 541 points, Burke taking second place with 522 points.

The day was a great success due to the participation of the students and the tireless work of staff in both preparation and running of events.
The Blackfriars Athletics Carnival was held on Wednesday 16 March at South Australia’s premier track and field venue, Santos Stadium. There were lead up events held at school prior and a variety of opportunities on the day for boys to participate as athletes or support staff in administration roles. Each house participated with enthusiasm and supported their teammates.

On the day at Santos Stadium, and in the lead up events there were some excellent individual results, including some records:

- Age Champion Under 13 – Lewis Saint - Devittoria House
- Age Champion Under 14 – Julian Cornish - Burke House
- Age Champion Under 15 – Dyson Hilder - Jarrett House
- Age Champion Under 16 – Jozef Kogoj - Denifle House
- Age Champion Open Age – Kenji Simbor - Denifle House

U13 400 metres record – Lewis Saint – previous record 68.23 – new record 60.01
U13 200 metres record – Lewis Saint – previous record 27.25 – new record 26.87

All age champions and new record holders were announced and presented to the entire school community at the final assembly of the term in week 11.

Again, similar to the swimming carnival, the major focus of the day for most students at the athletics was the overall winning house. Burke house have been dominant in recent years and in 2016, they did it again. House Captain Jay O’Leary and Head of House Mr Leo Panzarino held the trophy aloft for Burke house, finishing on 1398.5 points. In second place, and close all day were the swimming carnival champions, Denifle house. Aquinas took third place with 1222 points.

The combination of both staff and student support with tasks such as timing, recording, supervision, organisation of competitors and announcing ensured the day was a success and an important community event in the school calendar.
2016 in the Primary School has started on a very positive note. Forty-nine new students joined the Blackfriars community at the beginning of the year; thirty of these students are in Reception, and this year there will be another intake of Reception students at the start of Term 3. As a result, the Primary School now also occupies two classrooms in the O’Hearn block. Over the summer, the renovation of the final three Primary classrooms was completed. Now each of the Primary classrooms are not only spacious and light-filled but appear modern and inviting. A feature of all of the rooms is a floor-to-ceiling wall of windows on the northern boundary which look out onto a sheltered deck which can be used for a range of activities including group study, shared reading, outdoor science, gardening experiments and technology project time. The quadrangle and outdoor play area is also due for renovation later this year. In 2015 a committee began to explore ways we could upgrade our existing space. This year, we will continue to engage our students, parents and staff in an effort to design a user-friendly space that is not only more aesthetically pleasing but provides a range of outdoor play and learning opportunities. This year the Primary School will continue to build the capacity of our students as writers, with teachers continuing the literacy focus work they commenced in 2015. There has already been a noted change in the language the students are using when discussing their writing across the school. The Primary School staff will also implement a numeracy focus where strategies to improve numeracy results will be introduced. As part of the Australian Curriculum all students will engage in assessment tasks related to digital technology. The Primary School has purchased a number of different robots that will enable all students to use and learn to program in a variety of ways. These include Bee Bots, Pro Bots, Little Bits and Edison’s.

To cater for all the individual needs and talents of the students, Blackfriars Priory School strives to provide the students with broad curriculum offerings and a variety of different learning experiences. One of these experiences is dance. The Primary School trialled a dance program in 2015, and the response from the students was very positive. This year we have used the same dance instructors from Ground Force Performing Arts. The students in Years 4, 5 and 6 have completed their lessons in Term 1, and the remaining classes will enjoy their lessons in Term 2. The boys will be able to showcase their routines at the end of Term 2 in a concert that all of the boys will participate in.

Across the Primary School different year levels have accessed outside agencies to complement their learning. These include:

- Both Year 5 classes attended the Adelaide Zoo as part of their Science unit on adaptation
- The Year 4 students witnessed the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra perform Merlin the Magician as part of their work in Music
- All Middle and Upper Primary classes have attended the Adelaide Aquatic Centre for their annual swimming lessons.

One of the highlights of the term for the Year 5 students was the Project Compassion Games Arcade which, apart from being a lot of hands-on boys’ fun, was also a Design and Technology project. It involved boys designing and making their own arcade games out of recycled materials, coming up with an advertising campaign, a business plan and staging a Games Arcade Day. In the end, both Year 5 classes made a very impressive $215 for Project Compassion and along the way, learnt a lot about the Design, Make and Appraise process.

Term 1 also saw the Primary School students compete in their annual Swimming and Athletics carnivals. Once again the community spirit of the Primary School shone through on both of these occasions, and it was pleasing to see so many members of our community come along to support the boys. The Early Learning Centre boys and girls joined the Sports Day fun with their own sprint events and a whole host of other fun activities. Congratulations to Spence for their success for winning the Athletics Carnival.

The Athletics Carnival was followed by an exciting Lacrosse Carnival the following week which involved all the boys from Years 3 to 6. The carnival was organised by our PE specialist, Mr Nick Cheary. It allowed all the boys to have a go at a lesser known, but fun sport and helped to identify those who might follow in the footsteps of last year’s undefeated Primary lacrosse team. Our Pastoral Care program also continues to develop. Each Wednesday morning the boys from Reception to Year 6 meet together in their houses to engage in activities that relate to one or more of our four Dominican Pillars – Prayer, Study, Community and Service. It’s great to see junior and middle primary boys catching up with upper primary boys to get to know each other, write prayers together, play games and just plain have fun. From time to time, the boys also team up with senior school buddies and will continue to do so throughout the year. Both sets of boys have reported that they really enjoy catching up with their buddies.

Mr John Niedzwiecki & Mrs Alison Ronoastro

Nicky Anenouri [3P] researching for his Science and Art ‘under the sea’ mural project.

Angus Carmody [3/4H] puts the finishing touches to his Maths and Art mandala design activity.
Blackfriars Early Learning Centre uses a Reggio Emilia approach to early year’s education. Reggio Emilia is a small town in northern Italy. After World War II the Reggio community worked together to invest in their ‘best asset’; their children. Loris Malaguzzi formed the philosophy of the Reggio Emilia approach to early year’s education; an educational approach that is now wide spread and world renown. Below are the words on which Malaguzzi based his work.

**No way. The hundred is there.**
The child is made of one hundred. The child has a hundred languages a hundred hands a hundred thoughts a hundred ways of thinking of playing, of speaking. A hundred, always a hundred ways of listening of marvelling, of loving, a hundred joys for singing and understanding, a hundred worlds to discover, a hundred worlds to invent, a hundred worlds to dream.

The child has a hundred languages (and a hundred hundred hundred more) but they steal ninety nine. The school and the culture Separate the head from the body. They tell the child: to think with hands to do without head to listen and not to speak to understand without joy love and marvelling only at Easter and Christmas

They tell the child: to discover the world already there and of the hundred they steal ninety nine. They tell the child: that work and play reality and fantasy, science and imagination, sky and earth, reason and dream are things that do not belong together. And thus they tell the child that the hundred is not there. The child says:

No way. The hundred is there.

**Loris Malaguzzi 1920-1994**

The translation of Malaguzzi’s work is complex and must be seen in context of each environment to which it is introduced. At Blackfriars Early Learning Centre our interpretation is based on:
- the child seen as individual, capable and competent; the same but different
- the child as having different interests, strengths and abilities
- the child’s voice as paramount to their learning
- the child as having a world of discovery, fantasy and imagination.

The development of a strong, sound relationship between staff and children is the first step towards each child being a successful, confident learner. Staff then revel in the task of encouraging each child to explore, discover, problem solve and gain confidence in all of their abilities, leading to success for all at their own level.

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Mrs Karen McEntee
Director, Early Learning Centre
Japan Study Tour

Last school holidays (from 13 to 30 April) 14 lucky students from Year 11 and 12 participated in the biannual Japan trip. In the first half of the tour, the group travelled to various cities in Japan, namely, Tokyo, Kyoto, Nara, Hiroshima, Miyajima and Himeji. In these cities, the group visited historically and culturally important sights such as Himeji Castle and Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. In the second half of the tour, the students experienced home-stay and attended our sister school Nagoya Otani High School. The students practised conversational language and learnt about the daily lifestyle of students their own age. The impact on the students’ Japanese language study was significant: Not only did the students further improve their language skills and gain confidence in speaking Japanese but the students’ passion for their study of the language grew immensely after the tour. Furthermore, the students made life-long friends through home-stay experience and this further reinforced our relationship with our sister school Nagoya Otani High School.

Ms Chikako Oguma
As tradition would have it, staff at Blackfriars take the opportunity late in the school year to farewell colleagues who are about to leave the school for whatever pathway their life is about to take them. December 2015 was a particularly significant day as some very well known faces departed 17 Prospect Rd for the last time after many years of service. We wish them all the best for the future.

Right: Jean Wood leaves Blackfriars after 30 years of service for the school. Jean is pictured at the staff lunch with her long term office colleagues Erica Bojko and Pam Gervasi. We wish Jean all the best in her retirement.

Right centre: Mr Andrew Wald, pictured, with his long serving colleagues Mr Olev Harm and Mr Chris Packer retires from Blackfriars after an incredible 41 years of service in the Primary School. Andrew is also an old scholar of Blackfriars, finishing his schooling in 1969 as prefect, giving him an incredible total of 46 years at Blackfriars Priory School.

Right below: Mr Marcus Trimboli is pictured with colleagues Leo Panzarino, Alex Ng’eno and Garth Starrs at the end of year staff lunch. Marcus initially taught in the Primary school only to move into Middle School for many of his later years. All the best ‘Mr Trim’.

We also said farewell to Mrs Fiona Wald after 22 years of service in the Primary School and we wish her well in her retirement.

After years of dedicated service in the Primary school, the ever popular Mr David Richardson leaves Blackfriars to take up a teaching position in Ballarat, Victoria. (David is pictured on page 28).

Mr Jon Harmer
Community Relations Officer
Outdoor Education

Our Year 9 Outdoor Education program offers students a range of activities to extend and challenge them outside the classrooms. This year our boys have taken part in camping, fishing, cockling, mountain biking, surfing, kayaking and more!
The Foundation Business Lunch was held on Friday 18 March at the Caledonian Hotel North Adelaide. This annual event provides an excellent opportunity for Blackfriars old scholars and community members to network in support of the Blackfriars Priory School Foundation. It was great to see a mixture of old and new faces attending. Both of our speakers, Michael Valkanis, (ex-Socceroo and current Assistant Coach of the Adelaide United Senior Team) and Rudi Mandemaker (Centrals Football Club 1986-1992) were thoroughly entertaining. All funds raised at the event will be directed back to the Blackfriars Priory School students via the Foundation.

We must thank the following people for making the event possible.

- Old scholars Scott Hoskins ('94) and Matthew Windsor ('89) for their donations of beer and wine on the day.
- Old scholar Scott Boyd Turner ('86) and family for once again providing red wine from their Kangarilla Hill winery.
- David Ruggiero for his role as MC

Mrs Rachel Elgar and Mr Jon Harmer on behalf of the BPS Foundation
Congratulations Rohan Dennis

2015 - A great year for Blackfriars Old Scholar Rohan Dennis

2015 could quite easily be seen as a ‘breakout year’ for Blackfriars old scholar and internationally acclaimed elite cyclist, Rohan Dennis (’07). That is, if you ignored his silver medal performance at the London Olympic Games in 2012 or a succession of significant awards already won by Rohan pre 2015. However it was the myriad of outstanding achievements in 2015 that have defined his status as an elite cyclist and now resulted in Rohan Dennis being a very well known name in the pantheon of Australian sport.

Rohan’s achievements last year read as follows:
- January; first in the Tour Down Under,
- February; set a new World Hour Record,
- July; placed first in stages 1 and 9 of the Tour De France,
- August; first overall in the USA pro challenge in Colorado,
- September; first, World Team Time trial in Richmond, Virginia;
- November; winner of the Sir Hubert Hopperman Medal as the premier cyclist in Australia,
- November; winner for the second time of the South Australian Sportsman of the Year.

In the midst of his incredibly busy International schedule riding for the BMC Switzerland team, we finally had the opportunity to welcome Rohan back to Blackfriars to participate in a full school assembly late last year.

Rohan was interviewed at the assembly before being given a congratulatory plaque, accompanied by two tricycle riding students from the ELC, on behalf of the full school community.

After the assembly Rohan was very generous with his time, catching up with some of his former teachers, signing autographs with students, before partaking in a photo shoot with awaiting Adelaide media.

As a young man who was introduced to the sport of cycling via a SASI talent ID search through the Blackfriars Physical Education program whilst still at school, Rohan, at the tender age of 26 now stands among the top Australian cyclists of all time and surely, as Blackfriars only Olympic athlete, ranks as the greatest ever sportsman to graduate from Blackfriars.

Well done Rohan, thanks for coming back to Blackfriars and all going well, all the best for Rio 2016.

Mr Jon Harmer
Community Relations Officer
Oliver Markota (1999)

I currently live in Tokyo, Japan and am a First Officer with one of the largest international airlines in the world in ANA (All Nippon Airways). I attended Blackfriars for 10 years from Year 3 through to Year 12 and have fond memories of the time spent learning from teachers that are still teaching at the school today. My Mum Mrs Markota is the vital connection for me back to the happenings of the school, albeit my school mates are in fact my closest friends to this day. When I attended school I didn’t really have a clear idea of what I wanted to do with my career which inevitably shapes your life. All of my friends went to university following school, as did I only to walk away a few years later with a half finished degree in Oenology and a few subjects of Civil Engineering. I was never really excited about either degree and if I was planning on working for a big part of my life in those industries I needed to know I would enjoy it. Many of my friends have jobs in industries that they couldn’t care less about which seems a waste of valuable time and effort. I felt no rush to start a career and also had no problem in changing it if I didn’t enjoy what I was currently doing.

I didn’t start flying until the age of 23. At the time I was working in a full time job at Adelaide Airport for Qantas, cleaning aircraft and scheduling my flight training on my days off. It’s amazing how easy studying and learning can be when you find something you’re passionate about and that motivates you. I completed my commercial pilots license at Coolangatta airport. A group of us from school had migrated up to the Gold Coast with a rock and roll band called Atlantis Way, we had started when we graduated and continued to play for seven years. Upon finishing my pilot studies the band had dismembered with Luca Lucchesi (’99) moving down to Melbourne and playing in a band called Vaudeville Smash along side his brothers Dan and Marc (’95) all old scholars. The other two, Chris Cameron (’99) and James Winwood remained in the Gold Coast and furthered their study in music and then Chris finished a degree in Law.

I moved up to North Queensland to a small community town of Burketown and began my first flying job with Savannah Aviation. I flew around the Gulf country for two years before having enough flight hours/ experience to get a job based in a capital city. I flew for Rossair charter based at Adelaide airport which was managed by Bob Carr, who is also an old scholar of Blackfriars; and to this day I rate that job as one of the highlights of my flying career. From then on I’ve been flying jets for our national airline in Qantas based in Melbourne and Sydney and then three years ago moved overseas to Tokyo, Japan to fly Boeing 767’s internationally for ANA. I am flying from Honolulu, Hawaii to Tokyo, Japan and currently south of Midway atoll and just north of Wake Island in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

The job can be very demanding but also has many rewards. The continual study to keep current on changes in the industry on procedures, rules and regulations is like homework from your Maths or English teacher. It never stops and is sometimes hard to fit into a busy life schedule. On the other hand, I’m travelling around the globe more than I could’ve ever imagined and am enjoying every minute of it. I have no plans on slowing down or changing what I am doing now for quite some time and being single on this global adventure helps the nomad lifestyle. I don’t have a family of my own but have close contact with most of my school friends, with the modern technological world, I speak with most of them every week and some daily. Along with regular visits to Adelaide, to visit my parents and friends I consider myself very lucky to have surrounded myself with such good people.

This year I am due to be trained up for a captain position at ANA which will be a challenging three months of study and check flights. The outcome will be a highpoint of my career and my first command position on a jet airliner. Reaching captain qualification and the strong demand for airline pilots in Asia means my life overseas will continue for many years to come.

However I know that one day the comfort of home soil will bring me back to Australia.
BOSFC’s off-season has been one of significant change at the club both on and off the field.
The Hounds have welcomed many new players, including a good number of Blackfriars old scholars, several new volunteers and some extremely generous new sponsors.
Thanks to some enthusiastic, hardworking players and volunteers, along with the support of Blackfriars, we’ve been able to do some much needed renovations at St Dominic’s, with more planned for the future.

On the field, the Hounds are off to another strong start in 2016 having won their first two games of the season against Greenacres and Hectorville.

A vocal band of loyal supporters saw both BOSFC teams get their first premiership points on the board at home in Round One. The new-look Reserves side featured just six players in Round One who had played in the Hounds’ Reserves in Round 18 last season. Eight players – Daniel Balfour, James Cross, Nick Hollitt, Matt Mancheff, Stephen McLeod, Mark Pellizzer, Jack Reeve and James Valente (Class of 2015) – enjoyed victory in their debuts for the club, with James Valente bagging five goals in his first game for the club. The Hounds controlled the game and lead at every break to eventually win by 20 points, 10.8-68 to 7.6-48.

The A Grade made it a double Round One celebration with a convincing 27 point win in their first hit-out. There were a number of new faces on show again in the A Grade game, with Matthew Milne stepping up for his A Grade debut with the Hounds. He was joined by new recruits Luke Valente (‘10) and Theo Markou (‘11) for their construction and electrical work respectively. Blackfriars Business Manager, Gerard Leahy and Secondary Co-Curricular Coordinator, Michael Parrella (‘08) provided great support in facilitating the works, as did Leo Panzarino in the early stages of planning.

The Hounds would also like to acknowledge our major partners – The Wellington Hotel, Lucia’s Fine Foods and My Local Butcher – along with three new sponsors who have joined us in 2016 – Cucina Ristorante (North Adelaide), Goodyear Autocare (Hampstead Gardens) and HMV Precast (Gillman). Full details of the local businesses who support BOSFC along with fixtures, results and club news can be found on our website at: bosfchounds.com/ and our Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/bosfc/.

The season is shaping up well and the club looks forward to many members of the Blackfriars and Blackfriars old scholars communities becoming regular faces in our loyal supporter group in 2016.

Tom Zed (‘95)
President Blackfriars Old Scholars Football Club

Photos from top:
BOS B Grade coach, John Belton (‘85) and runner Andrew Demasi (‘00) focus on the whiteboard during the ¾ time huddle.
One of the A Grade midfield generals, Luke Bortolotti (‘08) drives the ball forward.
A Grade leadership group members Matthew Brincatt Left and Luke Bortolotti (‘08) discuss tactics with Midfield Coach & Opposition Analyst, Mark Demasi (‘96).
Blackfriars teacher and old scholar Henry Vo, takes evasive action in a recent game.
BOSA SC has had the opportunity to welcome quite a few new players, members and supporters for the 2016 season. After a tough pre-season over the summer months, which included positive results across the board in trial matches, and also saw the Premier As side reach the semi-final of the Templin Cup, the boys are now ready to get into real competitive mode. The club has four teams competing again this season Premier A, Premier B, Development and our social team.

With the hard yards of pre-season behind us, round one of the 2016 season sees us kick off the year with a tough assignment against last year’s Premier A Champions, St Peters at Lloyd Oval. After falling just short of claiming the championship in all four leagues last season, all sides will be playing for nothing less than three points this weekend to start the year off in style. The social side also kick off the season away from home, with a trip to Margaret Bond Reserve to face Old Ignatians.

You can download ‘Team App’ from the AppStore and add BOSA SC to stay up to date with live scores game days and go to our website www.bosasc.com.au for our full 2016 fixtures list.

SPONSORSHIP | 2016 & Beyond
The committee has worked tirelessly in the off-season securing our sponsorship partners for the 2016 season and beyond, we are proud to welcome our new sponsors to BOSA SC and we welcome back our long term partners for season 2016.

Major Sponsor - Schinella’s - Your Local Market
Gold Sponsor - Buildtec
Silver Sponsor - Century 21 - City Inner North Prospect
Club Sponsors - ODV Lending, Clipsal by Schneider Electric, Trio, BodyFit Physiotherapy, Terry Howe Printing Services, SJ Electric, Romaldi Constructions, OTFC (Occupational Therapy for Children), Marianne Grasso, Perry’s Bakery, Blackfriars Priory School.

LEADERSHIP | Team Captains
BOSA SC is proud to announce the leadership group for 2016. Congratulations to the following players who will lead their respective teams in the season ahead:
Premier A & Club Captain - Joe Tasovac (’00)
Premier B - Nick Crawford (’14)
Division 5 - No captain selected (shared responsibility between players)
Division 6 - Tim Wiese (’99)

VOLUNTEERS | Call for Help
We’re always looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks at training and on match days including match day setup and assistance in the canteen. If you’re interested in helping out, please email info@bosasc.com.au.

FOUNDATION | Call for Members
Become a part of our clubs history by joining BOSA SC as a Foundation Member. For a donation of either $500 (Small) or $1,000 (Large) you will receive a foundation member plaque permanently installed in our new clubrooms at Charles Cane Reserve. If you have a family name displayed on it. Get in quick to reserve your place as there are only a few spots available! To become a foundation member and make a donation, please send an email to info@bosasc.com.au.

Ralph Armiento (‘88)
General Secretary BOSA Soccer Club
The Harford Brothers reunite for Christmas. L-R. Nicholas Harford ('81) Christopher Harford ('80), Andrew Harris ('87) and Tony Harford ('76). Nick returned from Melbourne, Christopher from Hong Kong, Andrew from Sydney whilst ‘big brother’ Tony is based in Adelaide.

Christmas Eve Reunion

The second annual Christmas Eve reunion was once again a great occasion. The event provides old scholars, especially those from interstate and overseas, the opportunity to reconnect with school mates from their year level and various others as well. Please spread the word and come along, one and all. It’s a very pleasant couple of hours!

Alexis ('86) and Mark with brother Mark Lebedew ('84) who was home for Christmas taking a break from his duties as a professional Volleyball coach in Poland.

Proud dad Barry Hickman was pleased to have his sons Anthony ('86) from Adelaide (left) and Michael ('87) from Melbourne, home together for Christmas.

The Boddington brothers Stephen ('86) (left) & Michael ('88), did a lot of catching up on Christmas Eve despite being ‘neighbours’, working in Hong Kong and Beijing respectively.

The Harford Brothers reunite for Christmas. L-R. Nicholas Harford ('81) Christopher Harford ('80), Andrew Harris ('87) and Tony Harford ('76). Nick returned from Melbourne, Christopher from Hong Kong, Andrew from Sydney whilst ‘big brother’ Tony is based in Adelaide.

Thank you to our Old Scholar Volunteers

The School has a number of old scholars who volunteer their time and expertise on the Board, Finance and Capital Projects Committees.

Pictured left at the Commissioning and Planning Day in January this year are:

(L-R): David O’Loughlin ('82) Chairman of the Board and Capital Projects Committee member
Staff member and old scholar David Ruggiero ('92) APRIM Bartek Skrodzki ('03) Finance Committee member
Angelo Primavera ('81), Finance Committee member
Jeremy Whitehead ('90) Capital Projects Committee member.

Danny Caiazza ('86), Finance Committee member
Not in the photo are old scholars Luke Holland ('94) and David Romaldi ('82) who are members of the School Board and the Capital Projects Committee respectively.
Class of 2006, 10 Year Reunion

The class of 2006 marked the 10th anniversary of their graduation with a reunion on Friday 1 April 2016. The group set a new benchmark for forthcoming 10 year reunions, with approximately 35 from their year making it to their gathering. Well done guys!

Mr Jon Harmer
Community Relations Officer

The class of 2006 were very well represented as they gathered together at the conclusion of the school tour.

Sportsmen all. 2006 BPS sports leaders gather. (L- R) Alex Dellamalva (Open A Water Polo), Tim Cronin (First XI Cricket), Christopher Morrison (First XI Soccer), Tom Hogan (First XV11 Football) and Robert Parish (First XV11 Football).

Blackfriars old scholar footballers, Matthew Brincatt and Sam Horsell head up a table at the reunion.

10 Year Reunion organisers Daniel Booth (left) and Alex Dellamalva (right) with staff member Jon Harmer at the Wellington Hotel.
Class of 2015, 1 Year Reunion

The class of 2015 attended their first reunion as Old Scholars on Thursday 18 February. The concept of a one year reunion is a recent addition to the reunion calendar. It allows for boys who graduate in the preceding year to reconnect with Blackfriars as soon as possible. As such they are acknowledged as continuing to be a very important part of the Blackfriars community but now and for many years to come as Old Scholars.

The 2015 cohort will be remembered as a vibrant cohort, rich in diversity with a strong sense of community in service. Both Ms Mirasgentis and I expressed our gratitude for their attendance as old scholars and we look forward to witnessing their growth beyond school and supporting them in their future endeavours. We conveyed to the boys that they are always welcome ‘back to Blacks’ and to stay connected. We discussed the variety of ways they can be involved and the students were keen to stay in touch. The boys quite clearly genuinely appreciated “reuniting” even after such a brief time and the special bonds were evident as they reminisced about significant moments of their school journey with smiles and laughter.

Mr Jon Harmer
Community Relations Officer

Ben Thorn (‘05) Back to Blacks

It’s a very proud moment when students graduate from Blackfriars, but that pride reaches another level when they return to school to work in their chosen profession for the benefit of Blackfriars. Ben Thorn (‘05) returned to Blackfriars recently as Project Administrator for Inca Constructions, who were engaged to refurbish classrooms in the Primary School over the Christmas break. It was nice for both Ben and his former Year 5 teacher Mr David Richardson to discuss progress in the very classroom they shared in Year 5, circa 1998. Congratulations and thank you Ben.

Mr Jon Harmer
Community Relations Officer
Above and Left: Daniel Parrish (‘07) married Sorcha Murphy (St Dominic’s ‘07) and daughter of Blackfriars old scholar and former staff member Mr Ray Murphy (‘74) at the superb backdrop of the Seppeltsfield Winery on 27 November 2015. The very handsome young men who attended as groomsmen for Daniel were all Blackfriars old scholars. Pictured (L-R): Mark Parrish (‘04), Luke Bortolotti (‘08), Daniel himself, Steven Parrish (‘00), Jake Fiske (‘08) and Jake Blunt (‘07).

Luke Schinella (07) married Melissa Ciccarello on 13 February 2016 at The Monastery in Glen Osmond and are soon to honeymoon in the USA.
Patrick Harmer ('05) married Kahli Burns on 10 October 2015 in the beautiful surrounds of the Coriole Winery in the McLaren Vale. The happy couple are soon to honeymoon in Bali.

Left: Andrew ('00) and Melissa Demasi welcomed a son James John Demasi born at Calvary Hospital on 12 February 2016, weighing 4.06 kgs (8 lbs 15oz) and 56cm long. Congratulations Andrew and Melissa!

Right: Congratulations to Matthew ('03) and Nat Degaris-Boot on the birth of their daughter Eddie born January 15 2016, weighing 3.3kg. An adorable little Crows suppoter!
Garry Edward Dunbar attended Blackfriars from 1958 in Grade 3 to 1968 in Leaving Honours (or Year 12 in today’s terminology). In 1964 in 2nd Year High School he obtained a Certificate of Merit in Physics and Chemistry.

Garry comfortably passed each year at Blackfriars, often excelling in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Geometry and forceful Public Speaking, as was noted in his Year 12 Report Card by Father Hallinan, his Class teacher.

Though Garry was not renowned for his sporting prowess, still played a few games in 1968 with the Blackfriars Second XVIII.

In 1964 Garry joined the RAAF Air Training Corps as a Cadet Corporal. During the 4 years of part time training while still attending senior school at Blackfriars he won a Flying Scholarship worth $1,000 and was promoted to Cadet Flight Sergeant.

He completed Year 12 at Blackfriars in 1968 along with his pre-entry Air Force training and the next year he moved to the RAAF Flying Training School at Pearce in Western Australia. Within 18 months he had completed his formal pilot training and graduated in May 1970 at a formal ceremony in Pearce.

Garry is survived by his widow Marilyn, his two sons Ross and James and granddaughter Maisie.

John arrived from England at age 13 and attended Blackfriars from 1960 to 1965. He was a school prefect and will be remembered for his participation in the 1st XV111 football team and especially for his successful representation of the school in distance running.

He attended Wattle Park Teachers College where he completed the Rural course. This sent him first to a one teacher school, Lochaber, in the south east of South Australia.

1969 was the year he married Susan Aitken (Saint Aloysius College) who he met at Teachers College and they moved to teach among the Indigenous communities in the N.T. – Elliott, Humpty Doo and Katherine and then Pt McLeay (in SA). From there he was Deputy Principal at Hillcrest, Port Adelaide, Warradale and Flinders Park. John’s priority was always those kids who needed an extra helping hand.

By the time John and Susan had been married 15 years they had a family of 11 children. Three biological and eight Australian and inter-country adopted. They subsequently had 16 grand children.

In addition to his teaching, John spent many years working voluntarily for ASIAC (AAC) in arranging overseas aid, sponsorship and inter-country adoption.

He also volunteered at Vinnies Fred’s Van and the Australian Refugees Association.

A keen gardener, John delighted in growing and harvesting vegetables.

Fishing was one of the great passions of John’s life and his joy was sharing the experience with as many people as possible.

John loved life. Loved to laugh and play jokes. He always had time for others. He is sorely missed by those dear to him.
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WINE & CHEESE NIGHT

Friday 18 November
7.30 - 11.00pm
For details please visit: bps.sa.edu.au