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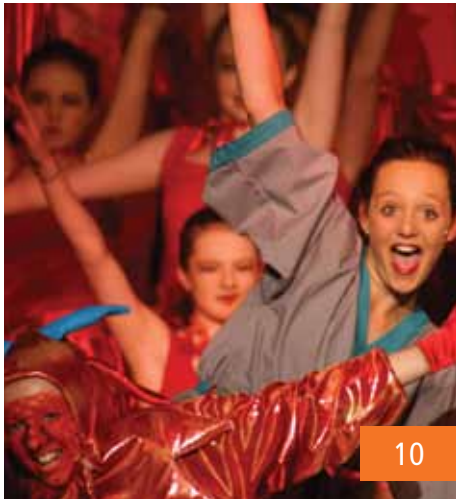
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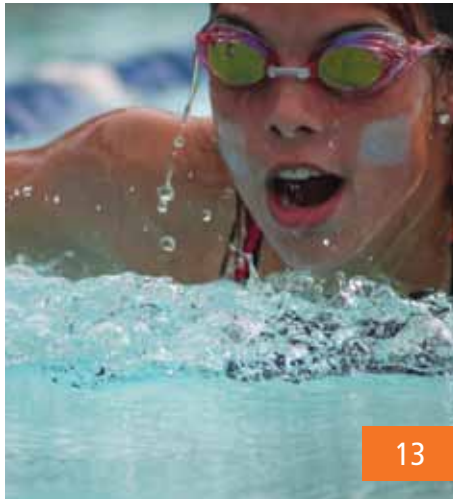


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As Editor of *Fahan in Focus* I would like to welcome all members of the Fahan Community to 2011.

In the School's Communications' Office we are always looking for new ways to engage with the Fahan community. You can now find us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

I hope you enjoy this first edition for 2011.

Eleanor Robb

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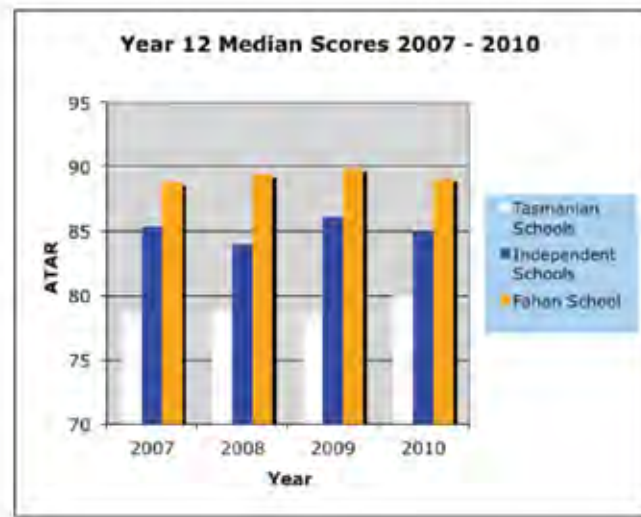
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: TERM 1

One of my favourite tasks is to meet with parents who are considering enrolling their daughter at Fahan. We generally have a discussion in my office and then go on a tour of the School. This gives them, and me of course, a chance to see the girls in action in their normal day-to-day routine. Many of these parents have visited more than one school in the quest to find the right fit for their daughter so it is probably the points of distinction that they most notice.

The Octagon is often the first point of call. I find this a magical place and never cease to be amazed at how our talented staff engage the girls, and boys, in their learning, guided by their students' natural inquiries. Over the last three years I have watched amazing projects develop. The Kinders' museum and the Preps' sundial are two that spring to mind. Mrs Jennifer Parsons and Mrs Helen Stephen took their students on a wonderful journey in each case and I have the documentation, in the form of two wonderful, illustrated journals, in my office to remind me of the exceptional learning that took place. Feedback I receive from touring parents endorses my belief that the Reggio Emilia philosophy, to which we adhere, is certainly achieving its aim.

The next point of call is generally the TM Hall. The art work around the walls and the activity occurring within, whether it be an infant dance or music lesson, a rehearsal for the magnificent Middle School production of *Mulan* or a House choir rehearsing, creates an atmosphere that suggests the girls enjoy their learning and are happy in the environment.

We generally talk about the assemblies that are held in the Hall, like the Honours' Assembly at the start of each year, in which we recognise the efforts of our Year 12 Class. Girls who obtain an ATAR of 95 or above are presented with certificates in honour of their achievements. This year the recipients and their cohort helped to maintain the exceptional record the School has achieved academically over recent years. You can read more on this on page 11.



This graph is a comparison between the median Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank achieved by Fahan students from 2007-2010 with those throughout Tasmania studying in the State and Independent school systems.

The tour continues into the primary classrooms where the girls are only too happy to engage with the tourists and share their experiences. The Junior Library often provides a pleasant interlude on our journey as the new parents find books they have read to their children or indeed remember from their own childhood (some of our prospective parents are very young, for those readers amongst you envisaging parchment and vellum!).

We then move on to what could be considered our secret valley, judging by the parents' reaction when they see the our state of the art Gymnasium and Music School for the first time. The enthusiasm of the girls in each of these buildings is infectious and more often than not we will pause to see excerpts of a performance. The student artwork adorning the corridors of the Music School is of particular interest and a source of great pride.

As we make our way into the main building through the Middle School, the feeling of enjoyment that the girls have in their learning is maintained. One of the most frequent comments I receive is how polite, friendly and relaxed the girls are as they go about their tasks. The honour boards and photographs of the Gerdy Jevtic Medal winners often prompt discussion of the great traditions of the School.

The connection with the Fahan School Alumni is still very strong and I had the privilege to meet some at a gathering in Launceston in May and

it was also pleasing that many people with a connection to Fahan visited our booth at Agfest.

Tours generally conclude with a discussion at the front of our stately main block overlooking the magnificent gardens, resplendent in their autumnal colours at present, to the sparkling waters of the Derwent.

I trust that you will enjoy reading more about the great things happening at Fahan, in this issue of *Fahan in Focus*. There are wonderful items on student achievement, House competitions and fundraising initiatives. In the Staff section, as well as noting some changes, we acknowledge the fine contribution of our Librarian, Mrs Andrea Woodward to the School and wish her well in her retirement.

Tony Freeman, Principal





2011 STUDENT LEADERS

Back Row L-R: Rosemary Sargison (Deputy Principal), Madelyn Dwight (Arts Chair), Clare Browne (Sports Chair), Rosie Battaglione (Community Chair), Stella Weston-Smith (Junior School Chair), Heather Johns (Debating Chair) and Mr Tony Freeman (Principal).

Front Row L-R: Courtney Meiklejohn (Fenton House Chair), Angela Marsland (Magazine Chair), Isabel Bennett (Junior School Chair), Elli Hopkins (Deputy Head Girl), Gabreal Wake (Head Girl), Connor Charles (Franklin House Chair), Aimee Baker-Turner (Magazine Chair) and Grace Richardson (Freycinet House Chair).

HEAD GIRL'S REPORT

I feel safe in saying that Term One of 2011 has flown by for all students as it has for me. Getting back into the swing of things after three months of summer can be tough. Students have settled back well, balancing their exciting new leadership roles in the school, as well as their studies, sports and wider extracurricular activities.

The Year 12s, every year, have the privilege of selecting a charity to raise funds for during their final year of school. This year we have chosen to support the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, which is a national charity that protects children from violence and its devastating impact. The Foundation cares for children who have experienced violence and runs programs to prevent it. Its vision is that every child is able to live in a safe and supportive environment. The Year 12s of 2011 share this vision and we are all passionate about promoting a safe environment for children.

In Term One we began our fundraising efforts by selling chocolates, hosting a social for Years 5 and 6, holding an Easter cake stall and managing a football margin competition. We also recently held a fashion night at Blue Illusion, and our lovely Fahan models, Elli Hopkins and Matilda Heerey, along with Jane Richardson, did a wonderful job showcasing the

clothes. We are currently planning a Fathers' Golf Day and a 'Peninsula Extravaganza' raffle with the tickets ready for sale in Term Two. There has been some very generous support from within the Fahan community as well as the wider Tasmanian community so we can anticipate a successful outcome.

The amalgamation of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation's *Better Buddies* program and Fahan's *Big Sister Little Sister* program was marked with a Teddy Bears' Picnic in April. Over 300 teddy bears filled the TM Hall and Junior and Senior School students alike had a wonderful time.

It has been heartening to see the Fahan 'have a go' spirit alive and well this term. The annual inter-house competitions have commenced, with the Swimming Carnival, Winter Sports Day, Cross Country Carnival and House Music all inspiring some 'healthy' competition.

The Chairs have my thanks and should be commended, along with the other girls involved with the running of these events, which were all seamlessly executed. Unfortunately, the Year 12s were not victorious in the Student v Staff Soccer match this year but I have been assured that next year the staff's winning streak will

come to an end.

It is a great honour to have been elected Head Girl for 2011. Everyone in Year 12 this year is a proud leader and great role model for the School. I look forward to the rest of my final year at Fahan with this excellent and supportive group. With a truly action-packed Term One now behind us, I wish everyone a restful break and look forward to seeing what the rest of 2011 has to offer.

Gabreal Wake, Head Girl



Stella and Gabby proudly represented the School at our Agfest booth this year and were outstanding ambassadors.

PARENTS & FRIENDS REPORT

The Parents and Friends recently had an opportunity to get together with the Board, Alumni Committee and School management to exchange ideas on how we could work together to help support the School achieve the strategic aims that have been developed by the Board. This was a fantastic opportunity for these separate groups to consider the School's future and what could be achieved collectively over the next three years.

With grand plans in mind the Committee is very keen to welcome new members into the P&F either as active committee members or as willing, helping hands for specific events throughout the year. To help make this a little easier for people, we are soon to make changes to the P&F section of the Fahan School website, giving more information about what the P&F does and how it works. But more importantly, we have added contact details for current

Committee members to make us as accessible as possible.

In order to assist in the planning and conduct of the many activities the P&F run throughout the year, a number of sub-committees are formed. If you have time and think you may be able to assist with any of these activities please visit the website to look at what is being planned and contact the relevant sub-committee members to offer your assistance.

The P&F also has Class Representatives, whose role it is to foster social interaction in their respective class group, disseminate information and be a focal point for communications. If you have time and would like to offer your help, or just want to contact your class representative, visit the website for their contact details.

During Term One the P&F hosted another highly successful *Under the Sails* welcome back drinks for parents and staff (pictured below)

and also catered for the Middle School production of *Mulan*.

So, if you think you might like to become involved with the P&F and want more information about what it does and how it works, you can download a copy of the P&F Handbook from the website very soon. Meetings are held at 7:00pm in the Board Room, located in the Boarding House, on the third Tuesday of each school term month.

Simon Barker, President

COMMITTEE 2011

President: Simon Barker

Vice-President: Gillian Vosper

Treasurer: Birgitta Browning

Secretary: Ian Hamilton

Vice Secretary: Susan Hodgman

Committee: Clare McCulloch



NATEBY CLUB REPORT

What a fitting tribute to Hester and the Clarke family! At our March lunch so many wanted to hear our guest speaker Janet Seymour, Jo Handbury's daughter, that the few who RSVPed late had to be refused. Janet is a full time teacher. She would be an excellent teacher and I wish she could be at Fahan to carry on the connection. We thank her for spending so much time preparing a personal account of the family.

Thank you also to Ruby Zantuck, Year 7, for playing the piano, and, of course, to Margo Eckermann for her exceptional food and organisational abilities.

We viewed the plaque commemorating the Clarke family, erected by Paul Barrett, in

front of one of the walnut trees. The trees are now looking very healthy thanks to Birgitta Browning and Paul, both of whom will be speaking to us about "The Garden" at our next lunch on Friday 8 July.

We welcomed surprise visitor Janet Rankin (Downie) and 1961 leavers – Ann Viney, Dianne Cashion, Sue Downer and Elizabeth Geard. Hopefully they will be the start of some younger members joining the Club.

We also held our Annual General Meeting at which Di McPherson joined the committee.

With our donations from last October, the Early Learning Centre bought a magnificent set of 66 hollow, indoor building blocks. The children use them to build anything - houses, castles,

boats - and they are big enough for them to get inside. Wonderful for wet weather! We will arrange a Nateby Club visit with the children later in the year.

Sue Allison, Nateby Club President



FSAA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In 2011, we in the Fahan School Alumni Association look forward to continuing with our objective of finding ways to build our connections with each other and with the School. This has been our direction since we launched in 2009 and with the help of the energy of Alumni, technology and active engagement from the School we have been delighted with our progress.

At our Annual General Meeting the following Alumni accepted key roles in our Association:

President: Kathryn Thomas

Vice Presidents: Lisa Brown and Kate Langridge

Secretary/Treasurer: Caroline Burbury

Committee: Felicity Allison, Bridget Fugslang, Bec Bailey, Helen Waterworth and Rachel Moore.

It is great to have such a keen and talented group of Fahan Alumni working together.

We also identified some important and new areas for our focus in 2011.

- Establishing Year Group Coordinators for each Alumni year
- Reviewing the current Bursary structure and process
- Increasing our fundraising efforts
- Building an exceptional Alumni web page
- Planning memorable Reunion events
- Providing career and mentoring services for current Fahan girls.

We are delighted that in 2011 the Fahan Alumni will be working closely with the Fahan School Board and the Parents and Friends Association to align our plans, support the current School leaders and collaborate for the future of Fahan. This is an exciting initiative

and we look forward to strengthening our involvement in the current life of the School.

Your Alumni needs you - please contact me if you are keen to connect with your Fahan Alumni and with your School.

Kathryn Thomas, FSAA President
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Three generations of Fahan women: L-R - Emily Gardner, Molly Gardner and Josephine Fenn-Smith.

2011 REUNIONS

We are nearly halfway through 2011 and reunion celebrations are not far away.

Many of you whose reunion year is this year may have already received a contact form, which asked you to send in your updated information, along with that of anyone else you know who do not appear on our records.

If you are a leaver from 2006, 2001, 1991,

1981, 1971, 1961, 1951-55 or 1941-45 and you have not received anything to date, the School may not have your current contact information.

To update your details please go online to www.fahan.tas.edu.au/alumni-update-your-info and complete the online form or email Karen Tonks on tonksk@fahan.tas.edu.au.

The dates for the reunion this year are 7-9

October and will include a cocktail evening on the Friday night. More information about the weekend will be on its way soon.

Also, if you have an email address, please let us know so we can send you the electronic Alumni Update each term.

If you have any queries about the reunion, please email the Events team at communications@fahan.tas.edu.au.



The Archives Working Group enjoy carrot cake made using the walnuts from the tree the Nateby Club planted. L-R: Sue Allison, Barbara Roulston and Judith Bignell.

ARCHIVES

This year Fahan has placed an emphasis on the upkeep of its Archives. Under the direction of our Senior Teacher-Librarian, Andrea Woodward, a group of Alumni from the Nateby Club has been meeting on a regular basis to identify and catalogue archival items.

We extend our sincere thanks to Sue Allison, Judy Bignell, Sue Bills and Barbara Roulston for donating their time to help preserve Fahan history.

We always welcome volunteers who can donate time to help with cataloguing and also donations of Fahan memorabilia. Fahan would like to thank Andrea Woodward for her work with the Archives. Without her enthusiasm the work to date would not have been accomplished.

FAHAN IN THE SOCIAL MEDIA

As part of our goal to link members of the Fahan community with one another and with the School, Fahan now has a social media presence on Facebook and Twitter.

These avenues of communication make it very easy to share Fahan news with our Alumni about reunions, sporting competitions, School successes and to highlight the beautiful School environment, both as it was and is now, through photos.

To make use of this new method of communication you can **Like** us at www.facebook.com/fahanschool or **Follow** us at www.twitter.com/FahanSchoolTas and ensure



that you are always up-to-date with the latest events at the School.

The new website also has a dedicated Alumni section where you can find Alumni news articles, contact information for the Fahan School Alumni Association members, Alumni events, an online contact information update form and a Meet Our Alumni section.

We currently have 12 Alumni profiles on the website and we are looking for more. If you have a life post-Fahan story to share, please email communications@fahan.tas.edu.au so that we can post your story.

The School looks forward to hearing from many of you throughout 2011 via our new communication tools.

NORTHERN GET TOGETHER

On Thursday 19 May, a group of wonderful Fahan women in the north of Tasmania braved the cold weather to join Principal, Tony Freeman, for some casual drinks at the Quality Hotel Colonial in Launceston.

It was wonderful to see a variety of generations represented amongst those who attended.

The following women were able to attend the evening event: Alison Archer, Bettina Crisp, Carmen Bailey, Diana Hughes, Eliza Tole, Elizabeth Ricketts, Jencie Harrington, Lou Archer, Meg Archer, Robyn Wishaw, Sarah Merridew and even a much younger member, who has only just left the School, Merryn Allen.

Eleanor Robb, Communications and Events Coordinator, and Tony had a wonderful time

talking to each of these women about their Fahan experiences and what they have been doing recently.

It is the School's hope that it will host another Northern get together in the near future with a weekend lunch in Launceston and we hope to see many more Alumni reconnecting with one another and the School.



FUNDRAISING

Fahan School has a long tradition of giving back to the community and assisting those in need. In 2011 this tradition is being continued and Fahan has been involved in a number of fundraising initiatives, often led by our Year 12 students.

Before the school year had even commenced Miss Anna Forward and Rosie Battaglione had put together a hamper, which they raffled and all proceeds went to the Queensland Flood Appeal.

Shortly after, the whole School got involved in a Red and Black free dress day to raise money for the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal. Three senior students personally handed the cheque to the Manager of the Sandy Bay Westpac, Cameron Simpkins, as Westpac worked closely

with the Salvation Army to provide practical assistance to those in need.

Also in Term One, the staff and Year 12 students took part in Cancer Council Tasmania's *Relay For Life*. This year was the tenth consecutive year that Fahan has participated in the *Relay*.

Cancer Council Tasmania CEO, Darren Carr, said that it was wonderful to have teams of young people involved in *Relay For Life*.

"Support from young people such as the Fahan Staff and Students team from the School is fantastic," Mr Carr said.

"Not only does it enable them to show their support for those affected by cancer, but it gives Cancer Council Tasmania an opportunity to pass on preventative health messages and information about our support services."

Fundraising for our East Timorese school, Dai Soli Primary School, is also well underway and we look forward to once again assisting them to improve their school in 2011.

Each year Fahan asks its Year 12s to undertake a major fundraising initiative for a charity of their choice. This year the girls have chosen to support the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. They have already undertaken a number of fundraising activities in Term One and will continue their efforts as the year progresses.

A team of students has also embarked on an amazing journey with the World Challenge in Vietnam. They are spending four weeks in the Country where they will spend time volunteering in a facility that cares for people with disabilities, as well as spending time exploring the Country and the different culture.



BUDDY BEAR

As part of the School's relationship with The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, the Foundation asked if Fahan would become a *Better Buddies* school. This was a great privilege as, ordinarily, schools are required to apply to become part of the program.

To celebrate the amalgamation of *Better Buddies* with Fahan's own *Big Sister, Little Sister* program, the Year 12 Student Leaders, under

the direction of Elli Hopkins, Stella Weston-Smith and Isabel Bennett, held a Teddy Bears' Picnic to introduce the program's new mascot - Buddy Bear!

Buddy will stand as a symbol of caring and friendship. The youngest member of each Fahan "family", made up of students from different Year levels, received her or his very own Buddy Bear to keep.

Year 10 student, Lucy Rees, also gave Buddy

Bear a makeover by dressing the mascot in the Fahan uniform through the power of Photoshop. This is the first customised Buddy Bear in Australia.

The Pastoral Care program at the School is growing from strength to strength and with the new *Better Buddies* initiative, and the outstanding work from staff and students, Fahan will continue to be a safe and nurturing environment in which to learn.



Teaching staff 2011.



STAFF NEWS

At the end of 2010 we farewelled a number of outstanding members of staff. However, we also welcomed a group of equally outstanding staff members at the beginning of 2011.

Suzanne Smith has joined the Fahan teaching staff and oversees the French program at the School. Also, she has taken on the role of Junior School Chaplain. Caroline Johnston taught the Year 1 class throughout Term 1 in the absence of Felicity Allison, who was on Long Service Leave. We have also welcomed Liv Dobson, who teaches the Year 2 class and Bronwyn Fuller who operates the School's Japanese program and is acting as the International Student Coordinator.

As Term One finishes we have farewelled a long-standing member of staff who has contributed a great deal to the School community during her time here. Andrea Woodward is retiring as Fahan's Senior Teacher-Librarian. The entire Fahan community would like to wish Andrea the best of luck for the future. Emma Crawford will be taking over from Andrea as the Senior Library's Teacher-Librarian from Term Two.

Fahan's incredible Deputy Principal, Rosemary Sargison, has given notice of her intention to retire at the end of 2011. Rosemary has been an integral part of the Fahan community and this will be her 12th year at the School. There will be many opportunities for the community to farewell her throughout the year. The Year 12 leavers for 2011 will no doubt have something planned as they graduate Fahan with Mrs Sarg!

Emily Grant has become Mrs Emily Hogan over the Term One holidays. She and her new husband, Aaron Hogan, were married in Bali.

Aimee Woodward, Fahan's ICT Director, won an Apple iPad 2.0 and \$2000 for the School for her ICT Showcase - Success Story. The judges from Independent Schools Tasmania said,

"Of the many submissions received, Aimee has shown us what exciting activities she is doing in ICT with her Year 8 Science girls. We encourage her to keep up the great work. Her preparedness to lead by example, and embed ICT into the curriculum, is exemplary."

Aimee's work in ICT, alongside William Lelong and Dennis Ford, has meant that there have been a number of upgrades and additions to the School's ICT hardware resources. There is now a 1:1 ratio of students to computers (laptops and desktops) in Years 9 - 12 under the Government's Digital Education Revolution Program. There have also been a number of upgrades in various parts of the School:

- 16 new laptops for the English Classroom;
- 16 new laptops 1st Floor Senior School;
- 14 new laptops for the Junior School;
- 5 new laptops for the Music School;
- 18 replacement computers in the Senior Lab;
- Additional staff laptops;
- Smartboard in the TM Junior Library;
- Smartboard in the Year 7 classrooms;
- Data projector in the Junior Science Lab;
- 4 new desktops in Nateby and
- Wireless improvements to the Junior campus.

Andrea Woodward commenced in the Fahan Senior Library in 2004. At that time, Andrea had worked in over ten school libraries, at primary, secondary and college level and in the State Library Education Resource Centre.

Andrea was responsible for computerising the Senior Library catalogue, enabling the easy and efficient circulation of books we all now enjoy. During her years at Fahan, Andrea oversaw the introduction of desktop computers, laptops, e-readers and digital recording devices. Andrea has promoted information literacy and introduced web 2.0 tools such as wikis and blogs as well as e-readers.

Most recently, Andrea has begun archiving Fahan School records, many of which have been digitised, preserving precious records and making them accessible to all.

Andrea has been a passionate advocate for lifelong learning and the promotion of information literacy in schools. Andrea maintained a welcoming and comfortable library for the sharing of information and ideas.



MULAN

For students in Years 6 – 8 a major focus of Term One has been the musical production of a Disney classic, *Mulan*.

The 2011 Middle School Musical began to take shape in 2010 when the Director, Jane Hamilton-Foster, and Musical Director, Annie Tremayne, held auditions for girls in Year 6.

Based on a Chinese legend, Fa Mulan, played by Jemima Barker, is the only child, and daughter of her father, the aged warrior Fa Zhou, played by Olivia Browning. When the Huns invade China, led by the evil Shan Yu, played by Hannah Edgell, each family in the Empire has to send one male to fight in the Chinese army. Afraid for her father, and not willing to become a meek and mild bride, Mulan impersonates a man, calling herself Ping, and takes her Father's place in the army.

Mulan's family ancestors send the disgraced dragon, Mushu, played by Meg Tyler and Victoria Graves, to protect Mulan. Mushu's advice on how to act like a man initially causes trouble for Mulan in the army training camp.

However, under the leadership of Li Shang, played by Lucy Burbury, Mulan, and her fellow soldiers, become warriors.

In their first fight against the Huns it is Mulan who saves the troops by creating an avalanche that buries the Huns. However, Mulan is injured in the battle, forcing her to reveal that she is a woman. Li Shang and the army, displeased with her betrayal, leave her at the battle site and continue on to the Imperial City to tell the Emperor, played by Chloe Cottier, of the Huns' defeat. However, Mulan witnesses the surviving Huns rise from the snow and make their own way to the Imperial City. Mulan hastens after Li Shang to warn him.

When Mulan reaches the Imperial City, Li Shang refuses to listen to what she has to say and the Huns breach the Palace and lock themselves inside with the Emperor. Mulan convinces Li Shang and the soldiers to pose as women to get inside the palace where they defeat the Huns and rescue the Emperor.

Mulan returns home, having brought honour to her family name. However, Li Shang has come to see Mulan in a new light, follows her on the

pretense of returning her helmet and, in the end, is invited by her family to stay for dinner.

Staging a full-scale musical production is no mean feat and requires a lot of time and effort from across the School Community. It involves the creation of costumes, sets and props; organisation with rehearsals and the support and encouragement of everyone in the Community. The School would like to thank those parents who donated materials, who created amazing costumes and who supported the production. We would particularly like to thank Mr William Lelong who returned from his university studies to run the technical aspects of the show with Mr Lionel Cross, as well as Mrs Birgitta Browning, Mrs Janet Johnson and Mrs Lisa Bell for their work on the costumes. Also, thank you to the Parents and Friends for providing refreshments during performances.

Every student involved in the production did an incredible job and showcased the wealth of talent that the School has. Fahan's fine reputation for the Performing Arts began in the days of Miss Morphett's plays and it is wonderful to see the tradition continuing.

CLARE BROWNE SELECTED FOR THE ISS

In April, Clare Browne, Year 12, was notified that she had been selected from an extensive list of applicants from around the world to attend the biennial International Science School (ISS) in Sydney.

The Professor Harry Messel ISS is the flagship of the Science Foundation for Physics, with a 45-year history and a reputation as the best program of its kind in the world.

Around 145 students are selected to attend the ISS from several countries and continents including the USA, the UK, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, China, India and New Zealand.

It provides some of the most gifted young scientists and mathematicians the opportunity to meet scientists working in diverse areas from all over the world and to learn about exciting science including invisibility cloaks!

Clare, who is in her final year at Fahan School, achieved perfect scores in her Year 11 TCE examinations in Maths Methods, Physical Sciences and Sport Science.



She said that she feels honoured to be selected to attend the ISS out of the thousands of applicants from around the world.

Fahan's Maths, Science and ICT Coordinator, Aimee Woodward, encouraged Clare to apply for the ISS.

"Clare is an excellent student who certainly deserves this opportunity," Mrs Woodward said.

"Not only did she receive perfect scores in three of her Year 11 TCE subjects but Clare was also elected as Fahan's Sports Chair for 2011 and she balances her academic, leadership and

extracurricular responsibilities with maturity and dedication."

Clare, as an ISS Scholar, will attend lectures on topics ranging from meta-materials and invisibility cloaks to plasma thrusters for space travel, from the motion of tectonic plates to the collective behaviour of animals, from the discovery of the smallest subatomic particles to the origins of the universe itself.

This year's ISS theme is Light & Matter, which will bring together work being carried out in physics, chemistry, biology and engineering.

HONOURS ASSEMBLY

Seven 2010 graduates were invited back to Fahan in Term One to be honoured for their outstanding academic achievements during their time at the School. Each of these girls received an ATAR over 95, placing them in the top 5% of Australian students.

Caitlin Daley, Emily Wilson, Rosie Downie, Lili Davies and April Tsang were able to attend the Principal's Honours Assembly to be recognised for their outstanding achievements in their Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) studies. Jenny Jiang and Alice Gregor were unable to attend as they had already moved interstate for their university studies.

Dr Vicki Gardiner, the Head of Innovation at Hobart-based biotechnology company Marinova, also attended the Assembly to present the 2011 Marinova Science prize to an outstanding 2010 Fahan graduate who is continuing the study of science at a tertiary level. This year's recipient was Lili Davies.



L-R: April Tsang, Caitlin Daley, Rosemary Sargison, Emily Wilson, Rosie Downie, Lili Davies, Tony Freeman and Vicki Gardiner.



Pockets of Excellence recipients L-R: Grace Ellis, Courtney Meiklejohn, Vanessa Goodwin, Clare Browne and Jasminder Kaur.

POCKETS OF EXCELLENCE

Vanessa Goodwin, Shadow Attorney-General and Shadow Minister for Corrections, visited Fahan as the guest speaker at the Principal's Assembly on Tuesday 10 May where she presented Pockets of Excellence to four Year 12 students.

Vanessa took pleasure in presenting Pockets of Excellence in Academics to the top performing Year 11s from 2010: Clare Browne, Courtney Meiklejohn, Grace Ellis and Jasminder Kaur.

Congratulations to these four Year 12 students on their success last year. We hope to see some outstanding results from these girls when they finish their Tasmanian Certificate of Education studies this year.

Pockets of Excellence are awarded under strict criteria for performance in Year 11. Our current Year 11 students are already working towards their own levels of excellence and we are sure to be awarding several more Pockets in 2012.

SAILING

Four outstanding Fahan sailors performed incredibly well at the 2011 OAMPS Tasmanian Schools Regatta and Youth Championships that were held over the weekend of 9-10 April at Port Dalrymple Yacht Club, Beauty Point, on the Tamar River.

The Regatta is a mixed dinghy class event with competitors' individual scores accumulating to a three boat school team and Fahan's representatives, Samantha Bailey, Hannah Chadwick, Ella Connor and Maddy Salter, all came away with good results in their respective classes.

Samantha and Hannah, International Cadet sailors, dominated the individual results, winning three of the six races, with a second and sixth place giving them a net score of six points, sailing *Impulse*.

Ella and Maddy, in a Laser 4.7, also formed a strong team to represent their school.

The conditions on the Tamar were ideal. The girls enjoyed two sunny days and winds of 7-15 knots, which gave the competitors some perfect racing conditions.

Samantha and Hannah, who have been selected as part of the Australian team to attend the International Cadet World championships in Germany in July this year, used the opportunity for training and sailing in



L-R: Hannah Chadwick, Maddy Salter, Ella Connor and Sam Bailey at the 2011 OAMPS Tasmanian Schools Regatta.

different waters and conditions.

The girls wanted to aim to do better than the larger dinghies that, on yardstick, would beat them.

The six-race regatta had 53 boats entered from both the north and south of the State, with 12 school teams competing.

The fact that many of the sailors had several more years experience than our four Fahan girls is testament to the girls' talent.

Yardstick results were gained for each race. Samantha and Hannah had four out of six heat wins and the Fahan girls' team achieved the following results for the School:

- Highest ranked overall – Samantha and Hannah

- Highest ranked individual – girls – Samantha and Hannah
- Highest ranked girls school team (3 boat team) – Samantha, Hannah, Ella and Maddy
- Highest ranked International Cadet – Samantha and Hannah
- 4th overall team, behind The Friends' School 1st, The Hutchins School 2nd, Launceston Church Grammar School 3rd
- Ella Connor - 16th overall
- Maddy Salter - 22nd overall

These results, from a small, independent girls' school are inspiring and go to show the wealth of talent amongst Fahan students.

SURFING WINNERS

In the week before Easter, Fahan put together a team of surfers to compete in the School Surfing Championships at Clifton Beach.

The team performed very well. Brooke Mason, Year 11, won the College Championship and has now been selected in the State team. Sofie Pridgeon, Year 11, and Sarah Grace, Year 8, won their respective divisions as well. Ellie Martin, Year 9, placed second and Renee Little, Year 10 placed third.

These incredible results meant that the Fahan team won the Girls' College Team Trophy.

Congratulations to all the girls and best of luck to Brooke in the Nationals.



Brooke Mason and Kathy Foster at the surfing competition.



Sofie Pridgeon and Heidi White - State Hockey Reps

STATE HOCKEY

During Term One, Sofie Pridgeon, Year 11, and Heidi White, Year 12, were selected to represent Tasmania in the State Under 18 National Hockey Championships.

The girls both travelled to Brisbane, Queensland to compete from 12 - 23 April.

Both Sofie and Heidi are no strangers to top level hockey. However, they both benefited from, and enjoyed, the 2011 Under 18 competition immensely.

While winning matches in the Semi Finals, Tasmania was defeated in the Playoffs round. However, everyone on the team represented the State in a sportsman-like manner. Congratulations to Sofie and Heidi for being a part of it.

HOUSE MUSIC

The 2011 House Music competition was held on Monday 23 May and was a huge success, with Freycinet winning the choral performance and Fenton the ensemble.

Fahan's guest adjudicator, Christopher Richardson, a Hutchins old boy and also one of Australia's pre-eminent, rising bass baritones, had the difficult task of selecting the winner from the outstanding performances.

The three House Chairs: Connor Charles, Franklin; Courtney Meiklejohn, Fenton and Grace Richardson, Freycinet, led their respective houses spectacularly.

This year, each House was required to perform

a song from a musical as a whole House choir and also an ensemble piece of their choosing – no mean feat.

Franklin House opened the competition and invited the audience to "Come feed the birds" as they performed a *Mary Poppins* medley. Freycinet House gave an innovative rendition of Arthur Freed's *Singin' in the Rain*, which earned them first place in the competition. Fenton House performed a beautiful version of *He Lives in Me* from the musical production of *The Lion King* and also welcomed a very special guest to help them perform – Simba (aka Mollie Campbell)!

After the choral pieces the three Houses each performed an ensemble song.

Led by Connor, the Franklin ensemble performed a very unique version of Outkast's *Hey Ya*. The Freycinet ensemble was up next and Grace and her group performed a poignant version of John Lennon's *Imagine*. Last, but not least, the Fenton ensemble, led by Courtney, performed an outstanding version of *Mr Brightside* by The Killers, which earned them the trophy for best ensemble piece.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday 22 February, girls in Years 7 to 12 braved the weather and travelled to the Glenorchy Pool for the annual House Swimming Carnival where Franklin House won the day.

While Freycinet and Fenton fought strongly, Franklin, under the direction of 2011 House Chair, Connor Charles, proved too strong.

There were a number of impressive individual performances from girls in every age group, with four of the five age group championships decided by a single point.

Olivia Browning from Year 7 won the Under 13

age group and the Junior Trophy.

Jade Studley from Year 8 had a fantastic day at her first Fahan Swimming Carnival, winning the Under 14 age group and the Intermediate Trophy for Under 14 and 15 swimmers.

Ellie Martin won the Under 15 age group from Year 9 and Lizzie Glass from Year 11 spent the day fighting off some tough competition to win the Under 16 medal.

Franklin Captain, Connor Charles, led her House from the front, swimming to victory in the Open age group and winning the Senior Trophy.

The high level of participation from girls in

all years was sensational and it meant that some of the day's events had to be cut short because there was not enough time left.

The support for the School Houses was also inspirational with girls donning their House's war paint (zinc cream) and cheering on their teammates in every race.

Each girl should be proud of her efforts on the day and congratulated for braving the Tasmanian "summer."

Thank you to Year 12 Sports Chair, Clare Browne, Sports Coordinator, Kathy Foster and to all of the staff and parents who assisted.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On May 17, the Senior Cross Country Carnival took place at Sandown.

There were many stand out performances from girls in all age groups. One in particular was from Tessa Johns, Freycinet, who ran the fastest race of the day and took out the Under 14 event with an impressive time of 10.20 minutes.

Freycinet continued to go from strength to strength throughout the day with Sophie Bale winning the Under 15 division and Brooke Mason the Open event, while Jess Bale, also from Freycinet, finished second in the Open.

The House Chairs, Grace Richardson (Freycinet), Connor Charles (Franklin), Courtney Meiklejohn (Fenton) and Sports Chair, Clare Browne, did an outstanding job ensuring that the day

ran smoothly. Kathy Foster and the staff who assisted were also invaluable assets and ensured that the 2011 Carnival was another exceptional Fahan event.

The Junior School's Cross Country Carnival was also a wonderful event that showcased the outstanding runners who are improving every year and will be big House points earners when they reach the Senior School.



Fiona with Teddy the Tasmania PR dog.

FEATURED ALUMNI: FIONA LIEUTER (BAYLY-STARK '83)

Fiona graduated from Fahan in 1983 and has fond memories of the camaraderie between staff and students and of her School House, Franklin, winning everything!

"I think I tried just about everything on offer when I was at Fahan, including singing in the choir, sailing, tennis and orienteering," Fiona said.

"I received bars for Lifesaving and Badminton and my favourite sport was hockey and whilst I wasn't very good at it I trained hard and learnt to be tenacious and to never give up."

Fiona joined Tasmania Police in 1985 and spent 44 weeks training at the Police Academy at Rokeby.

"Policing is something I always wanted to do – it was also something my family didn't want me to do. When I started my career there were very few women in Tasmania Police and I believed (and still do) strongly in fairness and justice and I thought I could make a difference by protecting people."

After graduating from the Academy, she was

stationed in Hobart where she learnt the basics of policing.

Fiona joined the Search and Rescue Squad soon after, which she describes as "both physically and mentally challenging" and then became a member of the CIB in 1986.

Fiona spent the next six years as a Detective in Hobart, Glenorchy and in the Drug Squad before going on sabbatical to have her two children, Ben and Zach.

After some time spent in George Town and Burnie, Fiona successfully completed promotional courses and exams and, in 1997, she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and worked at Bellerive Uniform, Internal Investigations and Business Projects Services.

In 2002 Fiona was again promoted, this time to the rank of Inspector and transferred to St Helens as the Officer in Charge of the St Helens Police Division, which covered 460sq kilometres and had a large marine component.

Returning to Hobart in 2005, Fiona has worked as the Divisional Inspector at Glenorchy, State

Intelligence Services and now State Community Policing Services.

When asked to describe what a typical day at work is like, Fiona said that every single day is different.

"For example, in May I spent part of the week coordinating the Working for a Safer Tasmania display at Agfest, then representing Tasmania Police at the Buddha's holy birthday celebrations and travelling to Ulverstone to attend a Regional Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

Now that she has achieved her professional dream of becoming an Inspector, Fiona has advice for future Fahan graduates:

"The benefits of a Fahan education are many and varied.

"The Fahan experience taught me that I could achieve most things that I set my mind to.

"Follow your passion and if you find there are walls put in your way, knock them down or climb over them and keep going."

BIRTHS

Cheree Harcourt (Staff) - son, Lachlan
 Angela (Hallett '88) and Christopher
 Chesterman - son Hugo, brother for Ruby and
 Alexander

Emily (Fitzgerald '97) and Stuart Hill - son,
 Hugo

Nicole (Headlam '89) and James Darcey -
 daughter, Matilda

Eliza (Taylor '97) and Robbie Tole - daughter
 Georgie

Sophie (Francis '89) and Greg Fieldwick -
 daughter Kate

ENGAGEMENTS

Fleur Lewis ('98) and Anthony Weston

Sophie Edwards ('95) and Cameron Baxter

MARRIAGES

Alice Bennett ('95) and Tom Gray

Anita Zucco ('02) and Mauro La Forgia

Maggie Westbrook ('01) and Trent Strickland

Lucy Bennett ('94) and Joel Funnell

Emily Grant (staff) and Aaron Hogan



*Featured bride above: Lucy Bennett and her
 husband, Joel Funnell.*

DEATHS

Patricia (Townley '55) Meares

Audrey (Adams '43) Officer

Denise (Sargison '47) Ikin

Beth (Burrows '70) Salter

DR AUDREY (CLAUDE) OFFICER 30/7/1926-28/1/2011

Claude started her schooling at Fahan after
 returning from a 6-month trip to England to
 meet her maternal family, shortly after the
 foundation of Fahan.

This began her lifelong love of Fahan, her
 school friends and her yearning for learning.
 She always said how lucky she was to have had
 the teachers she had - "Miss Travers and Miss
 Morphett handpicked them".

Like many of Claude's friends she maintained
 a friendship with their English teacher, Mavis
 Fagan (nee Smith), until Mavis' death, not long
 before Claude's.

Claude had a long association with Fahan,
 being a member of the School Board for
 a number of years as well as the Old Girls
 Association and later the Seniors (Nateby Club).

In addition to being gifted academically and
 conscientious, she became a prefect in her final
 year. She loved hockey, tennis and swimming.



Whether by nature, nurture or schooling she
 always had a cheerful and kind disposition.

After leaving school Claude became a doctor
 and practised medicine until her retirement.
 The majority of her career was spent in the
 School Medical Service as she loved working
 with children.

She is survived by her younger sister, a son and
 three daughters (who also went to Fahan), 15
 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 21 June
 Term 2 begins

Monday 4 July
 Travers Morphett Lecture

Friday 8 July
 Nateby Club Lunch

Friday 2 September
 Term 2 ends

Monday 19 September
 Term 3 begins

Friday 7 - Sunday 9 October
 Fahan reunions for leavers of: 2010,
 2006, 2001, 1991, 1981, 1971, 1961,
 1951-55, 1941-45

Friday 11 November
 Nateby Club Lunch

Tuesday 13 December
 Term 3 ends

Monday 12 December
 Speech Night

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