

# *The Vladivostok Legend in the Land of Maroon*

**At St Mary's, the parting gift from the leaving year or Year 12 has always been something thoughtful and significant. In our Centenary year we celebrate the Prefects of 1960 who gave us our School flag.**

Nicknamed 'Vladivostok', so it could be discussed and organised without the teachers or Mrs Macdonald's knowledge, it is comprised of embroidered thick maroon velvet, white and gold silk, a gold fringe, teak and silver pole, with an embossed silver crest. The Prefects paid for the flag to be made with their own pocket money, along with a little help from their parents. As there were only eleven Leaving Prefects in 1960, it was an authentic and generous gift. As much of the original as possible was kept, when it was reworked due to the School name change from Church of England to Anglican in 1981.

Holding their precious flag on Valedictory Day 2021, three of the remaining 1960 Prefects came together in salute: Kaye Howell (Henson '60), Margaret Weaver (Buckingham '60) and Diane Porter (Wardle '60). The nickname of Vladivostok is a curious one, and when asked about its origins, Kaye recalled that she had snuck up onto the roof of Hamilton House with her friends, to watch Sputnik 1 and Sputnik 2 fly over in October and November of 1957. The space race was on, and all things Russian were being talked about!



## *It's a Great Year to Turn 100!*

Not only has our beloved School turned 100 in 2021 but three of our Old Girls have also celebrated their centenary this year! We are delighted to wish Lila Dixon (Favas '39), Cynthia Ritson (Leake '39) and Val Waldron (Corney '39) a very happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



ABOVE RIGHT L-R: Lila Dixon (Favas '39), Val Waldron (Corney '39) and Cynthia Ritson (Leake '39)

# You're Invited

## The *Fleur de Lis* Club



### MORNING TEA

10.00AM, FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021  
St Mary's Anglican Girls' School

All Old Girls, who left St Mary's fifty years or more ago, are invited for a special morning tea.

Book your ticket online at [www.trybooking.com/BTLKB](http://www.trybooking.com/BTLKB) or contact Amanda Kemp, Alumni Relations Manager, on (08) 9341 9132.

### CAROLS *by* CANDLELIGHT

7.30PM, MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2021  
St George's Cathedral

You're invited to join us for an evening of Christmas Carols at St George's Cathedral. Enjoy the wonderful sounds of both Hale and St Mary's Choirs. If you wish to attend can you please reply to Mrs Cherie Prior - Hale Music Administrator. [cheriep@hale.wa.edu.au](mailto:cheriep@hale.wa.edu.au)

*All are welcome.*

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

5.00PM, FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER 2021  
St Mary's Anglican Girls' School Chapel

Old Girls and their families are invited to join the St Mary's community for the Blessing of the Crib and Holy Communion.

The service is an opportunity for the School community to come together to celebrate the great festival.

*All are welcome.*



### OLD GIRLS' DAY

10.00AM, SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2022  
St Mary's Anglican Girls' School

All Old Girls are invited for a day of reminiscing and catching up with friends from your school days.

To register your interest please contact Amanda Kemp, Alumni Relations Manager, on (08) 9341 9132 or email [akemp@stmarys.wa.edu.au](mailto:akemp@stmarys.wa.edu.au)

**Events will proceed subject to Government COVID-19 advice and restrictions.**

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*The West Perth Belle* is for St Mary's Old Girls who attended St Mary's in Colin Street and in doing so, helped to shape the history and culture of our school today. Through the pages of this annual newsletter, we endeavour to keep West Perth Old Girls in touch with each other, provide an opportunity for you to share memories of the students, staff and school in Colin Street, and celebrate the achievements of West Perth Old Girls. We welcome your comments and suggestions so that we can ensure *The West Perth Belle* is of interest and benefit to you.



# The WEST PERTH BELLE

2021



## Marking Our Heritage

**Celebrating St Mary's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday was always going to be a year long affair but there was one event that our Old Girls from our West Perth days had been waiting for ... The unveiling of the Centenary Plaque at our original site in West Perth on 14 September.**

Even though our lineal heritage can be traced back to 1890 when Miss Jobson founded Girls' Grammar School in York, it is the amalgamation of Girls' Grammar School and Alexandra High School in 1921 that we celebrate.

The joining of these two schools and the foresight of our founder made us what we are today and is the reason that the unveiling of the Centenary Plaque is so important. This heritage marker not only signifies our beginnings as St Mary's but also recognises the impact we had on the West Perth

precinct in which we occupied for so many years. The process of obtaining the approval for the Centenary Plaque has been in the works for over ten years and it was heart-warming to be able to unveil it in front of over 90 former West Perth students on our beloved School's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. We were delighted that Chair of St Mary's Board of Governors and Old Girl, Elizabeth Carr AM ('81), was able to do the honours along with Principal, Judith Tudball.

The plaque has been installed in the Colin Street footpath, between the original church and school site. We would like to thank the City of Perth for their work in the approval and installation process.



**TOP** Our Centenary Plaque is officially unveiled. **L-R:** Elizabeth Carr AM ('81), Jane Gillon (Fisher '70), Marlene Carter ('63), Principal Judith Tudball and City of Perth Councillor Brent Fleeton. **RIGHT** Old Girls celebrating our historic marker.





## *A Time to Celebrate!*

Who'd have thought that the small parish school which opened its doors on 14 September 1921 in the fashionable suburb of West Perth would become a leader in girls education 100 years later? We have been delighted to celebrate our birthday with our School community albeit pared back due to Covid implications. This year we have seen the launch of our centenary history; former and current staff celebrations; Centenary Music Night with Old Girls performing; musician in residence, Paul Jarman's, creation of a centenary song; the Evening of Eminence Dinner; Bishop Riley Memorial Lecture with Dr Craig Challen; Founder's Day Eucharist Service; school-based activities with our current students, including recreating some of our iconic photos; and of course, the unveiling of the West Perth Centenary Plaque. We are delighted to share images of our birthday celebrations with you.











## 100 Years in the Making

**We are delighted to share with the St Mary's community a selection of keepsakes available to purchase to commemorate our centenary.**

Items available include our centenary history book, *A Place to Grow*, scented candles, silver bangles, skipping ropes and keyrings. These will make great stocking fillers for Christmas!

One hundred years in the making, *A Place to Grow* is a beautiful coffee-table book, written by renowned historian and author, Richard Offen.

To order your piece of history please view the range online at [www.100years.stmarys.wa.edu.au](http://www.100years.stmarys.wa.edu.au) or call Louise Richardson on 08 9341 9107.



## Spirit of St Mary's

**Sally Hicks, our much-loved 2021 Head Girl, pitched the concept of a special Year 12 leaving gift to Principal, Mrs Tudball and Father Richard, just a few days before she was hospitalised following a motor vehicle accident in August. Her idea was simple: to create an educational scholarship on behalf of the 2021 Year 12 cohort to help others.**

To honour and support Sally's wishes our Year 12 families began the scholarship that will initially be named the Spirit of St Mary's Scholarship.

We are delighted to share that the scholarship has received wonderful support from not only our Year 12 cohort but also staff and the St Mary's Foundation. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship please complete your donation online, [www.stmarys.wa.edu.au/mygift](http://www.stmarys.wa.edu.au/mygift) and select "Spirit of St Mary's Scholarship", or contact the School's Director of Philanthropy, Jacinta Sirr-Williams, on 08 9341 9120 or [giving@stmarys.wa.edu.au](mailto:giving@stmarys.wa.edu.au).

Your gift, regardless of its size, will provide a student with an opportunity to benefit from the wonderful education that St Mary's girls enjoy during their time at the School.

All donations to the Spirit of St Mary's Scholarship are tax deductible.

ABOVE L-R: 2020 Head Girl, Molly Addis, handing over the reins to 2021 Head Girl, Sally Hicks.

## Class of 2020 Results

**Congratulations to the Class of 2020 on their outstanding academic and workplace learning results.**

- St Mary's median ATAR 90.3, compared to the state median of 81.0
- 53.0% of students with an ATAR of 90.0 or above
- Four General Exhibitions
- Two Subject Exhibitions, in Biology, and Business Management and Enterprise
- Three VET Exhibitions, in Community Services, Health and Education; Creative Industries and Tourism; Hospitality and Events
- 12 Certificates of Excellence, five VET Certificates of Excellence
- 49 Certificates of Distinction and 46 Certificates of Merit
- 52 VET certificates: 5 Certificate IIs, 26 Certificate IIIs and 21 Certificate IVs

Well done to the girls, their teachers and families.

RIGHT Class of 2020

