

# Mentone Girls' Grammar School

# Old Girls' eNews

Volume 2, 2009

## Message from the Principal

The excitement of our 110th Anniversary continues to build as we look forward to THE BIG NIGHT OUT Gala Dinner and Dance on Saturday 29 August. This will be a wonderful gathering of past and current parents and staff, and of course, old girls. Please join us in celebrating this incredible milestone.

One of the highlights of our Anniversary year so far was Founders' Day. We celebrated the day with a beautiful church service followed by many fun activities including old fashioned games, a student and staff dress up in 'vintage' clothing, and a giant birthday cake, which was cut by three generations of Mentone Girls. Current Year 10 student Cassandra Neylan was accompanied by her mother, Gayle, from the Class of '72, and her grandmother, Moys Sinclair, who left school in 1938, with both Gayle and Moys in their old school uniforms! It was a wonderful occasion and highlighted the incredible impact our School continues to have on so many remarkable women, not only through our high quality education, but through our many exciting initiatives that make a real difference to young women.

In other news, we have some exciting developments as a result of the Federal Government's educational stimulus package. We have been awarded the funds to expand our Junior School which includes a new purpose-built Early Learning Centre (ELC) at 20 Mentone Parade. This will enable us to increase our capacity in the Junior School and offer more much-needed places in our ELC. We are also upgrading the Prudence Lewty Hall foyer which will see a magnificent new entry and stairway, and changes that will make a big difference to both the aesthetics and the functionality of the space. I do hope you will get a chance to come and see the changes at one of our many reunions or functions over the coming months.

**Fran Reddan**

*Principal*

## What's On?

Fri 31 July:  
1989 Reunion

Sat 29 August: The Big Night Out  
- Gala Dinner and Dance

Sun 20 September:  
2005 Reunion

celebrating  
**110**  
years  
1899 - 2009

Mentone Girls. Remarkable Women.

## Message from the President

Welcome to another edition of the Mentone Girls' Grammar School Old Girls' Club eNews.

The next few months will see the Old Girls' Club (OGC) ramp up its involvement in the School's Social Inclusion Project (SIP), which, in a nutshell, is an enterprise designed to strengthen ties between the MGS community and the local Sudanese community, with the ultimate aim of funding a three year scholarship (Years 10 -12) for a Sudanese student. The OGC has had representation on the SIP Team since its inception, but now we have the chance to make a more tangible contribution to the project in the form of funding the cost of the school uniform for the recipient of the scholarship. To this end, a fundraising event will take place towards the end of the year, so stay tuned. We hope we will have your support in contributing to this immensely exciting project.

Friday 24 July saw us host our Heritage Morning Tea for pre-1970 Old Girls followed by the '69 reunion. The morning tea was a fantastic event with lots of memories shared, a beautiful performance by the School's Senior Strings and much laughter reflecting on old school days.

As mentioned by Mrs Reddan, the Gala Dinner is fast approaching. The evening will be hosted by an Old Girl, successful actor, director and writer Katrina Mathers, and it would be wonderful to see a real presence of past students on the night. For more details, visit the School website [www.mentonegirls.vic.edu.au](http://www.mentonegirls.vic.edu.au).

Preparations for reunions for the classes of '79, '89, '99, '04 and '08 are well under way, so if you belong to one of these laudable year levels, be sure to check out the details on the following page.

I really hope to see you at one of our events soon. Please remember that our ability to communicate with members relies on your contact details being up to date. So ensure you let us know if you change your details, and please encourage all Old Girls you know to do the same!  
Email: [oldgirls@mentonegirls.vic.edu.au](mailto:oldgirls@mentonegirls.vic.edu.au)

**Lizzy Fitzgerald**

*President, OGC*



# Reunions and Events

## 2009 Reunions

### CLASS OF '79 TURNS THE BIG 30

Calling all Old Girls from the Class of 1979. You cannot let this 30 year milestone pass you by!

Cathy Jagan is organising the event (Date TBC). If you are interested in helping to organise or attend please email:

Phone: Marilyn Wiber on (+61 3) 9581 1200

Email: [oldgirls@mentonegirls.vic.edu.au](mailto:oldgirls@mentonegirls.vic.edu.au)

### CLASS OF '89 - 20 YEARS AND COUNTING

Calling all Old Girls from the Class of 1989. Hard to believe, but YES it's been 20 years already!

Tiffany Griffin (nee Burt) is organising a fantastic 20 year reunion event this year on **Friday 31 July** with a pre-reunion School Tour at 5.30pm followed by the reunion at the Mentone Hotel. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tiffany:

Phone: 0400 893 563

### LET'S PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999

To all Old Girls from the Class of 1999, just where did those 10 years go? Why not get together and find out?

The reunion will be held on **Friday 9 October** (event details TBC). For more information contact Keli McInnes:

Email: [kmcinnes@mentonegirls.vic.edu.au](mailto:kmcinnes@mentonegirls.vic.edu.au)

### OPEN THE DOOR TO THE CLASS OF '04

Class of 2004, it's time for your 5 year reunion. Find out who's doing what, where and with whom!

The reunion will be held on Sunday 20 September (lunchtime event - details TBC). For more information please contact '04 Head Girl, Melissa Lee:

Email: [mglee4@student.monash.edu.au](mailto:mglee4@student.monash.edu.au)

### WELCOME BACK CLASS OF 2008

It's your paper anniversary Class of 2008 and time for a catch up.

'08 Head Girl Bridget Fitzgerald will be organising a fantastic event this year (date and venue TBC) so if you are interested in attending this event, please contact Bridget:

Email: [brfit1@student.monash.edu](mailto:brfit1@student.monash.edu)

## 2010 Reunions

### CALLING THE CLASS OF 1990

Roslyn Holloway is organising the Class of 1990, 20 Year Reunion in 2010. If you are interested in joining Roslyn on the committee or attending the event, please contact Roslyn:

Email: [oldgirls@mentonegirls.vic.edu.au](mailto:oldgirls@mentonegirls.vic.edu.au)



## 110 Gala Dinner & Dance

**Saturday 29 August, 7.00pm**

This very special event will be held at the fantastic Brighton International ballroom. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the Old Girls to reconnect with each other, and with the greater School community of staff, parents, friends and partners. Bring a partner or friend, or organise a table of your old classmates for a fabulous evening of great food and fantastic music.

Formal invitations have been sent out. If you did not receive one, please make sure we have your correct mailing details (email: [oldgirls@mentonegirls.vic.edu.au](mailto:oldgirls@mentonegirls.vic.edu.au)).

Go to [www.mentonegirls.vic.edu.au](http://www.mentonegirls.vic.edu.au) for a booking form.

## Keep in touch

Regularly checking our official Facebook profile ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)) is a great way to keep in touch with our latest activities. We are looking forward to welcoming plenty of new faces into the Club.

Please let us know if you change your postal or email details. Also if you have any news you would like to share with your old School and your fellow alumnae, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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