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The Newsletter of the Ipswich Girls' Grammar School Old Girls Association

At the start of the year, we were delighted to see the first stage of the refurbishment of our original building completed. This has been a much-needed project and a major focus of OGA fundraising in recent years. There is still much to be done, but it is now a joy to walk through the front door and see the newly restored areas with their beautiful lighting which was the contribution of the OGA.

It has become our practice to have a welcoming function early in the year. However, for 2019 we had planned an afternoon tea to commemorate Miss Dorothy Marsden's 100th Birthday. Unfortunately, Dorothy had a bad fall in late 2018 which resulted in her being too frail to attend and the function had to be cancelled. Many Old Girls have since visited our beloved former teacher and boarding mistress in her new residence. How we will all miss not having any of our revered older teachers at our gatherings.



Ruth Hastings (Addison) was delighted to catch up with Miss Marsden shortly after the planned function for which she had flown up from Melbourne.

This year's Commem Day was held on 2 March, where we were delighted to recognise the academic excellence

of our 2018 Dux, Ella McBain. In addition, two Old Girls – Jocelyn Green (Brisbane Branch) and Eirys Jones – were honoured by having their names placed on the Honour Boards in the newly refurbished IGGSOGA Old Girls Commemorative Performing Arts Centre.

Other events are again in place. Our Annual Luncheon on 8 June is the perfect opportunity to organise reunions and smaller get-togethers and we look forward to seeing many of you at this function. While this event may be organised by the Old Girls Association, all past students are welcome and encouraged to attend. This also applies to fundraising

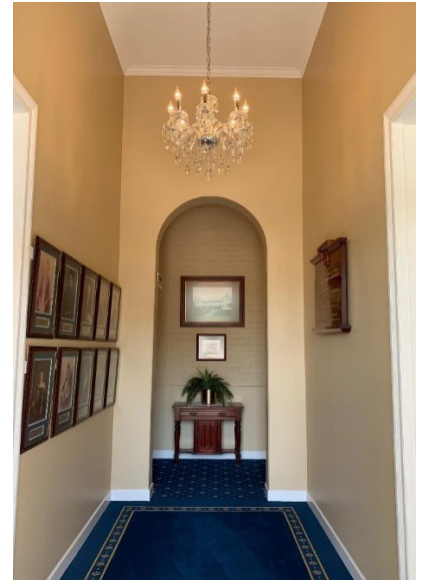
activities, some of which – such as our Melbourne Cup Luncheon – cater for friends and family as well. Please be aware that there is no Annual Dinner in 2019. The timing of this function has been very close to the very successful Long Lunch organised by a group of Old Girl parents and others and we do not wish to detract from it in any way. So for the time being we have decided not to hold an Annual Dinner.

We hope this year to increase the number of purely social occasions and encourage all of you to do likewise. When and where we meet is not the issue. The important thing is to foster or retain friendships.

We appreciate the efforts of our Branch members whose company we enjoy at meetings and functions. Some Branches are organised quite formally while others meet on a less regular basis. We do encourage any of you who meet from time to time to keep us informed of your gatherings.

Best wishes,

Leah Bell and Helen Pullar
Co-Presidents of the OGA



Helen Graham (Steele) and Catherine Cheek (Phillips), Seniors of 1982, who have been friends since kindy days, catching up at Peregrine after a long time – a reunion of two!

A Very Happy Event

There were a significant number of acceptances for the proposed gathering for Miss Marsden on 17 February including one from Margaret Boulter offering to bake a cake for the occasion as she had also made a cake for Dorothy's mother's 100th birthday. Helen undertook to ice the cake ready for the big occasion.



The cancellation left us with a dilemma regarding the cutting of this cake, but with the encouragement of Cathy Urquart we took ourselves off to visit Miss Marsden at Seaton Place, Cleveland, to see if we could devise a plan. The staff were overwhelmingly co-operative and welcoming so we were able to invite a number of others, many of whom had known her for a very long time, to join us on 14 March.



To describe it as a happy day is really an understatement. From the moment we arrived to find everything in readiness for us till the very end when one of the staff presented us all with a laminated photo of our gathering, it was all we had hoped it might be. This staff member revealed that she had missed the actual event and was thrilled because she now felt she had been able to celebrate after all. At one point, much to the delight of the Staff, we gave a hearty rendition of the School Song as Dorothy sat beaming with pleasure. The cards which many had sent were all presented to her and she obviously enjoyed her lunch, gifts and the company.

It is such a good feeling knowing that Dorothy is being so lovingly cared for.



Photos courtesy of
Jeanine Dwyer and
Glenys Rendell

Left: Margaret Boulter helps Dorothy cut her cake.

*Below Back: Mae Frame, Jeanine Dwyer, Kay Jones, Sue Wyatt, Shirley Barnes
Front: Jocelyn Smith*



Below: Jeanine Dwyer, Mary Slattery, Nita Carsburg and Glenys Rendell



Eirys Jones and Leah Bell



Below: Margaret, Leah, Helen Pullar and Jill Cumming enjoy a joke with Dorothy.



We encourage any of you who are able to visit Dorothy to join with those from the OGA, Brisbane and Gold Coast Branches and many others who have faithfully shown their affection over a long period of time to do so as her pleasure is obvious.

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Jocelyn Green

Jocelyn Green, a member of the Brisbane Branch of the OGA, was honoured on Commemoration Day by having her name placed on the OGA Honour Board in recognition of her contribution to the Branch.

In her tribute to her, Joan Meecham told the assembled guests that Jocelyn Hutchison, as she was then, attended IGGS as a boarder for four years from 1964 to 1967. Jocelyn's primary education had been at a two-teacher school at Thulimbah, outside Stanthorpe, where her parents were apple farmers. Jocelyn was an arts student and in 1968, she enrolled in an Arts Degree at the University of Queensland where she studied English, History, Anthropology and Sociology. However, after about eighteen months Jocelyn astutely recognised the realities of student life, and changed to paid employment with the (then) Commonwealth Department of Social Security. She subsequently completed her degree part-time during 1970 and 1971.

Jocelyn's employment with the Commonwealth Public Service continued for close on 40 years. In 1992 she moved to a senior management role in the Registry of the Federal Court of Australia until her retirement in 2008.

Jocelyn successfully combined motherhood and a paid working life when her two boys were born during the mid-eighties. Since her retirement, Jocelyn has worked part-time as a member of the Commonwealth Social Security and Administrative Appeals Tribunal and has also been a very active grandmother in the lives of her two grandsons.

Following a 40th Reunion of her year group in 2008, Jocelyn was encouraged by Julie Lee to join the Brisbane Branch of the Old Girls Association. Jocelyn became involved with Julie in organising the lucrative "Bring and Buy" stall which the Brisbane Branch ran until 2012. In 2010 Jocelyn also took on the role of Secretary/Treasurer for the Branch, a position she held until 2016. She then served as Treasurer during 2017.

Jocelyn was very actively involved in the organisation and running of the Brisbane Branch's highly successful 75th Year celebrations in 2011. She has been a consistent and willing supporter of OGA events attending Commemoration Days, OGA Dinners and Lunches. She worked for School fetes on the Brisbane Branch stalls and sold raffle tickets for our various fundraisers. She has also offered assistance to older members of our Branch, providing transport and other help.

Recently Jocelyn has had some health challenges which she has faced with an admirable level of equanimity and forbearance. This has limited her ability to participate in many Branch activities but nonetheless she continues to offer support and encouragement. Her advice is always practical and sensible, and her demeanour unflappable.

Joan acknowledged that Jocelyn has contributed to the ongoing success of the Brisbane Branch and concluded that she a worthy recipient of the honour being bestowed.

In responding, Jocelyn acknowledged that she owed much to her parents for the sacrifices they made for her as they recognised the importance of education for a girl at a time when it was not universally accepted that investment in a girl's education was worthwhile. She also felt fortunate to have attended IGGS at a time when there were a number of inspirational teachers. *"This is not to suggest that the present teachers are any different. I am sure they are brilliant, but the legendary teachers of our time, Alison Goleby, Dorothy Marsden, Deirdre Brown, Joan Benson and Thalia Kennedy were more than just classroom teachers. They shared our lives in the boarding house, including the meals. They instructed us and led by example in manners and behavior – especially Miss Brown who was pedantic about table manners – and showed us how to live co-operatively. Dealing with a large group of teenage girls in the swinging sixties would not have been easy but they kept us under control and retained our respect and affection to this day."*

Our teachers taught and inspired us with their knowledge and love of their subjects. Who can forget Miss Goleby's history lessons? How I would love to hear what she would have to say about Brexit, Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un.

A large group from my years remain in touch and we see each other regularly. I value their friendship and appreciate many of them being here today. There is something special about friendships that go back to our youth.



Jocelyn (2nd left) with school friends Marilyn McPhail, Julie Lee, Vicki Doig, Heather Jorgensen, Annette Shuker and Margaret Hassell.

Please Note:

There *will not* be an Annual Dinner OGA Dinner in 2019.

The Annual Lunch will be held on Saturday, 8 June.

ALL REUNION GROUPS WELCOME

Eirys Jones

Eirys's contribution to her community was acknowledged with her name being placed on the Community Board. However, as Leah Bell explained, she also had a stellar career at IGGS and IJGS. Over the course of 36 years she taught from Pre-Prep to Year 12. In the Middle and Senior schools her subjects included English, Junior & Modern History, French, German and Japanese. She was appointed as Teacher Librarian and taught library studies from Pre-Prep to Year 6 as well as German and Japanese. Co-curricular activities included tennis, badminton and Z Club and as a member of the Teacher-Librarian network Eirys contributed annually to the Children's Literary Festival.

Eirys's commitment to education spread to teaching in the wider community: evening classes in extension Senior Japanese and Junior Japanese at Oxley Secondary College; Japanese for Adult Education, Japanese in the Hospitality Department at the Bremer Institute of TAFE and in the Hospitality Section at the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE. She was also Secretary of the Japanese Language Teachers' Association for several years.

Eirys says that one of the most enjoyable times of her life was when she was a member of the Committee of the Queensland Youth Exchange Association from the 1970s to 1990s and the leader of a group of young Australians who visited Japan.

In her earlier years Eirys was a Venturer Leader in the Silkstone Scout Group, a Sunday School Teacher at the North Booval Methodist Church and a member of the Ipswich Choral Society. She was the recipient of a Red Cross Medal for 10 years service in the kiosk at St. Andrews Hospital where she continued until it became commercial. She has been an active member of the Ipswich Historical Society and still holds membership.

Eirys is currently the Vice President of Friends of the Ipswich Library having previously been Treasurer. She has been a member of ZONTA since 1989 and has served on the Board of Directors for several terms and held the positions of both President and Chair of Committees. Other voluntary work includes comparing at the Ipswich Junior Eisteddfod and the Queensland Eisteddfod and judge for the Ipswich Poetry Fest.

Eirys was born into a family that was heavily invested in the welfare of both the Welsh and the wider community. When she was in her teens she assisted her father with 'Meals on Wheels' and before the days of mobile libraries started up a service delivering books to people who were housebound.

Apart from all of these other pursuits, Eirys has had an almost lifetime commitment to the United Welsh Church of Blackstone. She is a 4th generation member (on both sides of her family) and began playing the church organ

when she was 13 and is still doing so. Currently holding the position of Chair of the Management Committee, and in the absence of a minister, Eirys is responsible for all of the church activities and services.

In 2014 Eirys received an award from the Celtic Council of Australia in recognition of a long and dedicated service to the Welsh community and her work in maintaining Welsh culture.

Last, but certainly not least, Eirys joined the Old Girls Association when she finished school and has been a loyal and supportive member ever since. She is currently a member of the Association's Management Committee.

It would be fair to say that even some of Eirys's closest friends and colleagues had no real concept of the extraordinary contribution she has made to her community, quietly and without any need for recognition.

In responding to Leah's accolades, Eirys told us that while she started at IGGS in 1966, her connection to

the School goes back much further than that. As a little girl sitting in the back seat as her father drove from Booval into town, according to her mother, when they went through the Fiveways, she would frequently look over to IGGS and say 'That is my school; that is the school I am going to!'

"How disappointed I was when it was time to start school and I discovered that I was not going to the Grammar School for another seven years! By that time, I had become an avid reader of all those schoolgirl series such as Mallory Towers, St Clare's, Swiss Chalet School and the like. What joy it was for

me to discover that life at IGGS brought all my literary fantasies to life. Life at IGGS was just like the books!"

I entered into Second Form, not Year 8; there were boarders who lived upstairs in that mysterious place that the daygirls couldn't enter; English architecture, with its quaint classrooms and little nooks and crannies; interesting school desks and school bags and exercise books bearing the school badge. I was completely beside myself!

It was wonderful and I can truly say that I enjoyed every day of my school life and the opportunities that it afforded me, most importantly, giving me life-long friends, several of whom are here today.

Of course, it was here that I received an education which I consider to have been second to none. I will be forever grateful to a group of remarkable women and one man, Mr Gee, who, armed only with the power of their passion, learning, personality, dignified demeanour and, often, only a single textbook, were able to share the joy of learning and give us girls the skills to enable us to embark on our life journeys.

They opened our eyes to the world."



Eirys with President Leah

Helen White Memorial Prize



2018 Dux, Ella McBain (centre) with her parents Martin and Melanie together with Old Girl and current Trustee Carly Gregory and daughter Carter

This year's recipient of the Brisbane Branch Prize for Dux of the School was Ella McBain.

Ella has chosen to study Psychology full-time at the University of Queensland and is particularly interested in neuropsychology, so is considering a career in this area. But the future is still a while away, so she shared some of the exciting things she's taken on in 2019.

Her family is involved with a charity which takes surgeons to less fortunate areas of Fiji to perform critical surgeries on those in need. Some time ago Ella made the decision that she would one day join the team and spend time with the children in hospital delivering gift packs to brighten their days. After some fundraising and a generous donation of drawing supplies from another charity, this goal will soon be a reality.

Additionally, while she was a senior at IGGS, Ella and her mum rescued an orphaned baby kangaroo. When they found her, she was 600g and hadn't even grown any hair. They have spent the past seven months rehabilitating her and ensuring her best chance at survival. *"She's growing up into a beautiful little kangaroo, but caring at the moment my life (and uni timetable) still revolve around her feeds and the time she needs to spend out of the pouch. We're hopeful that one day we will be able to release her into the wild as a fully functioning adult kangaroo."*

Ella hopes that in the future some spectacular achievements will result from her education and career, as she plans to make the most of the amazing opportunities which Ipswich Girls' Grammar has given her.

A Sharing of Cultures

One less conventional inclusion in this year's Commemoration day activities was the inclusion of an item by the Year 12 Chinese boarders. This had been performed at the Senior Induction and, while our Chinese was not up to a level of understanding, it seemed a way of raising awareness of the eclectic composition of our boarding house.

As President Helen said in her introduction, it is a credit to the staff that these girls feel so included that they seek to present aspects of their own culture to the wider School body.

Jean White-Haney

Miss White, Headmistress from 1906 to 1927, is our longest serving Head – and possibly will hold that position for ever. She was a highly intelligent academic whose specialist areas were the classics and mathematics.

She was a much-loved Head and very revered by the Old Girls who established the Brisbane Branch in 1936. They maintained constant contact with her throughout the remainder of her life and established the Helen White Memorial Prize which is traditionally presented to the previous year's Dux on Commem Day.

Miss White was the oldest of nine children (eight of whom were girls). One of her younger sisters, Jean (christened Rose Ethel Janet), graduated from Melbourne University in 1904 with a BSc, gained her Masters in 1906 and her DSc in 1909, being only the second woman in Australia to achieve this.

Her specialist area was botany (as Miss Hunt's had been) and this was to bring her to Queensland to work as Officer-in-Charge of the experiment station at Dulacca which was working on the eradication of the prickly pear which was such a scourge to farmers at the time.

She married Victor Haney, an American agricultural chemist, in 1915 and they settled in Brisbane where she became a foundation member of the Lyceum Club, serving as both Secretary and President, and was on the fundraising Committee for The Women's College UQ.

She later worked as field officer for CSIRO studying natural pasture grasses in the New England area and her final work involved Noogoora and Bathurst Burr.

Helen and Jean White – extraordinary women pursuing very different careers!

A Plethora of Presidents



Commemoration Day saw the OGA Co-Presidents, Leah (Left) and Helen (Right) together with the three active Branch Presidents – Heather Jorgensen (Darling Downs), Joan Meecham (Brisbane) and Denise Whitehead (Gold Coast).

This is one of the few occasions on which the Branches all meet up with each other and the various Branch members which is quite special.

Since then Joan Meecham has tendered her resignation, but we thank her for all the work that she has done in the past.

Maria Stevenson OAM For Services to Education



Those of you who have taught with, or been taught by, Maria Stevenson will be delighted to learn that she was the recipient of an OAM in the most recent Honours list.

This photo with Old Girl Hon Deb Frecklington (Spiller), Leader of the Opposition, was taken on the day of Maria's investiture at Government House.

The daughter of Spanish migrants, Maria was the first in her family to go to university which allowed her to fulfill her ambition to teach science. Her career started at IGGs in 1993 where, as Miss Tapiolas, she shared the excitement with the first class of Year 8s. [Year 8 was to become part of high school education the following year and the Board had decided to introduce the new level a year in advance.]

This was one of many firsts for Maria who taught at IGGs for 40 years. Following her marriage to Dr Charles, Maria resigned when they welcomed their first daughter, but she was sorely missed and enticed to return. She was probably the first to bring her baby to school – Carmen being looked after by other staff while her mother was in the classroom.

When, during Mrs Judith Hill's tenure as Principal, Level Co-ordinators were appointed to care for both academic and pastoral care Maria was an obvious choice. With the introduction of the ROSBA system she became a District Panel Chair in Biological Sciences for West Moreton Region (1987 - 1992) and later a member of the State Panel. She was also the inaugural President of the IGGs Staff Association.

On her retirement Maria initially continued her involvement with IGGs as an Honorary Member of the OGA and then in 2005 she was appointed to the Board of Trustees and served the School in that capacity till 2013.

Teaching was in Maria's blood and fulfilling as life in retirement might have been, she still had more to offer in the classroom so she became a Tutor for U3A – her course: *Life, the Universe and Everything*, which is very popular. She also teaches migrants and is involved in other service areas including Zonta.

Her award is richly deserved and we are delighted that she has been given this recognition.

Rhonda Nolan

Our younger Old Girls will be interested to know that Deputy Head Ms Rhonda Nolan retired at the end of 2018 after 16 years at IGGs. She was farewelled in style by the School community and we hope she is now enjoying all those activities she was so looking forward to in retirement.

Vanessa Fowler (Dickie) ICC Australia Day Awards Citizen of the Year

Another valued member of our IGGs Community, Vanessa won this award for the incredible work she is doing for the Allison Baden-Clay Foundation.

Vanessa has been teaching at IGGs and devoting hours to this charity on top of her busy life caring for her own family as well as helping her parents, Priscilla and Geoff, bring up Allison's three daughters.

She is truly an Old Girl of whom we can be justifiably proud.

PS At the same ceremony, Arthur Frame AM (husband of Secretary Mae) was named Cultural Citizen of the Year.

A Date with the Boarders



A very pleasant time was spent recently by a number of us as guests of the Boarders for afternoon tea. There are huge changes in boarding life and even in the relatively new Cribb House – their home.

These were quite a revelation to guests just as their stories were a source of amazement to the girls.

Head of Boarding, Lisa Wolff, has intimated that they would like to hold similar functions regularly **so let us know if you would like an invitation.**

PRIVACY POLICY

The School has asked us to once again draw your attention to the strict guidelines imposed by the IGGs Privacy Policy. Please understand that it is not possible for them to give contact details of staff or students and nor will they give details of Old Girls.

Old Girls may give contacts to other Old Girls if it is a strictly related OGA matter, but such information should only come from a member of any of our Office Bearers in the OGA or a Branch.

The OGA email addresses **MUST** only be used for OGA matters and any emailing should be cc'd to ogaiggs@gmail.com or the individual OGA office bearers, as preferred by Branch Secretaries.

As you would realise, there are penalties for breaches of these policies and we do give a guarantee to the School that we will adhere to them.

Valete to Old Girls

Joan Tunstall Witt (Boulter) 1928 – 2019

Joan Witt was born on 23 July 1928 in Ipswich, the older daughter of Ernest and Phyllis (Tunstall) Boulter. Both her mother and younger sister Margaret have been Presidents of the OGA and contributed greatly to the organisation.

For a short time the Boulter family lived in various places throughout Queensland until the untimely death of their husband and father when Joan was eight.

The family returned to the family home where Joan attended West Ipswich State School until the completion of her Scholarship year and then was enrolled at Ipswich Girls' Grammar School in 1942 (the same year that Miss Kennedy started teaching at the School) until she completed Junior. Her year had a 50 Year Reunion in 1992.

She then commenced her apprenticeship to train as a pharmacist at the United Friendly Society Pharmacy, travelling to Brisbane for lectures. After graduating she worked at and managed Kunze's Pharmacy in Brisbane Street, Ipswich.

The family worshipped at the local Baptist Church and it was there that Joan met Robert Witt from Bundaberg who was in the RAAF based at Amberley. The couple moved to Gympie where they raised a family of four. Joan was a talented cook who made their clothes, knitted, decorated cakes and arranged flowers.

Joan held the role of Captain in the Girls' Brigade at Gympie Baptist Church and supported Bob in his role with the Boys Brigade. They both received certificates at Government House for their work in training boys and girls for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Joan belonged to the Women's' League and became the Church Treasurer.

They moved to Wynnum as Bob's health deteriorated and Joan continued with her interests until her health failed and she also went to reside in a low care situation in 2006. Eventually she required additional care and moved to Wishart Gardens.

Joan always retained an interest in her School and we extend our sympathies to Margaret and family.

Jennifer Mavis Bogle (Taylor) 1934 – 2019

We have been advised by the Darling Downs Branch that one of their members, Jenny Bogle, passed away on 20 February. Jenny had been really enjoying her recent contact with Old Girls and was particularly thrilled to attend her 70th reunion last year, an event she helped Naomi Manders to organise. The Darling Downs members will miss her company.

Lynn Elizabeth Evans (Baillie) 1937– 2019

Lynn is another Old Girl who will be missed at functions as she has been a regular attendee at Dinners, Lunches and other fund-raising ventures.

Though she was born in Linville (near Kilcoy), her family later moved to Ipswich and Lynn attended IGGS in 1952 and 1953 where her favourite subject was French in which she topped the class. She was also a Form Captain. But, to her, the great legacy of her years at IGGS was the friendships she made which were life long.

Lynn also loved school dances with IGS at one of which she met her future husband, Beres, whom she married in 1958. Lynn became a dental nurse and worked until the birth of the first of her three children.

Beres was a successful business man, known for his involvement in the mining industry. When he was studying for his Mine Managers' qualifications Lynn gave him great support and Beres always claimed she was so knowledgeable she could have become the first female mine manager in Queensland.

Lynn, the business woman, was to come into her own, when after a period in Sydney they returned to Ipswich and bought a property which developed into Simmental Stud Farm. She bred and sold prize cattle and her knowledge of breeding and genetics was astounding.

Lynn doted on her extended family who, in turn, adored her. She will be missed by many.

Karen Boer – Senior of 1974

Karen Boer died unexpectedly on 15 January aged 61. Karen was a wonderful selfless person who lived in the outback, teaching indigenous children.

Her school friends have been have been greatly saddened by her death.

Renaye Waller (Daniells) 1975 - 2019

Our Centenary Seniors were devastated when another of their year died suddenly on 21 January. Renaye was a dynamo. As a young person she was a dedicated hockey player, and musician, and an enthusiastic speech and drama student.

Her teachers remember her tenacity and determination. She was a diligent student who also loved the social aspects of teenage life. Renaye graduated from the University of Queensland as an Occupational Therapist.

She loved travel and moved to London for five and a half years. She found employment at Guys and St Thomas's Hospital London and met her future husband Michael Waller. While in London she took every opportunity to visit the European continent as well as New York and the rest of the British Isles.

With Michael, Renaye moved back to Brisbane in 2007 and they were married in 2009. They had three sons, Archie and twins Max and Thomas. She was devoted to her boys and became involved in Mothers' Groups and the Multiple Birth Association where she forged wonderful friendships.

She continued to work as an Occupational Therapist, latterly at QE2 Hospital. She loved socialising and meeting up with friends, but first and foremost she loved being with her family, including her mother Laurelle and brother Craig, the Wallers and their extended families.

For those who attended Renaye's funeral – and there was a large contingent from IGGS – it was unbelievable to hear what Renaye had crowded into her all too short life. Our hearts went out to those three little boys who have been denied the opportunity to grow up knowing their devoted mother.

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OGA Calendar**OGA Luncheon**

8 June

General Meeting

29 July

Melbourne Cup Lunch

8 November

Please check our Facebook pages
and the School website for de-
tails of these and other functions.

The Annual IGGS Reunion Luncheon

This is open to all past students of IGGS (and drivers or carers). It is a popular function with a significant number of regulars as well as reunion groups. Its great advantage is that it provides the opportunity for cohorts to hold reunion gatherings with the minimum of effort as the only thing the organisers are required to do is track down their attendees.

We encourage all old girls to support this Luncheon not only by attending themselves, but by encouraging others to join them. It is a wonderful day of reminiscing, commencing with the Virtual Tour of the IGGS campus in the Katherine Carter Room at 11.00am to which all are welcome. This is followed by canapés and a two course meal in the Phoenix Room at a cost of \$45.00.

This is not a fundraising function but one which allows members to enjoy friendship and fellowship and the opportunity to return to their old school and reconnect.

An official response is essential. Forms can be filled in or downloaded from the web site or one can be forwarded by email or mail if you receive your OGA-PRESS by snail mail. (Enquiries: ogaiggs@gmail.com or hpullar@bigpond.net.au)

40 Year Reunion

A reunion of the group who completed Senior in 1979 (or who were part of that cohort) is being held at the 2019 Luncheon. For additional information contact Cathy Urquhart (Bamford) c.urquhart@optusnet.com.au

50 Year Reunion

A number from the 1969 cohort are planning a visit to IGGS with morning tea on Sunday 29 September following an independent gathering on the Saturday.

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Forward Planning 2020

We have had notification from Penny Barratt that the 1970 Seniors and 1968 Juniors are hoping to hold a 50 Year Reunion in 2020.

More information will be forthcoming.

A new tradition?

The final bell ringing ceremony in which the Seniors come down the steps of the Senior School, ring the bell and pass through to the Old Girls' Courtyard was enhanced this year by another possible tradition.

Thanks to the efforts of Brisbane Branch member (and Senior of 1959), Glenda Burke (Fullelove), every Senior was issued a little tag on one side of which was their photo.

They were asked to write a message on the back about their thoughts at the end of their years at IGGS.



2018 Head Girls Hannah Baden-Clay and Lizzie Slatter
[As a matter of interest, both of these girls are the daughters of Old Girls – Allison Dickie and Kylie Steven respectively.]

Predictably, for the most part the girls wrote about the friendships they had made, the fun they had enjoyed and their gratitude for the opportunities their parents and the School had provided.

These little cards are now safely stored in the archives and maybe they will be produced at a future reunion to bring back happy memories.

Thank you Glenda for initiating this.