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Commonwealth Games Spotlight on Warwick



It quickly became apparent that the Cameroon Commonwealth Games team hosted by Warwick in the lead up to the Games had taken quite a shine to the place and, for that matter, the Australian way of doing things...

Sixty-five athletes including the Wrestling, Boxing and Track and Field teams were warmly welcomed to the Rose City, describing it as a beautiful and easy-going community.

Although English and French, via its French and British colonial past, are the two official languages of Cameroon, nearly 250 languages are spoken there. Warwick's climate must have been a little different for the visitors whose home in central Africa on the Gulf of Guinea varies from tropical along the coast to semi-arid and hot in the north with the coastal belt including some of the wettest places on earth. We can only imagine what they might have thought of it in wintertime! wikipedia.org/wiki/Geography_of_Cameroon

Warwick was the only regional centre to host an entire foreign team, after Cameroon representatives toured the Southern Downs in October last year. The team's Chef de Mission was seen on local TV beaming with delight after being greeted by locals with the oh-so-Aussie, 'Cameroon! Cameroon! Oi Oi Oi!'

Soon after the team checked into the Athletes Village for the Games, no less than eight of its members went missing and subsequently sought advice about how they might stay in Australia. Reminds me of how we so often need to look at what we take for granted through the eyes of a foreign national in order to appreciate what we have...



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Editor's Notes...

OUR MUCH ANTICIPATED CEGS Centennial event, October 20-21, is but a few weeks away now and time is disappearing fast. This might explain my fit of whimsy in making use of the Mario Andretti quote below. Those who know me most likely also know that the men in my family are quite the petrol heads so hence my familiarity with the motor racing legend's name! I know Nigel will be on the case!

THIS FIRST KINAWAH FOR 2018 is long overdue as you will already be aware. 2018 has been a bit of a tough slog for me but hopefully things are now on the up and up...

Meet our PNG Old Girls as they are today on page 6. Many of them will be joining us in October and a great deal of excitement is brewing on both sides of Torres Strait as October approaches.

I very much welcome the content that has been sent in by readers in this issue. Elizabeth Raymond sent us the photos from Norfolk Island which have been used in *A Traveller's Tale* on Page 5. Lesley Dinwiddie who was Lesley Johnson at St Catharine's in the early 1960's sent in some of her old school photos and thoughts for *Old School Ties* all the way from North Carolina, USA.

WALKING BACK THROUGH TIME, revisits the opening of Highfields from *The Annals of Slade* on page 8 and is accompanied by *The Ghost of Highfields*, a story supplied by Bill Woods and appearing on page 11 in *Old and Interesting*. Then Marion McKenzie (Knowles), another of Lesley's classmates, recently procured some articles from the Trove archives. Two of them appear on page 9, one being excerpts from a tribute to JHS Barnes and the other, *Flying to School in Dad's Plane*, looks at a trip to school from Cunnamulla in 1945 in a Leopard Moth. Both make for some thought provoking reading.

ONE FINAL THOUGHT: Most of us receive Kinawah as an electronic copy and enjoy the luxury of being able to read it greatly magnified and in full colour on a computer screen. Those who receive a copy via Australia Post read theirs in black and white and probably find the body text a little small. It's a trade off. Larger type means less text for the amount that can be posted for the price. I try to make the content a satisfying amount to read and beg your indulgence.

Till next time I leave you with this

If everything seems under control you are just not going fast enough.

Mario Andretti

LOST AND FOUND

"Cast your bread upon the waters and it will return in many days"...

All help is greatly appreciated with keeping contact details current. Very pleased to be back in touch with Ray Hammond ('62-'69) and his sister, Anne, after John Bayliss took a recent trip south and west into South Australia's celebrated wine region.

Here are the next few names of others we are currently unable to confirm contact details for.

Now in the R's...W's:

Rev. Colin Roberts '59-'62

Will Roberts

Marina Rita Roe nee Nation

Brad Rogers

Graham T Schott

Alan A Simpson '44-'45

Beth Smith

Raymond A Smith '75-'80

Lily Rose Temple

Karen Thurston

Kevin Thurston

Douglas Tilbaroo

William M Webb

Michael Westlake

Sharon White nee Gemmell

As always, if you know any of the above who may have died we need to know.

If you can otherwise help put us in touch with a missing contact we would be very glad to hear from you.

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Cookie's Corner

IT HAS BEEN A HUGELY BUSY TIME FOR ME BOTH PERSONALLY AND AS PRESIDENT. Our hard-working committee has been busy with a number of projects, many of which will be unveiled very soon but I will highlight the upcoming Centennial celebrations for our St Catharine's girls here. These festivities will be marking 100 years since Anglican education came to Warwick with the Church of England Girls School opening its doors across the road from P.G.C. in 1918. Quite a milestone I'm sure you will agree!

OFFICIAL INVITATIONS HAVE GONE OUT and new/old contacts have been coming out of the woodwork since those first expressions of interest were canvassed. I will leave it up to the girls to supply more details but the weekend of October 20-21 is shaping up to be a truly memorable one. I am also delighted to report that Warwick Christian College is fully on board with this endeavour and is lending its full co-operation and support to help make it a success.

AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WE ARE ALSO PREPARING FOR OUR AGM. The date this year has been moved to **August 4** and invitations and details regarding this will be circulated in the next few days. It is anticipated that all financial members who attend the AGM will be presented with certificates authenticating their membership under the new Rules of the Association. Accommodation will again be available on the Slade Campus which has been deemed to be both convenient and 100% satisfactory by those of us who have taken this option in previous years.

I AM ALSO DELIGHTED TO WELCOME OUR FIRST WCC GRADUATE as a new member of our Association. Those of us who attend the AGM will have the opportunity to meet Holly Clifford and personally welcome her to our ranks. This truly is a watershed moment in the history of our Past Students Association and bodes well for its future.

THE SILKY OAK TREES planted in memory of Slade Old Boys who lost their lives in War Service are in sorry shape. As John Bayliss pointed out at a recent committee meeting, this is no shame to them as they all reached their average life expectancy many years ago. We are working together with WCC as to how best to replace them and will keep you informed re our progress.

WCC Principal, Carmelo Rubio, is keen for those in whose honour the trees were originally planted, to be given full recognition when the finished project is officially complete and we very much appreciate this.



Until next time...

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www.scpsawarwick.com

WHAT'S ON for SCPSA:

- **24 April, 2018**
ANZAC Service WCC
- **4 August, 2018**
AGM & Reunion Dinner Get Together
- **October 20-21, 2018**
CEGS Centennial Celebrations
- **1 November, 2018**
Awards Evening WCC
- **3 November, 2018**
Breakfast Creek Get Together
- **12 November, 2018**
Remembrance Day Observance WCC



Stay committed to your decisions, but stay flexible in your approach Tom Robbins



Memberships

Invoices for this year's membership renewals have been sent out and already we have been heartened by your response. Your support allows us to maintain a number of projects we have taken on board and you will be hearing more details about these at the AGM in August.

To anyone who is not an existing financial member but would be interested in becoming one we will be forwarding membership applications before the AGM to those people for whom we have contact details. Should you wish to join before then please send the membership officer an email at: scpsa.membership1@bigpond.com or telephone me on **0418 987 900**

John Bayliss



Saturday, November 3
11.00 AM FOR LUNCH



Breakfast Creek Reunion

2018 ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

Slade/St Catharine's Past Students

2 Kingsford Smith Drive - Breakfast Creek. 4020

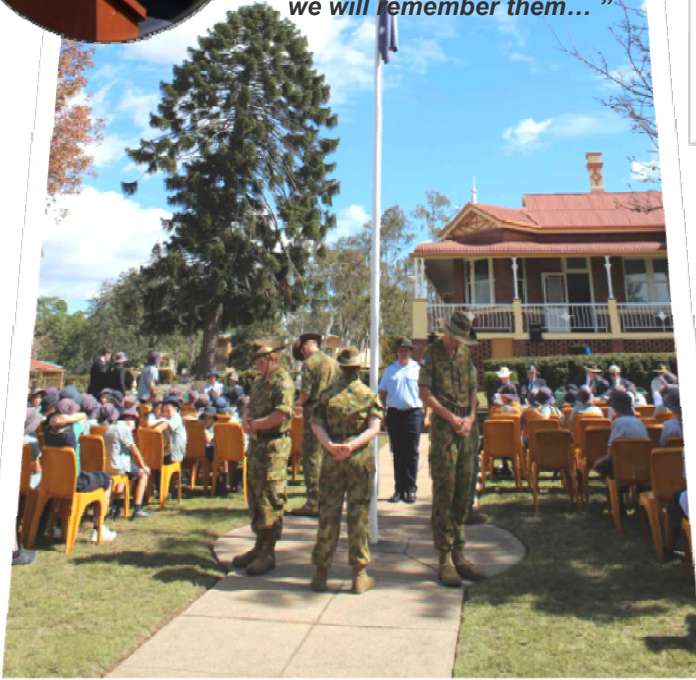
- There will be an area set aside for us at the front.
- Buy your own drinks and meals
- Partners etc. are more than welcome
- No speeches or formal proceedings
- Catch up with old classmates in a relaxed atmosphere

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT
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ANZAC Day WCC 2018



*"... they shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn
at the going down of the sun
and in the morning
we will remember them..."*



A SCHOOL'S PROGRESS can be measured in many ways. The upcoming NAPLAN tests are one way some may assess the success of their school. While more money is being poured into education, the research reveals Australia's overall student academic performance is stagnating or declining compared to other nations. For us at Warwick Christian College, we teach the Australian curriculum and we seek to teach it well in a distinctly Christian way.

For us, the whole child is so much more important than the test scores they and our school can achieve. We are looking to educate the whole child and to teach them of the wonders of the Universe around us and the Great Creator of it. We want our students to know how to succeed in all areas of life. We believe strongly the Christian education we provide here at Warwick Christian College is academically challenging, and combined with the life skills we teach, provide the best education possible. In the same manner, the biblical worldview we teach and demonstrate, help prepare students with a well-rounded understanding of the world they live in and the big questions about origins and destinations.

We seek to honour those who are worthy of honour and teach the valuable history of this great nation. The College's ANZAC Day Service was a sincere event that simultaneously showcased our beautifully singing new choir and for the first time in our short history, a cadet catafalque party. My heart swelled with pride as I watched the cadets practising and then carrying out with precision, their newly learned slow march. I would like to thank and acknowledge the hard work and commitment of our Year 12 leader, Corporal Abby Grosskopf who led the cadets, Year 10 student, Leading Cadet Hayden Furman-Luck who attended the flag, and the other nine College cadets who served so well on the day.

It was also very pleasing to be part of the many students, staff and parents who marched with the College in the Warwick ANZAC

Day service and to see our Senior Student Leaders, Thiert Kruger and Hannah Clifford read the Resolutions. The Fade out was a very touching event. The College is looking at how best to continue to honour the memory of past students who made the ultimate sacrifice defending our great country. The Silky Oaks on the Oval need some attention and we'll keep you informed as we make progress with this project.

Finally, with the future in mind, the College Management Team, in consultation with staff, have come up with a new motto or slogan to go onto a new logo for the College. We are not looking to reinvent ourselves but rather, reflect the values we hold most strongly to. To that end we have chosen:

Christ, Community, Character with **Educating for Christ, Community, Character** to be used also.

We are very grateful for the valuable way in which the Slade Campus Past Students have helped keep us connected to the rich, varied and often, very funny history of the old Slade School. It is a wonderful place to teach and work together and we feel honoured indeed to share this heritage with you all.

Thank you for the many projects you have put your hands to and the many more that come along.



May God bless you,
Carmelo Rubio, Principal

A Traveller's Tale...

Elizabeth Raymond who attended St Catharine's 1956-1957 sent us these photos taken by her sister-in-law while on a trip to Norfolk Island some years ago knowing that Elizabeth, and, by association, we, would be interested in them because of their indisputable Slade connections...

The rusting iron cross is part of St Barnabus Chapel where it stands in memory of first Bishop of Melanesia, **John Coleridge Patteson** (1827-1871). Patteson was a missionary to the South Seas from 1855, and became an accomplished linguist learning 23 of the area's 1000 languages. He was slain in the Solomon Islands and is commemorated as a martyr in the Church of England on 20 September. The first of the two plaques reads: *This cross stood over the entrance to*



Mutinous Bounty with Slade connections

the chapel on Norfolk Island of John Coleridge Patteson, martyred first bishop of Melanesia, murdered by natives of Nukapu Island in 1871. Presented to Slade School by Captain Fletcher E Quintal of Norfolk Island, descended from Matthew Quintal of the "Bounty," wrecked in 1789 on Pitcairn Island.

The second plaque reads:

This cross was returned to St Barnabas, Norfolk Island on the closure of Slade School, Warwick, Queensland.

It was consecrated in its relocated position by The Right Reverend Adrian O Charles AM RFD ED, a former student and staff member of the Slade School, and Bishop to the Australian Defence Force, on Sunday, 22nd February, 1998.

And closer to home...

A recent trip to Warwick on a beautiful Autumn day included a visit to St Mark's. A tour group from Dalby was also visiting at the time and were shown a presentation of the church's history. I also took the opportunity to pick up a brochure which revealed details of which I was quite unaware during all my school years in Warwick.

The Reverend Benjamin Glennie was appointed Rector of the fledgling Parish of Warwick around 1860. The congregation had been meeting in a timber slab building in Grafton Street and Glennie won approval from his parishioners to build a new substantial church using Warwick's famous sandstone. Services began in the new church in 1870 which enjoys the distinction of being one of the earliest sandstone buildings in Warwick and is also almost as old as the State of Queensland which was declared in 1859.

Major extensions were started Jan 1, 1939 with the nave being lengthened to include a gallery housing a pipe organ, a baptistery and bell tower. An extended northern transept became the Lady Chapel and Columbarium and the extended southern transept became the Warrior Chapel and Vestry. Despite the onset of World War II, the work was completed with services recommencing in the church Sunday 11 February 1940, the same period when Slade School was being planned and opened—in retrospect, a huge financial commitment on the part of the founding fathers.

St Mark's many stained glass windows are regarded as the finest collection of windows by renowned stained glass artist, William Bustard. These include the six Gospel windows in the nave that depict the Annunciation, the Incarnation, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Jesus Blessing the Children, the Empty Tomb and Peter and John.



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Calling All Old Girls

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE that has been putting together this year's celebrations is thrilled at the response from the Papua New Guinea girls. St Catharine's old girls have fond memories of our PNG sisters. For many of us this was our first acquaintance with anybody from another country. Their beautiful singing voices and netball skills were much admired and their presence was an integral part of our school community.

As soon as Expressions of Interest went out the bush telegraph went into overdrive and the girls, many of whom live nowhere near each other, began planning how to attend. Their enthusiasm has been inspiring and it will be extra special to catch up with these old school friends. Sadly the girls have also let us know that Buruka Morea (Tau) and Patricia Coppard (Rae) both need to be added to their recently deceased list which already includes Dineh Dickson, Odi Lebasi and Margaret Tabua.

Pictured here clockwise from left in each picture are

- 1 Taken during a reunion with other PNG students who attended QLD schools before PNG gained independence
Standing: Theresa Ioa Rea (Boiori), Mabel Gavera, Dawn Tam (Wormwell), Catharine Gongi Simon
Sitting: Koi Rima, Vaili Kekedo (Sisa), Legu Lee (Bate)

Pics 2 to 5 were taken during St Catharine's Old Girls Reunion meetings at Rita Flynn Netball Courts cafeteria which is run by Mrs Veitu Diro. (Veitu is married to Slade Old Boy, Brigadier General Ted Diro showing that those old school connections just keep popping up)

- 2 Vaili Kekedo (Sisa), Koi Rima, Dawa Solomon, Theresa Ioa Rea (Boiori), Emily Taule (George) and standing , Legu Lee (Bate)
- 3 Standing: Pauline Bona, Theresa Ioa Rea (Biori), Emily Taule (George), Legu Lee (Bate)
Sitting: Vaili Kekedo (Sisa), Ueri Carolyn Mom (Meferamu), Catharine Gongi Simon
- 4 Sitting: Ueri Carolyn Mom (Meferamu), Meili Lohia (Sibona), Petronella Kavanamur (Akuru), Vaili Kekedo (Sisa), Koi Rima, Dawa Solomon, Sally Bagita, Emily Taule (George),
Standing: Legu Lee (Bate), Mabel Gavera, Theresa Ioa Rea (Boiori), Catharine Gongi Simon
- 5 Emily Taule (George), Catharine Gongi Simon, Dawa Solomon, Nao and Seura (Koi and Mabel's cousins who came to help), Petronella Kavanamur (Akuru), Theresa Ioa Rea (Boiori), Mabel Gavera, Meili Lohia (Sibona), Koi Rima, Vaili Kekedo (Sisa), Ueri Carolyn Mom (Meferamu)

The Home Science lesson below, dates somewhere around the early 1970's.



Old School Ties... *Reflections from North Carolina January 8*



Several of our past students live overseas but these days keeping in touch is as easy as pressing a few buttons. I'm guessing most of our old school pals who have made their home in the northern hemisphere will be able to relate to Lesley's opening remarks...

Well there is something to be said for being home-bound amid snow, ice, and relentlessly below-freezing temperatures! It provides the opportunity to sit and read these wonderful updates from our St Catharine's days! and... to pull out the old photo album to see what I can scan and send.

And of course it was a huge thrill to see the pic of Lynne (my sister) as a tin miner and to read her addition of our relevant family history - I have no memory of seeing that pic before or even hearing the story of the enactment! And I am so glad that the Assembly Hall was preserved --the account of it was very interesting thank you, Joan! Are the honour boards still in it?

I am attaching 4 pics:

- Katie Lockwood and I in Oscar Wilde's "The Ideal Husband" - St. Catharine's really knew how to put on a production! Loved the costumes!
- Marion and I receiving prizes in 1963 from Archbishop Philip Strong (I know this wasn't our Senior Speech Day - we had the Queensland Governor in 1964 and I had piggies that year :)
- this was a Zoology field trip with Mrs Elwing - Marion, is that you pulling my hair?
- our senior class of 1964 with Miss Cant - what an amazing woman she was! She taught our mother in the early 30s up at St. Mary's in Herberton.

I look forward to further editions and photos - thanks to you both for your work in pulling all this together! Lesley (Johnson) Dinwiddie



Loads of memories for us to reflect on here. The honour boards that Lesley refers to are now safely ensconced in the Old Boys War Memorial at Slade. I'm assuming the 'piggies' that Lesley mentions are actually pigtaails which Sister Lois summarily abolished when she took charge of St Catharine's. As new Sister in Charge, she endorsed Julie Andrews' coiffure in the movie

blockbuster, of the day, *The Sound of Music*. Haircuts were immediately enforced on the verandah of the school hospital indelibly shaping my initial impressions of boarding school in the first weeks of 1965! Fringes were cut an inch above eyebrows and hair had to be long enough to plait (and be worn plaited) or short enough to clear our collars and, for the first time St Catharine's girls were permitted to wear baggy brown cotton track suits in the winter term.



St Catharine's 1964 Seniors:

Back Row

- Lesley Johnson, Ann Gardner, Flora Reis, Jennifer Baker-Finch, Miss Cant, Robyn Stephenson, Mary Roberts, Betty Reardon, Roslyn Fraser, Jennifer Reid, Madeline Lo**

Front Row

- Mary Bagita, Marion Knowles, Rosemary Fox, Jill Gardner, Penny Jones, Cathy Richards, Susan Coles, Sandra Stehr**

Can anyone remember who the dogs were?

Walking back through time: 1946



THE OPENING OF HIGHFIELDS

NESTLING ON THE CROWN OF A HILL commanding a fine panoramic view of Warwick, and situated about a quarter of a mile from the main school buildings, "Highfields", the new Junior House of Slade School, was dedicated and officially opened by Archbishop of Brisbane, the Most Reverend RC Halse on Saturday 4th May, 1946.

"Highfields", formerly the home of Mr CH Highfield, contained fourteen rooms, spacious verandahs, was mostly glass enclosed and set amidst two acres of well kept lawns and gardens.

The ceremony took place on the sloping lawn below the house and was attended by several hundred parents, friends and pupils of the school who later inspected "Highfields", now the dormitory for thirty Junior boys.

Also present for the ceremony were Chairman at the time and Head of the Bush Brotherhood of St Paul, Archdeacon Knight, Headmaster, the Reverend Brother Byam Roberts, Mr and Mrs JJ Healy MLA, The Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Warwick, Alderman and Mrs AT McCahon, The Reverend and Mrs JAG Housden and Sisters Margaret and Kathleen from St Catharine's CEGS.

Information and photos from "The Annals of Slade School Warwick, 1926 - 1976"



HIGHFIELDS GROUP 1946 Left to Right:

Back Row: Mr A Charles (Resident Master), B Loughnan, J Beresford, M McLay, R Starky, R Royes, J Schwennesen, K McCowen, C Farndon, W Jackson, R McCowen, Mrs M Walker (Matron), Rev. BW Roberts (Headmaster),
Second Row: E Foster, G Antonieff, J Cooper, L Watson, J Starkey, N Bayley, C Easton, L Mace, M Bott
Front Row: W Thrupp, V Antonieff, D McCarthy, P Roberts, R Barnett, B Duncan, D Cooper, GG Admans, R Clark.

Warwick Daily News Thursday 1 February 1945

Flying to School in Dad's Plane

EACH OF US CAN MOST LIKELY SHARE A UNIQUE INSIGHT ON THE MEANS BY WHICH WE LEFT OUR HOMES AND TRAVELLED TO SCHOOL. FROM THE BOUNTY THAT IS TROVE WE SHINE A LIGHT ON THIS FASCINATING SNIPPET OF OUR SHARED PAST...

Two sisters had their first glimpse of their school yesterday morning from the air following the Christmas vacation when they flew over the city as passengers in a Leopard Moth plane owned and piloted by their father.

The girls – Ann (10) and Erica (9) Beresford – were returning to St Catharine's School, where they have been pupils for about a year.

They had been flown from Moonjaree Station, Cunnamulla, to Warwick, the trip occupying 4 hours 10 minutes actual flying time, compared with 2 days by train.

However, they had not flown non-stop, but spent Tuesday night at St George, where their father, Mr E Beresford, had some business to transact. Two hours 10 minutes after they took off from St George drome they and their father were stepping from the cabin-enclosed plane at Morgan Park.

Although they have travelled often by plane this is the first time the girls have been taken to school by this means. Shortly after taking off from the Moonjaree Station homestead drome they developed air sickness owing to the rough passage and they were not sorry when, 2 hours later, the plane landed at St George. "There was a northerly breeze, and it was one of the heaviest drifts I have ever experienced," said Mr Beresford last night. "This was felt both on Tuesday and yesterday morning."

Several days before leaving Moonjaree, Mr Beresford had contacted the Warwick City Council authorities and inquired as to the condition of Morgan Park for landing. He was informed that it was in order.

The flight was made by compass bearing, and it speaks well for Mr Beresford's navigation ability that he landed at St George and Morgan Park within a minute of his original time reckoning.

Accompanying them in his own private Puss Moth until within



45 minutes'

flight from Warwick was

Mr R Beresford of Farnham Plains

Eulo. Mr Beresford then veered off to Toowoomba.

Mr E Beresford has been flying for a number of years and has had the Leopard Moth for about 8 years. Before the war he had a second plane, a small Moth, but handed it over to the Air Department for training purposes. The Leopard has a cruising speed of 120 miles per hour and a 5 hours range.

Mr Beresford, who has 1000 flying hours to his credit, stated that western people were definitely air-minded. Around Cunnamulla there were 6 privately owned aircraft on stations. The airmen graziers had their own landing grounds and employed a ground engineer between them to service their machines as required.

Mr Beresford said he would have flown his 2 girls to school here last year but for his uncertainty about Morgan Park.

Telling of conditions in the Cunnamulla district he said that last year the area had experienced one of the worst droughts on record. The rainfall was only 5½ inches, compared with an average of 14 inches. His property carried 16,000 sheep and 1000 head of cattle, and because of its wide expanse and the advantage of mulga he had suffered no losses. In other parts of the district, however, losses had been extensive. Three years ago Mr Beresford commence a merino stud and today he has 3000 stud merinos.

He will transact some private business in Warwick today and will leave tomorrow on a direct flight home.

This is probably the first time any pupils attending a secondary school in Warwick have been flown to school in their father's plane over a long distance, and it is an indication of what may be witnessed in the years to come when aviation has the additional benefits of war developments.

*** Editors Note: Morgan Park, on Old Stanthorpe Road, is today owned by Warwick District Sporting Car Club and is the local centre for motor sport.**



JOHN HAWKINS SMITH BARNES has been described as probably one of the most generous men the Warwick district has ever known, playing a vital part in the establishment and development of the Church of England Schools in Warwick and providing the schools with a tremendous amount of financial assistance.

The first contribution by Mr Barnes to Church of England education in Warwick was his gift of Mytton House, in Palmerin Street which he purchased from Mr A J Cobcroft for £3200. In addition he purchased and presented to the girls school a large amount of the furniture, all the carpets and even a pony and vehicle for the use of the teachers. Subsequently he guaranteed the interest for the girls school for five years, a considerable sum.

With the Church of England Girls' School firmly established and proving such an asset to the community, Mr Barnes took an active part in the establishment of the Church of England Boys' School and was responsible for the choice of the present site for the school which was named Slade School in honour of the great district pioneer, William Ball Slade. Mr Barnes who was chairman of the school council from its inception until the Bush Brotherhood took over administration, was responsible for the raising of a considerable amount of money for the school. During Mr Barnes' occupancy of the chairmanship of the school council Barnes House was built and named in his honour, while the present stone classrooms were also constructed. At this period the council was responsible for all expenditure, a responsibility later taken over by the Diocesan Council and ultimately by the Bush Brotherhood.

When the school was financially embarrassed, Mr Barnes, together with W B Slade, guaranteed payment of overdraft interest, which in five years cost him in the region of £3500. In addition, knowing that the council was not in a position to make necessary improvements, Mr Barnes 'fathered' and bore the cost of sports ground and other improvements. Information from Warwick Daily News Saturday 16/09/1950

PER VOLAR SONATA – PATRIBUS DIGNI ESTOTE: *Born to fly higher – Be worthy of our forebears*

Trevor Hourn from St George has passed on the news that George Roberts funeral was held up the coast 12th October...



ROBERTS, George

ROBERTS, Richard George was at Slade 1954-1957 and was a Prefect in his Senior year, 1957. He sat for Junior in 1955 and was a member of the school's 1st XV.

George had a brother, William John who was also at Slade 1967-1968. William and George came to Slade from St George.

FOSTER, Dallas

FOSTER, Dallas, nee Porter and formerly McGowan, late of Picnic Bay, passed away October 20th, 2017.

A private funeral was held for her in Cairns. Dallas enjoyed an enduring friendship with Natalie Ferris (Budge) stretching 68 back years to their school days together at St Catharine's during the early 1950's. Dallas was married twice. Both late husbands, Royce and Peter, attended Slade around the early 1950's, about the same time Dallas was at St Catharine's. Dallas is survived by her two sons, Phillip and Gary.

BARR, Tony

BARR, Anthony Murray, late of Forestdale passed away Sunday, 12th November, 2017 aged 70 years after a long battle with cancer. Tony left Slade School at the end of 1964.

Tony began his association with Slade in the Junior School at Highfields House. He sat for Scholarship in 1961 and Junior in 1963. A funeral service was held in celebration of Tony's life at the Gregson and Weight Chapel, Nambour 15th November.



CASSIMATIS, Coolah

CASSIMATIS, Coolah, nee Malanos, passed away 27th March, 2018 aged 87 years. Coolah, who was at St Catharine's during the war years was a contemporary of Madeline Eagar and Joan Beckinsale. She was mentioned in 1945 Crothers House sports notes.

Coolah's funeral service was held at the

Greek Orthodox Church of St George in South Brisbane Wednesday 4th April.

Sadly we now mention the loss of several persons near and dear to some of our most valued SCPSA supporters. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this difficult time.

RIDDIFORD, Reegan

Barry and Maura Riddiford lost their dearly loved son, Reegan late last year. Barry was at Slade 1971-1975. Reegan would have been 30 this year in June.

GROAT, Samuel

Also late last year on the Sunshine Coast, Stuart Groat, who was at Slade 1962-1966 lost his much loved son, Samuel, also known as Sam or Sambo, aged 39 years.

BAYLISS, Reg

Reginald Henry Bayliss, father of SCPSA Vice President, John Bayliss, passed away peacefully after a long illness on the 16th December 2017, aged 95 years. A funeral service for Reg was held amid the beautiful bush surroundings at the Gregson and Weight Chapel, Buderim/Maroochydore, 21st December.

WHYBIRD, Mavis

Mavis Emily Whybird, late of Wurtulla, formerly of Bribie Island, Ipswich and Warwick passed away peacefully Friday 2nd March 2018.

Mavis was the wife of the late Horace Whybird, Headmaster of Slade, 1967-1973. All but the eldest of their five children attended Slade and St Catharine's. Our thoughts are with John, Kay, Barbara, Bruce, Janine and their families in this time of their loss.

MCKINNON, Neil

Late of Warwick, passed away peacefully at St Andrew's Hospital, Toowoomba on 20th May 2018, aged 84 years, 11 months. Neil was the husband of Margaret McKinnon who spear-headed the Save Our Slade campaign. Thankfully this saw the proposed sale of historic Slade Campus to property developers by Warwick Regional Council taken off the agenda and subsequent acquisition of the campus by Warwick Christian College. A funeral service for Neil was held at Warwick Uniting Church and Warwick Lawn Cemetery Tuesday, 29th May 2018.



worthy of their forebears

OLD AND INTERESTING...

THE GHOST OF HIGHFIELDS...

Bill Woods (Slade School 1965-1966) happened upon the following while he was browsing through the museum last July. He snapped a picture of the page on his phone and sent it to me and here is the text. Are you a former Highfields House boarder, perhaps familiar with this intriguing chapter of Slade history and able to tell us more?

Highfields House has the curse, the curse of being haunted hung over it—and the history leading up to this ghostliness is quite fascinating.

During its construction, a cellar of cement was being built, and access to this cellar was by a small chute down the various pillars.

While one of the workmen, say his name was Johnston (I say 'was' for the poor fellow is not anymore!) was supposedly working in these, a fight between Johnston and another workman—Smith, followed. In the course of the fight, Johnston was murdered by Smith, who used a shovel to belt Johnston over the skull.

To destroy the evidence, Smith interred Johnston in the still wet cement wall of the cellar, along with the blood stained shovel and then smoothed the bulge down, brushed his gory hands on his trousers and, quite calmly and collectively [sic], left the cellar and proceeded to vanish from Warwick and its district.

How this story got into public knowledge is still another mystery, but there it is.

And so Highfields House grew up over its grim memories, and the ghost of Johnston came into being. Ownership of the house passed through quite a few pairs of hands—none of which kept it for very long.

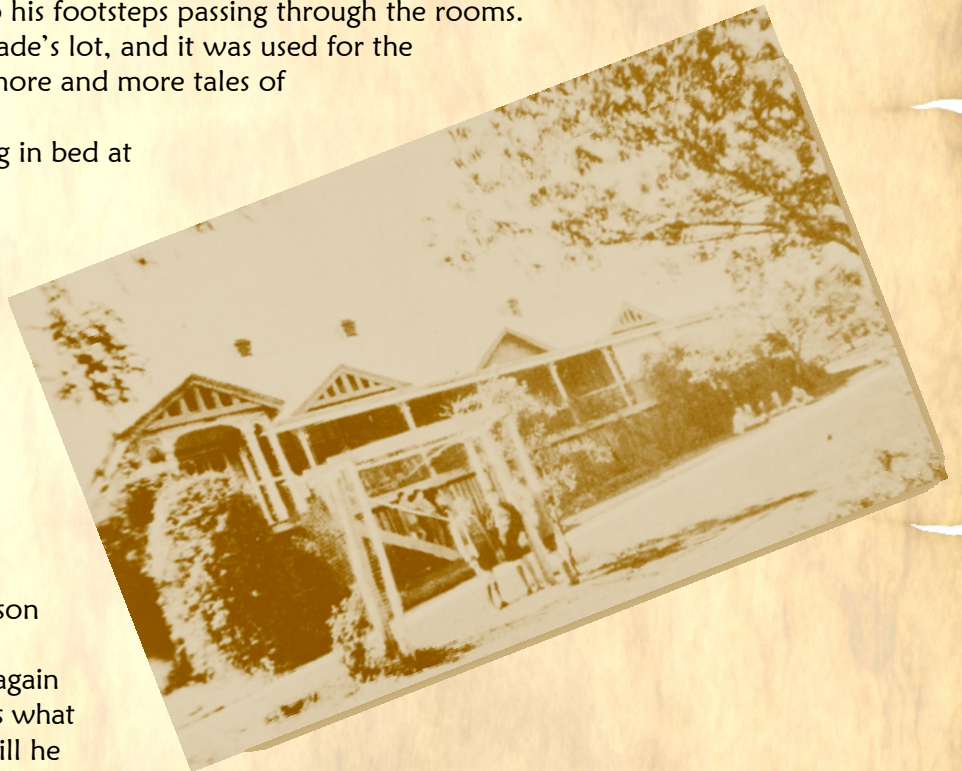
One owner, rather intimidated by the ghost, had all the walls lead-lined as they remain today, but still it is possible to hear Johnston scraping with his shovel on the cement walls and also his footsteps passing through the rooms.

So finally Highfields fell to Slade's lot, and it was used for the Primary boys' dorm. Now more and more tales of Johnston come to our ears.

It is said that one can be lying in bed at night and be awakened by footsteps stopping by your bed, but when your head is raised, the footsteps merely recommence, and go away to another room.

In the shower room as well, Johnston plays tricks. At midnight he turns all the showers on, but if one starts turning them off, they are all on again by the time the person gets to the other end.

But now Highfields has once again become deserted, who knows what will become of Johnston—will he continue his midnight escapades, or will he be content to remain in his concrete overcoat????



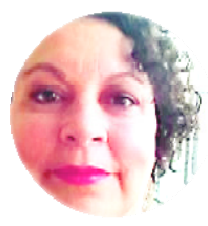


Members of the Slade Campus Past Students' Association are committed custodians of the history of Slade School and St Catharine's Church of England Girls School, and of the two schools which preceded the formation of St Catharine's Warwick, St Catharine's Church of England Girls High School, Stanthorpe and CEGS Warwick and the Warwick Christian College. Members of the Association may include past students and members of staff of Slade School or of St Catharine's Church of England School, or of the St Catharine's Church of England Girls High School Stanthorpe, or the Church of England Girls School, Warwick or Warwick Christian College and their descendants, past students of any other school, who have attended the campus and members of staff of any other school, who have attended the campus.



St Catharines/Slade School Facebook

Our Facebook page is 273 members strong as of June 8, 2018...



**WHAT
WHY**

Centennial Celebrations

100 Years since the CEGS opened in Warwick at ...



School House St. Catharines Warwick
"Pervolar sunata"

WHEN

20 - 21 October, 2018

WHERE

Slade Campus
Warwick Christian College
70 Horsman Road Warwick

WHO

Old girls and staff who were part of the old St Catharine's Campus and Slade School from 1918 to 1999

HOW

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Following the recent scandal concerning insecurity of data and personal information on Facebook, the platform has tightened up presentation and procedures and really lifted its game. This was long overdue but the result is that now it is not so easy to copy and paste text and photos from your posts and republish it here as I have done in the past.

Alternatively, I am reproducing the Flyer that I posted on our past students' page May 10 advertising the big Centennial 'DO' next October.

In the meantime I endorse this form of social media as an excellent way for us to keep in touch.

Oftentimes it is the only way that I am alerted to the fact that one of us has passed away.

Facebook remains a great immediate and modern way to share information, news and subjects dear to our hearts with friends worldwide (with only a few countries limiting or blocking its use).

I have also asked some members if they would be so kind as to email me some of the great photos that they have put up so I can reproduce them here.