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New Chapter, New Page, New Year

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"CHECKING OFF THE 'YESES'"

YES, IT'S A BRAND NEW YEAR and there are little more than a dozen or so months left until we mark the centenary of the foundation of Slade School in 1926. That handful of months will melt away in the blink of an eye and we need to be working now on our own preparations to be part of this occasion.

100+ St Catharine's CEGS girls gathered at the Slade Campus for their centenary celebrations in 2018 with the challenge: '100 Girls for 100 Years!' Those celebrations marked 100 years since the Church of England Girls School opened in Warwick in 1918. While the history of the girls' schools is more complex—it's actually an amalgam of three different schools—all those who celebrated with us in 2018 (plus a good many Slade girls) fully understood that this was a 'one-of-a-kind' event and embraced the opportunity to revisit and see those they never thought they'd see again. There will be no more opportunities exactly like this and now is the time to recognise it and make it one to remember for all the best reasons.

YES, this is a reminder/wake-up call if you have not decided yet, but also for those who already plan to join us. Work your contacts to gather a group you would really like to see again. It's a fact that life is short—too short to waste on regrets for missing opportunities when they are offered. This is another of those 'one-of-a-kind' events you won't want to miss. Why not beat the girls' effort and shoot for '200 for 100'? They pulled their celebration together in less than 12 months—brilliantly—while we have had longer. Let's put the time we have remaining to best possible use and just do it!

We appreciate that not everyone's school days were all gangs of fun but they were undeniably formative ones. Regardless of this, friendships were made, together with unforgettable memories and futures were forged for better or for worse.

YES, we are at this moment planning for our 2026 celebrations to be an occasion which will mean as much as possible to as many as possible and a great way to re-affirm those deep shared bonds.

AND YES, the onus is also on you to provide input and help us get back in touch with as many past Slade students as we can.

By all means let us know if you have any of your own ideas that you might like to see included on the weekend. All reasonable suggestions will be considered.

An 'Expression of Interest' link is now on the SCPSA website. You will notice the rapidly growing tally on Page 4 with updated info on who has indicated they might join us.

YES, we'd love to see you there. Don't miss out.

Remember the date: 2-3 May, 2026.

Now is a great time to decide 'YES, I'll be there!'

Contemporary Calendar, Ancient Classical origins:

January 1 starts the New Year according to the Gregorian calendar, which is the calendar in use today.

In 45 B.C., New Year's Day was celebrated on January 1 for the first time in history when the Julian calendar took effect (thanks to Julius Caesar's reforms).

Today's Gregorian calendar was adopted in 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII to correct some slight inaccuracies but continues to start the year in January.

The month of "January" is named for **Janus**, the ancient Roman god. Often depicted as having two faces—one looking forward and one looking back—Janus was the god of beginnings and endings, doors and gates, passageways and transitions.

In ancient Roman times, the gates of the temple of Janus were open in times of war and closed in times of peace.

While Janus is linked to war, it was more as a way to protect and welcome returning warriors; at other times, he symbolises peace.

Let us hope and earnestly pray for peace in these truly troublesome present times.

"Janus am I; oldest of potentates; Forward I look, and backward, and below I count, as god of avenues and gates, The years that through my portals come and go."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet (1807-82)



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ADDITIONALLY: IS YOUR CLASS MARKING ITS OWN MILESTONE in 2025 or 2026? CAST YOUR NET WIDER FOR LOST CONTACTS AND ADVERTISE HERE OR POST ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND PLEASE, BE SURE TO LET US KNOW ABOUT IT IF THIS IS HAPPENING!

Editor's Notes...



I'M HOPING A DRAMA-FREE, RESTORATIVE HOLIDAY SEASON, was yours moving into 2025. As we update lists of those planning to be part of our 2026 milestone event we are noting those with whom we have lost contact. As part of our drive to reconnect with these people, group photos are being annotated re those known to be deceased and those we have zero contact details for and ask your help to locate the "unknowns"...

You will see beneath the named P16 photo of Slade's 1962 Athletics team, how many we currently know nothing about. How easily we lose touch with others. No doubt when we finally exited the school gates we didn't quite grasp we might not see some people again.

Sadly, this time we bid final farewells to **Vaili Kekedo** and Slade teacher, **Dick Waite**, both of whom died in the last few weeks of 2024. I had high hopes of Dick being part of our 2026 celebrations. Alas, this was not to be but what a timely reminder to make the most of occasions to meet when they are offered! Conversely, what a thrill **John Casey's** warm response to our Season's Greetings was. At 95, he is another of our valued older statesmen and using email too!

Kinawah is a great tool for keeping in touch. At the 2024 Brekky Creek "do", **Andrew Bode** mentioned that he had been asked to provide the eulogy for his good friend, **Michael Darke** after his death in 2019. It is never too late to include a tribute like this in these pages and we bring it to you now, compliments of Andy. Such respect means a lot to those who knew the deceased and, as a bonus, the rest of us can feel quietly proud of the things accomplished in an earthly existence that has now concluded. I admit to guessing the year of Michael's birth with only his age and year of death known.

This time I have introduced an addition to Kinawah with the working title, **"Keeping up Appearances"** and in spite of the title, this is nothing to do with Hyacinth Bucket! Instead, the focus is on our readership i.e. **US**. A recent Kinawah, for example, mentioned a group of past Slade students meeting up for a Clifton pub catchup. The rest of us enjoy reading about what others have been doing and the ways they have been contributing in their communities. And what better reason for an article re **Stephen Hull's** next adventure! You might recall, he was part of a school building project in Nepal not so long ago? As promised in the email sent out in November, P6 describes what this next impressive undertaking entails.

The November/December Kinawah pre-empted a future article re the mostly disused currency of guineas. I am bit of a history nerd but I found this info (P14) fascinating. I'll leave you now with this:

"Gratitude is the foundation for optimism and happiness."

Until next time, enjoy the read, Joan White



"Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth."

Marcus Aurelius

It doesn't matter what's been written in your story so far it's how you fill up the rest of the pages that counts

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Johnno's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE AND ALL – I hope you have had a good break over Christmas and have now got your 'New Year resolutions' all sorted.

■ The focus for your Committee this year is to make sure we organise a great Centenary Celebration for the weekend 2-3 May 2026. Our first formal planning meeting will be at the Haigslea Pub on Saturday 08-02-25. If you have any ideas about the event then please send them in, it may well be something that we have not thought of.

■ As with any celebration the success can only be judged by the attendance of its participants. Now is the time to be planning and booking accommodation. Get in touch with your old mates and get them to come along. The Committee can only do so much, it is your attendance that will make it a success.

Until next time, take care of yourselves. Johnno.

SCPSA official website:
www.scpsawarwick.com

COMING UP IN 2025

- March 21-23 Warwick Show
- April 24 Anzac Service at WCC
- April 25 Anzac Day
- July 17-27 Jumpers & Jazz in July
- October 21-27 Warwick Rodeo
- November 11 Remembrance Day





SLADE SCHOOL WARWICK CELEBRATES

100 YEARS

2 MAY 2026

Go to: www.scpsawarwick.com then Slade Centenary

New Year - a new chapter, new verse, or just the same old story? Ultimately we write it. The choice is ours.

ALEX MORRITT



“You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”
Martin Luther King



“Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.”
Bill Vaughan

"DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT" #3: CAN YOU HELP?

We seem to regularly lose touch with people still on our contact list. Needless to say, when this happens we have no idea if these people: 1. haven't looked in their inbox for so long it's stuffed full, 2. have moved away with no forwarding address (including their email one), 3. don't want to be found, or 4. may even have died. We are currently missing the following (school yrs this time included where possible). NB, mobile phone numbers are invaluable to clear up these issues but not everyone has supplied us with one. Do YOU know where these people might be or how we might restore contact with them? Underlined names are those suspected to be deceased. Are you able to confirm? More names to be listed next Kinawah.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Jennifer Hurley '63-'63 | Lester Huston '65-'67 | Colin Johnstone '51-'55 | Esla Josiah '88-'89 | Belinda Kabai '97-'97 |
| Lyndsay Keefer '73-'75 | Alexander Kemp '96-'97 | <u>Shirley Kenafake '47-'50</u> | Adrian King '91-'91 | Penelope King '61-'63 |
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AS TERM 4 COMES TO A CLOSE, we reflect on the incredible achievements and memorable moments that have marked the end of another successful school year.

This term, we celebrated the milestone of our **Year 12 Graduation**, where we bid farewell to our graduating class as they embark on the next chapter of their journeys. Their hard work and perseverance were an inspiration to us all, and we wish them every success in their future endeavours.

Our **School Swim Carnival** brought students together for a day of fun, competition, and team spirit, with many personal bests achieved and house pride on full display.

The **Year 6 Celebration Evening** was a heartfelt occasion, marking the end of primary school for our Year 6 students. Families, teachers, and peers joined together to celebrate their growth and achievements as they prepare to transition into high school.

The year concluded with our **Annual Awards Night**, where students were recognized for their outstanding efforts in academics, the arts, and sporting achievements.

Awards for Gold, Silver, and Bronze were presented, highlighting the dedication and talents of our students across all areas.

This year has been a testament to the resilience, collaboration, and excellence of our school community. We are incredibly proud of all that our students, staff, and families have accomplished together.

We are excited about the opportunities and challenges that await us in 2025.



Look who's already pencilled in to join us in 2026

*NOTE: Years shown in **BOLD** beside some names indicate the year that person was school captain. I think we can agree we're well on the way to meet that suggested **200 PAST STUDENTS FOR 100 YEARS** challenge and we may even overtake that target! As will be seen, so far no Slade girls have indicated they will attend. We look forward to hearing from them ASAP!*

1. ALLEY Fred 1960 - 1963
+ Jacquie Alley
2. BAILEY Lloyd 1963 -1968
+ Margaret Boyes
3. BAKER Ian 1959 - 1961
4. BAYLISS John 1963 - 1967
+ Jacque Baxter
5. **BECKER Kim 1959-1956 1966**
+ Patricia Becker
6. BOCK Peter 1965 - 1967
+ Judy Bock
7. BODE Andrew 1959 - 1962
8. BOYD Laurie 1962 - 1970
+ Julie Boyd
9. BROWNSDON David 1964 – 1964
10. BURNETT Derek 1964 - 1965
11. BUSSEY Richard 1957 - 1964
12. CLARKE Doug 1966-1968
13. CLEAL Richard 1964 1968
14. **COOKE Steve 1964-1968 1968**
15. COVER James 1962 - 1963
16. DESHON John 1952 - 1958
17. DICKSON Ray 1966 - 1968
18. DIXON Barry 1961 - 1964
19. FARQUHAR John 1973 - 1978
20. FAULKNER Nigel 1974 - 1978
21. FITZHANNIM Gilbert 1968-1970
22. **GROAT Jim 1966-1967 1971**
23. GROAT Stuart 1962 - 1966
24. HAMMOND Ray 1962 - 1969
25. HARTOG Leigh 1963 - 1968
+ Pam Hobson
26. HASSALL Chris 1963*-1965
27. HEILBRONN Graham 1961 - 1962
28. HENNING Graham 1963 - 1964
29. HERBERT David 1965 – 1967
30. HILL Ian 1959 - 1965
31. HILL Peter 1965 - 1968
32. HOARE Phil 1962-1965
33. HOLCOMBE Walter 1970-1972
34. HUSTON Lester 1965 - 1967
35. KAJEWSKI Bill 1965-1966
36. **LADNER Ron 1952-1956 1956**
37. MASSON Paul 1967 - 1968
38. MILTON David 1963 - 1964
39. MILTON Michael 1963 - 1964
40. NISBET Leigh 1959 – 1963
+ Mita Nisbet
41. NOBLE Lex 1958 - 1963
+ 1
42. NOLAN Rob 1964 - 1965
43. NOON Richard 1960 - 1968
44. ORR Geoff 1957 - 1964
45. PETERSON Gary 1964 - 1967
46. RAMSAY Peter 1959 - 1964
47. **REDMOND John 1964-1967 1967**
48. ROBB Ken 1964 - 1969
49. ROBB Walter 1967 - 1969
50. ROSS Ted 1951-1955
51. ROY Cris 1974 - 1978
52. ROY Tony 1969 - 1972
53. ROY Trevor 1972 - 1973
54. RUEGG Peter 1968-1971
55. SIMPSON Richard 1970 - 1974
56. SLADER Peter 1964 – 1967
57. STEHBENS Terry 1962 – 1965
58. STREETEN Tim 1966 - 1967

59. SUTTON David 1960 - 1965
60. TAYLOR Martin 1975 - 1977
61. THOMPSON Ross 1962 – 1965
62. TWEEDIE Greg 1966 - 1966
63. WALSH Damien 1962 - 1965
64. WHITE Joan 1965-1969
+ Peter White
65. WHYBIRD Bruce 1969-1973
66. WOCKNER Adrian 1962 - 1963
+ Gail Wockner
67. **WOODLAND Chris 1965-1969 1969**

How are YOU travelling as we step into the New Year? Are you expecting 2025 to dish up more of what has gone before or are you daring to tackle old pickles in a different way? Alternatively, you might be putting off deciding—again! If the following thought re procrastination describes you, you might be one of those “on the fence”, undecided about attending the 2026 celebrations! All those listed above have indicated they are very much looking forward to this once-in-a-lifetime event. Why not be part of it?

“Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday.” - Don Marquis

As most of those named above now know, **John Bayliss** has been calling those of us for whom we have contact phone numbers, and adding new finds while promoting our 100 year function. Why not make his day and call him instead?

**Notify John ASAP and be kept in the loop:
0418 987 900 / jb.oldmanemu@gmail.com**

Note Bigpond subscribers: this is another nudge to be ready in the coming weeks for when Telstra discontinues email support. Don't be caught on the back foot. Check your options now and notify us of changes!

What you said: hearing back from our readers

Your contributions, as always, are greatly appreciated. Selected and edited reader responses appear below.



Grace Quach WCC 2011-18 The newsletter looks great! Looks like the lunch over the weekend was a success. So sorry I couldn't make it. I ended up being called into work last minute as my manager's child became unwell. [Hoping] we can catch up sometime in the future.

Andrew Bode 1959-62 [Michael Darke and I] were great mates and I did not realise that I had mentioned the Brekky Creek catch up that brought us back to when we were at school together. Once again thank you for all your work. I will not be attending next year as I have the US release of my book in Hawaii and LA around that time, as I will release it in the US to coincide with their Memorial Day. Having said that, I am most excited about the 100 year reunion in 2026 on May 2nd, four days before my 81st birthday. I have already recruited an old boy this morning, who is a priest and has never attended a reunion. I'll get on the phone and try to round up the remaining seniors from my senior year in 1962.

Bob Cotton 1951-54 I read the Coral Sea article with interest – and there is more to come!

David Herbert 1965-67 ... we seem doomed to repeat the mid war period and the rise of Hitler, Mussolini, Mosley UK, the various Bund's in the USA with William Dudley and ...here is also, I suspect a good dose of misogyny, comments ... seem to show that the 40% of the world who hate women are still alive and well and better to live in totalitarianism than to have a woman [as President]

John Casey 1942-45 Thank you for ... keeping us all up to date with relevant information and news of the present and 'older' brigade. At 97 I must be one of your oldest 'readers'! I ... only recently gave up playing tennis after a bout of shingles- not a recommended affliction!

"The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart." — Elisabeth Foley

Volunteers, JPs et al

INCLUDING THE P8 STORY THIS TIME all about Steve Hull's next big adventure led to pondering about the many ways we choose to volunteer in our communities. It should be stated from the outset that, without volunteers, there would be no (sadly, mostly elderly) St Vincent de Paul, Lifeline, Red Cross and other personnel available to staff charity shops. There would be nobody serving kids at school tuck shops and nobody to help the numerous bodies that make our communities infinitely more tolerable to live in.

I have said more than enough before in these pages about the places I volunteer so won't bang on about them any more.

The reasons volunteers do what they do are as many and varied as they are. One clear front runner is the truth that helping others benefits us as much, if not more than those we are helping. As volunteers, we support causes we feel passionate about which begs the question, "Just what are the passions that keep *our readers*' i.e. *your* hearts pumping?"

A recent article in Toowoomba's Chronicle about the following is relevant to this topic and was deemed apt to include here. It also illustrates that even those who come from challenging beginnings can make a big difference. They need only be willing. Here is the bones of the article:



SONIA GREVELL, an English orphan, aged 12, sailed for Australia (year unspecified) with 40 other children to be placed in an orphanage. Orphanage life didn't suit so she escaped, lived in a Sydney park for a while, then caught a train to QLD to work in Roma as a children's maid. Arriving in Toowoomba, she set off

on foot for her destination thinking it, (Roma) wouldn't be too far!

She was making good progress but fell ill. In considerable pain, and crying uncontrollably she was relieved when a lovely couple stopped and cared for her. But, there is plenty more to her story...

Sonia became a nurse, along the way becoming an accomplished singer, the world's fastest crocheter (true story) and instigating the "JP's in Shopping Centres" program. Here's how this happened:

Once, standing in a queue at a florist's shop she overheard a nearby man ask his wife, "We need a JP, where in hell would we find a JP?"

Sonia joined the conversation by saying, "I am a JP and if I had my stamp, I'd do it for you." the man paid for a taxi to take her home and back with her stamp.

In 2025, Sonia's present-day and justifiably ongoing worry concerns the decline of volunteering, which is noticeably on the wane, and particularly in JP ranks where, as Sonia says, "We're all over 70 years of age, and something needs to be done about it."

Now, QLD's new Premier has announced that the government will establish a Parliamentary Inquiry into volunteering in the state.

The inquiry will examine legislative and regulatory restrictions in volunteering, improved opportunities for government's support of volunteering, barriers, restrictions limiting volunteering plus diversification opportunities—all deserving of attention.

It has been said that in Australia everyone volunteers and if you don't volunteer, you're not Australian.

Many of us have been volunteering from the time we could walk and probably will be volunteering when we can't walk any more.

Find out more about becoming a JP at www.qld.gov.au/law/legal or call in to one of your favourite shopping centres on a day the JP is there and ask how.

And yes, Sonia is still volunteering as a JP at her local shopping centre. You can look her up online. She has quite a profile!

What causes are *you* passionate about? Let's hear all about them!

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Keeping Up Appearances

WELCOME TO THE DEBUT of what I hope will become a regular part of Kinawah. It comes in the form of cameo snippets sent in from our readership giving us a snapshot of what some of us have been up to. The thing is, this will only work with your input! We all enjoy that thrill of connection that happens when we read about someone we remember and can therefore relate to. One of the things about Kinawah is that even though most of us don't live anywhere close to each other, it makes us feel much closer than a map suggests. So here we go with our first KUA and let's try to keep this going!

Two blokes looking right at home in an ultra organised shed!

Recently Margaret Stewart sent in the photo above right after a visit to the native garden of Adrian and Gail Wockner at Highfields just north of Toowoomba. Bruce, Margaret's husband, who is now wheelchair bound, was most appreciative when Adrian, who was at Slade 1962-1963, generously spent the afternoon pushing him round the couple's extensive undulating grounds. We have written about Gail and Adrian's garden in a previous Kinawah. It is quite a showpiece and is opened on occasion to the public to raise money for charity.

North and South Queensland meet up for a chin-wag in Townville:

Straight after the Brekky Creek lunch, John and Khris Farquhar headed north for a catch up with friends. In Townville they met up with Ray Dickson, Laurie Boyd, Barry Riddiford and Bruce Whybird. There might be one or two changes in the coiffure department since those long ago school days but everyone found plenty to reminisce about! All are very much looking forward to the 2026 celebrations



Steve Hull, undertaking another worthy cause

OUR FEARLESS PHILANTHROPIST, STEVE HULL (Slade 69-72) along with two other Australians and a Kiwi mate are teaming up for the adventure of a lifetime but more importantly, these motivated blokes are raising funds for a women's and children's charity. And so Steve is seeking your support for this very worthy cause!!! Over 14 days in April 2025, the plan is to self-drive two "Indian Rickshaws" (aka "tuk tuks") about 3,000 kms. With no set route, the trek will take them from tropical Fort Kochi, Kerala, in the far south of India, to the Thar Desert in the north-west state of Rajasthan with the big finish, a palace in Jaisalmer (also known as the 'Golden City').

The two teams are called "DaGs", David Hull and Glenn Evans, and "The Rusty Nuts", Kent Price (the Kiwi) who Steve spent three weeks last year helping to build a school in Nepal, and, of course Steve himself. (Gotta love those colourful descriptors.) The rickshaws are only slightly more powerful than a lawn mower – meaning two weeks of unpredictable adventure while navigating the back roads of India with no set route, and no back-up support, the boys will probably get lost, get stuck or break down - so a dash of madness definitely helps! I wonder if they'll happen upon a tiger or two!

About the fundraising: all team members are covering the costs of participating in **Rickshaw Run India** - which means that all funds raised from donations made on the Go Fund Me page will go to assisting children and women via the chosen charity: Sambhali Trust.

Their goal is to donate \$A5,000 (but why stop there if they can raise more) to this marvellous charity based in Rajasthan in India, and Steve is seeking your support in meeting this target.

During the event they will be visiting Sambhali Trust in Jodhpur, and then afterwards the four of them plan to remain in Jaisalmer for several days – to help out with work on maintenance and repair on some of the Sambhali Trust buildings.

Please share and spread the word since this will greatly assist Steve in raising these funds.

Go well Steve, and we wish you every success! Updates next Kinawah.

To find out more click on the links below.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/india-rickshaw-run-for-sambhali-trust>

You may also use this link to their Facebook page which has been set up for the trip and fund raising so you can keep an eye on their progress:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61569138202370>



Slade: saleable product, buyer to be determined

HERE ARE A FEW MORE SNIPPETS IN THE SAVE OUR SLADE SAGA BEING REVISITED IN RECENT AND UPCOMING ISSUES OF KINAWAH. What follows is a salutary lesson in the correct way to register a protest and lobby for action. We owe the petitioners a great deal for the stay of execution, however brief, they managed to achieve. Even though they did not get exactly what they wanted their concerns were heard and acknowledged. I suspect that Margaret McKinnon just may have been an old-school teacher of English!

On October 06, 2010 the **Warwick and Southern Downs Weekly** published a front page article under the heading "**Group rallies to save Slade**":

"Concerned citizens have banded together in Warwick to save the iconic Slade School campus from being sold to developers.

"The now-vacant school, which opened in 1922 [sic]*, is currently owned by the Southern Downs Regional Council.

"After being unable to find a satisfactory use for the nine hectare property, council has now decided to commence the sale process, likely to be for residential development, which would mean many of the old school buildings will be bulldozed from memory.

"The Save Our Slade Committee is headed by Margaret McKinnon, a retired [Warwick State] high school teacher, who can clearly see the need for the Slade Campus not to be lost to present and future citizens of Warwick.

"'Slade must be saved for two reasons. Firstly it is a beautiful, historically important complex that has stood proud on the hill overlooking the Condamine River in Warwick for almost 100 years,' Mrs McKinnon said.

"'It can never be replaced, and has played a significant part in the development of our town.

"'Secondly, our current high school is almost bursting at the seams, and there is a crying need for additional space for our students.

"Mrs McKinnon said the timing is especially important, with Year 7 soon to be integrated into high school in line with southern states.

"'I was a high school teacher for over 25 years and I know the importance of children having the space to play. It's never been just about the number of classrooms,' she said.

"The Save Our Slade Committee will soon start lobbying the State Government to purchase the site for future educational needs.

"'We don't have much time. The council has already called for real estate agents to register their interest to market the property by October 27, so it's full steam ahead for us at this stage,' Mrs McKinnon said.

October 20, 2010 nested under the heading of "**Good reasons to save Slade**"

"The Save Our Slade Committee is encouraging the local residents to come to the Slade Open Day from 9.00am to noon Saturday, October 23.

Below is [part of] a [pertinent] piece penned by a committee member:

"'You need to see it to appreciate it.

You need to have a pride in Warwick to keep it.

You need to have a love of our heritage to fight for it.

In Saving Our Slade we are saving our fragile heritage.' "



October 28, 2010 Margaret McKinnon's letter to the editor titled, "**To parents of present and future high school students**" read:

"'You will be aware of the efforts of the Save Our Slade Committee. We are petitioning the Government to purchase the Slade site for future educational purposes. Our petitions will be presented to the local member on Friday, October 29, 2010, supported by the signatures of hundreds of local residents, who share our concerns for the local High School and its severe overcrowding. As parents, you are able to contact the Education Minister to register your concern about the lack of space on the current school site now, and especially when the Year 7 students begin High School in 2014. Education Queensland continues to deny there is a problem, despite our best efforts on your behalf. It is now your turn to let the Education Minister know that you will not accept the intolerable conditions that are forced on your students at the current site, due to its lack of space.



The Minister's name and postal address:

Hon Geoff Wilson, Minister for Education and Training, PO Box 15033, City East 4002. He may also be contacted by email at: education@ministerial.qld.gov.au

As Big Brother is alive and well in Queensland, and no less so in Warwick, it is important that you speak up your for students.

The schools and teachers cannot, so if you miss this opportunity, nobody can, or will be able to, speak on your behalf.' "

The response from the Queensland Government was a crushing disappointment for those anxiously awaiting a favorable outcome. An undated newspaper clipping titled "**High school to go up, not out: EQ**" baldly stated:

"Hopes that Education Queensland (EQ) may buy the vacant Slade School campus for future expansion of Warwick State High School have been dashed by Greg Dickman, Regional Director of the Department of Education and Training, Darling Downs South West Region.

"Mr Dickman met with parents and concerned citizens at the Slade campus on Saturday.

"Urgency has been created by the proposed sale of Slade by the Southern Downs Regional Council.

"However...Mr Dickman was adamant that the Department has sufficient land to cater for current and future needs for some time.

"Save Our Slade campaign organiser, Margaret McKinnon, a former teacher at the High School, has meanwhile urged all parents to lobby the Education Minister for a better solution.

"Slade Campus was bought by Southern Downs Regional Council in 2007 for \$3.65m after the Church of England Grammar School decided to sell the campus.

"It has called for tenders from national real estate agents to market the nine hectare site."

Denied but not defeated, and luckily for us and the wider Warwick community, the Save Our Slade campaign didn't abandon their cause there. They simply regrouped and proceeded to explore other options (to be covered in the next Kinawah).

* As we know Slade's year of opening was 1926, not what was erroneously printed in 2010 by the Warwick and Southern Downs Weekly.

In the beginning...

Slade's early years: testing, challenging, courageous:

THE FIRST NEW BUILT-FOR-PURPOSE STRUCTURES and the classroom block readily distinguished by its steeply-pitched roof. Barnes House, so named for J.H.S. Barnes, owner of Canning Downs, Chairman of the first School Council and also of the Building Committee, was one of the visionary co-founders of the Warwick Anglican schools. Construction began in the first year and Barnes House was completed early in 1927 at a cost of around £5,000.

The grand unveiling of the dedication stone for the new dormitory was performed by Archbishop Gerald Sharp. The Latin inscription read "To the greater glory of God this stone was set and it is named after J.H.S. Barnes, that great friend of Slade School - Archbishop Sharp, March 13, 1927 - Patribus Digni Estote".

The school prospectus enthused fulsomely about the comforts provided, the most important selling point being that "a large amount of space is devoted to sleeping out and the ventilation throughout leaves nothing to be desired". This was no exaggeration as the photo of the of the new dormitory, circa 1932, clearly shows. The roof of the new classroom block clearly shares the view of Warwick as seen here through the distinctive arched window spaces.

The comment has been made that the designer/ architect, Mr J. Sneddon-Adam knew little of Warwick's icy winters. Canvas blinds (just visible rolled up in this photo) were used to cover the arches and provided a threat to life and limb when lowered against a stiff breeze. Louvres were subsequently fitted in 1936. We are reliably informed "there is no doubt the boarders of those early years were a tough breed, because, in addition to the 'ventilation', there was no hot water system: most boarders - well some boarders - had a cold shower each morning through the winter"!

The school opened with 13 boys, six of whom were boarders and within a few months this had increased to 38 including 28 boarders. We are told that one of the reasons the school came into being was to establish a secondary boarding school for sons of St Mark's parishioners who lived out of town and this satisfactorily filled the bill.

Barnes House was double storeyed accommodation with two small bedrooms for housemasters. The dormitory was designed to sleep 20 but housed up to 80. It has been described as "very cold and spartan accommodation".

The new four-classroom block was erected in 1928 and was pressed into immediate service. Although it was not built to be a chapel, it later came to serve this purpose with bespoke stained glass windows on its southern side.

Enrolments at both Warwick Anglican schools' swelled dramatically during WWII as students from Brisbane and Southport were evacuated inland, a pre-emptive measure when Japanese invasion threatened. Survivors of that era still alive today vividly recall overcrowding in classrooms and dormitories, air raid drills, slit trenches being dug in school grounds and wartime rationing.

With increased school enrolments several timber homes and land was acquired along Horsman Road. An orchard across from Slade was purchased and became the school's sports oval. The newly formed Old Boys' Assoc. provided a timber grandstand and white railing fence (its first project). A silky oak tree (*Grevillea Robusta*) was planted for each past student who died in WWII with brass plaque plus that man's name affixed to commemorate him. A Slade student

erected at the newly opened "school on the hill" were Barnes House



was given the responsibility of tending each tree. Alas, time and several periods of severe drought has meant the loss of these trees and sadly, many of those charged with their care while they were at school.

1926-1927, boarders' requirements were listed as follows:

- 3 suits (best, second best, school)
- 3 pairs boots (one pair for best/1 pair slippers)
- 6 Shirts with adjustable soft collars
- 3 Tennis shirts
- 6 Stiff collars (butterfly)
- 6 pairs Stockings or Socks
- 12 Handkerchiefs
- 3 Pyjama suits
- 3 Singlets (must be woollen in winter)
- 2 pairs White Trousers for sports
- 1 Overcoat
- 1 pair Sandshoes
- Hair, Nail and Tooth Brushes
- Comb, Neckties
- 1 Grey Felt Hat
- 1 Serviette Ring
- 1pair Nail Scissors
- 1 Bible and Prayer Book



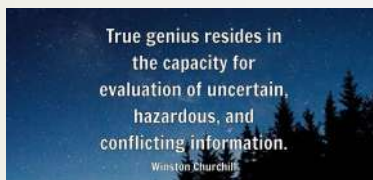
The boarders had to put up with their stiff butterfly collars for another two years and the woollen singlets stipulated for winter told their own tale. In June 1929 the following announcement was made:

"A design for a school uniform had now been definitely accepted. It is called a 'uniform' principally because the uniform colour will be grey, and there will be, in some small particulars, a uniform design or pattern in the stockings, the shirt and the sweater. As the shirt is uniform, the coat need not be worn in hot weather. In cooler weather, the sweater may be worn over the shirt without a coat. In this way it is hoped to combine neatness with economy."

To hark back to the earlier remark that those early students were a hardy breed indeed, we can do little else but wholeheartedly agree.

The above information has been sourced from Charlie Olsen's book, "The Annals of Slade School Warwick 1926-1976", a separate article from the Southern Free Times March 11, 2011 and other sources.

And, to return to Winston Churchill, and more of his pithy quotes voiced in challenging circumstances...



Ted 'found a little book', and so much more

OUR ARCHIVIST, TED ROSS, continues to work away tirelessly behind the scenes assembling and organising information to help us better understand the history of our schools. Ted is a matchless repository of knowledge and is planning to join us in 2026 when we celebrate 100 years since the foundation of Slade so if you have any questions or any information to hand over to him this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do so. Ted finds plenty of amazing stuff and the following is great example of the scope of what he does for us. Now read on.

It is amazing what can turn up in the most unexpected places.

It is also amazing when there is no recollection as to how an item such as Mary Tucker's prayer book, given at her confirmation, landed where it was found (i.e. private papers): who might have passed it over and what might its significance be from a family point of view (i.e. was Mary a relative?)

Remembering that our Association for many years has covered four schools – St. Catharine's Stanthorpe, CEGS Warwick, St. Catharine's Warwick and Slade School. Add to that the sadly distinct lack of records for the first two schools listed above. What did this little book mean?

The first thing to note is that it bears the signature of W. P. Glover, and we all know the part the Rev. W. P. Glover played in the establishment of Slade and CEGS Warwick and that he was the Rector at St. Mark's Warwick in 1924.

Fortunately, over the past few years work has been done in relation to St. Catharine's Stanthorpe and CEGS Warwick. This has involved perusing Warwick local papers, quite a lengthy operation. In these papers the annual Headmistress reports can be located plus other events such as reports on inter and intra school sporting events. In the annual report there is often reference as to the number of students that were confirmed, and so it was mentioned that a confirmation ceremony on 12 October 1924 happened.

Thanks to the Diocese Archives, the Association has copies of the confirmation registers covering this day and a Mary Gilbert Tucker (aged 14) is listed. Also listed on the same page is a Doris Irene Tucker (also shown as aged 14 – but age appears to be incorrect). Could be Mary's elder sister.

Various annual reports make references to Mary or M Tucker from 1919 to 1923. In the 1924 reports, Mrs. Tucker is given a reference as one of the parents and friends who made donations towards the annual prizes. With this information it can possibly be assumed that Mary was at CEGS in 1924.

Having established that Mary was a student at CEGS, the next step is to ascertain who her parents were and from what area she came from. Usually this is through birth records in Queensland and NSW. But no trace of our Mary. Why? Did Mary come from e.g. Victoria or from overseas. No birth record but a marriage to Edward William Wilkinson in 1932.

This is where Ancestry.com comes into play and, with care, details of her family were found indicating that Mary was born in Derby, England on 11 April 1909.

Details of Mary's family are as follows: (m designates married)

Father Henry Tucker 1863 to 1936

Mother Mary Ann Radford 1866 to 1948

Children

Claire Richings Tucker 1893 to 1981 –

m Leslie Elliott Overstead 20/6/1916

Their daughter June attended CEGS 1930 –?

Ethel May Tucker 1895 to 1984 –

m Arthur Ernest Flitcroft 3/4/1920

Their son Boyd attended Slade 1936

Lilian Maud Tucker 1896 to –

m Curtis Edwin Rigby 19/1/1921

(Henry) Norman Richings Tucker 1898 to 1978 –

m Agnes Strachan Duff 5/1/1921

Doris Eveline Tucker 1902 to 1980 –

m Andrew Jack Leonard Elacombe Labatt 21/10/1922

Leonard Charles (Cyril) Tucker 1903 to 1971

Alfred Richings Tucker 1906 to –

m Myrle Hessey Thompson 11/2/1931

Mary Gilbert Tucker 1909 to 1998 –

m Edward William Wilkinson 28/3/1932

Son Ronald Gilbert Wilkinson attended Slade 1947-48

We know that Mary attended CEGS 1919 to 1923 or 24. Mary could well be in the photo shown here top right. Just one student from this photo has been positively identified and that is Clarice Thompson second from left back row.

C.E.G.S. in 1923 had a team of seven girls. This photo has seven girls in it. Maybe that gives enough evidence to allow the assumption that it is the 1923 Athletics team. On that assumption

these girls are:



C. Thompson, E. Stuart, M. Tucker, G. Anderson, L. Look, K. Lomas, and E. Stirling. But apart from Clarice, who is who? If there is anybody among our readership with any connections to any of the girls we'd dearly love to hear from you.

The Tucker family migrated to Australia as follows:

Their father Henry, accompanied by Claire Richings, Lillian Maud and (Henry) Norman Richings, came first in 1910, leaving Liverpool in May 1910 and arriving in Brisbane on 15 July 1910. He came on the ship "Everton Grange". The remainder of the family followed in 1911 leaving London on 8 April 1911 and arriving in Brisbane 22 May 1911 on board the ship "Norseman".

Mary's husband, Edward William Wilkinson, was born on 15 April 1910 in Navan, Meath, Ireland. He was the son of William Lyon Wilkinson and Mary Casserley. Edward arrived in Brisbane aboard the "Suffolk" on 2 Mar 1911 having sailed from the port of Liverpool. His parents arrived on the same vessel.

Other members of Edward Wilkinson's family were:

Elizabeth Alice Wilkinson 1892 to 1984 –

m Zillman Geraghty 26/1/1928

Anna Leoline Wilkinson 1894 to 1962 – Did not marry

Dorothea Mary Wilkinson 1895 to 1977 –

m James Lester Watson 26/5/1920

Son Henry Lester Watson attended Slade 1946-49

John Wrixon Wilkinson 1898 to 1980 –

m Victoria Norah Keamy 1936

Henry Mason Jessop Wilkinson 1900 to 1912

Alan Lyon O'Connor Wilkinson 1902 to 1987 –

m Joan Morrison 3/1/1936

Olivia Winifred Wilkinson 1905 to 1969 –

m Eric Brooks Miller 10/4/1937

George Peter Wilkinson 1907 to 2002 –

m Vera May Prout 4/11/1933

Mary and Edward were married in 1932, and it would appear from Ancestry records that they resided in Tenterfield from around 1933 to 1940 when Edward joined the RAAF (Enlistment date 20 May 1940 and locality on enlistment Tenterfield). He was discharged from the RAAF on 11 December 1945 having been a Prisoner of War on the Burma Railway.

We next know them to be in Charleville in 1947, the year their son Ronald was enrolled at Slade. They appear to have stayed there until around 1977 when they moved to Caloundra. There is still a firm in Charleville E W Wilkinson and Co which did have a connection with Edward but no longer does.

Both Mary (died 19/2/1998) and Edward (died 19/7/2002) are buried in Stanthorpe.

Note: The prayer book has now been returned to their grandchildren who are living in Stanthorpe.

Our grateful thanks go to Ted for his great expertise and persistence!

Society of the Sacred Advent/bold new direction



On the 5th December 2023, Reverend Gillian Moses and Reverend Jan Crombie took their Life Vows in the Sisters' Chapel, Lapraik Street, Ascot in what was described by St Margaret's past student, Norma Tucker, as an inspiring service with Sister Carol Tanner from Melbourne-based Community of the Holy Name giving an insightful sermon. While the two older surviving sisters, Sister Gillian and Sister Sandra, will remain Professed Sisters of SSA. Sisters, Rev Jan, and Rev Gillian are now the co-leaders of SSA in a new model of shared leadership. The Sisters made the decision to explore the possibility of opening SSA to a group of new women. As Sister Carol said in her address, "The Sisters of SSA have a vision for their community to move forward in a new direction and it means taking risks, dying to some of the old ways but never letting go of the reason they began, their charism".

At a Chapter meeting in 2019, Mother Eunice, Sister Sandra, and Sister Gillian voted in the presence of Bishop Murray to go forward in the new

direction of a Dispersed Community to engage with women who feel they would like to be part of the SSA. Both Reverend Gillian Moses and Reverend Jan Crombie are ordained, married, and live in their homes in the Brisbane community. The new category of membership "Vowed Members" was created solely for women; the other category, for men and women, is "Companions". Both adhere to a Rule of Life. Vowed Members are part of the governance of the SSA.

The SSA offers a monthly Eucharist, the first Sunday of the month at 4pm, in the Sisters' Chapel, 34 Lapraik Street, Ascot, which is located within St Margaret's school grounds. Prior to worship, about 3.15pm, hospitality is offered in the Hermitage below the Chapel, where people can catch up on SSA happenings and friendships. All are welcome. This is public worship – please feel invited to come along for an afternoon of hospitality and refreshment, for body and soul.

The SSA website is being updated with offerings including Quiet Days, a Retreat, creative spiritual workshops, and hospitality events. They hope to engage with more alumni from SSA schools in their endeavours to create meaningful spiritual opportunities, particularly for women.

The SSA has grown and been heartened by the profession of the Reverend Sisters Jan Crombie and Gillian Moses alongside elderly surviving sisters, Gillian and Sandra to continue the work of the Society. It is no secret that the SSA suffered several resignations during the oversight of the late Sister Lois so this represents a welcome turnaround for them. And, as we have read above, the order has evolved from the one that we knew. St Aidan's Chaplain, the Rev'd Sister Gillian Moses SSA, wrote this in St Aidan's Huddle last year:

As Vowed Members, Jan and I are part of the dispersed community, living in our own homes and in my case, continuing paid work as the chaplain to St Aidan's. It is a blessing to me that my work and my spiritual life coincide like this.

There has been a gentle process of reimagining and growing that led to this moment. We are now placed to carry on the work started by Mother Caroline, grown on by Mother Emma, and continued by the many faithful Sisters and Reverend Mothers over the years including support for our two schools*.

The work includes developing spirituality with women and girls through quiet days and retreats, as well as offering hospitality through long lunches and other celebrations [i.e. Mother Emma's Day].

As St Aidan's celebrates its 95th birthday, it is good to look back on all that has been achieved in those 95 years. Like the school, the SSA looks back fondly on where we have been, because that shapes where we might go next. Our values of courage, humility, compassion, faithfulness, resilience and wholeheartedness ensure that we are heading in the right direction, even if the way we are travelling has changed. God goes with us always.

Jan and Gillian are pictured above right on the occasion of their profession.

**Of the schools that the SSA once ran in regional and metropolitan Queensland, St Margaret's and St Aidan's are the only two still associated with the order. As well as the schools they ran in Stanthorpe, Warwick, Herberton, Charters Towers, Yeppoon and Townsville, during their long history, the Sisters were also in charge of All Saints Hostel for girls in Charleville, the now closed Tufnell Home for orphans at Nundah and St Martin's war memorial Hospital, Ann Street, Brisbane City beside St John's Cathedral (now used as a diocesan office). You might also be interested to know that the SSA produced the communion wafers most of us were all familiar with from their Community House kitchen in Ascot from 1948-1990. We will follow with interest this bold new direction as it takes shape while sincerely wishing them well.*



SSA: a little bit of background

It started with a plea for a Sisterhood: The SSA was founded in Brisbane, in 1892. The Rev'd Montagu Stone-Wigg, at that time Vicar of the proto-Cathedral of St John, wrote to religious orders in England seeking Anglican Sisters willing to come to Brisbane and found an order here, with a particular concern for education and nursing. It is perhaps difficult, with 20th 21st century perspective to imagine Brisbane in the early days as a rough and ready outpost with few respectable job opportunities for women and girls. The Vicar's plea was an attempt to address this.

Sister Caroline Amy Balguy, from the Clewer Community, along with Deaconess Minnie, responded to the call and arrived in Brisbane in December 1892. There was plenty of work for them to do, and within a short time they had established the Home of the Good Shepherd in Nundah, to care for homeless girls, and the Working and Factory Girls' Club in Charlotte Street.

The Society's educational ministry began with a day school attached to St John's Cathedral in 1894. In 1895, the first class of girls was prepared for examinations through the University of Sydney and this marked the beginning of Eton High School, later to become St Margaret's Anglican Girls' School in Ascot. More schools followed including St Michael's at Clayfield, and St Catharine's in Stanthorpe and later Warwick and from then even farther afield.

Footnote: It is probably safe to say that the influence of the many women who served in the Society of the Sacred Advent in the 133 years of its ministry has had a greater impact on the lives of those who were schooled, nursed or otherwise cared for by the Sisters in that time than we ever knew. During those years the standing of women both inside and outside the Anglican Church has undergone enormous change and the evolving mission of the SSA, as clearly demonstrated by its new direction, reflects this too. Many of the works that the SSA established in a bygone era are gone but should not be forgotten. Expectations for the many and diverse roles that women fulfil within the Church and wider community have similarly evolved and the contribution they and the SSA each continue to deliver is one that needs to be valued as befits its due worth.

How to Have a Happy New Year...Anywhere!

MANY NEW YEAR'S TRADITIONS that we don't think too closely about actually date from ancient times—and there are a lot of quirky ones to discover when we go looking. Does your family usually ring out the old and ring in the new? Should you happen to see the New Year in while overseas you might experience some of the following traditions for yourself and some of them your own family might already celebrate. Let's check them out...



Making a lot of noise and light: from fireworks to gunshots to church bells—seems to be a favourite New Year's pastime across the globe.

- 🕒 In Thailand, it was once tradition to fire guns to frighten off demons.
- 🕒 In China, firecrackers routed the forces of darkness.
- 🕒 In Denmark, they throw plates and glasses against each others' front doors to banish bad spirits.
- 🕒 In Ecuador, it is tradition to burn the effigies of famous people to destroy bad "juju" from the past year and start fresh.
- 🕒 In the early American colonies, the sound of pistol shots rang through the air.
- 🕒 In the United States today, many watch the ball drop in New York's Times Square.
- 🕒 In other countries, many people wait for the church bells or the chimes of clock towers to ring out.



Eating Lucky Food: Many New Year's traditions involve food. Here are a few:

- 🕒 In Spain, people attempt to eat 12 grapes during the 12 strokes of midnight! Tradition has it that if they succeed before the chimes stop, they will have good luck for all 12 months of the coming year.
- 🕒 In the southern US, black-eyed peas and pork foretell good fortune.
- 🕒 In Scotland—where [Hogmanay](#) is celebrated—bonfire ceremonies are held where people parade swinging giant fireballs on poles!
- 🕒 Eating any ring-shaped treat (such as a [doughnut](#)) symbolises "coming full circle" and leads to good fortune. In Dutch homes, fritters called *olie bollen* are served.
- 🕒 The Irish enjoy pastries called bannocks.
- 🕒 Germans and Pennsylvania Dutch eat [sauerkraut](#) on New Year's Day for good luck in the coming year.
- 🕒 In India and Pakistan, rice promises prosperity.
- 🕒 Apples dipped in honey are a [Rosh Hashanah](#) (Jewish New Year) tradition.
- 🕒 In Swiss homes, dollops of whipped cream, symbolizing the richness of the year to come, are dropped on the floors—and allowed to remain there!

Enjoying a Drink: The pop of a champagne cork often signals the arrival of the New Year but certain beverage-based traditions are found in some countries.

- 🕒 [Wassail](#), a punch-like drink named after the Gaelic term for "good health," is served in some parts of England.
- 🕒 Spiced "hot pint" is the Scottish version of Wassail. Traditionally, the Scots drank to each others' prosperity and also offered this warm drink to neighbours along with a small gift.
- 🕒 In Spain, Cava (a sparkling white wine) is often served to guests for making toasts.



Give a Gift: New Year's Day was once the time to swap presents.

- 🕒 Gifts of gilded nuts or coins marked the start of the new year in Rome.
- 🕒 Eggs, the symbol of fertility, were exchanged by the Persians.
- 🕒 Early Egyptians traded earthenware flasks.
- 🕒 In Scotland, coal, shortbread, and silverware were traditionally exchanged for good luck.



Putting Your Best Foot Forward: In Scotland, December 31 is known as **Hogmanay**. Along with fireworks, "First footing" (or the "first foot" in the house after midnight) is still common across Scotland. The first person to cross the threshold into one's home, called the first footer, indicates the year to come. Although the tradition varies, if the first footer is tall and dark, the year will be a good one. Of course, the entire spirit of a Hogmanay party is to welcome friends and strangers with warm hospitality and lots of kissing all around!

Turning Over a New Leaf: The dawn of a new year is an opportune time to take stock of your life.

- 🕒 Jews who observe Rosh Hashanah make time for personal introspection and prayer, as well as visiting graves.
- 🕒 Christian churches hold "watch-night" services, a custom that began in 1770 at Old St. Georges Methodist Church in Philadelphia.
- 🕒 The practice of making New Year's resolutions, said to have begun with the Babylonians as early as 2600 B.C., is another way to reflect on the past and plan ahead.

Making New Year Resolutions: New Year's resolutions actually go back to ancient times! So, before you pooh-pooh the idea, let's explore what's behind this tradition and more practical ways towards self-improvement. From the Babylonians who resolved to return borrowed farm equipment to medieval knights who would renew their vow to chivalry, New Year's resolutions are nothing new.

In 2000 B.C., the Babylonians celebrated the New Year during a 12-day festival called Akitu (starting with the [vernal equinox](#)). This started the farming season [in the northern hemisphere] to plant crops, crown their king, and make promises to pay their debts. One common resolution was the return of borrowed farm equipment (which makes sense for an agriculturally based society). So, whether we resolve to return borrowed farm equipment (as did the Babylonians) or drop a few pounds, we're tapping into an ancient and powerful longing for a fresh start!

New Year's Folklore: Some customs/beliefs are passed down through the ages. Here are some age-old sayings and proverbs.

- 🕒 *On New Year's Eve, kiss the person you hope to keep kissing.*
- 🕒 *If New Year's Eve night wind blow south, It betokeneth warmth and growth.*
- 🕒 *For abundance in the new year, fill your pockets and cupboards today.*
- 🕒 *If the old year goes out like a lion, the new year will come in like a lamb.*
- 🕒 *Begin the new year square with every man. [i.e., pay your debts!]* –Robert B. Thomas, founder of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*
- 🕒 So, whether we resolve to return borrowed farm equipment (as did the Babylonians) or drop a few pounds, we're tapping into an ancient and powerful longing for a fresh start!

The above information has been sourced from <https://www.almanac.com/new-years-traditions-around-world>

HERE THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Social media under scrutiny; Australia looks to secure sustainable energy; another Allora boy makes good.

DIGITAL DUTY OF CARE AGAIN IN THE NEWS

DIGITAL GIANTS INCLUDING META, GOOGLE AND TIK TOK may soon be bound by a digital duty of care aimed at preventing the negative mental health impacts posed by social media. Under the proposed legislation, social media companies whose business model thrives and profits from maximum exposure to [frequent and deliberately sensational] posts will be obligated to continually and proactively monitor their platforms for risks and take reasonable steps to prevent foreseeable harms. It remains to be seen how the legislation will be framed but this may well include provisions that will force platforms to identify and circumvent harms related to mental health, young people, problematic internet usage and algorithms. This is part of a global effort to ostensibly deliver a more systemic and preventive approach to making online services safer and healthier. On the table is making 16 the minimum age for social media use which has been broadly approved by all state and territory leaders.

For us, this, because of the "Dolly's Dream" initiative, hits a little closer to the bone since Dolly Everett, a boarder at Scots PGC in Warwick, took her own life in 2018 after being the victim of persistent bullying.

This is not an isolated incident either with several other even more recent tragic instances which of course, is the issue that has triggered the proposed legislation. Added to this, "Charlotte's Wish", the November-released documentary which tackled the issue head on, was also in the news late last year.

This documentary prompted Dolly's parents, Tick and Kate Everett, to publicly come out in full support of a more proactive approach to try to draw more focussed attention to bullying. Dolly, with her wholesome good looks, was just 14 when she died, and had been the poster child for Akubra in successful ad. campaigns. It is sincerely hoped you will never need either of these two help line numbers but if you do, here they are.

Dolly's Dream 24-hour support line: 0488 881 033

Lifeline: 13 11 14

RENEWABLES VERSUS NUCLEAR A HOT TOPIC AGAIN

BANANA SHIRE MAYOR, NEVILLE FERRIER, recently made plain his view that only atomic energy or coal is able to provide baseload power while warning that more mass outages like the Broken Hill one that happened in October last year were otherwise inevitable.

Speaking at a November federal nuclear energy inquiry in Biloela, Mr Ferrier clearly has some skin in the game as his shire has been put forward as the site for a future nuclear power plant. He is anticipating prospective job and business opportunities for his shire and was openly critical of what he called "childish" politics around what he declared to be increasingly safe nuclear power. Two Biloela graziers vigorously opposing a huge solar farm bordering on their property also backed nuclear power over what they called "the reckless rollout of renewables", claiming these are destroying Australia's prime food producing land.

Leader of the Opposition, Peter Dutton announced in June last year that a Coalition government would build up to seven nuclear power plants on the site

of existing coal-fired power stations including Callide, west of Gladstone. Mayor Ferrier told the enquiry that transforming Callide into a nuclear power plant could add 80 years to its life span supplying power to QLD and other states. He also stated that many countries are building nuclear power plants with many new ideas to make them safer so as to avoid accidents.

Until now, Australians have viewed nuclear powered energy with openly felt distrust in the wake of the widely publicised disasters at Chernobyl and Fukushima. However, with our ever expanding population, and the growing modern appetite for more power to drive domestic and industrial usage, solutions need to be found sooner rather than later.

QLD'S 2025 AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR

ALLORA PRODUCT, GEOFFREY SMITH, has been given a great platform from which to bring public attention to the business he so passionately promotes. The 35 year old entrepreneur is the founder of Australian Spatial Analytics, ASA, a data analytics contractor and social enterprise that has employed hundreds of young people with autism. We are told he hopes that in the future there will be no need for what he does.

ASA was founded in 2020 with the support of White Box Enterprises and today employs around 150 people with autism.

ASA is generally the starting point for people with autism wanting to enter the workforce. With gradually increasing awareness that neurodivergent individuals bring unique skills to the work place, it is a good time to recognise and better value the work they are capable of doing. Geoffrey's employees are paid an award wage, in real jobs often doing data analysis that would otherwise be shipped off overseas. And, how much better to be gainful employed than surviving on a disability pension?

Geoffrey will join those from other states and territories for the national awards on January 25, 2025.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY STEPS DOWN

FOLLOWING INTENSE PRESSURE TO RESIGN, the leader of the world's Anglicans, Justin Welby, stood down in November following what was judged to be the church's failure to report prolonged serial abuse by an old acquaintance of his. In stepping down, the Archbishop expressed his great sorrow for all victims and survivors saying he hoped his decision makes clear how seriously the Church of England understands the need for change and its profound commitment to creating a safer church. The perpetrator died, aged 75, in South Africa in 2018 while he was under investigation by British Police without facing any charges. In his apology Mr Welby said he was told of the abuse the year that police were notified and had believed wrongly that an appropriate resolution would ensue.

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Let's talk about cyber safety/cyber bullying

THOSE OF US WITH CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN we care about are justifiably concerned by the escalation of bullying they can be exposed to via various electronic devices. While bullying is not new, the growing industry that social media represents means access to vulnerable individuals by those who seek to bully them is pervasive—24/7, in fact. Those of us who work in schoolrooms see first-hand how this compulsive behaviour and loss of sleep affects attention and focus of students who have been up texting, YouTubing and using other forms of social media late at night (and other times) and this is without even taking into account cyber-bullying and related predatory issues that are often involved. For many of us, this is quite uncharted territory. After all, when we were at school mobile phones weren't invented or even thought of. Even if they had been permitted, which they most certainly would not have been under the strict control of school regimes which strictly limited hair length and disallowed magazines and transistor radios, the whole cyber landscape was yet to emerge. So what is cyber bullying? Contrary to what we may have been told as children by naïve adults, ignorance is not bliss. We owe it to ourselves to be informed especially as many grandparents are frequently in loco parentis. The following may help with advice when the need arises and has been medically reviewed by [Elana Pearl Ben-Joseph, MD](#)

CYBERBULLYING is the use of technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person. Online threats and mean, aggressive, or rude texts, tweets, posts, or messages count. So does posting personal information, pictures, or videos purposely designed to hurt or embarrass someone else. Cyberbullying also includes photos, messages, or pages that don't get taken down, even after the person has been asked to do so. In other words, it's anything that gets posted online and is meant to hurt, harass, or upset someone else. Intimidation or mean comments that focus on things like a person's gender, religion, sexual orientation, race, or physical differences all count as discrimination, which is against the law in many states. **That means the police could get involved, and bullies may face serious penalties.**

Online bullying can be particularly damaging and upsetting because it's usually anonymous or hard to trace. It's also hard to control, and the person being victimized has no idea how many people (or hundreds of people) have seen the messages or posts. People can be tormented nonstop whenever they check their device or computer. Online bullying and harassment can be easier to commit than other acts of [bullying](#) because the bully doesn't have to confront their target in person.

What Are the Consequences of Cyberbullying? Sometimes, online bullying, like other kinds of bullying, can lead to serious long-lasting problems. The stress of being in a constant state of upset or fear can lead to problems with mood, energy level, sleep, and appetite. It also can make someone feel jumpy, anxious, or sad. If someone is already [depressed](#) or [anxious](#), cyberbullying can make things much worse. Students who are cyberbullied can struggle to concentrate in school, which can affect how well they do there. The punishment for cyberbullies can also be serious. More and more schools and after-school programs are creating systems to respond to cyberbullying. Schools may dismiss bullies from sports teams or suspend them from school. Some cyberbullying may violate school codes or even break anti-discrimination or [sexual harassment](#) laws. So a bully may face serious legal trouble.

Why Do People Do It? There are probably as many reasons as there are bullies themselves. Sometimes, what seems like online harassment may be accidental. The impersonal nature of text messages, posts, and other ways of communicating online means it can be hard to figure out if someone is joking or not.

Most people know when they're being bullied, though, because bullying involves repeated insults or threats. The people doing the bullying know they've crossed a line, too. It's not a one-off joke or insult — it's constant harassment and threats that go beyond typical fun teasing or a nasty comment made in anger.

What to do About Cyberbullying: Sometimes, people are afraid or not sure if they're being bullied or not. So they don't do anything about it. If you're bullied, harassed, or teased in a hurtful way — or know someone who is — you don't have to suffer in silence. In fact, you should report any upsetting texts, messages, posts, or emails.

Tell someone. Most experts agree: The first thing to do is tell an adult you trust. This is often easier said than done. People who are cyberbullied may feel embarrassed or reluctant to report a bully. Some may hesitate because they're not 100% sure who is doing the bullying. **But bullying can get worse, so speak up until you find someone to help.** Sometimes police can track down an anonymous online bully, so it's often worthwhile to report it. Most parents are so concerned about protecting their kids that some-



times they focus on taking major steps to stop the bullying. If you're being bullied and worry about losing phone or computer privileges, explain your fears to your parents. Let them know how important it is to stay connected, and work with them to figure out a solution that doesn't leave you feeling punished as well as picked on. You may have to do some negotiating on safe phone or computer use — the most important thing is to first get the bullying under control. You may also talk to your [school counselor](#) or a trusted teacher or family member. If the bullying feels like it's really getting you down (like if it's affecting your sleep or concentration), therapy can help. If you're not ready for that, you can still benefit from the support of a trusted adult.

Walk away. What you've heard about walking away from a real-life bully works in the virtual world too. Ignoring bullies is the best way to take away their power, but it isn't always easy to do — in the real world or online. If you see something upsetting, try to step away from the computer or turn off your phone for a while. Don't respond, and never forward the message to someone else. Find something to distract yourself from what's going on. Do something you love that doesn't give you time to think about what's happening, like playing the guitar, going for a run, or losing yourself in a book or movie. You can also just chat with a parent or sibling or play with a pet. Taking a break like this allows you to keep things in perspective and focus on the good things in your life. It also gives you time to figure out how you want to handle things.

Resist the urge to retaliate or respond. Walking away or taking a break when you're faced with online bullying gives you some space so you won't be tempted to fire back a response or engage with the bully or bullies. Responding when we're upset can make things worse. (Standing up to a bully can be effective sometimes, but it's more likely to provoke the person and escalate the situation.) Taking a break gives the power back to you! Although it's not a good idea to respond to a bully, **it is a good idea to save evidence of the bullying if you can. It can**



help you prove your case, if needed. You don't have to keep mean emails, texts, or other communications where you see them all the time — you can screenshot them or ask a parent to make a copy or save them to a flash drive.

Report bullying. Social media sites take it seriously when people post cruel or mean stuff or set up fake accounts. If users report abuse, the site administrator may block the bully from using the site in the future. If someone sends you mean texts or emails, report it to phone service or email providers (such as Comcast, Google, and Verizon).

Block the bully. Most devices have settings that let you electronically block the bully or bullies from sending notes. If you don't know how to do this, ask a friend or adult who does.

Be safe online. Password protect your smartphone and your online sites, and change your passwords often. Be sure to share your passwords only with your parent or guardian. It's also wise to think twice before sharing personal information or photos/videos that you don't want the world to see. Once you've posted a photo or message, it can be hard or even impossible to delete. For this reason, remind yourself to always be especially cautious when posting photos, comments or responding to someone's upsetting message.

This information has been sourced from <https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/cyberbullying.html>

Guineas: gold specs, sovereign succession

"What is a guinea? 'Tis a splendid thing!"

THE GUINEA, (ABBR GN., OR GNS. PLURAL)^[1] WAS ORIGINALLY A COIN, MINTED IN GREAT BRITAIN between 1663 and 1814, containing approx ¼ of an ounce of gold.^[2] The name came from the Guinea region in West Africa, from where much of the gold used to make the coins was sourced.^[3] It was the first English machine-struck gold coin, originally representing a value of 20 shillings in sterling specie, equal to one pound,^[2] but rises in the price of gold relative to silver caused the value of the guinea to increase, at times to as high as thirty shillings. From 1717 to 1816, its value was officially fixed at twenty-one shillings.^[4] In the Great Recoinage of 1816, the guinea was demonetised and replaced by the gold sovereign. Following the Great Recoinage, the word "guinea" was retained as a colloquial or specialised term, even though the coins were no longer in use; the term *guinea* also survived as a unit of account in some fields. Notable usages included professional fees (medical, legal, etc.), which were often invoiced in guineas, and horse racing and greyhound racing,^[2] and the sale of rams.

The first guinea appeared 6 February 1663. One troy pound of $11\frac{1}{12}$ (0.9133) fine gold (22 carat or 0.9167 pure by weight) would make $44\frac{1}{2}$ guineas,^[5] each thus theoretically weighing 129.438 grains (8.385 grams crown gold, 7.688 grams fine gold, or 0.247191011 ozt (troy ounces) fine gold). Originally worth twenty shillings (£1), an increase in the price of gold during the reign of King Charles II led to the market trading it at a premium. Gold values continued to increase, especially in times of trouble, and by the 1680s, the coin was worth 22 silver shillings. Samuel Pepys records in his diary 13 June 1667 that the price was 24 to 25 shillings.^[6] The coin was produced every year 1663 - 1684.

During the reign of King James II, the coins weighed 8.5 g (0.27 ozt - diameter 25–26 mm), and were minted in all years between 1685 - 1688, (average gold purity of 0.9094). Coins of each year were issued both with and without the elephant-and-castle mark.

After the 1688 Glorious Revolution, James II's daughter Mary and her husband Prince William of Orange reigned as co-monarchs (the single instance of this ever occurring in British history) their heads appearing conjoined on the guinea piece, with William's head uppermost. By the early part of this reign the value of the guinea had increased to nearly 30 shillings. Following the death of Queen Mary from smallpox in 1694, William continued to reign as William III. The coins of William III's reign weighed 8.4 g (0.27 ozt) with an average gold purity of 0.9123. The diameter was 25–26 mm until 1700 and 26–27 mm in 1701.

During the reign of Queen Anne (1702–1714) guineas were produced in all years between 1702-1714 except for 1704. The 1703 guinea bears the word vigo under the Queen's bust, to commemorate the origin of the gold taken from Spanish ships captured at the Battle of Vigo Bay.

With the Acts of Union 1707 creating a unified Kingdom of Great Britain through the union of the Parliament of Scotland with the Parliament of England, the design of the reverse of the first truly British guinea was changed. With the Act of Union, the English and Scottish arms appear conjoined on one shield, with the left half being the English arms and the right half being the Scottish arms, and the order of arms appearing on the shields becomes England and Scotland, France, England and Scotland, Ireland. The coins weighed 8.3 g (0.29 oz), were 25 mm in diameter, and had a gold purity of 0.9134. The edge of the coin is milled diagonally.

King George I's guinea coins were struck in all years between 1714-1727. His guineas are notable for using five different portraits of the king, and the 1714 coin is notable for declaring him to be *Prince Elector of the Holy Roman Empire*. Coins weighed 8.3–8.4 grams, were 25–26 millimetres in diameter, and the average gold purity was 0.9135. The value of the guinea had fluctuated over the years from 20-30 shillings and back down to 21 shillings and sixpence by the start of George's reign. In 1717, Great Britain adopted the gold standard, at a rate of one guinea to 129.438 grains (8.38 g, 0.30 oz) of crown gold, which was 22 carat gold,^{[10][11]} and a royal proclamation in December of the same year fixed the value of the guinea at 21 shillings.

King George II's guinea pieces were produced in all years of the reign except 1742, 1744, 1754, and 1757. The coins weighed 8.3–8.4 g, and were 25–26 mm in diameter except for some of the 1727 coins which were 24–25 mm. The average gold purity was 0.9140. Some coins issued between 1729-1739 carry the mark EIC under the king's head, to indicate the gold was provided by the East India Company, while some 1745 coins carry the mark lima to indicate the gold came from Admiral George Anson's round-the-world voyage. Unlike the two-guinea and five-guinea coins, production of the guinea continued through much of the long reign of King George III.

The guineas of King George III weighed 8.4 g (0.27 ozt) and were 25 mm in diameter, with an average gold purity (at the time of the 1773 assay) of 0.9146 (meaning it contained 7.7 g (0.25 ozt) of gold). In 1774 almost 20 million worn guineas of King William III and Queen Anne were melted down and recoinced as guineas and half-guineas. Towards the end of the century, gold began to become scarce and rise in value. The French Revolution, then the French Revolutionary Wars, had drained gold reserves and people started hoarding coins. Parliament passed a law making banknotes legal tender in any amount, and in 1799 the production of guineas was halted, although half- and third-guineas continued to be struck.

In 1813, 80,000 guineas were struck to pay the Duke of Wellington's army in the Pyrenees, as the local people would accept only gold in payment. This issue has become known as the *Military Guinea*. At this time, gold was still scarce and the guinea was trading on the open market for 27 shillings in paper money, so the coining of this issue for the army's special needs was a poor deal for the government, and this was the last issue of guineas to be minted.

After the guinea coin ceased to circulate, the *guinea* continued in use as a unit of account worth 21 shillings. The guinea had an aristocratic overtone, so professional fees, and prices of land, horses, art, bespoke tailoring, furniture, white goods and other "luxury" items were often quoted in guineas until a couple of years after decimalisation in 1971^[12] in Great Britain The guinea was used in a similar way in Australia until 1966, after which it became worth \$2.10. Bids are still made in guineas for the sale of race-horses at auction, at which the purchaser will pay the guinea-equivalent amount but the seller will receive only that number of pounds. The difference (5p in each guinea) is traditionally the auctioneer's commission (which thus, effectively, amounts to 5% on top of the sales price free from commission).

Many major horse races in Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, New Zealand and Australia bear names ending in "Guineas", even though the real values of their purses today are much higher than the £1,050 or £2,100 suggested by their names.^[9]

In 2013 the Royal Mint issued a £2 coin to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the minting of the first guinea coin.^[13] The new coin features a reworking of the spade guinea from the late 18th century. The edge of the coin contains a quotation from the writer Stephen Kemble (1758–1822): "What is a guinea? 'Tis a splendid thing." This was the first time in the United Kingdom that one coin was used to celebrate another.^[14]

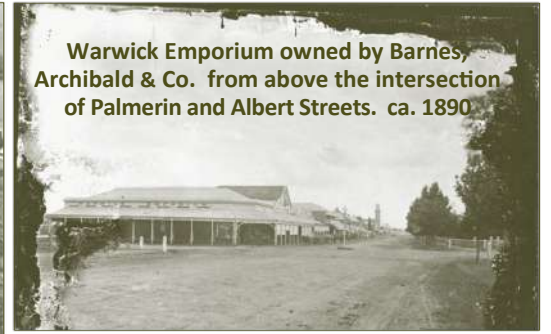
Editor's Note: There's a wealth of incredibly interesting and exceedingly British history tied up in this heavily abridged account. *If you would like to read the article in full, visit: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guinea_\(coin\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guinea_(coin))*



Looking at Warwick through a very old lens



Slade campus 1936: the young Bunya Pine, newly built Barnes House and classroom block with steeply pitched roof (later the chapel) all clearly visible. Horsman Road is unsealed and the Waterworks Building with tall chimney stack sits alongside the Condamine River.



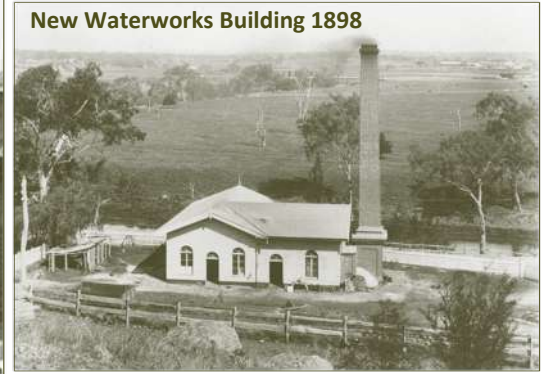
Warwick Emporium owned by Barnes, Archibald & Co. from above the intersection of Palmerin and Albert Streets. ca. 1890



Town View 1897 taking in the new St Mark's



Town view from the Waterworks Building below the present site of Slade 1897



New Waterworks Building 1898



42. Central Palmerin Street, Warwick, Q.



Warwick Hospital 1910



Warwick Central Railway Station 1912 Note the hansom cabs lined up outside

Vale

"When someone you love becomes a memory, memory becomes a treasure" Author Unknown

Wesley Going 1981-2021

We have recently learned that Wesley Going died in 2021. A funeral service for him was held in the Warwick Seventh Day Adventist Church. A Warwick boy, Wesley attended Slade 1996-1997. No other details are available at this time.



Ian Hart

HART Ian late of Bingara passed away 27th November 2006. On leaving school Ian studied accountancy and worked in this field in Brisbane and Toowoomba. He later returned to his heritage and worked in the cattle grooming and showing industry before settling on his own sheep grazing property at Bingara in north central NSW. It was here that he suffered the fatal fall from a horse that took his life far too early.

Ian came to Slade from Bonalbo 1961-66 and went straight into the 1962 Athletics team. A gifted athlete, this photo of him is cropped from the 1965 First XI.

Vaili Kekedo 1951-2024

KEKEDO Vaili, nee Sisa, passed away in Port Moresby on the weekend of December 14th/15th. Vaili had been hospitalised following a stroke earlier in November. Vaili, known to us as Vai at school, was at St Catharine's 1966-1968.

Like all her PNG fellows, Vaili was a gifted netball player. Sadly, while she was at school in 1967, her widowed mother passed away suddenly—a hugely devastating loss for her such a long way from home. After St Catharine's, Vaili's secretarial skills came to the fore and it was in part due to her great organisational abilities that so many of the PNG girls were able to join us for our CEGS Centenary celebrations in 2018. Our PNG classmates remain close and our hearts, minds and prayers are with them all especially Tamara, Vaili's daughter who passed on this untimely news to Carolyn/Ueri as they come to terms with their great sadness and loss.



Keith Nagel 1941-2022

NAGEL Keith George late of Buderim, formerly of Burbank and Charleville passed away peacefully 11th October 2022, aged 81 years.

Bereavement details: Husband of Cheryl Nagel (dec'd). Father of Kim, Brett and Grant. Keith's funeral was held at the Pinaroo Cemetery Chapel, Bridgeman Downs 28th October, 2022. Keith was at

Slade 1956 - 59 and was a house prefect in 1958 and a school prefect in 1959. This photo of him is cropped from the 1956 Slade First XV. Thank-you to Eric Graham for finding this information for us and passing it on.

Amanda Nordstrand 1932-2024

NORDSTRAND Amanda Joan, sadly passed away 30th November 2024 aged 92 years. Amanda's daughter, Indra, told us that her mother was a teacher librarian while Edward Prince was Principal and that she remained a life-long friend with him until his passing in 2011, and also with Eddie's Sister in Canada. It was Amanda's request that the schools where she taught be notified when she died. There will certainly be past students who remember her.

Helen Stewart 1933-2013

STEWART (nee Fraser), Helen, late of Robertson, QLD formerly of Yeronga, passed away peacefully 28th March, 2013. Aged 80 Years.

Bereavement details: Wife of Leslie Stewart (dec'd); Mother and Mother-in-law of Ann and Peter King, David and Christine; Nanny to Thomas King; Sister and Sister-in-law to Jim and Diane Fraser, (New Zealand) and John and Anna; Aunt and Great-aunt of their Families.

Helen's Funeral Service, was held at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Kangaroo Point, 2nd April, 2013. Helen came to us at St Catharine's 1947-1948 from our sister school, St Margaret's. Her home suburb on enrolment was given as Kedron.



Richard Waite 1935-2024

WAITE Richard George, late of Toowoomba, also known to many of us as Dick, passed away peacefully 12th December 2024, aged 89 years.

Bereavement Details: Husband of Trudy (dec'd); Father of Andrew (dec'd), Ruth (dec'd), Andrea, Evan, Jonathan and their families. Richard's funeral was held at T.S. Burstow Chapel, Toowoomba 28th December.

He was warmly remembered by his family, members of own church congregation, the wider community and a small Slade contingent. Dick never forgot his years at Slade where he taught Geography and Ag Science until 1973. After Slade he taught at Concordia. Several of our past students have recalled Dick as: a confident young teacher, a fair man, a bold leader of cadets, a handy leg break bowler and cricket coach, a significant influence on their lives at Slade, and for John Milton, ultimately a catalyst for his long career in Agriculture—all sincerely expressed endorsements for a respected teacher and mentor. We plan to bring you Dick's obituary in a subsequent Kinawah.

Jean Walker 1938-2022

WALKER Jean Margaret, nee Turner (Jeannie) late of Goonellabah NSW passed away 13th May 2022.

Bereavement Details: Daughter of Alan "Sam" and Jessie (both dec'd); Sister of Bill (dec'd) and John (dec'd) and Sister-in-Law of Dawn, Stepsister of the Kissanes; Aunt of Steve and Sue, Great Aunt of Emily, Lucy, Paddy, Bethany and Samuel. Jean's Funeral Service was held complete at Christ Church, Lavender Bay, Sydney, on Monday 30th May 2022. Jean attended St Catharine's 1942.

Our 2024 Nov/Dec Kinawah was unable to provide a photo of

John Tomlinson.

Happily for us, Eric Graham has sent this one in for us so again, many thanks Eric!



As always, we appreciate your insights/contributions for our vale announcements and remain deeply grateful for the assistance you are able to provide to keep us all informed.

"The song is ended but the memory lingers on" Irving Berlin

🕯 Be the things you loved most about the people who are gone. 🕯

Worthy of their Forebears



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.



Last Word...

AS WE APPROACH THE MID-POINT OF THE PRESENT DECADE it's hard to believe that this year we will check off the quarter mark of the 21st Century. Wasn't it but a minute or two ago we were looking ahead with excitement and perhaps a little apprehension to a whole new millennium amid dire warnings and computer-related scaremongering about the Y2K bug?

In 2000 we were again entering uncharted territory. At the turn of the previous century, Orville and Wilbur Wright had yet to get airborne, there had never been a World War, antibiotics were not invented yet and walking on the moon, the notion of computers and the internet was decades more than a generation away. Those previous 100 years were transformative ones—in many different ways. What might be next?

2025 perspective enables us to ponder the advances of complex medical procedures, diverse modes of mechanised transport plus innumerable modern conveniences, now commonplace. When we weigh up these things against the unthinkable destruction that is possible for mankind to wreak upon its fellow man, we see opposite sides of the same coin that, put together, make human endeavour and potential so multi-faceted, so scary-unpredictable and so remarkable. How do we come to terms with this?

Oftentimes it seems the outcomes that we most dread happening, and worry endlessly about, never come to pass while those things that cause the greatest havoc and destruction, we never saw coming—usually ambushing us right out of left field with little or no warning. How we balance the two sides of that shiny/tarnished coin makes for a lifelong challenge.

On one hand it is patently foolish to amble naively along through life, blind to all those things that can so easily harm us and those we love. Quite plainly, the variety of possible and available sources of harm are quite simply, almost too terrifying to contemplate.

On the other hand, obsessing over anticipated dire outcomes, paralysed with fear of all the myriad ways any given situation can morph into catastrophe is not a productive way to live either. Finding the wisdom and vision to strike a balance between being reliably informed and taking reasonable steps to protect those we care about poses quite a mission and that...is the real, ongoing and perpetual challenge:

"Life is to be lived, not controlled; and humanity is won by continuing to play in the face of certain defeat." — Ralph Ellison.

Yes, those many possible negatives will undoubtedly arise to meet and discourage us but those are able to be tempered by the things we choose to see, hear and read, the people we associate with and those who support our highest aims and aspirations. With so many developments of current concern on the minus side of the ledger—all largely beyond our control, the variable we are more likely able to control is the way in which we choose to see and manage those things and to quote St Francis of Assisi,

"The only thing ever achieved in life without effort is failure".

Now, how's this for an ambitious resolution and (challenge) for the new year:

"...to still believe in man in spite of man; to believe in language even though it has been wounded, deformed, and perverted by the enemies of mankind; to continue to cling to words because it is up to us to transform them into instruments of comprehension rather than contempt. It is up to us to choose whether we wish to use them to curse or to heal, to wound or to console." —

Elie Wiesel (Holocaust survivor) in his 1999 speech, "The Perils of Indifference"

As human beings we have untold potential to implement changes for the better, to do what we can to make the world a better place when we leave it. We all want this for those who come after us.

There is still much to be thankful for. If we fully appreciate all those things we have to be grateful for (and yes, we easily DO forget them) we'll be much happier and able to function more effectively.

