

Northcote High School Alumni News 2014

November News 2014

A Reunion of the Class of 2004 was held on October 31st beginning at the School with refreshments and a tour of the School site and then at the local Peacock Hotel for a night of remembering. Present Principal, Ms Kate Morris and former Principal, Gary Israel addressed the group at the School. It was a most successful evening and special thanks go to Gilly Trikaliotis, Co-School Captain, 2004 and Kate Challis of the School staff for all the work to make the reunion a happy one. It was interesting to note that several marriages have or are about to occur between ex-students. The Association wishes Gilly and Nick Gogas all the very best for their approaching nuptials.

Omar Hammoud has contacted the Association. Omar graduated from the School in 1992 and then completed a Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Swinburne. He is currently Manager for the NBN wireless network at Ericsson Australia. He recently won the 2014 Leadership Award for his company and has represented them locally and internationally. Hearty congratulations Omar!

Another contact has come from Ray Smith student 1943 to 1946 and later student teacher at NHS. After obtaining secondary teaching qualifications and a Diploma of Advertising Art, Ray taught at secondary schools before heading up the Advertising Art Diploma course at Chisholm Institute. He was a star runner for Merri House and the School Athletic Team. Ray remembers being lucky to be one of only four boys from his primary school to be accepted at NHS. He says the school was then known as "The Northcote Horse Stables (NHS)" to students at other schools. He remembers being actively involved in Cadets, soccer, tennis, band and tippety-run cricket as well as track events in athletics. A mate at School's father was the City coroner who showed the boys through the morgue to celebrate VE day!! Then there was "Tex" McAvoy, the Chemistry teacher, upon whom the boys perpetrated an unexpected and considerable explosion in the lab. The wrong lad was marched off to see the Head, "Percy" Bishop. Ray has provided interesting anecdotes about the Cadets and "fun" in the old lockers. Very best wishes Ray!

The Association is saddened to learn of the passing of George Perry (1930-32), one of our oldest surviving students of the early 30s. George provided wonderful information about his school days which were used in the School history. Keith Williams of the class of 1944 has let us know of the passing of another Old Boy, Barry Brown, classmate of those years. We say Vale to both George and Barry and extend our condolences to the families.

The Association wishes Professor Ken Inglis AO (Class of 1944) well after a bout in hospital. We hope he is soon “on the mend”

Master plan Launch. A new Master Plan was launched at the School on Tuesday the 28th October by the Hon. Fiona Richardson, MP for Northcote. She announced that a Labor Government would contribute \$3million to set the programme in motion. The dramatic rise in enrolments in the last ten years means that provision needs to be made for further facilities. It was good to see the Hon. John Cain, former Premier and Alan Wilcox (1950 -55) at the launch, both ex-students.

September Update

The Class of 2004 is to hold a reunion on Friday October 31st 2014 beginning at the School at 6.00 pm. Light refreshments will be served and tours of the School available. The group will then adjourn to the Peacock Hotel 210 High St Northcote to continue the celebrations. Drinks and meals available there. If wanting information and to register interest contact Jilly Trikaliotos on 0403531694.



John Tasioulas attended NHS in the middle 1970s and then proceeded to Melbourne High. In 1989 the Hon. John Cain, Premier of Victoria, announced at NHS, in John's presence, that he had been awarded the Rhodes' Scholarship for that year. John then studied Philosophy at Oxford University. John has added many degrees and honours to his name since that time, most recently he has been awarded a Professorship at the Dickson Poon School of Law at King's College London and will be Director of a new centre dedicated to his fields of research funded by a seven million pound gift from the Royal Family of Malaysia. This is an inaugural Chair of Politics, Philosophy and Law. John is a leading philosopher of law and he currently holds a Chair in Jurisprudence at UCL. He is an Honorary Professorial Fellow of Melbourne University's Law School, Distinguished Research Fellow at Oxford and Emeritus Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. John holds degrees in Arts and Law from University of Melbourne and a D. Phil from Oxford. In 1999 he was made a Bicentennial Fellow. The Ex-students' Association congratulates John on his outstanding achievements.

July Update



The Class of 1985 held a reunion recently and enjoyed a great evening, according to organiser Bill Papageoriou. Many attending remember 1985 as a year of triumph for the Senior Soccer Team which won the All Schools' title, coached by Messrs. Craig Price and Jim Tangas. From left to right- Front- Steven Tsitas - First row – Michael Sangas, Nick Kolendrianos, Jim Michels, Kon Vasiliou, George Archimendritis. Second row – Bill Pikos, Kyriakos Intziadidas, Bill Papageorgiou, George Stingas, Con Papadopoulos, Kon Mastrogiannis, Matthew Katakis. Third row – Nick Tsaktsiras, Louis Papadimitriou, Tom Kogionis, Lakis Nikolakoudis. Out of the room Foti Banasios and Darren Cons.

Ex-student Wins Award

Congratulations go to Hannah Lewis (Class of 2006). Hannah has been awarded a Manuel Gelman Award for Teaching Excellence in Languages in the University of Melbourne's Graduate Diploma of Education studies this year. The late Manuel Gelman was a distinguished teacher of French at the Secondary Teachers' College and the University and his family has established this award in Education and Music studies. In his very early days Mr. Gelman taught at NHS.

Passing of Ms Eva Youren, teacher of English 1977 to 1989. Ms. Youren taught English and Mathematics, particularly, senior English, with excellent results. She was well respected by her students and colleagues but succumbed to serious illness on July 6th of this year in the UK. The School and Ex-students' Association extend condolences to her husband Michel Faber and family.

May 2014 News and Back to Luncheon

The 2014 "Back to School" luncheon at St. George's Restaurant, NMIT was another conspicuous success with a very good attendance of ex-students, school staff and some present day students. An excellent lunch was enjoyed with addresses by Principal Kate Morris and Gary Israel about alumni matters. The guest speaker was Associate Professor Peter Barlis (Class of 1991) and all would agree with the comments emailed in by John Hodgson "Many thanks for another wonderful lunch yesterday. The guest speaker was outstanding ...a great Australian".

Peter outlined his studies since leaving school and after receiving his academic prizes from Professor Sir Gustav Nossal at the Year 12 Graduation in Olver Hall at the end of 1991. He studied Medicine at the University of Melbourne and after intern years at Austin and Northern Hospitals began his specialization as a cardiologist. He became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and studied further in London under a leading international cardiologist, later publishing a major book on cardiology with this Professor. Returning to Melbourne, Peter completed a Master's degree in Public Health from Monash and continued his private and public practice. Ph. D studies took him to Rotterdam in the Netherlands where his thesis in cardiovascular medicine under a renowned Dutch specialist was accepted under the exacting terms of this University. Along the way, Peter has forged links with cardiologists from all round the world.

Back in Melbourne Peter's outstanding research to improve the placement of stents has led to a major breakthrough in cardiac surgical technology which is now being taken up around the world by surgeons. Peter is an Associate Professor in Medicine at the University of Melbourne and working hard to set up a centre of innovation and research in cardiovascular medicine to make his city, State and nation world leaders in this field. Earlier this year Peter was elected as a Fellow of the prestigious American College of Cardiologists, travelling to the USA for the ceremony.

At 41 years of age, Peter has achieved so very much. We all congratulate him on this success which benefits humanity at large. Meliora Sequamur is certainly his personal motto. We do thank him for making time available yesterday to interact with his old school.



March 2014 News



James Barrett attended NHS from 1952 to 1955. He would be of the graduating class of 1957. He has contacted us recently and is keen to make contact with old class mates and teachers. Can you help? If so contact Gary at glei@bigpond.com .

The Class of 1955 held its annual lunch at Watsonia RSL. Attendees included Dr. Lawrie Shears, former Director-General of Education and Mrs Eleanor Peeler, historian. This year group will celebrate "60 years on" in 2015 and plans are in hand for a special celebration. Contact Allan Wilcox if interested.

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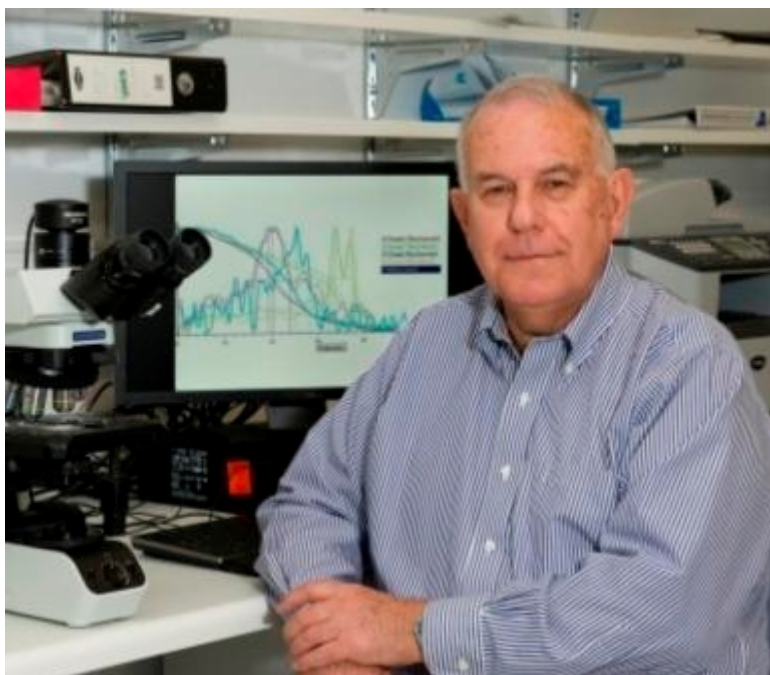


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