

INAUGURAL EXECS ANNUAL DINNER

We sure kicked off our Annual Dinner idea on a high note!

On a balmy March evening, the College Hospitality Centre was a perfect venue for a great night out. With the sun setting in the background and champagne, (or something) in hand, we were all soon into the swing of catching up with old friends and teachers (or both!). With guests dressed in their finest, the hospitality staff and students catered brilliantly to our every wine-ing and dining wish. ExECS President, Justin Littlefield, welcomed everyone, including ex-Principal Dr. Brian Webber from Adelaide.



Cara Webber ('95) and Andrew Startin

Our guest artist, Andrew Startin, set us all rolling in our seats with his impersonations and his merciless treatment of certain members of the audience, (KM being the most harshly treated!). There was a great mix of ex students spanning most of the college's 30 years, and an equally rich blend of ex and current staff, which was great to see. Everyone in

attendance had a fantastic time: great food & wine, great entertainment and great friends. What more could we ask? Watch out for next year's event – it promises to be bigger and better!



Clockwise from L: Dr. Brian Webber, Roger Crabtree, Lucy Nichols ('90), Ian Whitford, Athalie Haydon, Richard Hayes, Jane Bellamy (Snowdon), Jon Rogers,



Natalie McGregor ('89) and Keith McKechnie



L to R: Craig DuPlessis ('83), Cameron Groppi ('83), Jon Wilton ('83) and Matthew Taylor ('83)



Tony Keenan ('81), wife Bridget & Melissa Littlefield



"Did I really look like THAT!"



Ann Plush (Caldwell) '83 & Penny Van Gelderen ('92)



Jaki Cornell (Reid) '93 and Matthew Chapman ('95)



Bronwen Lane ('81) and Terry Sloumatis



Dr. Brian Webber and Justin Littlefield ('86)

COMING EVENTS

20 & 10 YEAR REUNIONS

Class of 1985 in Sept/Oct
Class of 1995 in November

Keep checking the website for more info, & make sure you update your details so you can be notified when our details are finalised.

Mark it in your diaries!

If you are interested in helping to organise these reunions, or would like more info contact:

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THEN AND NOW - THROUGH THE EYES OF THE STAFF

We all have different memories of Eltham, but what about staff who have seen the school change and grow and are still there? We asked 7 currently teaching staff, (who have accumulated 139 years at the college between them!), about their memories and thoughts of ELTHAM over the last 30 years.

Most memorable students, classes ?

Most said there were too many to mention, but a few stuck out.

BC: *Brian (yr12, 2003). Why? We had to send a tape of Brian speaking Indonesian to the Gov. Assessment centre. Just after the tape started rolling he broke into English and said "F***, I'm not doing this!" He took a fair bit of persuasion to get back on track.*

PD: *Andrew Chan, was a top student, way ahead of me!*

JB: *My Laura and her year level, very special. Jan Banks, and the Kenney Family! Yr 12 Geography, 1998....Sheer fun.*

AM: *Alex Tan had a great mind*

TD: *My first Yr12 Geog.(1985) it had just about the entire footy team who sat up the back and told tales of what they had done to the previous teacher!*

JH: *Yr 12 Chem and Biol around 20yrs ago. Almost all pushed themselves to the limit but we enjoyed each others company in the process.*

CH: *Mark Ryzak: gutsy and enthusiastic, Jeremy Webb: stunningly self aware and honest. All classes are memorable, each is different and has its own challenges, magical moments, kids to touch the heart and moments of inspiration.*

Most embarrassing moments?

CH: *Reading aloud Di Jenkins notes to a yr6 swimming class;"On the blocks, Bend the knees, Arms behind you, Put your chin on your dick" She had meant to write neck I hope!! The kids fell in the pool laughing!*

JB: *Nearly throwing a kid out of a 3rd story window...*

BC: *Losing 2 Yr7's on a walk at Fraser Park camp (1987), the poor kids had only been at school a week!*

AM: *A class throwing a surprise 50th birthday for me!*

Best and worst memories of school camps?

CH: *Watching a group of kids having a ball in the mud and the river, getting absolutely filthy and loving it! Being hit in the head with a boomerang.*

TD: *Viewing Halley's Comet on the Keg Spur at Eildon, and freezing night on Lake Mountain with Yr9.*

BC: *Escaping the kids at Anglesea to do Yoga in our tent...not getting up in time to view Halley's Comet over the ocean.*

TD: *On a Central trip, a few lads mooned a passing unmarked police car, we were threatened with a line up to identify the trouble makers!*

JH: *Central every year, great to see staff & students enjoying each others company. Yr 9 camp where it rained for 5 days solid...I guess I learned resilience!*

JB: *A parent having a stroke on Yr10 camp, taking 36 kids on a day walk on my own and having to clear a dead cow from the front of a bus on Western District.*

And the biggest changes at Eltham?

PD: *The overall philosophy, Uniform and expansion of the college grounds.*

AM: *The Reggio program in the ELC.*

BC: *EVERYTHING is done by email: this style of communication is a far cry from the 'Daily Bulletin'.*

TD: *A much broader range of subjects, student input and choice in decision making, changes in terminology used for titles and roles, uniform, (I've seen 3 different styles!).*

JB: *What hasn't changed!!!!!!*

JH: *3 headmasters.*

CH: *The relationship between students and staff is closer to, (or actually is) friendship. While this is how I have always worked with kids, it's now actually valued, rather than something that's cause for comments like, "They wont respect you if they call you by your first name."*

Jane Bellamy, (of course), has the last word, as she reminded us that we neglected to ask staff what they love about ELTHAM:

"The answer is the people - brilliant, friendly and inspiring kids and staff, as one has gone, another just as sparkling has taken their place."

A heartfelt thanks to JB: Jane Bellamy (Snowdon), BC: Beth Crompton, TD: Trish Douglas, PD: Peter Duffell, JH: John Hills, CH: Cathy Howard, & AM: Annette MacDonald, for taking the time to recount their thoughts.

REMEMBER WHEN ?????

1974...

ah, I remember it well.... do you?

Our obsession with sport was fuelled by Denis Lillee and Jeff Thomson who set Ian Chappell's team on the path to cricket domination. Raelene Boyle and Steve Holland won gold at the Christchurch Commonwealth Games and Richmond rejoiced in winning back to back premierships.

1974 was a big year for Australia's cultural and entertainment scene. Blue Poles arrived in Australia amidst immense controversy; Peter Weir's first feature film opened in Melbourne; Skyhooks released 'Living in the Seventies' and Olivia Newton John won 2 Grammys and was named Country Music Female Vocalist of the Year for 'I Honestly Love You'. And do you remember the Grammy record of the year ... Roberta Flack's 'Killing Me Softly with His Song'?

Television commenced colour transmissions on all networks on October 19. Countdown with 'Molly' Meldrum started a 12 year run on the ABC and Grundy Productions launched its first drama series, Class of '74. The Box premiered on the 0-10 Network and finished the year as the second most popular program on Australian television behind Number 96.

On the silver screen we watched the first releases of The Towering Inferno, Blazing Saddles, Godfather Part 2, Chinatown, Monty Python and the Holy Grail and Young Frankenstein. And the Academy award for best picture went to..... 'The Sting'.

Prime Minister Gough Whitlam was the dominant figure in Australian politics but Labor ended the year in big trouble. The rate of inflation had blown out to 14.4 percent and unemployment risen from 71,000 in June to 111,000 in August.

The saving grace for Labor was the leadership of Billy Sneddon, who told a business lunch that his colleagues would walk through the Valley of Death on hot coals for him. Ten days later they voted against him in a party room no-confidence motion. Meanwhile, John Howard quietly entered the House of Reps as Liberal member for Bennelong - the seat he has held ever since.

The year ended with Darwin being devastated by Cyclone Tracy. Beyond Australia's shores, President Nixon resigned as a result of Watergate and Gerald Ford was sworn in as the 38th President of the United States.

Just in case you have forgotten how much society has changed over the past 30 years, in 1974 the Randwick Town Clerk explained that if women stood for local government, Council couldn't meet on Mondays as that was when they, (the women), did the washing!

Thanks to Greg King for the mental jogging!

ELTHAM Time Line

- 1973** Eltham College construction begins.
- '74** Eltham College officially opens with 135 students and Des Davey as first Principal.
- '76** Eccacentre completed.
- '78** Senior Wing commenced. First Year 12 intake of 34 students.
- '79** Recycling program introduced.
- '80** Music Centre completed and 43 acres opposite school purchased.
- '83** Des Davey retires. D.D.Davey Library complex opens.
- '84** Brian Webber appointed new Principal, 1st school captain; Tony Floyd.
- '87** Performance Centre opened, Prep School Library & Visual Arts (Clarke Centre) built. John Brennan replaces Brian Webber as new Principal.
- '89** First Gala Concert at Concert Hall
- '90** Library computerisation
- '93** **20th Anniversary celebration.** New Uniform introduced, ovals and environmental reserve completed.
- '96** Forum and City Campus opened.
- '97** New Principal's residence built.
- '98** Preps move to old Principal's residence.
- '99** New Senior Wing opened.
- 2000** New Principal, Dr. David Warner, Peacebuilder program established.
- '01** Name changed to ELTHAM College of Education.
- '02** Launch of Knowledge Network and "History Centre" for yrs 3 & 4.
- '03** **30th Anniversary celebrations,** acquisition of Eltham Nth Child Care Centre, opening of Hospitality Centre.
- '04** Acquisition of Crest Road for Yr9 Bush Campus.
- 2005** Stage 1 of Sports Pavilion completed, 1171 Students and 186 Staff

MOTHER & DAUGHTER- THEN & NOW

In 2004, Alexandra Stanley graduated from ELTHAM having passed her VCE. Her mother, Jeanette Stanley ("J") was also a former pupil of ELTHAM (1979). This is a milestone in the school's 30-year history as it is the first time the child of a former pupil has graduated from the senior school. Here is an interview with both mother and daughter, reflecting on their time at ELTHAM.



How many years did you each spend at ELTHAM?

Jeanette: I spent four years from Yr 9 and graduated in 1979. My sister, Claire Hogg (nee Stanley) attended from 1979 (yr 6) & brother, Paul Stanley from 1977 (yr 7).

Alexandra: I started in Yr 7 in 1999 and completed Yr 12 in 2004.

Memories of your time at ELTHAM? ie: Former teachers, classes, other students?

Jeanette: I had a lovely time and enjoyed going to school. There was a warm, community feeling and not just in the school but with the whole environment. There wasn't any nonsense or bullying. I vividly remember the polo neck skivvies, duffel coats, the freezing temperatures and no heating, "Fred's shed", orienteering over the road, swimming in the Clarke rubber pool, which stood where the junior school is now. When we got it, the ECCA centre seemed so palatial in comparison.

Alexandra: The best memory of my time at the school was the Yr 11 Central Australia Trip. It was the best two weeks of my life - a holiday with all of my best friends. The environment of the school was good and the camps were fun. We loved the Senior Café - Jane and Chris were like our mothers; they let us have junk food only once a week, didn't let us swear in the café and told us to keep the music down.

Teachers that made an impression?

Jeanette: Mrs Kathy Zerkel, who was a sensational English teacher. Jane Snowden (Bellamy) for whom I had the utmost respect. She told the most incredible stories. She was a hard taskmaster but we had respect for her knowledge.

Keith McKechnie - He must have liked me because I was given an A for maths! Mr Healy (art Teacher) - who I recall as being innovative and organic.

Alexandra: Mr. John Mcallum (Science) and Mrs. Bellamy (Miss Snowden) taught both my mum and me.

What have you done since leaving ELTHAM?

Jeanette: I have come full circle back to the Eltham area.

Alexandra: I have deferred my plans to do a tourism course at Victoria University for 12 months. I am working in hospitality and planning to travel at the end of this year.

Jeanette, what do you see as the most significant changes at ELTHAM, since your time there?

Obviously the buildings - much has been added. Over the last 30 years the school has really established itself. The curriculum can now cater for the range of abilities and offers opportunities for achievement in other areas too.

Why did you choose ELTHAM for Alexandra?

I chose it because of the school's innovative curriculum and learning environment. The educational program was tailored to her individual learning needs. I believe that the school helped her to become a well-rounded adult. It gave her opportunities support that I didn't believe would be found in other local schools. I feel sad that Alexandra has finished school as they have helped her so much.

Alexandra, how did you feel going to the same school as your mother?

I didn't think about it all the time. It was never an issue although the same teachers would tell us off! I'll never forget being in trouble one day and Mr Mcallum commenting, "Like mother, like daughter". I hated wearing the winter tunic that both my mum and my aunty had worn in their days at ELTHAM. (*Jeanette:* "I loved that Alexandra wore our old uniform. It was wool, so I think it kept her warmer than the ones they wear now".) Addit from Alexandra: "It was too small, faded and as thin as a tissue!"

How do you think your experience of ELTHAM was different to that of your mother?

Well, obviously the school has progressed since her day, particularly in regard to the facilities. It is also less "hippie". Sometimes when I would complain about the [ageing facilities] of ECCA centre, mum would remind me of the limited facilities that she had in her day before the ECCA centre was built

IN MEMORIAM



ALAIN PHILLIPS (1936-2005)

Vice Principal ELTHAM 1978 - 1993

Alain came to Eltham College as its first Vice-Principal after a distinguished career at The King's School, Parramatta, NSW. With his wife Susi and daughters Anna, Claire and Nicola, Alain soon became immersed in the life of the young and growing College. Their three girls graduated from Eltham.

Alain was a gentleman whose scholarship and humour helped develop the character of Eltham College in its formative years. He brought his love of languages to his classroom teaching, and his violin enhanced many a musical moment over the years. He held steadfast to the belief that self-discipline was an important ingredient in the development of a young person, and he wanted the totality of the College experience to enhance that development.

Alain was farewelled by his loving family and many friends at a memorial service in the Chapel of the Melbourne Girls Grammar School.

- Keith McKechnie



THOMAS McCABE 1985-2005

Class of 2003

Members of the College community are very saddened at the sudden and accidental death of ex-student Tom in late March. A service to celebrate his life was held at the ELTHAM Gateway Conference Centre on Saturday 2 April. Tom will be remembered with much fondness.

BIOGRAPHIES

Melissa Davis (1980)

Left school after year 11, (1979) to do a two year business studies course at Swinburne (1980/81). January 82 was employed by Lloyds International (Bank not Insurance) working in the Money Market division. I worked through most departments and survived merging companies ending up at Merrill Lynch working for the Chairman in IBK Mergers and Acquisitions. My career here ending with maternity leave in December 1998. I Married Anthony Davis in March 1998 and we now have two children Ella nearly 6 and Sam 3 1/2.

Diana Janicki (1982)

I went from EC on to a Foundation year in Art and Design at what was Prahran College, and then a BA at RMIT in Graphic Design. I worked as a book designer at Oxford University Press, then headed off on a years tour of every last inch of Europe and basically never really returned! (That's why I missed all the reunions.)

Landed work in Sweden as Art Director with IKEA of Sweden, married a Swede called Bo I returned to Australia in 1997, completed a Grad Dip in Animation and Interactive media at RMIT. In 1998, worked for Clemengers, as an Art Director, then headed to London in 1999 and have been there ever since!

Margit Jeppeson (1987)

After 18 years have logged on to the web for the first time in 2005 (scary that it has been that long since year 12). Worked in the corporate world for over ten years for Lend Lease, Coca Cola and Southcorp before starting my own firm, 'uncommon sense', specialising in private investment and management consulting for private and public companies. Have completed a Bachelor of Business and a Masters of Business Administration (endurance test!) Love travelling and in 2004 travelled to Africa and Antarctica - 2 of the most diverse wildernesses but equally impressive. Becoming increasingly greenie with a huge appreciation for and supporter of the unspoilt parts of our world. Love the outdoors, fitness and learning. Ecstatically married to partner of 13 years, Sean Cowan. No kids yet.

Justine Caldwell (1987)

I left ELTHAM in 1986 and began Architectural Drafting at RMIT. After 2yrs, I then switched and completed Interior Design. Since then I've been working various jobs within the supply sector of the Interior Design & Architectural Industry, and have travelled to various countries with work. Lived in Sydney for 8yrs, returned to Melbourne 2yrs ago with my beautiful son now 3. I am now the Vic Manger of Stylecraft Australia, a supplier of contract furniture

& have just returned from Milan to source new product! We are about to move the business into a new showroom located at the old, yet infamous, 'Ivy' Hotel.

Meghan Tozer (nee Duncan) (1987)

I left Australia after HSC to live in the UK for a year, then returned to a degree in marketing and an old flame in Brook Tozer (also class of '87), we were married in 1995. I spent the next 10yrs working with the Australian Open tennis in both marketing and advertising roles. I still works in marketing and sponsorship, but only part time since Elli (7) and Maiya (3) were born. Elli is currently attending EC in grade 1 and Maiya will be starting in 2006. Unfortunately, having both parents as EXECs, means they know all the secret

INSIDE EXECs

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BIOGRAPHIES CONTd.

Rachel Emmerling (1988)

I have been teaching at Greenhills primary school for 9 years teaching a variety of grade levels, currently teach grade 4. Michael and I have been married for almost 11 years and have two children Jake (7) and Delia (2). We have plans to travel to Europe soon and visit Michael's family who live in Germany.

Julia Fahey (1989)

I've recently returned to work for IBM after having a beautiful little boy, Riley, born 26/3/04. I am still living in Clifton Hill with Sean (who I married 3 years ago), although the two of us have spent a lot of time in London while I was working for PwC. Life is different now having a son to look after, I think your priorities change a lot, as does your life style, and I must say that a part of me misses that spontaneous, selfish life that we can all have when no one is dependent on us. I still catch up with some of my old friends from school, and really enjoyed the 10 year reunion, I think they should be scheduled more frequently as I love catching up with everyone.

Joanne Schlegel (1990)

I'm currently working as a medical scientist at St Vincents Institute for Medical Research, specializing in HIV and Hepatitis diagnostics and research. I graduated with a BAppSc (Med Lab Science) RMIT in 1997, commenced work with my current employer in August 1997 and married in November 1997. I have two beautiful girls and have been living in Eltham since 2000.

Rachael Waters (1991)

I have been living in Sydney's NthW for the last 3 years with my husband, Ben, and 2 daughters, aged 3 and 15 mths. Prior to this, was in Adelaide for 2 yrs. I worked as an account executive with Eveready for years before having the kids. We are hoping to finally get back to living in Melbourne in the not-too-distant future! Due to my husband's work, we have also lived in WA and Tasmania (briefly). We are expecting our third child in October; no rest for the wicked!!

Melissa Van Gelderen (1993)

Since leaving Eltham I have completed a Business/Arts degree majoring in Accounting and Vietnamese. I began my management accounting career at a Manufacturing facility in Echuca with Simplot Australia and have moved within the company to my current position of Divisional Accountant. I have completed my CPA qualification and am almost finished a Masters of Business.

Stewart Robertson (1993)

After a mutual agreement between my parents and the school I went to Diamond Valley Tech for year. Then moved to Singapore with my dad, and played arcade games for around 2 years, managed to travel around Asia for another year. Moved back to Melbourne for a while, then couldn't take the cold so went to Queensland (Hamilton Island) for 3 years, then moved to Surfers, met a girl, had a baby, got married, had another baby, and we have all recently moved back to good ol' Diamo !!!!!. Married for 4 years. Managing a scaffold company so that takes up the day time, other than that still ride a skateboard every day / night with my son....

Jessica Elmer (1994)

After having my MASSIVE son, 9lbs 11, on the 5th Nov I have decided to have a career change so have put Zoology on hold and have opened up a shop in Ivanhoe called Kids Interior Designs selling children's furniture, homewares and giftware.

Emma Fisher (1994)

2004 has been a big year - travelled to India, got married, and started renovating. Soon to be living in Nunawading. Working at Emery Frost Design full-time, and also lecturing part time at RMIT. Had a great time at this year's reunion - thanks to everyone who came along!

Andrew Loughnan (1996)

Have been living and working in Sydney for the past year. March 2005, I am off to China for 3 to 6 months with work. If you're over there please feel to drop me a line. Otherwise things are well. Shared a house in Sydney with Justin Edwards and

his lovely girlfriend Jane. Has been lots of fun. Never a spare moment besides now at work on my last day.

Alissa Maillet (1996)

Currently studying at Melbourne University, Bachelor of Optometry. Recently married and moved back to Australia from Canada. Had been working for the National Park service in Canada for past 3 years.

Jayne McCubbin (1997)

After finishing school I started a combined Law/Arts degree at Latrobe University. I took a year and a half break from my degree to travel overseas with Verity Heyson. I worked in England and Scotland and travelled all over Europe and Turkey. I finally finished my degrees in '04 and have just commenced my year of articulated clerkship with the law firm Galbally & O'Bryan.

Chih-Yun (Rose) Shih (1997)

Hi, This is rose. I know I have left Eltham college in 1996 to Canada. I miss all you guys, and it's been over 10 years now. I am still friends with Bradley Goodes. I live in Canada, and will be getting married in March 2005. I own a music company and am currently doing my masters in HR management. please do contact me, and let me know, how you all are. Take care

Benjamin Ippolito (1999)

Would someone please report on WHERE the last 5 years went? I now work with Virgin Blue in Melbourne in Guest Services, checking guests in and boarding the aircraft. My flight times now are about 320hrs Total Time, 90 Command and 25 Night hours. Still have 2 damn air transport exams to go, and I must get them done before April when my credits will expire! Even though I'm part time I am working more hours than the full time staff! Hopefully after the new year it will settle down a bit and I can get these exams done!

Mark Choo (2000)

Just got out of the bloody Singapore army 'bout 6 months ago. Currently studying 1st year at the University of Tasmania.

ExECS FOOTY

The **ELTHAM COLLEGIANS AMATEUR FOOTBALL CLUB** is looking forward to season 2005. The construction of the pavilion at the Eltham College has led to great optimism for the future, as players, officials and spectators anticipate having a true 'home' for the club.

The Eltham Collegians are coached by Wayne Reardon (Seniors) and Paul Gregor (Reserves/Assistant) and the on-field leadership group for 2005 is John Galvin (Captain), Ryan Foo and Luke Mason (Vice-Captains).

The club welcomes any new players or supporters, and a major initiative for 2005 is the establishment of a past players/officials association. The first home game for the season was on April 30th. For more information go to:

www.elthamcollegiansfc.com

ExECS CRICKET

The **ELTHAM COLLEGIANS CRICKET CLUB** is part of the Diamond Valley Cricket Association and fields 4 senior, 2 junior teams and a Milo Cricket clinic for the youngsters.

With the addition of the new pavilion at ELTHAM, we boast the best facilities within the competition and are continually looking to grow in size and strength. Training runs from August through to March with games played on Saturday afternoons, beginning in October.

We are always looking for new players and members of all ages. We have teams playing all grades of cricket, so if you are interested in becoming part of a great club as a player or member please contact either:

Tim Miller (President) 0414 391 102
Luke Sparks (Secretary) 0413 210 532

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