

## OGA eNews

### **OGA COMMITTEE NEWS**



#### **President's Report**

Welcome to our third newsletter for 2021. I am writing this newsletter welcome after spending the past three days celebrating with many Old Girls at their 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ (VIP) reunions. This year there was a special feeling during the weekend. Even though many Old Girls could not attend their reunion due to the continuing global pandemic, you were all represented and thought about over the weekend.

### **SCHOOL UPDATES**



### **From the Principal**

Have you participated in the One School/One Book initiative at St Margaret's? We are encouraging all members of the St Margaret's school community to read Eddie Jaku's book *The Happiest Man on Earth*. After a show of hands at a recent assembly, it appears that a large number of our students have read the book and parents have also indicated to me that they are participating and enjoying it too. I hope that our Old Girls might wish to be involved as well.



## **REUNION WEEKEND** **23-25 JULY**



### **Reunions Wrap Up**

It was a pleasure to welcome over 380 past students back to St Margaret's for the annual Reunion Weekend from Friday 23 to Monday 26 July. Reunion Weekend is always a wonderful time, and this year was particularly special as we welcomed twice as many cohorts following a pause on reunions in 2020. While COVID-19 did cause some disruption again this year, from mask wearing to the company missed due to lockdowns and border closures, it cannot disrupt the life-long and deeply felt connections formed during your time here at St Margaret's.



### **Ponytail Project**

Over 130 schoolgirls and eight teachers and staff at St Margaret's will cut off their ponytails on Monday 23 August to raise funds for Australians impacted by cancer. At the time this edition was written, this group have exceeded their goal of \$100,000 with \$106,300 raised for the cause.

### **PAST STUDENT NEWS**



### Past Student Award Nominations

St Margaret's Old Girls are encouraged to nominate esteemed alumni for the Past Student Awards. The Past Student Awards were first established in 2015 to:

- recognise the many achievements of St Margaret's Past Students, both professionally and personally
- celebrate the diverse achievements of Past Students and provide an opportunity to share stories of success
- increase connections between the School and Past Students to honour their legacy.



**Kim Serafini ('90)**

Kim Serafini ('90) is an entrepreneur, executive and business advisor, author and world-class speaker in the field of positive psychology. Her passion for health and wellness, self-care and technological solutions has led to a fascinating and fulfilling career.



**Vale Elizabeth-Anne Peters (nee Tomlinson '50)**

Elizabeth-Anne passed away on Sunday 16 May. She was a beloved sister, wife, mother and grandmother. Elizabeth-Anne lived a long and happy life, attending Ascot State School and then St Margaret's. Still a young girl when war broke out, the uncertainty of those times and air raid sirens and drills were unsettling for her, as it was for most. She otherwise had a happy childhood.



**Vale Faye Chambers (nee Tummon '58)**

Fay sadly passed away on Sunday 9 May at a Mothers' Day lunch at Kirra North Surf Club, aged 80 years. Fay was the much-loved mother and mother-in-law to her son, Paul (dec) and his wife, Jennifer, and to her daughter, Nicole and Nicole's husband, Geoff. She was a devoted grandmother to Jamie and identical twin sister of Gay Bruce.

**EVENTS**



### **Upcoming Events**

Please note the upcoming events that will be of interest to our past student community.