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Memories and Dreams

About this Issue

Celebrating 125 Years of Memories and Dreams

Welcome to Concordia Community, Issue 61. This year, we have been celebrating a very special milestone – Concordia College’s 125th year!

An exciting program of activities and events has commemorated this special anniversary. Highlights include the opening of the Concordia Heritage Trail in March, a 125 Year Celebration Service held in May, an old scholars’ celebration dinner held in June, and a special commemorative booklet and song written especially for the occasion.

We have much to be proud of and thankful for. Our theme of “Memories and Dreams” has helped us to put our history and blessings into perspective. Who could have foreseen that 125 years on, Concordia College would be a thriving, co-educational school with an enrolment of more than 860 students.

United by our shared past, and with the support of our community, we keep working together towards a brighter future. Two important developments featured in this edition are the amalgamation of Concordia College and St John’s Lutheran School, and the building program, both of which promise an exciting new stage in Concordia’s journey.

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Celebrating 125 Years of Memories and Dreams (1890 – 2015)

It started with a dream, an ambitious vision of a “teaching institution” to educate capable young men who wished to become teachers in Lutheran schools. The facilities may have been modest, but the curriculum was extensive. In its first year, the new parish school at Murtoa in the Wimmera District of Victoria had just one student, a young man by the name of Friedrich Hoffmann from South Kilkerran on the Yorke Peninsula of South Australia. By May of the following year, he had been joined by five more students. From this small and humble, yet hopeful beginning, Concordia College was born.

Over time, the dreams for Concordia College have grown. Indeed, I wonder whether Concordia’s founding fathers could ever have foreseen that 125 years later Concordia would be a thriving community school with over 850 students from Years 7 to 12 from a variety of cultures and backgrounds?

A number of dreams were realised along the way. The relocation of Concordia College to Adelaide in 1905 heralded the start of a new era in Concordia’s history and growth in student enrolments. 1927 saw the first intake of female students and, with it, Concordia became the oldest independent school in South Australia that educates both boys and girls. In 1988, Concordia finally closed its boarding facilities to become a day school, although it continues to support a number of international and country students through its Homestay Program. And, of course, the learning environment has changed over time to accommodate additional student numbers and changes in teaching and learning methodologies.

Over 9,000 students have passed through Concordia’s gates since the school was founded, not to mention many College staff, parents, and members of the extended College community. An important step in planning celebrations for this special year, was to listen to people in the community, to learn more about their personal journeys: what characterised the time they spent at Concordia, memories of their peers and staff members and recognising that for many people, their time at Concordia was instrumental in shaping the people they have become.

Through this, a theme emerged: “Memories and Dreams” and a hope that the anniversary celebrations would not only honour the past, but recognise the many blessings God has bestowed on our community that have shaped the opportunities available to current students and enabled bright futures for them.
One of the highlights of the year has been a ‘Celebration Service’ which took place on Sunday 24 May in the College Chapel. Past and present members of the community joined in commemorating 125 years since Concordia was founded. Old Collegian Bishop David Altus (Class of 1970) gave a warm and uplifting address, while Rev Dr Elmore Leske (Class of 1940) and Ben Schubert (Class of 2011) shared personal recollections and hopes for the future. Past and present Principals, staff, chaplains and students were involved in an opening procession and the placing of gifts on the altar to celebrate the diversity of opportunity at the College, and also in readings and prayers during the service. There was also a beautiful performance of a Commemorative Song, commissioned especially for the occasion.

A newly launched Heritage Trail brings to life Concordia’s 125 year history through images and stories of the school campus and its buildings. Officially opened by old collegian and former Principal, Ken Bartel, who travelled to Concordia from Mildura especially for the occasion, the trail has provided lots of talking points for our past students, as well as opportunities for students from Concordia and other schools to engage in local history.

A special commemorative booklet produced by the College Archivist, Jenni van Wageningen, and members of the school community provides an engaging decade-by-decade overview of Concordia’s history, complete with stories and images of the people and places that have shaped Concordia today.

To complete our celebrations, a Gala Ball will be held in the Adelaide Convention Centre on Saturday 21 November. The theme – ‘Captured in a Dream’.

Many other occasions through the year – too many to name here – have provided opportunities for us to reflect on our past and God’s goodness in what He has provided for us and we look to the future with confidence that He will continue to bless our school.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

Lester Saegenschintter
Principal

1. Opening of Concordia College, Adelaide, 1905
3. Heritage Trail launch, 3 March 2015
Celebrating 125 Years

Top Row L-R:
1. Twilight Tea Photo Booth
2. Year 8 Family BBQ
3. Twilight Tea Photo Booth
4. Significant Friends Day
5. Heritage Trail Opening
Middle Row L-R:
1. Year 7 Family BBQ
2. COCA Class of 1995 Reunion
3. Year 8 Parent Gathering
4. Father’s Day Breakfast
5. Twilight Tea Photo Booth

Bottom Row L-R:
1. P&F helpers at the Year 8 Family BBQ
2. Year 9 Parent Dinner
3. COCA Summer Drinks in the Quad
4. Mother’s Day Breakfast
5. Year 7s
Memories, Dreams and Faith

Recently, Pastor Lee Kroehn and I attended the national conference for ministry workers in Lutheran schools. Much networking took place at this event; quite a bit of it involved sharing dreams and visions. There are lots of exciting ideas, hopes and possibilities among these workers. We can all dream. And we do. But it struck me if my (or your) dream takes hold and achieves great things, in years to come these current dreams will be memories, upon which future workers will build their dreams.

It is similar for us; I like imagining, dreaming up possibilities of ministering in different, exciting and relevant ways, but my dreams are only possible because they are built on memories of the dreams of earlier visionaries at Concordia. This year we have heard a lot of stories about the early years of Concordia; we have heard about the dreams of Pastor Peters and the establishment of Concordia at Murtoa; we have heard about when girls were first admitted to the school in 1927; as teachers of long-standing have shared their memories of past years in Chapel, we have heard when Concordia had 200, then 400, students; how what is now The Suaviter was once the Chapel and completely full each morning for worship. We have heard about many dreams which are now memories, but which have built the foundation on which the current Concordia exists.

The Bible says this: your old people will have dreams, and your young people will see visions (Joel 2:28). The task for me, and for all of us at Concordia is to continue to dream; to engage with those dreams, and where possible, make them reality. In that way, current and future generations will continue to prosper and be blessed, and hopefully, look back with fond memories on that which has gone before.

Peter Bean
School Pastor
Towards a Complete Education from ELC to Year 12

As the year progresses, a sense of excitement is building around the proposed amalgamation of St John’s Lutheran School and Concordia College.

The dream for the amalgamation of the two schools has been around for many years. Led by Principal Ken Bartel (1995-2002), a key idea was to develop the relationship with St John’s Lutheran Church Unley to provide a coordinated approach to ministry in the Unley area.

Principals Julian Denholm (Concordia College) and Bruce Williams (St John’s) carried the dream forward when, in 2005, it was agreed to form a joint School Council. The joint School Council led to increased sharing of vision, mission, values and philosophies as well as activities and facilities such as Ministry, ICT, property and business administration.

Towards the end of 2014 a confluence of factors conducive to amalgamation arose and planning commenced to take the next steps toward amalgamation.

A common curriculum framework already operates across both campuses, with both Schools offering the International Baccalaureate. The student-centred approach to teaching and learning ensures a high degree of commonality between the programs offered by the two Schools and exciting opportunities for a more joined up approach in areas such as learning support, extension opportunities for students and resource management, as well as possibilities for cross-campus teaching and ministry.

At the same time, the Council anticipates that there will be a high degree of autonomy at each of the campuses allowing the educational program to be developmentally appropriate for students and where educational decisions are driven by student needs.

A final decision regarding amalgamation will be made later this year in November at a congregational meeting of the St John’s Lutheran Church. At the time of writing, key stakeholders (the School Council, the Congregation and the Lutheran Church of Australia, SA/NT District) have agreed in principle to the amalgamation and are in the process of reviewing a draft constitution for the new entity, to be known as Concordia College.

The new entity will consist of two campuses, each with its own Principal. Michael Paech and Lester Saegenschnitter will continue in their respective roles with the expectation of closer cooperation.

The St John’s school will be known as ‘Concordia College – St John’s Campus’. A decision has yet to be made regarding the name of the secondary campus.

A new logo will be developed for the amalgamated entity that reflects both the history and the importance of the symbolism inherent in both marks, and is respectful of the affinity that many members of the community have for the current logos.

We look forward to what will undoubtedly be an exciting new chapter in the history of both school communities.
The Kalahari Experience aims to foster learning and development in the Moshaweng Valley in South Africa, while equipping local people with the tools and resources necessary to support themselves now and in the future.

Now in its tenth year, many members of the Concordia Community have come to appreciate this life-changing experience and the opportunity it has afforded to develop as individuals while providing a valued service to part of the wider, global community.

Hopes and aspirations prior to the trip were high. As Year 12 student, Anna Lindsay, reported: “... seeing the difference in my brother after he returned from the trip in 2012 has made me want to experience it for myself. I think it’s so important to use what we have here to help those in the Moshaweng Valley. Since the Kalahari Experience has begun, the pass rate of students at Moshaweng High School has significantly increased. I am excited and honoured to be a part of this team, and the change that we can bring to the school students in Africa.”

The 2015 Kalahari Experience was rich and memorable. The group was greeted warmly by the local community, including Village Chiefs, the School Governing Board, local Christian representatives and past Moshaweng graduates.

One of the many goals of the trip was to teach basic computing skills. In addition, the team taught English, Biology, Mathematics and ran sporting sessions. The students behaved in an exemplary manner, integrating easily with local students and taking up challenges with enthusiasm and maturity.

When I first applied for The Kalahari Experience, I knew it would be an unforgettable experience - but I had no idea how much of an incredible journey it would take me on. [...] The students very much live in the moment and cherish the things they do have – their education and their friendships. (Kate Pese)

The 2015 team: Joshua Albrecht, Chloe Brookes, Jacob Butterick, Louise Byrne, Jane Cope, Cooper Ellidge, Hannah Francis, Amelia Griffin, Johann Jordaan, Anna Lindsay, Abby Mather, Kate Pese, Millicent Rintoul, Oliver Russell, Nicole Scholz, Natasha Slater, Jack Stewart and Morgan Stranger.
Habitat for Humanity

During the mid-year break, the Habitat team spent time in Cambodia building house foundations and toilets. Five Concordia students participated (Zoe Gardner, Gabby Goessling, Isaac Miller, Max Phillips and Will Robinson), teaming up with groups from six other Lutheran Colleges and church youth leaders.

Cultural sites were visited, including Angkor Wat, Bayon, Ta Prohm, Tonle Sap, Kbal Spean, S21 Genocide Museum, the Killing Fields and local markets, and the team also managed to connect with the community; playing games at an orphanage, learning about the work of Daughters of Cambodia, visiting poorer communities and the local school.

The 35°C+ days of build week involved hard, physical labour alongside would-be homeowners, and afforded a brilliant perspective of the brighter future their families will have while wheelbarrowing sand, dirt and rocks, laying bricks, digging septic holes, cement-mixing, and much more. The team finished its work ahead of schedule and has since been advised of the project’s completion.

When asked about what the new house would mean to her family, one of the home-owners tearfully commented: “It is the answer to my prayers. I have been praying to God for a shelter for my family, I can sell vegetables outside and care for my husband. Recently we walked for five hours to see where our new home will be but I did not even feel tired because I was so happy. I saw the land and I started to imagine how our lives will be!”

Another said “When I first learned I would have a new home, I felt like I was born on a new planet! I hope it means a bright future for my children because they study so hard and they deserve it”. When she thought about working with us, she laughed and said that while she doesn’t know how to lay bricks, she was sure she could carry them. “I am excited to meet these people who have come from overseas. It feels like they care about me and my family even though we have HIV – I feel so encouraged!”

Their gratitude was humbling.
Art Trip

During the Term 1 holidays, Year 11 and 12 students boarded a plane for Europe, where they visited a host of world famous galleries and sites across Italy, France and Spain.

Drawing lessons in Florence were a highlight, as was venturing through the garden of Monet at Giverny, where Impressionism came alive. The group was entranced by Carrières de Lumières in Les-Baux-de-Provence, a moving and exciting visual/sound display in a former quarry, and soaked up the countryside from which Van Gogh drew his inspiration in Arles and St Remy. Whether climbing the Eiffel Tower or the many stairs of Park Guell and the Louvre, the group savoured the experience.

In just a couple of weeks, with each destination being just as exciting as the last, the group worked its way from Ancient Rome and the Renaissance through to the Impressionists and Picasso. The final night in Barcelona ended with a Flamenco extravaganza, which reflected the dynamism and diversity of the cultures experienced during the tour.

The trip created memories which will last a lifetime and all those involved are grateful for the support of both parents and the school in making this wonderful experience possible.
Ski Trip

In the third week of the July holidays, a group of 41 students ventured forth for a week at Falls Creek. On the Friday and Saturday before departure a solid foot of snow fell from the heavens, and snow continued to fall as the group travelled over on the Sunday. By Monday, 10 of the 15 lifts were operating.

Monday dawned with blue skies, which made acquiring, or reacquiring, the skill a much more pleasant experience. The following day further terrain had opened up and with more snow overnight, Wednesday gave us the chance to lay some freshies. The summit opened on Thursday and by Friday blue skies reigned once more – a great way to finish a great week.

Ski gear was returned before boarding the bus for the return journey without once having darkened the doorway of that pesky medical centre! The students conducted themselves with decorum and seemed to have a fantastic time.

It is amazing how leaving behind television and computers for a week can get people back to interacting with other people! The students and staff involved are to be congratulated for their contributions in making this trip such a worthwhile and exhilarating experience.
Concordia in Concert

Concordia in Concert, held on Friday 11 September, was a wonderful celebration of the rich musical culture and exceptional talent that exist at our school.

Over 20 ensembles performed a varied program to a highly appreciative audience. The evening included performances from several new groups: the Concordia and St John’s Combined Strings, the Jazz Combo and the recently formed Middle School Choir.

Year 12 saxophonist, Campbell Hodgins, was a worthy recipient of the 2015 Mike Stewart Memorial Award. Also remembered during the evening for his contribution to the Music Department was Mr Rex Lipman, to whom the String Ensemble piece, Benedictus, was dedicated.
**Generations in Jazz**

From 1-3 May, two Concordia College Big Bands and three Choirs (70 students in total) travelled to Mt Gambier to compete in the annual Generations in Jazz event.

This year’s results were outstanding. Big Band 1 placed 2nd in Division 2, an outstanding result given the extremely high standard of competition. An honourable mention was awarded to Big Band 2 which placed 4th in Division 3, with 5th place to the Jazz Choir in Division 1, 3rd place in Division 2 and 16th place in Division 3. In addition, three students were chosen for ‘Superbands’ in recognition of their standout performances: Matt Kelly (Div. 2), Nikolai Leske (Div. 2) and Brigitte O’Hara (Div. 3).

Competition was very tough this year, with over 3,800 students taking part. Given the ever increasing numbers of participants and the extremely high standard of performance, Concordia can be very proud of its results.

**Vocal Cabaret**

This year’s Vocal Cabaret, held on 18 June at the Living Choice Retirement Village in Highgate, was a brilliant success. This beautiful venue, enhanced by old collegian Adam Smith’s lighting effects, delivered a true cabaret atmosphere. Guests enjoyed outstanding vocal solos from Senior School students, along with excellent food and wine from Damien’s Restaurant.

**Harmony in the Chapel**

Four free lunchtime concerts have been held this year offering family, friends and the local community the opportunity to enjoy superb music from Concordia groups and ensembles.

Around 350 people have attended this year’s concert series, and our students have very much enjoyed performing to such appreciative audiences. Guests also enjoyed the opportunity to catch up over a post-concert cuppa!

**ABODA Music Festival**

In August, Concordia once again took part in the annual Australian Band and Orchestra Directors Association Music Festival. Six ensembles participated, achieving commendable results:
- **Big Band 1** (Advanced Stage Band Section) – Gold Award
- **Big Band 2** (Intermediate Stage Band Section) – Silver Award
- **Concert Band** (Advanced Concert Band Division) – Silver Award
- **Percussion Ensemble** (Open Percussion Ensemble Section) – Silver Award
- **String Ensemble** (Advanced String Ensemble Section) – Gold Award
- **Wind Ensemble** (Intermediate Concert Band Section) – Gold Award (Joint Section Winner)

**Kathie Renner Workshop and Concert**

During Term 3, the String Ensemble and school choirs had the opportunity to work alongside Kathie Renner and her band Vincent’s Chair through a series of workshops and extended rehearsals. Students greatly enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside such accomplished musicians and to work on original compositions by Kathie who arranged these works specially for our students. The program concluded with a very successful public concert in which Old Collegian Jordan Noble, joined Vincent’s Chair as a guest artist for the performance.
The Concordia sports program continues to grow and flourish. Terms 2 and 3 of 2015 saw teams playing in regular Saturday and/or KO competitions and carnivals during the school week across Netball, Football, Basketball, Cross Country, Hockey, Volleyball, Soccer and Athletics.

The Cross Country team is currently the largest it has ever been. It is overseen by Mr Peter Simmons and coached by old collegian and recently returned American Athletics Scholarship holder, Luke Hargreaves who commented “There were many inspiring performances throughout the year and these are some of the highlights. Dante Afnan won the first event at Pulteney and made the State Team, competing at Nationals in Victoria. Brianna Arthur and Natasha Moy went first and second at the CBC event, both having great seasons. Newcomers Eliza Pawson, Lucas Fox, Chloe Archer and Marco Els had many top 10 finishes with Marco also winning the Sacred Heart event on a gruelling course. Tobias Bracht, Luke Chamberlain, Ben Hutson and Rowan Sanun put up many top 10 finishes and had a great race at the State Relay Championships.”

The July holidays saw Concordia’s inaugural participation in the Waverley Netball Challenge involving teams across Australia and from numerous international schools. The College’s Senior A Netball team were outstanding as Concordia’s debutants. After 3 narrow losses on Day 1, the girls were undefeated and topped their group ultimately finishing 13th from 26 teams. Teacher coordinator and co-coach, Bec Crouch reported, “They played some amazing netball, displayed unmatchable sportsmanship, accepted hard decisions with dignity and represented the school magnificently”. Georgia Dent, who was a star as Goal Attack all season and at Waverley, was selected in the Australian U15 team to compete in 2016.

The future of Netball at Concordia certainly looks bright. The Year 7 Girls KO SAPSASA Netball team made it through to the final 8 of state-wide competition. The Year 10 KO Girls Netball team showed outstanding form to win the state-wide competition, and become the first Concordia team to win an A grade state-wide netball competition.

The Concordia/Adelaide United FC soccer alliance progressed in the winter season, with a clinic held at Concordia and a visit to Santos Stadium to observe an AUFC training session and a QA with players. Both were exclusively available to Concordia players. Congratulations to Annie Green (Year 8) and Luka Pfister (Year
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The **1st XVIII Boys Football** team played off in the Southern Zones Grand Final of the Wednesday competition, only to lose narrowly to Unley, while the Middle (Years 8 and 9) team went 7 and 3 win:loss over their 10 game season and the 6/7 St John’s/Concordia team finished 5th with an 8:5 win to loss ratio. The 8/9 girls and Senior girls entered two teams in the annual Southern Zones 9-a-side football competition, played this year at Park 25 in the city. The **Senior A Girls Football** team was again the overall winner, though it was disappointing to lose spiritual leader, Nicole Scholz, to an ACL injury.

The **Senior A Boys Basketball** team again represented the College with distinction in the state-wide KO competition. Coach extraordinaire, Mr David Shepherd, has led the Senior A team to 7 successive finals series, for a record 5 consecutive victories and a narrow grand final loss this year. The **Year 10 Boys Basketball KO** team had a magnificent come from behind victory in the first round against Marryatville High, erasing a 7 point deficit in the last minute of play before prevailing in overtime. They now face a tough match against Sacred Heart in the second week of Term 4 as the last step before a possible finals berth.

The inaugural recipients of the AUFC Soccer School scholarship. They will receive 15 weeks training under the tutelage of Senior Coach and Barcelona FC legend, Guillermo Amor, on the basis of their outstanding performances in school teams, and their excellent ambassadorship while representing Concordia.

The **Senior Boys KO Basketball**

**Back L-R:** David Shepherd (Coach), Connor Dyer, Austin Blake, Lat Mayen, Nik Fassos (C), Lewis Young, Jacob Bessen, Justin Gerschwitz

**Front L-R:** James Adcock, Sam Kirkwood, Cameron Brown (VC), James Sheedy

**Concordia 1**

**Standing L-R:** Stewart Kleidon (Coach), Isabella Prior, Bri Arthur, Rachel Borgas, Anna Lindsay, Brooke Coleman-Oakes, Abby Mather, Alicia Martin, Chloe Brookes, Mason Redman (Ass Coach)

**Front L-R:** Stella Builder, Olivia Dent

**Absent/injured:** Nicole Scholz

**Year 10 KO Netball**

**L-R:** Nat Nowak (Coach), Jess Linke, Bec Crouch (Coach), Georgia Dent, Lauren Kelton, Sarah Gerschwitz, Belle Longden, Alicia Martin, Sophie Rees, Olivia Dent, Brianna Arthur
Students achieve some amazing things. Here are just some of their success stories from the last couple of months.

Congratulations to the **State Open Senior B Debating Team**, who defeated Golden Grove on Wednesday 9 September to win the grand final. The speakers were: Thomas Tassone, Matthew Bruening and Nicholas Finch, ably assisted in preparation by Samuel Colley. Nick was also awarded the Peter Barry Award for the best speaker in the Senior B grand final.

Congratulations to **Nicholas Finch** (Year 11) who won the Overall and Public Speaking Awards in the Unley finals of the Lion’s Youth of the Year competition on Tuesday 1 September. We wish Nick all the best as he advances to the next round in the competition.

Year 7 student **Eva Falzon** and her horse Latch, represented Concordia on Saturday 29 August at the Interschool Equestrian Gymkhana. The duo won four classes, three 2nds and a 3rd place, winning them the Aggregate High Point Trophy. Concordia placed 10th overall for the day out of 37 schools. A fantastic result!

Congratulations to **Amber Watkins** (Year 11), who attended the Australian Percussion Eisteddfod in Sydney in 23 August. Amber competed against High School students in the Open Competitions gaining a Highly Commended award in the 2 Mallet Tuned Percussion section and second place with a Silver Award in the 4 Mallet Marimba section. The Eisteddfod is open to High School students from across Australia and was adjudicated by Claire Edwardes.

**Caitlin Peirce** (Year 8) competed at the SSA Golf championship in Canberra in August. Overall, the SA girls team placed 5th. Caitlin had one win and four very competitive losses against more highly credentialed players with lower handicaps. One of her highlights was the first hole of match play. Her drive off the tee landed within 15cm of the pin and she putted in to go one up in the match after 3 minutes against her NSW opponent. Outstanding effort Caitlin!

**Kate Rosman** (Year 8) competed in the Australian Elite Junior Diving Championships at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, winning Gold (3m), Gold (1m) and Diver of the Year Girls Group C. Kate also achieved selection in the 2015/16 National Junior Squad. Congratulations Kate!

Congratulations to **James Kemp** (Year 7) who competed in the SA Short Course Swimming Championships in July. James was awarded two bronze medals in 50m and 100m backstroke.

Congratulations to **Taylor Prenzler** (Year 9) and **James Adcock** (Year 10) who represented South Australia in the Australian Under 16 National Basketball Championships in Tasmania in July. Taylor’s team picked up a silver medal, with Taylor achieving the third highest number of three point goals scored over the entire competition. James’ team finished 9th out of 14 very competitive teams. A fantastic result!
In the Community

Serving the Unley Community

In Terms 2 and 3, Year 12 students engaged in a variety of service activities in the Unley area, as part of an initiative developed in conjunction with Unley Council. Activities included greening and maintaining community spaces, rubbish collection and graffiti removal, community art projects, letterbox drops to aid community awareness of Unley events and consultation about Council programs. Unley Council has been integral in developing the program to suit the needs of the local community and the interests of our students. Local residents have also really appreciated the effort, with a number of members of the public contacting the school to praise our students for the difference they are making in the local area.

Mary Magdalene Centre

The Concordia community has supported the Mary Magdalene Centre on a regular basis since 1999 through volunteering and donations. On two occasions this year, under the guidance of parent coordinator Penny Young, Concordia students prepared and served a wonderful, home-cooked meal for 60-80 grateful patrons at the Centre. We received a fantastic response from the school community to the call for donations of money and food, as well as blankets, jackets, socks, etc, which were warmly welcomed and instantly put into service! On a cold, dark night, it was a wonderful thing to be able to work with other volunteers in the Christian community to provide a place of welcome and care to those in need.

A very special thank you must go to Penny Young whose contribution to the program for the last six years has made a great difference to the volunteer effort and the lives of the many people who have benefited. For all your efforts, Penny, thank you. Your contribution has epitomised service in action!

40 Hour Famine Turns 40!

This year, the 40 Hour Famine celebrates its 40th year! Concordia College is proud of its long association with the campaign, which has seen the school community raise over $252,000 over the last 40 years. For the last few years, nearly 100 students have participated in the Famine each year, with one member of our community having participated for 26 consecutive years.

We are reminded daily of the good grace in which we are able to comfortably live our lives and are grateful for the opportunity to make a difference through our continued association with the 40 Hour Famine.
Successful Conclusion to the 2015 Pedal Prix Season!

On Friday 18 September, a 110-strong Concordia contingent made its way to Murray Bridge to join the 35,000 people attending the big weekend finale to the Pedal Prix season – the 24 hour race!

Some quick thinking and clever engineering averted a disaster when a broken weld was discovered on one of the bikes during scrutineering, and this enabled Concorde to race on Friday afternoon. During practice that evening, the Year 7 bike experienced a mechanical problem on its very first lap, and lost some valuable practice time.

Saturday dawned with perfect race conditions and a very fast track. Shockwave sustained some damage early in the day but a major incident later was perfectly timed to allow emergency repairs to be carried out.

All four teams faced mechanical issues through the night, but they managed to maintain competitive positions. The Year 7 team, third in their category for most of the race, clawed back the 8 lap difference to attain second place for a short period on Sunday morning. The senior team was sitting in 7th place.

The end of the race brought lots of excitement with the Year 7 team finishing third for the second time this year and being awarded third overall for the season.

The final results for the weekend were:
- Year 7 – Shockwave (3rd in Cat 1 - 298 Laps & 3rd Overall for the season in Cat 1)
- Year 8 – Concorde (20th in Cat 2 - 293 Laps)
- Year 9-10 – Matrix (14th in Cat 3 - 318 Laps)
- Year 10-12 – Illuminate (8th in Cat 2 - 343 Laps)

The invaluable support of staff, parents and grandparents for this very busy and exciting Pedal Prix season, is acknowledged and appreciated.
Personal Projects

The culminating activity for the MYP is the Year 10 Personal Project. This independent task requires students to spend around 25 hours of their own time (not scheduled class time) to complete a project that has significant personal interest. This project is designed to allow students to consolidate skills taught in subjects and to transfer that into a project of their choosing.

The Personal Project was introduced at the end of Year 9 and necessitated two full terms of hard work and determination in Year 10. The level of pride and execution exhibited by students was amazing. Teacher supervisors mentored and guided students to complete the various components with the support of parents, who no doubt witnessed the stress and perseverance that this project can produce!

Congratulations must go to the students for their outstanding projects this year, to the teachers for the success of their coaching, and to parents for all their efforts behind the scenes supporting and encouraging.
Senior School Highlights

Year 12 Formal
Adelaide Zoo – 8 May 2015
Legal Studies

Our Legal Studies students have engaged in a variety of experiences this year designed to enrich the curriculum program. In Term 2, as part of their Inquiry Task, Year 12 students interviewed some prominent legal professionals including members of the Supreme Court of South Australia and solicitors, on contemporary legal studies issues. To have these people in one room at the one time was an exciting opportunity and the students gained immeasurable knowledge and insight from their combined expertise.

In Term 3, Year 11 students visited the Magistrates, District and Supreme Courts and Parliament House where they learnt how our court system works and the law-making procedures of Parliament House. This was followed by a visit from Medical Insurance Australia Group, who discussed what it is like to be a defence lawyer in court. The students approached both activities with enthusiasm and interest, engaging in some thought-provoking analytical discussions.

Learning How to Save Lives

Earlier this year, Year 12 students investigated the importance of first aid training in schools as part of their group task in Society in Culture. The group concluded that first aid should be a compulsory part of the curriculum, as it would equip students with the skills to save a life or limit the seriousness of an injury or medical emergency.

This year, Concordia has taken positive steps forward, offering Year 11 students the opportunity to complete a certified First Aid course as part of the Pastoral Care Program. Around 50 students participated in the one-day training session conducted by St John Ambulance SA in June. Students learnt invaluable skills, such as CPR, as well as how to use a defibrillator and administer asthma medication, the use of an epipen for anaphylaxis sufferers, and the bandaging of wounds.
The Year 9 Camp held in Term 2 provided an opportunity for students to leave technology behind, enjoy the natural environment and develop new skills and friendships.

Students participated in a variety of outdoor activities, including kayaking, mountain biking, hiking and orienteering. They also worked together to plan and cook their own meals. The challenges provided opportunities for students to collaborate, communicate, problem solve and make decisions.

Despite some inclement weather, students made the most of the experience and had a wonderful time getting to know each other better:

- Setting up tents in the rain most of the time was difficult, and taking them down in the cold of the morning was even more difficult! (Emma Brew-Bevan)
- Hanging out with my friends was a highlight of camp for me. [I enjoyed] all the banter as we got to learn a bit more about each other. (Tim Harrison)
- The food was actually really good and our instructor was really nice. (Sean Maple)
- Camp was fun, just relaxing and talking, and getting to know each other. The mountain biking was the most fun activity. (Ben Peasgood)
World Fair Day

In Term 2, Middle School students and Home Class teachers held a ‘World Fair’ day. Each Home Class was allocated a specific country and operated a stall selling food and/or running activities that represented that country.

The Fair continued to build on the community dimension of the Middle School and was an amazing success raising an impressive $2,442 which will be donated to the Leukaemia Foundation in support of their research and development.

Language Learning is Fun!

The Year 7 and 8 language programs at Concordia offer students wonderful opportunities to engage in the language and culture of German- and Indonesian-speaking countries.

This year, students in Years 7 and 8 have been busy preparing German food for their classmates to try. Each week, several students are rostered on to face the culinary challenge of providing tasty German-themed fare for their classmates to enjoy!

In Term 3, in keeping with the season, Year 7 students have also been constructing German ‘show bags’, promoting various aspects of German culture, which they then presented to the class.

During the same period, Year 8 Indonesian students visited the Central Market to learn more about Indonesian culture and cuisine. They visited Chinatown, the Food Court and various stalls, sampling a variety of foods, some of which they liked, and some they didn’t! Students enjoyed the opportunity to try new things and to meet people from different cultural backgrounds.

Service in Action

In Term 3, as part of ‘Service in Action’, Year 8 classes have engaged in the organisation of service activities.

8EJO and 8WME organised a charity walk from Waterfall Gully to Mt Lofty to raise money for the Cure4CF Foundation, which supports the work of gene research and raises awareness of cystic fibrosis (CF). Cure4CF representatives ran a session in which students learnt about the effects of the condition and the science behind it.

Meanwhile, 8VNT and 8MCHE ran a car wash to raise funds for the Starlight Children’s Foundation. The students were responsible for overseeing every aspect of the fundraiser, including promotion, collecting materials, taking bookings, organising refreshments and, of course, manual labour on the day! Some of our more entrepreneurial students also managed to secure donations of buckets, sponges, chamois and car-care products from local businesses. Overall, it proved to be a most fun and rewarding experience for the students.
Significant Friends Day

On Friday 18 September, our Year 7 students were visited by their grandparents and special friends.

Students welcomed their guests on arrival and accompanied them into the College Chapel for a special welcome from the Head of Middle School and devotion by Year 7 students Emily Ward and James Kemp.

The first activity of the morning was a classroom visit where students and their guests took part in a 3D paper art activity to build a lunar model.

This was then followed by morning tea in the Chapel foyer, where the Year 7 mums had prepared a delicious spread of sandwiches and baked delights.

Students then took their guests on a tour of the school, before reconvening in the College Chapel for a special entertainment program. Guests were treated to a variety of performances including the Middle School choir, rock band, a folk dance, poetry recital, drama performance, a children’s book reading and a summary of the Science Week activities.

It was a wonderful morning for everyone involved. Our students did an amazing job hosting their guests and it was wonderful to see the connection between the College, our students and their significant friends, continue to grow.
Memories and Dreams

A good life is when you smile often, dream big, laugh a lot and realise how blessed you are for what you have.

St John’s Early Learning Centre opened in 2007. This year in Year 6 we have students completing their primary schooling at St John’s who were amongst the first group of ELC children in 2007. The following are some of their memories and a couple of dreams for their future:

Lachlan – Pancake Day. We always wanted seconds.

Reuben – In ELC we were in a ‘band’ with friends.
  Playing in the sand pit.
  Sports Day and the running races.

Olivia – Dressing up as Christmas elves in the home corner.
  Having rest time after lunch. If you fell asleep everyone still played around you and you’d wake up with blocks and things next to you.
  Scraping my leg on the sandpit.

Toby – I used to love the duplo building blocks. I think I was obsessed with them.
  I always used to run into the poles on purpose. I don’t know why.

Piers – I always sat next to the same person at fruit time.

Cody P-S – I found the magnifying glasses and I couldn’t work out what to do with them. When I worked it out, I wanted to be a detective.
  I would not go into the sandpit and the teachers kept on trying to get me in there and I just didn’t want to.

Harry – I remember being obsessed with lions.

Laura – I loved playing with the shaving cream, it was awesome. It felt cool.
  I loved the weather chart that we did each morning; we had to go outside to see which picture we needed.
  Was it cloudy or sunny or raining? Kira would then come and change the picture during the morning.

Aksels – I always wanted to be a builder and play the drums.
  Fun and games with Mrs Briggs.
  Being with our Year 6 buddies.

Olivia – At Concordia I want to be good enough with the violin or guitar to get into the Orchestra.
Grandparents Day

In August, St John’s warmly welcomed over 320 grandparents and special friends of students from ELC to Year 3 for the annual Grandparents Day event.

The morning commenced with a Chapel Service led by one of our Year 3 classes, followed by a variety of activities including musical items, time with students in their classrooms and a delicious morning tea.

It was an absolute delight to see so many of our special guests engaging so positively with students and in the different activities planned for the morning.

We genuinely appreciate the support and encouragement that grandparents and others give to our community and we were thankful to have so many join us.

Some comments provided by our visitors
‘Thank you for such a lovely morning. We felt very welcome.’
‘School looks like it is so much fun. Very different to when I went to school.’
‘Your students were so well behaved and so polite. Thank you.’

Robotics

During Term 2, some Year 6 students attended the Science Electronics Club at Concordia College. The students created their own LED torches and learnt many new skills with wiring circuits and manipulating plastics. They enjoyed the challenge of problem solving to create a product.
Book Week 2015

The theme for this year’s Book Week was ‘Books light up our world’. Students participated in a range of activities to celebrate this special week. These activities included a visiting performance, entering an art or design competition, book in a bottle contest and reading the Early Childhood shortlisted books and voting for their favourite one. A couple of very popular activities were reading by torchlight in the Resource Centre at lunchtime and dressing up as a favourite/famous book character.

Learning about Wellbeing through Play

An ‘inquiry through play’ morning, where students had an opportunity to inquire into various activities that help our wellbeing, was held to introduce Year 2 to the ‘Who We Are’ Programme of Inquiry unit.
Business Breakfast

In March, around 80 business representatives from the school community gathered in The Suaviter for the first in a series of Concordia Business Networking Breakfasts.

Old Collegian Mark Fortunatow ('74) gave an entertaining and informative talk in which he shared both personal stories from his time at Concordia and some key learnings from his experiences as co-founder and CEO of technology company, MGM Wireless.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event so successful. Special thanks go to Bronny Borgas and the wonderful Food and Hospitality students, who made our guests feel very welcome.

Kalahari Dinner

On Saturday 16 May, over 200 people gathered at Morphettville Racecourse for the annual Kalahari Dinner where past and present team members joined friends and family for an evening of good food and fabulous company in a convivial atmosphere.

Guest speaker, Jonathan Krause, an aid worker of 25 years standing, gave a passionate talk, based on his personal commitment to serving others, and how we can all ‘make a difference’.

The evening was wonderfully successful but wouldn’t have been possible without the support of generous donors who provided the many items for our silent auction and raffle. Very special thanks must go to Liz Brookes, who spent many hours coordinating the dinner.

Football Outreach – Sports’ Lovers Night

The annual Sports’ Lovers Night, a major fundraiser for Concordia’s Football Outreach Vanuatu program held on Friday 24 July, was a resounding success.

The inimitable sports-loving enthusiasm of Roger Wills in his role as Interviewer was again the cornerstone. Our three very entertaining guest “interviewees”, Natalie Von Bertouch (Netball), Sue Dewing (Sturt FC) and Roger Rasheed (International Tennis), all brought their own personality and unique presence to the fore.

There was something in it for everyone and many a positive comment was voiced at the end of the evening about the quality of entertainment. With over 100 guests in attendance, the 2015 Sports’ Lovers Night was the most successful event to date. A huge thank you must go to the FOV boys who did a great job spruiking raffle tickets, serving food and cleaning up, and to the parent group for their outstanding pre-event organisation and coordination of the boys during the night.
Each year, the Concordia P&F hosts a number of events which provide opportunities to get to know new parents and catch up with old friends. We are very grateful to the many parents who help support these most enjoyable community celebrations.

Mother’s Day Breakfast

On Friday 8 May, around 110 mothers and their children were treated to a very special start to the day at our ever-popular Mother’s Day Breakfast. Guest speaker, current parent and old collegian, Dylan Coleman ('81 Mastroshivas), gave an engaging and personal talk about the importance of family and of passing stories and knowledge down through the generations. Guests also enjoyed some beautiful music from the student Guitar Ensemble.

Father’s Day Breakfast

On Thursday 3 September, around 100 fathers, grandfathers and their children gathered in The Suaviter to celebrate all things ‘Dad’ at our Annual Father’s Day Breakfast. Guests enjoyed a wonderful program of entertainment, including a personal talk from Neil Fletcher, Head of Humanities, about his journey into fatherhood, an uplifting a cappella performance of ‘Duke of Earl’ from the ‘Testosterphones’ and a special dedication from Jacob Butterick, School Captain, acknowledging and thanking fathers for all that they do.

Year Level Functions

Year level dinners are always well supported and enjoyed by Concordia parents.

In May, Year 9 parents enjoyed a fabulous Greek-themed event. George from BaBa:Q cooked up a delicious array of Mediterranean-inspired dishes on the live charcoal BBQ grill and in keeping with the theme, some guests took part in Zorba dancing and even a nip of Ouzo on arrival!

In August, over 100 Year 10 and 11 parents attended the annual Curry Night. Guests were greeted with a glass of champagne before entering The Suaviter, which had been transformed into an Indian paradise of exotic themes and colour. Guests were treated to a delicious Indian banquet catered by the Royal Tandoori Restaurant and a fabulous Bollywood style performance by two dancers from the Mudra Dance Academy.
Fond memories of their days at Concordia have prompted many old collegians to embark on recording their reminiscences and memoirs. These documents provide us with fascinating vignettes of everyday student life as well as dramatic events in a bygone era.

1890

First Student at Murtoa

Travelling in those days was far from pleasant. The journey on a Melbourne express of 1890 was very tedious, and the passengers had few conveniences. Soon after my arrival in Murtoa I had to face a commission of five members who questioned me on various subjects to ascertain whether I was a fit and proper person to become a student of the college about to be brought into being.

For three months I was the only student. With the arrival of the second student, Richard Hanckel, there was allotted to us a small room with two beds so close together that there was just standing room between them. Over the one bed a table was fixed with hinges against the wall, ready to be lowered over the bed to be our writing desk, the other bed being ready for us to sit on. Richard Hanckel did not return after the Christmas holidays.

A duty imposed upon the first students was the ringing of the church bell every morning at 6 o’clock. This was no mean task, especially in the cold winter months when it was necessary to cross an almost indescribably muddy street. When the bell was rung on the first morning, the towns-people thought a fire had broken out.

My first teachers were Rev Peters and Mr Marks. The Rev Peters gave me lessons in his study. He opened the lesson with the singing of a hymn and was very fond of drinking extra strong coffee. All his writing he did with a goose quill. He wrote very quickly, but not very distinctly, and it took some practice to decipher his script.

Mr Marks was a good kind man, but not a good disciplinarian.

Wartime

A serious blow struck the college in March 1942. My apprehension was aroused when some military gentleman desired to be shown over the college buildings and took careful note of the size and location of the rooms. The military needed the buildings as a convalescent camp for war casualties. A week would be allowed for evacuation of the premises; army trucks would be placed at our disposal for the removal of furniture.

There ensued what might be called Operation Emergency. The domestic staff and about 10 boys were lodged in a dwelling; the other students were boarded with families. As for the school, the premises of Bethlehem Church in Adelaide welcomed it. Classes were held everywhere; in the large Excelsior hall, in the smaller rooms below, in the large vestry at the rear of the church and in the two smaller vestries, in the church itself and in the open courtyard when the weather was fine.

There was danger, if the period of exile should be protracted, that the school would lose cohesion and disintegrate.

The military occupation came to an abrupt end after having lasted three months. One reason why Convalescent Camp 108, as the establishment was known, suffered removal to some sylvan spot in the Adelaide Hills, was that the men, no longer really ill and probably bored, found the attractions of the nearby city irresistible and were frequently absent without leave.

Wartime regulations and precautions were observed at Concordia College. Black-out rules were enforced. We dug our shelter trenches in approved zigzag fashion. We had drill and practice for evacuating...
the school buildings in an emergency. A student gave the warning by producing lugubrious sounds from a cornet, and the buildings were cleared in about 45 seconds. The air raid precaution men built a shed in a corner of our campus; part of our gymnasium was handed over to a first-aid unit as a supply depot.

Dr H P A Hamann, Headmaster 1939-1953

One night several of us students went up through a manhole on one of the boarding house bedrooms and with the aid of torches, caught the pigeons roosting in the under-roof timbers. Their heads were pulled off and they were stuffed into sugar bags. It was near midnight when Dr Hamann was doing rounds that he came into our study and saw us plucking and gutting our catch of about 50 birds. When given the explanation, he said it reminded him of pigeon shooting in India where he had been a missionary. He agreed that we could ask matron next morning if she would cook the birds for the midday meal ... At the next day's meal, I picked out a nice bird with high expectations, but every mouthful of meat was like chewing lumps of leather.

Gary Fischer, Class of 1934

1970s

Students who attended the 1993 Valedictory Dinner were treated to a very amusing speech by teacher Jeff Sawade. Jeff had been a student at Concordia from 1971-1975, and his memories from those years remained quite vivid. This extract from his speech shows not only that times have changed, but also that some things remain the same.

I remember –
• my first day at Concordia, my new grey suit, my grandmother crying,
• incredibly short dresses on the girls,
• arguing with teachers about hair length,
• falling in love and out again in 3 days at the Year 10 camp,
• doing gymnastics on the parallel bars in the quadrangle on Open Day,
• the smell when we had to dissect rats in biology.

1980s

I remember –
• the sudden death of teacher Mr Peter Mayer in 1982 and its effect on the wider college community
• Tortuous cross country runs
• stories of ghosts in the girls boarding house
• the sign on the library which said ‘Sssssh! This is a library.’
• the formation of the new four-house system
• the new indestructible hard-cover diaries with gold-embossed lettering
• Ash Wednesday 1983, the day of ferocious fires in the hills and the request for billets for students who could not return home.

Steven Strelan, Class of 1988
The Hub

An exciting building project is underway to redevelop the administrative, library and classroom building adjacent to the Winchester Street frontage.

The development includes the demolition of the rear of the Hamann Building to make way for a new student services office, Year 12 common room and administrative offices on the ground floor, and four classrooms incorporating a secondary drama space, on the first floor.

We look forward to watching this exciting development take shape in the coming months.
In 2017, a new Centre for Science and Discovery will be opened that will transform learning at Concordia. The new facility will replace the current Science Centre opened in 1967, and will unlock new potential for learning by combing flexible, open plan teaching spaces that cater for a variety of learning styles and needs, with leading edge facilities.

The building’s architecture will bring Science, Maths and Technology to life through innovative applications of the Fibonacci Sequence and a Foucault pendulum hung in the main stairwell to show the earth’s rotation. Interior and exterior spaces will feature art and sculpture, and students will be encouraged to explore the detail of the building as part of their curriculum.

A focus on the continued development of the art and science of teaching enables relevant, personally challenging and creative interactions that enhance both the learning environment and outcomes. State of the art facilities in the new science building will provide every opportunity for both teachers and students to achieve this important goal.

For more information about this exciting project, please contact Sue Spry, Donor Relations Manager on (08) 8291 9339.
1890 Club

The 1890 Club exists to recognise and thank people from the Concordia community who have included a gift to Concordia in their will, and to continue the tradition of our founding members whose generous acts inspired others to join in and share the vision. The Club provides a way for these people to get together and enjoy an annual lunch, attend college events and to encourage other members of the school to do the same.

In June, an inaugural 1890 Club lunch was held, hosted by the Principal. Guest speaker and old collegian Dr Tim Fischer shared an engaging presentation. Guests received a gift of an 1890 Club tie or scarf.

There are many people who have given generously to Concordia over the years. As a small way to honour the gifts of these people, their names have been included in our new Book of Remembrance, which will be kept at Concordia, and can be viewed at any time. It will serve as a record from now on of these special gifts. Names of those we already know of have been added, and as we discover more, or as new bequests are realised, names will be added to the book.

Concordia continues to be blessed by donors who help secure the future of our school. While we encourage all bequest donors to become members of the 1890 Club, many bequests are made anonymously. For a confidential discussion about a gift in your will to Concordia, contact Sue Spry, Donor Relations Manager on (08) 8291 9339.

Memorial Garden

The new Concordia Chapel Memorial Garden within the walled area outside the Concordia Chapel provides options to remember individuals and families who were connected with Concordia College and St John’s Lutheran Church and School. Whatever the time of day or year, the garden offers opportunities for quiet reflection, celebration and remembrance.

The garden area features beautiful trees and other plantings, lighting and a metal vine which weaves along the inside of the vine covered wall. This vine allows for the attachment of “memorial leaves”, which can be purchased and engraved with the details of the people they wish to remember, along with words, or a Bible verse. Seating in the garden will also provide opportunities for the display of a limited number of memorial plaques.

Over time, the Memorial Garden will change and grow and visitors are welcome to enjoy it at any time. Please contact Sue Spry, Donor Relations Manager on (08) 8291 9339 to arrange an accompanied visit to the Garden to learn more about its history or to enquire about memorial options.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5
From the COCA President

It is my absolute pleasure to have been elected earlier this year to serve the Concordia Old Collegians Association (COCA) over the coming two years in the role of President.

2015 has been a busy year so far, celebrating the past 125 years of Concordia College but also planning for the future of an ELC-Year 12 Concordia College and the implications this has for COCA. Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent online survey. Your views are invaluable to our planning activities, which will help us shape the Concordia Old Collegian program to better meet the needs of our members. We look forward to sharing some developments with you in the coming months, one of which you may have already seen is our new email newsletter, ‘COCA Connect’, which will be sent out twice a year. If you didn’t receive the September edition, please contact Angela Warrick to update your contact details.

I also encourage you to stay in touch, keep your contact details up to date and let us know where life has taken you since your time at Concordia College. I know that many Old Collegians enjoy reading such updates in this magazine and online.

If you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via the COCA Liaison Angela Warrick (coca@concordia.sa.edu.au), or with me directly (cocapresident@concordia.sa.edu.au).

In His service,
Nick Banks
President – Concordia Old Collegians’ Association

COCA Sporting and Interest Groups

Congratulations to the COCA Pedal Prix team who competed in the 24 hour race at Murray Bridge in September, finishing a respectable 36th position overall. Seven riders participated in the season finale: Daniel Holzer, Steve Schumacher, Simon Delaine, Lachlan Phillips, Anthony Foundas, Peter Hedger and Cameron Scott.

The recently formed COCA Big Band has had a great first year, performing in various school events, including the 2014 Carols Service, Twilight Tea and COCA Drinks in the Quad.

The COCA Big Band is currently working on building up a varied repertoire, from early swing to modern funk charts. The band currently has vacancies for trombone, guitar, piano, bass and percussion, and welcomes general enquiries.

The Concordia Old Collegians Cricket Club is in full swing again this season, fielding three regular teams on Saturdays (A3, B3, LOC) and also a T20 team that plays some Tuesday nights. Home games are at Concordia and in the parklands (cnr Goodwood Rd & South Tce). Supporters are warmly welcome on Saturday afternoons to watch.

After the A grade performed so well last year to just miss finals, we hope to go a step further this year in a push for premierships. New young old collegians that join the club continue to have a real positive impact on the club, ensuring it remains strong for years to come.

For more information about COCA Sporting and Interest Groups, including sponsorship opportunities, visit www.concordia.sa.edu.au

Laura Webb (‘11), Emma Roberts (‘11) and Nick Banks (‘11), at COCA Drinks in the Quad

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Concordia OC A Grade team that bowled PAOC out for 15
This year, in addition to celebrating the 125 year anniversary of Concordia College, the Concordia Old Collegians Association (COCA) has also been celebrating a special milestone of its own.

The Association’s origins can be traced back to the formation of the Concordia Old Boys Association at the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in Minyip, Victoria on 20 October 1920, 95 years ago. The Association supported significant college projects by purchasing equipment for a new gymnasium, contributing to the cost of construction and turfing of the oval.

Following its ground-breaking venture into co-education in 1927, the Concordia Old Girls Association was formed. They supported the College by making improvements to boarding conditions for the girls. Concordians met annually at the General Synod of the church, shared stories, discussed business matters and set projects for the following year.

In 1963, these two organisations amalgamated and the Concordia Old Collegians Association was constituted. This Association continued to support major projects (notably a much-needed public address system at the school) and worked with other community groups to organise the annual carnival day.

In 2004, COCA became an Incorporated Association with an elected Management Committee. Since that time, COCA projects have included establishing an annual scholarship, providing air conditioning in The Suaviter (formerly the College Chapel), supporting projects to preserve and showcase College history and contributing to a new school database to better maintain membership records. COCA is also a strong contributor to service projects and College events such as the annual Twilight Tea and Themis Dinner.

COCA also supports a number of sporting and special interest groups designed to encourage Old Collegians to meet together around a shared aim. These include the Concordia Old Collegians Cricket Club (est. 1981), Pedal Prix team (2008) and Big Band (2014).

Today COCA supports a strong reunion program including class, regional and national events, the annual reunion weekend and 60+ lunch.

COCA strives to keep old collegians in touch with each other developing a strong sense of belonging and community at the college. In touch with the past, forming the future.
Weddings

Paul Fitzgerald (‘02) and Alex Lock on 22 November 2015
Belinda Humphris (Modra ‘04) and Nathan Humphris on 9 May 2015
Simon Pietsch (‘03) and Ella Radke on 13 June 2015
Nathan Doherty (‘99) and Alicia Mote on 31 March 2015

Births

Alison Leslie (Vincent ‘97) and Scott Leslie, a son Noel Louis Peter on 13 January 2015, brother to Isaac
Jemima Morgan (McMillan ‘08) and Simon Morgan, a son, Solomon John on 6 July 2015, brother to Amos
Shane Lloyd (‘99) and Kathryn Lloyd, a son Mason Brian on 18 March 2015
David Hodges (‘99) and Naomi Hodges (Morison ‘03), a daughter Isla Stephanie on 7 May 2015, sister to Alice and Henry
Obituaries

Schilling, Doug (‘55) on 9 February 2014
Standish, Joyleen (Gregory ‘55) on 7 April 2014
Grieper, Rev Lawrence (‘35) on 1 November 2014
Zweck, Rev Glen (‘48) on 5 November 2014
Ziersch, Rosemary (Eckermann ‘53) on 8 November 2014
Buhlmann, Greta (Barrow ‘54) on 5 March 2015
McArthur, James (‘65) on 10 May 2015
Bartel, Rev Cyril (‘57) on 29 May 2015
Le Bois, Richard John (‘55) on 7 June 2015
Fenske, Rita Evelyn (Heinrich ‘38) on 11 June 2015
Schwarz, Percy Edgar (‘28) on 15 June 2015
Hoopman, Rev David (‘42) on 21 July 2015
Portus, Andrew Simon (‘85) on 30 July 2015
Williams, Olga (Hoff ‘35) on 29 September 2015
Grote, Loris Lorraine (‘49) on 14 October 2015
Heyne, Sonja (van Wageningen ‘82) on 21 October 2015

Snippets

Congratulations Rev Neil Hampel (‘49) on receiving a Member of the Order of Australia earlier this year.

Percy Schwarz (‘28) celebrated his 100th birthday on 24 May 2015 at Glynde Lutheran Homes with family and friends. Percy and his twin brother Vic (deceased) attended Concordia in 1928-29. They lived at Maltee, near Ceduna, so it was a big trip to get to Concordia in those days. Percy passed away on the 15 June 2015.

In August 2015, John Temme (‘55), Tim Fisher (‘60) and Karina Dancza (Temme, ‘95) travelled to Bellersen, Germany. From this village in 1845, Friedrich Wilhelm Temme migrated to Australia. During their visit, which coincided with the 1000th anniversary of Bellersen, John and Tim presented a commemorative plaque to the village on behalf of some 2000 Australian descendants of F.W. Temme, many of whom attended Concordia as students.

Rev Dr Hubert Temme (‘47) was awarded the title of Doctor of Divinity in 2011 from Concordia Seminary St Louis, MO. He graduated from Concordia Seminary in Adelaide in 1955 and was colloquized into the LCMS in 1968.

Congratulations to Kerryn O’Brien (‘91) who has been selected to take part in the Homeward Bound program, which will see 78 female leaders in science from around the world travel to Antarctica in December 2016 in a bid to combat climate change.

2016 Diary Dates

4 March – Family Picnic
18 March – Twilight Tea
9 May – COCA AGM
16 May – Harmony in the Chapel
16 May – Brown & Gold 70+ Celebration
20 June – Harmony in the Chapel
24 June – Back to Concordia Morning
25 June – Celebration Dinner
26 June – Worship Service
26 June – Sunday Lunch
6 August – Eyre Peninsula Reunion
8 August – Harmony in the Chapel
8 August – Brown & Gold 60+ Lunch
23 October – Riverland Barossa Reunion

2016 Class Reunions

Class of 2015 Get Together – 16 February 2016
Class of 2011 5 Year Reunion – 2 December 2016
Class of 2006 10 Year Reunion – 9 December 2016
Class of 1996 20 Year Reunion – TBA
Class of 1986 30 Year Reunion – 11 November 2016
Class of 1976 40 Year Reunion – TBA
Class of 1966 50 Year Reunion – 25 June 2016
Class of 1956 60 Year Reunion – 25 June 2016
Class of 1946 70+ Reunion – 16 May 2016

60+ Lunch

On Tuesday 11 August, over 80 old collegians who commenced at the College over 60 years ago gathered in The Suaviter for a special celebratory lunch.

The event program included a wonderful performance by the Concert Vocal Ensemble and a ‘virtual tour’ and interesting update about College developments by Acting Principal Mrs Briony Carman.

Our guests were served their lunch by a group of Year 9 Ambassadors who also ably assisted with front and back of house duties. A huge thank you must also go to Ms Sandra Hein who prepared a most delicious lunch for our guests. Thank you to all who helped to make this event so successful. The old collegians had a fabulous afternoon.
Reunion Weekend

125 Year Celebration Dinner

On Saturday 20 June, we were joined by over 125 old collegians for a most wonderful evening of fine dining and celebration in The Suaviter to mark the 125th anniversary of Concordia College.

There was a great mix of ages, with around 35 class groups represented from 1935 to 2014. A special mention goes to the classes of 1955 and 1965, who were celebrating special reunions on the night, as well as to Mrs Olga Williams (Hoff ‘35), who, at 95 years of age, was the oldest guest in attendance.

The evening opened with drinks and a selection of tapas before guests sat down to enjoy a delicious three-course meal, beautifully prepared by the Concordia Year 12 Food and Hospitality students. COCA President Nick Banks (‘11) welcomed everyone and, later in the evening, guests from special reunion years shared memories of their time at Concordia.

There was a wonderful atmosphere in the room, which was filled with much joy and laughter as friends reunited, shared stories of days gone by and gave thanks for the many blessings bestowed on our community.

The dinner was followed on Sunday by a special worship service and informal lunch held at the Earl of Leicester.

Back to Concordia Morning

As part of the annual reunion weekend, we were delighted to welcome back to Concordia a very special group of Old Collegians, many of whom had commenced at the School over 70 years ago.

The morning began with Assembly in the College Chapel. Following a special welcome from COCA President, Nick Banks (‘11), guests enjoyed the opportunity to join in a community song and hear a special performance on the Gamelan.

A brief tour of Concordia with the College Archivist followed, and the opportunity to inspect plaques on the recently opened Concordia Heritage Trail. The tour concluded in The Suaviter where guests enjoyed the opportunity to catch up over a delicious morning tea.

1. 125 Celebration Dinner
2. Year 12 Food and Hospitality students
3. Back to Concordia Morning
Reunions and Events

Class of 1955 60 Year Reunion – Saturday 20 June 2015

Back L-R : Susanne Cook (Smith), Cynthia Rosenblatt, John Schuster, Mary Schumacher (Pfeiffer), Janet Maloney (Hoffmann), Jura Mau (Kurauskas), Anne Smallwood (Traeger), Bevan Pfitzner, Russell Male

Front L-R : John Turner, John Temme, Joe Marks

Class of 1965 50 Year Reunion – Saturday 20 June 2015

Back L-R : Everard Leske, Paul Eckert, Louis Pfeiffer, Robin Eckermann, Stephen Jantke, Neville Krieg, Dennis Herrmann, Rob Winkler, Phil Sander

Middle L-R : Liz Pietsch (Farley), Jocelyn Keller (Schumacher), Maureen Eirne (Zweck), Jennifer Kempe (Strelan), Bruce Noll, Martin Pfeiffer, Henry Schafing

Front L-R : Susan Thwaites, Julie Clark (Ramm), Suzanne Schmidt (Traeger), Marianne Steffens (Gajic), Sandra Koehne

Class of 1985 30 Year Reunion – Friday 7 August 2015

Back L-R : Matthew Bishop, Melissa Solly, Michael Kirk, David Silke, Belinda Daros (Schubert), Amanda Kramer (Harvey), Paul Windle

Middle L-R : Adam Wood, Naomi Bowering (Potocki), Vanessa Kohrt (Voigt), David Dietrich, Cassandra Schwarz (Heppner), Lisa Medlyn (Chapman), Veronica Panagaris, Sasha Loveday (Ollino)

Front L-R : Bronwyn Pollnitz (Modra), Caroline Rees (Baldwin), Jacqui Blackeby (Baker), Judi McCallion (Castle)
Reunions and Events

**Class of 1975 40 Year Reunion** – Friday 28 August 2015

**Back L-R**: John Fielke, Jon Heinrich, Chris Lang, Owen Rothe, Tracey Anderson, Mary Hawke (Thomason), Lyn Schiller (Proeve), Gill Materne (Prenzler), Greg Behn, Darren Cossens, Robert Pryce

**3rd Row L-R**: Richard “Wally” Waldhuter, Meredith Rowland (Altus), Kathryn Button (Traeger), Bronwyn Hein (Mibus), Tina Atkinson (Klaebe), Anthony Male, Jocelyn Gniager (Hamperl), Indra Liepens, Paula-Jean Koch, Dianne Barry (Krieg), Rebecca Lohmeyer, Gerry (Gerald) Krieg, Kym Rodert

**2nd Row L-R**: James Juers, Karen Bampton (Wegener), Bethany Kluge (Hoopmann), Lisa Salisbury, Enid Modra (Schmidt), Carolyn McCormack (Pearce), Chris Koop (Gallasch), Sue Ahrens (Hofmann), Tia (Katrina) Propocz, Penni Moore, Julie Hastwell and Helena Vaatstra

**Front L-R**: Rev. Steve “Shorty” Liersch, Carolyn Weckert, Vivienne Salu, Sue Stoecker, Rev. Robert “Bird” Borgas

**Victoria Reunion** – Saturday 1 August 2015, Box Hill

**Back L-R**: John Eckermann (’61), Clay Kruger (’46), Jennifer Jones (Pietsch ’69), Judith Pietsch (Kleinig ’69), Greg Pietsch (’69), David Pietsch (’61), John Noack (’57), Eldon Eckermann (’56), Tim Fischer (’60)

**Front L-R**: Rex Schurmann (’48), Annette Gladigau (Bartel ’61), Liz Pietsch (Farley ’65), Sue Spry (Kleinig ’74), Marlene Pietsch (Miller ’60), Colin Nuske (’51), Heather Dunmill (Keller ’68), Esna Frost (Zanker ’46)

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