Welcome to our second newsletter for the year. 2009 is shaping up to nicely for the Collegians. I welcome back the existing members of the committee (Shane Durkin, Shaun Vanderkaap, Chloe Wanklyn, Chris Clark, James Lenon, Matt Ormsby, Kirsty Price and Simon Stevens) and thank them for their continual great work. Alix Phair has stepped up as our latest committee member and we look forward to working with her this year. This year Nora De Bono was officially elected as a representative from the student body on the Collegians Committee (after being in the role for the latter half of last year), she’s doing a great job and is providing a fantastic avenue for communication with the students.

We recently held a Health Sciences mentoring dinner which was magnificently organised and hosted by Matt Ormsby, which you can read about in this newsletter. Our next one will be on September 3 with the topic Investment for Life. Jayne Taylor is organising our first 20-year reunion dinner for students in the year 1989 on 3 October. If you know anyone who was in College then please tell them to get in contact with us. We’re planning on holding a reunion dinner annually, please let us know if you are keen to organise one for your year.

Financially our investments have improved since their savage beating last year and we remain in a strong financial position thanks to the wisdom of committees past.

Finally I’d like to thank the committee for all the work they do and the time they take out of their lives to chip in to our workings.

Mark Jacobs

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20 Years . . .

But who’s counting

3 October 2009

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2009 Collegians Award winners:
Daniel Willson, Madeline Ingrames, Megan Mott, Thomas Jordan, and Jack Walter.
Well done girls and Mum and Dad, what a fantastic total family contribution!

Kate Heinrich (95-6) is teaching in Bangladesh. Will Schulz (00) is purveying fine wine at Melbourne Street Cellars. Steve Woolley (86-7) and Helen are the proud parents of twins Tom and Gus.

The indomitable Joyce Hecker OAM (51-2) passed away at the end of last year after a life of courage and inspiration – no surprise that she wanted donations in her memory to go to Wheelchair Sports!

Ruth (Keynes 47-50) Jones, who was one of our very first cohort in 1947, passed away in January. Vale!

Paul Crawford (74-5) and his family have much to celebrate: 75 years in business, the construction of their new showroom in the city, and Paul’s win of the Toyota President’s Award for Excellence. Congratulations Paul, well deserved, you are a champion.

Troy Forrest (92-3) has started his own business, 42 Mighty Sales Reps, a sales coaching and tailored-sales workshop.
Liam Walter (01-2) with his bride Hayley.

Elissa Nieass (05-8), and Kara Story (05-9)


Sisters Elissa (05-8), Natarnia (09-)and Jenaya Nieass (06-8) with friends Nicole Patterson and Amanda Kelly (06-8)

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Luscious bridesmaids for Lauren: Maddie Johnson (03-5) Victoria Herde (03-4) and Rhianna Laker (03-4)

Kylie Steer (03-4), Jules Woerner (03-4), Lisa Cowell (03-4), bride Lauren (Sunderland 03-5) Halliday, groom Daniel Halliday, Simon Rees (98, 00-) and Carly Wills (03-4). What a wedding!

New Aussie citizen An Zhao (05-7), Dr Rosemary Brooks and Pete Hammer (01-5) in Sydney in June.

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Christie Weber (05-6) graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work degree: Congrats Christie!

Heather (Mackley 00) Perkin just got married in Elcove, Oregon.

Talia Hoskin (02-4) is overseas writing a school curriculum for 6 months in Chennai, South Africa or Rajasthan!

James Chown (02-3) became engaged to Angela Chamberlin in March 2009. They plan to marry in Pt Douglas in June 2010.

Shae Watson (06-7) is working up in Darwin

Kate Crewdson (06-7) is working in Mount Gambier with one of the dentists, doing a lot of work with kids and absolutely loving it.

Emma Haywood (05-6) has finished her physiotherapy degree and is looking to start practising in the new financial year.

Dr Vineet Kwatra (02-6) is working at Flinders Medical Centre along with Dr Marion Crompton (00-1). Dr Jia Miin Yip (04-5) is doing her masters there as well.

2009 has seen a fresh batch of first years welcomed into the action-packed community life at St Ann’s College.

O’Week, once again, was bursting with excitement, amusement, laughter and nerves as to what the year ahead held for both first years and seniors. Tutor Show kicked the week off with a bang, with the first years getting their first taste of the social atmosphere of College, and providing great preparation for the biggest, and potentially the messiest night on the College social calendar, ‘Port and Choc.’ All who attended had a very enjoyable evening, some more than most! Buddy Night and the ‘Amazing Race’ were next on the agenda, with both events well attended. First pub night proved to be a useful introduction to a weekly ritual for most residents. Friday night was a welcome evening off, with most taking the chance to rest up for ‘Beach Picnic’ the next day. O’Week was capped off with relaxing chicken and champagne in the Rose Garden.

St Ann’s has competed in true baboon spirit, mixing fresh new talent with seasoned campaigners. First was Tennis with Swimming and Cricket following soon after. The teams fought valiantly for their results. Table Tennis was much anticipated, given the opportunity for three wins in a row. Unfortunately we couldn’t manage a win, but the team tried hard nonetheless. Debating, Netball and Football were the final sports for the semester, with teams once again showing tremendous spirit in competition.

The College hosted their Open Show ‘White Party,’ with everyone interpreting the theme differently. The Open Show was well attended, with the College Club managing to generate a profit.

On a final note, the Collegians issued several awards to new students at St. Ann’s College. The five students (pictured on the cover) who received the awards were Madeline Ingrames, Thomas Jordan, Megan Mott, Jack Walter and Daniel Willson. The Collegians Prize went to Nora De Bono.
Health Science and related fields Mentoring Dinner

The Collegians Association held a Mentoring Dinner for the students on Thursday 6 May 2009. The topic on this occasion was Health Science and related fields.

Again we were very lucky to have such knowledgeable, passionate and entertaining people to mentor the students and provide an insight into their chosen professions. The speakers were:

Mr Jason Collins (03-6) – Former resident and Tutor at St Ann’s College, Jason completed a degree in physiotherapy and spoke to the students about taking opportunities to learn new skills in Australia and abroad.

Mr Andrew Barrett – A nurse at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, Mr. Barrett mentored students on overcoming issues in the workplace such as being a male midwife.

Associate Professor Henry Newland – Ophthalmologist who has spent many years working with aboriginal communities to improve their sight, as well as being involved in helping victims of the tsunami in Sri Lanka.

Dr Michael Cheesman (86-9) – Also a former student of St Ann’s, completed a degree as a chiropractor and is now working in Port Lincoln.

The Collegians Association is very lucky to have such valuable people to attend and mentor the students of St Ann’s, providing them with knowledge and insight into their chosen professions. The next Mentoring Dinner will be held on Thursday 3 September 2009 with the topic Investment for Life.

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It is with great regret that we inform you that Samantha Hignett (87-8) passed away on Saturday 9 May after a long illness.

Her passing - as with everything Sam undertook - was peaceful and full of grace and love. She was surrounded by friends and family in her final days.

Sam’s funeral was a private family event, but was followed, at Sam’s request, by a parklands picnic at the Cascade Gardens in Hobart, for all her friends and family under the autumn trees, with children and laughter encouraged. A similar event was held in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens.

Sam’s quiet contribution to the life of this College lives on in both her sketches in the College history and her wonderful pastels of butterflies, moths and insects which grace the tutorial rooms, giving everyone so much pleasure.

Please feel free to make a donation in Sam’s name to the Tasmanian Land Conservancy (http://www.tasland.org.au/about/).