



St Paul's College Walla Walla

SPOCA

St Paul's Old Collegians Association

Spotlight

Autumn 2021

Principal's Message

Greetings to members of SPOCA.



Welcome to the first edition of Spotlight for 2021. Our College has experienced significant enrolment growth, starting the year with 291 students. This is a great testimony to our Christian ethos and the wonderful work of all our staff.

Recently a number of areas of the College were refurbished as part of our ongoing development. These areas include Music, Drama and the establishment of an Agriculture/Primary Industries classroom over in the Woolshed. A skillion roof has been built over the sheeyards and a sheep handler has also been installed. These are great assets to our Agriculture program.

Our first SPOCA Tour and Tea, held in March was a great success, with approximately a dozen members attending. There were many stories and laughs during the visit. Our next Tour and Tea will be on Saturday 22nd May, commencing at 2pm with afternoon tea to follow. Please rsvp to spoqa@stpaulscollege.nsw.edu.au if you wish to attend.

Finally, included in this newsletter are the details of our Annual Appeal. This year we are focussing on adding more seating and shade on the two oval areas. Your financial contribution to this project would be very much appreciated.

I wish you well for the year ahead.

Until next time, Blessings to you and yours

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Donald M Walkley'.

Donald M Walkley



Tour & Tea Saturday 13th March

Photo courtesy of Mr Leon Schoff

Class of 2020

Our Year 12 cohort of 2020 graduated in November, with a lovely dinner held on the verandah of the new Teaching and Learning Hub followed by celebrations under the stars.

Due to COVID restrictions, it was not possible to have the event in Albury, however it was an enjoyable and memorable event for our graduating class, after what was a challenging school year for students and teachers.



News



Jessica Kotzur (Class of 2010) and Shanon Klein were married on 27/03/2021 at her family home in Walla Walla. Jess is still at St Paul's - one of our Science Teachers!



Lauren Schoff, Class of 2014 was admitted into the Supreme Court of Victoria as a lawyer in 2019.

Lauchlan Joiner, Class of 2016 graduated from UNSW with a degree in Civil Engineering in 2020.



Abbey Walsh who was a student at St Paul's in 2012 is a Vet Technician for Holbrook Vet Centre. Abbey was a passionate Agriculture and Equine student at St Paul's enjoying showing horses and livestock and learning about the industries.





This year we welcomed 79 new students to St Paul's. With 2021 enrolments over 290, we look forward to a successful year of learning and development for our students.



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In Memoriam

Pastor John Wilksch
(7/5/1945 – 11/12/2020)



Pastor John Wilksch served his Lord and Saviour in various ministry contexts for 43 years, including six years at St. Paul's College (1982-1988). He is fondly remembered by several staff members who were students here at that time. His son Matthew Wilksch, who is the school pastor at St. Peter's College Springfield, Qld says, "He had been a man of simple but steadfast faith throughout his life. Humble, kind and loyal, he was happiest serving others and when others around him were happy. His love for his family was unwavering and unconditional." We give thanks to God for his ministry to this community and for his life of ministry with a servant heart.

Deaths

Correction from Spring 2020 edition of *Spotlight*:

Denise Kretschmer (nee Lange) (teacher 1980-1983) passed away on 24/12/2018, not 1988 as was written.

Apologies for this error.

College Improvements



The Woolshed has been transformed into a classroom complete with a mural painted by the Year 9 Art Class. A ramp has also been installed



A roof has been built over the sheep yards and a new sheep handler purchased



Year 10 Agriculture students were the first to use the new sheep handler



Our Ag Department are grateful to Howie Muller from Muller Enterprises for his generosity in donating lamb cradles for our students to learn with



**New
Servery and
Noticeboard
for the Dining
Room**



Painting of the Science Block



New Music Room



Ramps for the Music and Drama Rooms



New Drama Room



School Reunions and Tours

The remaining two dates this year are listed below. College Principal Don Walkley will be available to host tours and afternoon tea for any Old Collegians who would like to return to St Paul's for a visit.

- Tours commence 2pm
- Afternoon tea will be supplied
- Ideal for class reunion weekends

Dates in 2021:

Saturday 22nd May

Saturday 7th August

Contact us at spoca@stpaulscollege.nsw.edu.au or phone 0260 292200 to book - we would love to welcome you back to SPC!



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SPOCA Information Update Form

Name _____ (nee _____)

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Years of Attendance: _____

If your contact details have changed, please drop us an email: spoca@stpaulscollege.nsw.edu.au or post to 3 Klemke Avenue Walla Walla NSW 2659

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of the SPOCA Spotlight.

If you have news items, or updates you would like to send in for the next edition, please email to spoca@stpaulscollege.nsw.edu.au

If you have a family member or friend who is not on email, and you think they would like a copy posted, please let us know.

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St Paul's College, Walla Walla 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

March 2021

To the members of the St Paul's College Community

The College Board continues to work towards developing our College buildings, facilities, and resources. Our staff and students deserve the very best environment in which to teach and learn. This commitment continues.

Over recent years we have overseen the construction of two major learning areas (The Flexi and The Hub); a new preparation space for teachers; our Chapel/auditorium has been refurbished; and new meeting and staffrooms have been created. We have much to celebrate, and I thank our community for this continued support.

Our next project is to commence the upgrade of our seating and shelters on our two College ovals. Our students are engaged in a robust and diverse PE and Sports Program and thus access the ovals on numerous occasions throughout the day. Additional seating and shelters will provide much needed protection from the weather, as well as encouraging increased participation.

Therefore, this year's Annual Appeal is for \$120,000 to purchase seating and shelters on the ovals for our students.

On behalf of the College Board, I wish to invite you to contribute to our 2021 Annual Appeal to raise funds towards our PE and Sports Program.

Please find below a Pledge Card for our Annual Appeal for your consideration.

In anticipation and with much gratitude.

Blessings

Anthony Lieschke
BOARD CHAIR

I wish to pledge \$ _____ towards oval seating and shade (\$120,000 cost).

Donations to this project are not tax deductible.

Cheque enclosed: \$ _____

Credit Card: _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____ CCV _____

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