



# The Crest

December 2018



*Personal Excellence with Compassion for Others*

PETER MOYES ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

# Alumni Association

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that my first semester as Principal of Peter Moyes Anglican Community School is almost complete. Much has happened since my last entry for The Crest and there is plenty to look forward to as we head towards the 20th anniversary of our school.



It was a week of mixed emotions in early October as the School farewelled its Graduating Class of 2018. There was joy, sadness, trepidation and excitement, mixed with a feeling of accomplishment. The School said goodbye to the departing Year 12's with a series of events including a Valedictory Chapel Service, a Tree Planting Ceremony, a High Tea in the Staff Lounge and of course, the formal Valedictory Assembly; a fitting celebration of the achievements and contributions of the graduating class to the School over many years.

As I mentioned in my Valedictory speech, I encourage all past students to remain in contact with the School. As a School we take great pride in hearing about the successes of our Alumni, so please come back and let us know when you graduate from university, land that dream job or achieve any other significant milestones throughout your lives. Equally, we are and always will be here to support you, even if we lose sight of you. Rest assured that if you ever find yourself in trouble, we will do what we can to help you. You will always be part of this School Community.

I am pleased to report that work is steadily progressing on the completion of the new School Chapel. It is anticipated that the Chapel will be ready for use by May 2019. This will be the last major building project for the immediate future as the

School looks to consolidate and build on its reputation in the coming years. In part, this will be driven by the development of the School's new Strategic Plan, due for publication at the start of 2020. The development of the new plan will involve all key stakeholders and will guide the School through the next 5 years of growth and development. I encourage interested Alumni to express their thoughts on the School's future through the Alumni Association.

In other news, students across the School continue to excel across a range of pursuits. Our talented Primary School's Athletics Team recently claimed victory in the Northern Inter-School Primary Sports Association Athletics Competition. The Carnival ran over two days and the School's team showed excellent perseverance, tenacity, skill and talent to secure the win. Several Primary students were also involved in the Tournament of the Minds, a creativity and problem solving competition. The PMACS team won the STEM component of the competition, earning the right to represent Western Australia at the National finals in Darwin. In art news, Year 12 student Thasa Hendricks' drawing of US President Donald Trump has been selected for the 2019 Year 12 Perspectives Exhibition at the Art Gallery of Western Australia. Clearly opportunities for students to shine are varied and numerous at Peter Moyes Anglican Community School

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of the Alumni Association in coordinating and promoting opportunities for past students to engage with each other and the School Community. I particularly acknowledge the leadership of Mr Adam Inder who is working hard to further develop the Association and I am excited by some of the new initiatives in the pipeline. Finally, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Miss Stephanie Puttick for her significant work in

preparing and editing The Crest in 2018. I wish all Alumni a relaxing and enjoyable festive season and I look forward to meeting and engaging with more of you in the coming years.

Benjamin Lomas  
**PRINCIPAL**

# FROM THE ALUMNI COMMITTEE

Welcome to the eighth edition of The Crest.

It is unusual for The Chair of the Alumni Association Committee to write a piece in The Crest, but there are a few good reasons for this particular occasion.

Firstly, as a newly appointed Chair, I wish to thank the Committee for their support of me and I look forward to all that we will accomplish in the future. The Committee is composed of volunteers who demonstrate care for PMACS as a school, its ex-students, and the broader community. The Committee members I work with selflessly give their time towards growing the Alumni's influence and their service is deeply appreciated by both me and the School.

Secondly, I wish to thank and commemorate the efforts of our outgoing Chair, Kate Major (2008 graduate). Kate has been Chair since late 2016 and has served as a Committee Member for years prior to becoming Chair. As both Head Girl and Dux for her graduating class in 2008, Kate was more than qualified in terms of school-related leadership and achievement. She achieved much in her time as Chair, including the following:

- Implementing monthly meetings, providing structure and keeping the Alumni Committee accountable;
- Clarifying key areas of responsibility for Committee Members, allowing each person to take ownership of an area; and
- Overseeing the development of our first "5 Year Plan", which committed the Alumni to the following annual goals:
  1. Host 2 functions for Alumni members to network and reconnect;
  2. Publish 2 editions of the Alumni newsletter, the Crest; and
  3. Provide at least one opportunity for Alumni to provide practical assistance to the School (such as a careers education event).

As I conclude the writing of this piece, I also have my mind on the upcoming

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Committee Planning Day, which will set the Committee's vision for 2019 and beyond. Stay tuned for more exciting events and ways to get involved with the School!

Adam Inder,

Chair

P.S. To get in contact with the PMACS Alumni Committee you can use the PMACS website (<https://www.petermoyes.wa.edu.au/community/alumni-association/alumni-contact-form>), the PMACS Alumni Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/petermoyesalumni/>) or you can email us at [alumni@petermoyes.wa.edu.au](mailto:alumni@petermoyes.wa.edu.au).

**GET IN TOUCH**



# Welcome to the Class of 2018

Congratulations to the Class of 2018 on your graduation! Welcome to the PMACS Alumni! We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break over the summer and we wish you all the best for your future endeavours.



# FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE INDI - AN ALUMNI EVENT

On Friday the 2nd of November, the Alumni Committee welcomed Alumni and their partners for a catch-up at the Indian Ocean Brewery. Many thanks to those who attended, and the Committee members involved in the organisation of this event. We look forward more Alumni events next year.



# ALTERNATIVE AVENUES AFTER SCHOOL

## Alumni speak to the Class of 2018

By Becca Howlett (Class of 2013)

On the 19th September 2018, Tom Blackburn (grad. 2010) and I (grad. 2013) visited the graduating class of 2018 at PMACS. We were asked to speak about our experiences in Year 12 and life after school. After chatting about our different pathways since school, we gave some general life tips and some motivational advice on surviving final exams and getting on with life after school. As we all know, it is daunting to leave school and entering the unknown, but we were able to reassure the students that no pathway is wrong. As long as the path is what they want to do, and regardless of setbacks, with patience they will get there. Students mentioned after the talks that they felt a sense of relief after hearing us speak because we were honest with them and gave them confidence that they can get the career they want, they may just have to be patient or find alternative pathways. All I wished for out of this Alumni event was to help at least one student. So to have a few students thank us for being there definitely made the nerves of speaking worthwhile! It was a lovely afternoon and getting to speak with individual students and hear their plans for the future was a great bonus!



# HAPPY ALUMNI NEWS

## **Emma Murray (Nee Conway)**

*Class of 2008*

Emma had her second child with husband Shaun: Beatrix Annie Murray. Beatrix for 'bringer of joy' and Annie for 'grace' and family significance. Emma comfortably welcomed her daughter in a water birth at home.

## **Charmaine Lim**

*Class of 2007*

Charmaine recently submitted her doctoral thesis after 4.5 years as a PhD candidate on Anthropology and Sociology at The University of Western Australia. Charmaine's thesis is titled 'Between National Rootedness and Cosmopolitan Openness: Investigating the politics of belonging as an 'overseas Filipino' in Australia'.

### **Have you got news?**

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**Georgia Holland (nee Lloyd)**

*Class of 2010*

**Georgia had her first child with husband Sean: Matilda Holland was born on the 18th of September at 33 weeks, weighing 1.8 kg.**



# ALUMNI BUSINESSES

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