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IWD Breakfast 2018

On Thursday 8 March we hosted our International Women's Day breakfast at the College and were pleased to welcome as our guest speaker Sioné Pemberton, a past student of OLMC from the class of 2011. Sioné has significant experience working with people seeking asylum in Australia and overseas. Her work has included an internship with the African Refugee Development Centre in Israel and as a legal advisor for persons in Malaysia navigating the UNHCR refugee status determination process. She has volunteered with the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and

Reunions

Reunion groups are determined by the final year, which is the year a student did or would have completed Year 12 or equivalent. For example, if you left OLMC in Year 11 (Form 5) in 1976, your graduating year would have been 1977 – therefore you are part of the Class of 1977.

Reunions are important to the College as through these gatherings the College shares in the lives and achievements of past pupils and is able to share current news about life at OLMC. If you are organising a reunion please let us know so that we can publish details in school publications.

Upcoming Reunions for 2018

- x **Class of 1978 40 Year Reunion**
Sunday 14 October 2018
Abe's Staff Lounge, OLMC, Cape St Heidelberg

- x **Class of 1988 30 Year Reunion**
Saturday 27 October 2018 6.30pm
Abe's Staff Lounge, OLMC, Cape St Heidelberg
Enquiries: Anna Marchetti E: marchettianna@hotmail.com
We would like to contact as many classmates as possible, so if you are in contact with anyone from the Class of 1988 please pass on this information.

- x **Class of 1998 20 Year Reunion**
Saturday 13 October 2018 2.30-5.00pm
Abe's Staff Lounge, OLMC, Cape St Heidelberg
Please email olmcclassof98@gmail.com to register your email address. Invitations will be mailed closer to the date. Please share this invitation with your Class of 98 friends.

- x **Class of 2017 First Year Reunion**

A big thank you to the College for the opportunity to catch up with old friends at the Past Pupils Reunion of the 1940s, 50s and 60s. The delicious luncheon was served by a lovely group of students - thank you ! Over 30 attended and there were squeals of delight as "girls" recognised each other and caught up with their lives. A special surprise for some of the group was the presence of our Grade 5&6 teacher, Miss Roberts, who hasn't changed a bit. The College has grown beyond recognition

and we were proud to

were all on the agenda. Patrice summarised it all by acknowledging that we had received a sound education at Our Lady's, thanks to our hardworking, caring and talented teachers, almost all of whom were women. After big smiles for a group photo, Helen Fox (Booth) and Jill Harricks (Cummins) were invited to cut the 50th anniversary cake, as both women had begun their schooling at OLMC as Preps. (Where have those 60+ years gone?)

More than half the group enjoyed a tour of the College. We tried, sometimes with difficulty, to identify former classrooms and familiar spaces while admiring the many new additions, improvements and the attractive grounds that the

current students enjoy. A highlight was inspecting the new Nallejerring Centre built on the land we knew as Maryland. It is large enough to accommodate the school's 1100+ students for assemblies and other important whole school events. The Centre has an impressive Honour Wall with a mural of images from the school's early history with the name of every Sister of Mercy who has been a College staff member. There are also coloured discs with the names of students who have been College Captains (or, Head Prefect, in our day – Patrice Willis in 1968) and College Dux (in 1968, Teresa Humphrey for Science and Patrice Willis for Humanities and in 1969, Mary McDonald, another of our classmates, for Humanities). The day passed all too quickly with so much to see and so much catching up to do. Many women remained chatting until late in the afternoon. The Reunion was a very enjoyable event and we thank the College and the Past Pupils Committee for hosting the event.

Frances Sullivan (nee Conway) Class of 1968

How things have changed!

Recently the Principal received the following email from, Helen Searle a past pupil who had not long read the latest edition of CapeStreet.

As a member of the year of 1964, I enjoy reading the regular editions of Cape Street that arrive in my mail box. Yesterday was no exception but I was amused at the Laura Henshaw photo and article on p. 18.

In November 1962, an OLMC year 10 student was swimming for Australia at the Commonwealth Games in Perth. Her photo appeared on the front of the Melbourne Sun (as it was then called) in two piece bathers that were no more revealing than what Laura is wearing in the photo. The school did not approve and asked her not to return in 1963. She had, apparently, embarrassed the school and damaged the good name of our college.

The subject line of the email was 'How things have changed'. Most of us would agree that they have definitely changed for the better!

YOUR PRIVACY

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COLLECTION NOTICE

1. The Our Lady of Mercy College (OLMC) Past Pupils Association may collect personal information about you from time to time. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable us to inform you about our activities and the activities of OLMC and to keep alumni members informed about other members.

2. We must have the information referred to above to enable us to continue your membership of Past Pupils Association.

3. As you know, from time to time we engage in fundraising activities. The information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. [It may also be used by OLMC to assist in its fundraising activities. If you do not au5d (t)-5.3 (in3 ())(e)4.4 (w)-7.3 (e)4.4 (e)4.3 (L (r)4.8g)3.3 (e