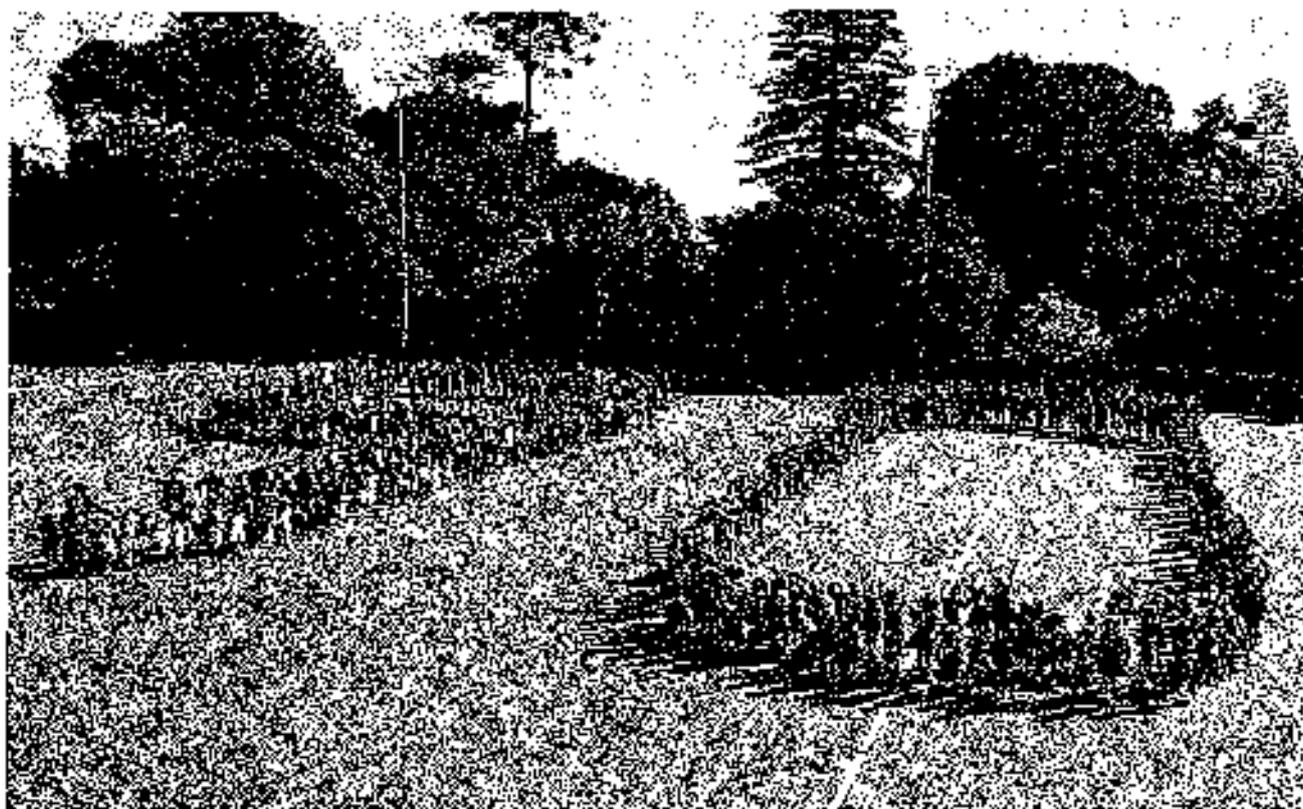




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## *Dates to diarise*

### **Cocktail Party**

The annual OHA Cocktail Party will be held on Thursday 14 February 2013 at 18h00 in the Archives / Herschel Museum. Entrance is R30. Acceptances only before Friday 8 February 2013 to Tania Johnstone on [tjohnstone@herschel.org.za](mailto:tjohnstone@herschel.org.za) or [oha@herschel.org.za](mailto:oha@herschel.org.za)

### **Founder's Day**

This will be celebrated on Friday 15 February 2013. Old Herschelians are invited to attend the church service and/or lunch. Please notify the OHA by Friday 8 February 2013 if you are coming to either or both events on [tjohnstone@herschel.org.za](mailto:tjohnstone@herschel.org.za) or [oha@herschel.org.za](mailto:oha@herschel.org.za)

**11h00** Service at St Saviour's Church

**12h45** Lunch in The Mary Lager Hall, preceded by the AGM of the OHA in the school dining room. A tour of the school follows the lunch for all reunion groups.

*A shuttle service in the school bus will be run from the fountain in front of the school to St Saviour's and back after the service for Old Herschelians needing assistance.*

### **Winter Dinner**

The Winter Dinner 2013 will be held in June or July 2013. An invitation will sent via e-mail.

### **Old Herschelian Mother's Spring Breakfast**

This annual event is held in September. Invitations will be sent via e-mail. If you are an Old Herschelian with a daughter currently attending the school, please make sure that we have your details on record.



## *Letter from the Head*



Dear Old Herschelians

I can scarcely believe that my time at Herschel is coming to an end, as is my teaching career.

These last five years have been remarkable and undoubtedly the highlight of my teaching career. I have worked with the most outstanding group of teachers. I often say to the girls: "Imagine if every school had teachers like Herschel." It has been a privilege to work with such competent, professional and dedicated colleagues.

I have so enjoyed getting to know every single girl and I do feel a special connection with each one. They are a lovely group of young women and I am going to miss them enormously.

But now that I am officially an "Old Herschelian" I hope not to lose contact permanently.

The Old Herschelian organisation has, through Tanja's dedication, grown so nicely and the first dinner in July this year showed the interest that the Old Herschelians have in the organization. It was a superb evening. Nicky Newton-King was an outstanding guest speaker and has no doubt launched the Old Herschelian dinner to become an annual tradition.

Herschel is such an important part of your lives and you spent so much time here, often with the same girls, from Little Lambs to Matric. You have memories and friendships which should not lapse and I urge you to support all the efforts of the Old Herschelian Association to bring you together with your school friends.

Herschel is a world-class school, producing world class women, and I am very proud to say, "I went to Herschel".

Herschel girls, in my experience, all have a very well-developed social conscience and do make a difference.

I hope you have a very happy and relaxing festive season. Christmas is a time for remembering how fortunate we are and then trying to do something for those who are less fortunate.

Margaret and I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a new year filled with happiness and love.

Fondest regards

**BRUCE PROBYN  
HEAD**

## *Report from the Chairman of the OHA*

This has been a most exciting year for Herschel being her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! There have been endless celebrations, the most spectacular of which, in my eyes, was the *Eat, Dream, Dance* evening celebration which I was lucky enough to attend.

It really was a spectacular occasion in true Herschel tradition. Lots of Old Girls, all the pupils plus parents, the Zip Zap circus, amazing cats and wonderful performances by both present and past pupils. I went with my daughter, an Old Herschelian too, and dreamt of one day watching my granddaughter! Really very emotional and exhilarating!



We enjoyed an amazing 30<sup>th</sup> Founders day, after the usual inspiring service, led by Bob Cummin, who as usual made the Old Girls feel very special, we had a packed AGM and superb, well-supported lunch. We had quite a few reunions - they seem to be on the increase which is very reassuring. These days a speaker from each one describes how it was at Herschel in their day. It was most entertaining to hear how different and yet how similar Herschel has always been through the years.

Then there has been the challenge of choosing someone to succeed Bruce Probyn, who retires at the end of this year. He has really achieved so much in his time at Herschel and we are all so sad to see him move on. Luckily he will become an honorary Old Herschelian, so am sure he will still stay very involved in a different way.

I think you will all agree that having our own O.H. office on campus is working really well and I feel Tanja Johnstone is doing a marvellous job. Please send all your news of yourself and people from your year to her every year so the newsletter represents you all.

Another event which involves all Old Herschelians who have daughters at the school is the Mothers Breakfast in September, to which the Committee are also invited. It is a really special event and I encourage all of you with daughters or granddaughters at the school to attend. I really enjoyed it.

Finally please remember that while the daughters of Old Herschelians do get a slight preference on the waiting list, you really need to enrol them as soon as possible. The small non-returnable deposit saves disappointment later!

Finally we welcome 92 new members to the OHA as the matrics of 2012 finally become Old Herschelians and leave room for more girls to fill their shoes. Every year I am amazed at the camaraderie and confidence of the Matrics, and later their incredible results.

**It is great to be an Old Herschelian!**



*The annual OHA Cocktail Party*



## Founder's Day



Founder's Day 2022 was a particularly special day as we celebrated Herschel's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Di van Zyl (the previous Headmistress) was the Guest of Honour and it was lovely to have her back at Herschel. The beautiful service in St Saviours was led by Chaplain Commin who always manages to portray the essence of Herschel and the significance of its history so well.

Old Herschellians and the girls gathered for the arch and the singing of the school song. Thereafter, many attended the OHA AGM, followed by a superb lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall. The lunch, as usual, was a happy occasion, with much reminiscing and laughter. The reunions were well attended and a great time was had by all. *Ad Dei Gloriam*



Old Herschellians gather for the school song



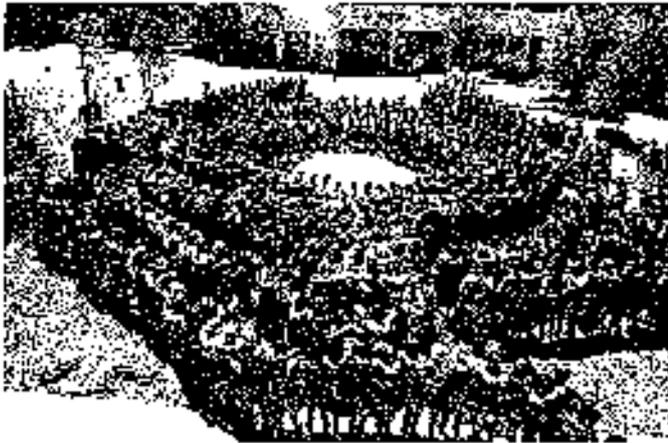
Steve addresses the Old Gl-Is at lunch



Beautiful paper birds decorate the trees on the lawn



# The school song



We are assembled here in love,  
we are united,  
we care for one another.  
The greatest lesson of all is the one  
that teaches us to live together, together.

*Everyone's a spark and in the night  
a fire burning bright.  
Ad Dei gloriam  
Inkosi mayibongwe  
to the glory of our God  
this is what we believe.*

In times of trouble we support  
our fellows, we are taught  
to be there for our friends.  
And all around us, there will be  
that special unity,  
that binds us all together.

*Everyone's a spark and in the night  
a fire burning bright.  
Ad Dei gloriam  
Inkosi mayibongwe  
to the glory of our God  
this is what we believe.*



If we come back after many years,  
we think fondly  
of the things that we remember,  
and the friends that we made then,  
these will be friends forever, forever.

*Everyone's a spark and in the night  
a fire burning bright.  
Ad Dei gloriam  
Inkosi mayibongwe  
to the glory of our God  
this is what we believe.*

*Written by Thandi Crisp (née Siabert, 1964)*

*Lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall*



# Reunion News

## Class of 1952

My husband, David, and I spent a most enjoyable day at Herschel just before Founder's Day. We thank Bruce Probyn for showing us with pride the modern, wonderful and great school that Herschel is today. It was a privilege and great pleasure to meet him.

It was wonderful too for David to 'drop in' on Ms Denise Raws, his old friend from Weikorn High Days long ago; and see the lovely Library. He wonders if the set of ENGLISH ALIVE annual anthologies of South African Schools' Poetry and Prose which he gave to the school in 1987 is still doing its intended job of encouraging those at school to excel at these useful arts. From all we saw, we are sure it is!

Please record huge apologies from the many errant and absent (and departed members) of The Class of 1952 for non-attendance at the festivities for the 90th Birthday Celebration of the Founding of our School. You can be mightily assured of our attendance *in spirit* : AD DEI GLORIAM.

**Viv Hodgson (née Day)** was the only member of our Class of 1952 able to attend the Founder's Day service and lunch -SIXTY YEARS ON. She assures me it was an unforgettable experience.

"Happy Birthday & Many More..... Here's a Toast to ALL"

*Report by Norma Marcell (née Bettison)*

## Class of 1962

50 year reunion



What an amazing occasion it was to meet up with our class after 50 years - some of whom had disappeared off the map and with all sorts of help we managed to find most of them. Sadly there were some we couldn't trace.

We first met up at the Cocktail Party, and even if at first we were a little vague about whom everyone was, it soon became clear amidst huge excitement. We all enjoyed seeing the wonderful photo collections and archival material and much hilarity ensued as we tried to figure out who was who. What a lovely evening, and, for those who have had no contact with the School since they left, there was true amazement that Herschel now had a Headmaster.

On Founder's Day, we felt very special with reserved seats at St. Saviour's. The Service was wonderful, and there weren't many dry eyes when we walked up to place our roses in the Cross, each with our own special thought or memory. Anne Cowley (now Schonborn) read the Lesson on our behalf.



Then off to Lunch at the School with our table on the stage!!! Sue Hacking spoke for all of us with some of her special memories of her time at Herschel, the funny, the sad and the difficult, but above all the feeling of connection that we feel with the School and our class and the ways in which that shaped us.

After a most delicious lunch we were given a tour of the School by two very long suffering and charming young ladies - so much so totally unrecognizable from fifty years ago, particularly for those of us who spent many years in the Boarding House. We all left feeling that the girls who now attend Herschel are incredibly privileged to have such world class facilities.

On Saturday we spent the morning at Kirstenbosch on a guided tour by Andrew Jacobs who captivated everyone with his knowledge and sense of humour, so much so that we arrived two hours late for our booked "brunch" which became a very long lunch.

On Saturday evening was a truly memorable dinner at Silwood which Alicia Ffull (now Wilkinson) and her daughter, Carlente (now Wilson, 1985), had organized for us in the beautiful surroundings of the famous Kitchen. We were given the most wonderful dinner, each course a true masterpiece and waited on hand and foot by some of the students. We also remembered those of our number who are no longer with us - Judy Graham, Pippa Thal (Watson), Barbie van Kalker (Rogé), Ann Bolton (Mac) and Grace Reid (Maritz). We talked and laughed and shared memories, and could have continued for weeks, but sadly we had to say "good bye".



For those who were not entirely done talking and reminiscing, we met on Muizenberg beach on Sunday morning for a walk, swim and later, lunch at the Octopus Tea Garden. We had planned a canoe trip from Simonstown, but rather thought better of it, not wanting to send anyone home missing a few limbs due to a Great White.

Then it really was "good bye" and home with memories of a truly wonderful week-end - of friendships renewed and new ones made.

We had so many who came from far and wide - Sue Hacking from Vancouver, Jojo Foote (now Penny) from California, Dorte Brink (now Eisen) from Denmark - (we had only managed to find Dorte three weeks before the event), Loma Pickering (now van Allen) from London, Claire Fauville (now Amm) from Ladybrand, Anne Cowley (Schonborn) from KZN, Di Ovenstone (now Delfmont) from Plett, Marion Vertue (now Talk) from Greyton, and Tisha Anderson (now Flemmer).

Our wonderful band of locals - Alicia Faulk (now Wilkinson), Ann-Gail Greenwood (now Watson), Corinne Dicey (now Symons), Georgina Clark (now Crawford), Heather Walker (now Hulsamen), Jenny Pare (now Wolf), Pat Jeffrey (now Evans), Penny Raath (now Taylor), Delia Lloyd (now Scott) and Denise White (now Bonner).

A huge Thank You to Herschel for welcoming us back so warmly, to Alicia for letting us invade Siivwood Kitchen for the evening and giving us a superlative dinner, to Denise for taking gorgeous photos, to Corinne for all the help and encouragement and to all the class of 1962 for making the week-end so happy and memorable.

The following is from **Claire Fauville (now Amm)** :-

A new set of memories flooding over ours.  
The beautiful Chapel, we added all the flowers.  
The fountain and the cranes, school never was like this.  
Being a girl again, is what I miss.

Catching up on lives lived another 50 years  
Sharing all the laughter, wiping a few tears.  
Grown up ladies so different yet the same.  
What fun we had together, really so glad I came!!!!

*Report by Mandy Noukes (now Van Dugteren)*

## *Class of 1972*

### 40 year Reunion

The idea of finally getting a reunion to happen after 40 years was initially mooted early in 2011 when a few classmates met up. **Dita Newman** was the one to actually start the ball rolling in Cape Town, and she recruited a few other locals such as **Jocelyn Miller** (née Taylor) and myself, **Marion Charleston** (née Makepeace), to help make it happen. It was decided to also include those who had been part of the class for extended periods, but had not actually matriculated with the group for various reasons, so the list of people to include started at 34.

Despite the fact that ours had never been a very close-knit class, the Internet and Facebook made hunting people down comparatively easy, and in the end there were only 6 we could not trace or get a response from (**Amanda Webb**; **Sue Abrahamse**; **Vivian Carter**; **Janeen Tompsett**; **Domenique Blackaett**; **Nanita Leng**). Of those we did manage to contact, only 6 could not make it due to distance or other commitments: **Cate Oxtoby**; **Fiona MacSymon** (now Henderson); **Janet Pettigrew** (now Hall); **Pam Johnson** (now Loteryman); **Pippa Gough**; **Rosemary Smuts-Muller** (now Sinton), and they were sadly missed. However, they were able to stay in contact via our Facebook group, and so were able to follow the events vicariously via the internet and catch up with old classmates via the specially-created web page, which was kept available for 3 months after the event.

The reunion officially began at 4pm on the afternoon of Friday 16 March with tea and a tour of the school. We met at the old Headmistress's House, reconnected with our classmates, quite a few of whom had travelled from as far away as Australia, the US and the UK to be part of our first ever reunion. Overall, 22 people participated in the reunion weekend, which is 3/4 of the original list and 3/4 of those we managed to contact and get updates from.

After tea and the official welcome, some of the current senior girls took groups of us on a tour of the school as it is today. There were many "do you remember's", but also a lot of interest in the new facilities that have been added since our day - we were suitably impressed. Thereafter we all went up to Lynn Chamberlain's home close to the school for a delicious vegetarian supper and a catch-up with each other that went on late into the night.

On the Saturday evening, we met up again for a braai at Joss Miller's home, and those who could, brought their partners along as well. This was another success, and the evening extended on well into the early hours. On the Sunday, there was a final picnic get-together at Louisa's mother's beautiful Simonstown house before we all parted company, the richer for the experience.

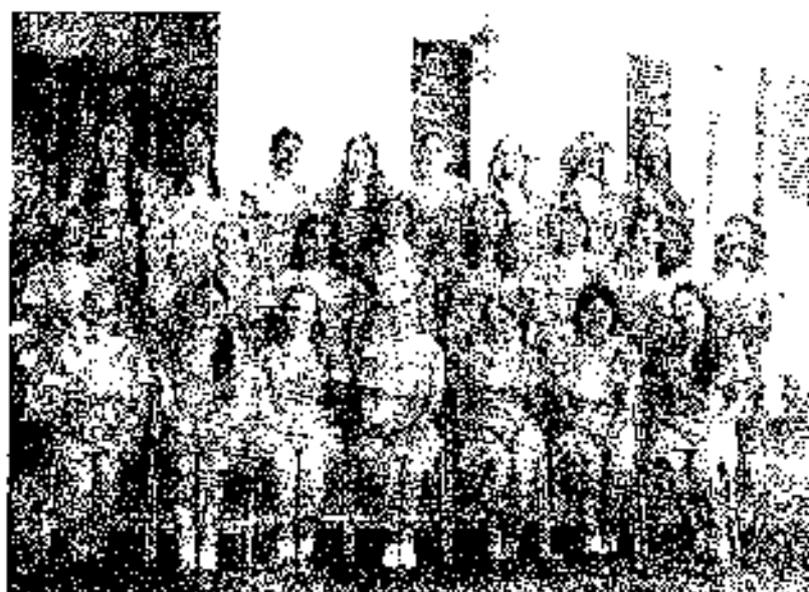
Various people contributed to making the event a success – Dita Newman was the main co-ordinator, Marion Charleston handled the internet aspect, Joss Miller organised the timing and then several people helped to organise specific events: Shan Biesman-Simons (née Adams) arranged for the school tour on the Friday afternoon, and Lynn, Joss and Louisa provided venues for the various events. Marion also created a webpage with an update sheet for each classmate we managed to contact, and everyone contributed their details, so we were all able to catch up on each other's history, even if everyone could not make it to the actual event.



**FRONT Row:** Dè Nosworthy; Hilary Brown (Salmon); Joss Austee (Franklin); Gail de Beer (Macfarlane); Sue Fenberthy (Pike); Karin Resnekov (Gimes);

**MIDDLE Row:** Barbara Pazy (Gautschi); Lisa Steinhuefner (Dunlap); Ruby Wrentmors (Chilcott); Lynn Delahunt (Chamberlain); Ting Wieseemann (Kressnokułski); Daphne Susman (Womersley); Virginia Sleigh (Urbanak); Shan Adams (Biesman-Simons)

**BACK Row:** Louisa Brown; Hannah Miller (Kings); Marion Makepeace (Charleston); Jocelyn Taylor (Miller); Dita Newman; Eulalie Roth (Austin)



It was agreed by all that reunion was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect and catch up, and the weekend was a lot of fun. As who were there decided that 40 years is far too long to wait to do it again, and so we are hoping to get together in a few years time. But at least we now have a way of staying in contact, so organising the next one will be much easier!

*Report by Marlon Charleston (née Mokepeace)*

## *Class of 1975*

### Reunion in Bali

School friends: Lovell Brook (née Anstee), Suzette Pelt (née Anderson) and Karen Piatte (née Wessels) from the Class of 1975 met in Bali in May this year for a mini reunion. Along with their respective husbands Graham, Adrian and Gary, they were also joined by Laurence Perrin (Sydney, Australia) Husband of their good friend and OH Christine Perrin (née Moni) who sadly passed away in 2010. Bali is renowned for beaches, cultural experiences and deep spirituality, delicious food, massage treatments – all of which were enjoyed along with taking home lessons learned from an excellent cooking school in Ubud, the artist's village in the highlands, set amongst rice fields, gorges and temples.



Left –Right: Lovell (Anstee) Brook (Perth, Australia), Suzette (Anderson) Pelt (Queensland, Australia),  
Karen (Wessels) Piatte (Stellenbosch) in Bali

*Report by Suzette Pelt (née Anderson)*

# Class of 1982

## 30 year Reunion

We had a great turnout with about 25 of us getting together over the Founder's Day weekend. Around 5 girls also attended the school cocktail party, the Founder's Day service at St Saviour's and lunch held in the school dining room on the Friday.



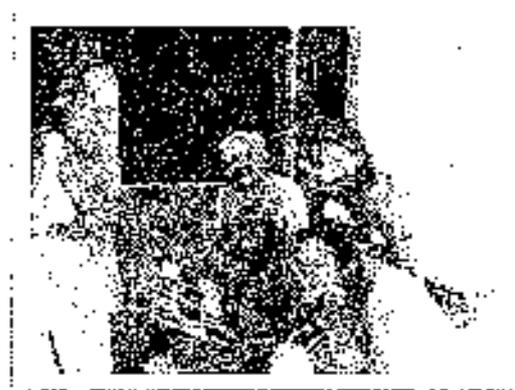
Jahlu Els (née Steven) very kindly hosted a lunch for us all on the Saturday at her beautiful Constantia home. It was a gorgeous, sunny summer's day and we sat outside, next to the pool, taking in the view of the mountain.

Natasha de Lange (née Theophilou) came out from Holland especially for the event, as did Lynn Matthews (née Stamper) from Perth, Australia and Kathy Moir (née Dicey) from Kenya. This was the first time most of us had seen Natasha in 30 years. It is incredible how everyone still looks the same despite the fact that we have had busy lives, focussing on careers and raising children. What is frightening is the number of girls who have children who are well into their 20's!



We had a wonderful time reminiscing about our school days, the teachers and finding out about girls who were not at the reunion. Shona Andreas (née Commins) brought along her old photo album and we all laughed at how we looked when we were at school – the prep school photos were particularly amusing.

When we have the next reunion it would be wonderful to get some more of the overseas girls attending so we can catch up on their lives too. We are definitely looking forward to seeing one another again in 2017.



*Report by Bebado Pardiadi (née Morris)*

## *Class of 1987*

### 25 year Reunion



Our 25th Reunion was particularly special this year, as it coincided with Herschel's 90th Birthday! The fun started on Thursday evening at the OHA cocktail party and carried on for the next two days.

The Founder's Day Service at St Saviours was absolutely beautiful - the choir were amazing, the Cross of roses was so special and it made me very proud to be part of the Herschel Family.

We Even had a delicious lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall served by such sweet waitresses. It was super to reminisce with Mrs Duff and Mrs Heames about our school days. It was great fun hearing the Old Girls speak from the other Reunions - laughter filled the Hall as many stories and happy memories were shared. Just a few anecdotes from our classmates were : Pres School panty inspections; the long drag at School in the Wiliós; sitting under the flex mulling our chocolate digestive biscuits and talking about Bishops Socials; and listening to Mr Clarke tell his World War stories and a double typing lesson would have passed without us even taking the covers off our typewriters!



As I said at the lunch, my Gran, who was a burder at Wynberg Girls High School and played cricket and swam against Herschel, can remember Herschel when it was only 4 years old and she said that it was "sometimes hard for Herschel to muster a team as they were such a new school..." It made me reflect on the fact that we were now celebrating Herschel's 90th Birthday - what a very special occasion!

The School is looking super and the gardens beautiful. It is wonderful that several of our classmates now have daughters in the Prep School.



On Saturday, 20 of us met for lunch at The River Café, Constantia Uitsig. It was a very happy time with lots of reminiscing, laughing and catching up on each other's lives. We looked at old class photos from Pre Prep, (we were the first Pre Prep Class at Herschel in 1975), Sub A and Sub B.



Lucy Burns (now Bailey), Thank you for all your hard work in organising such a fantastic Reunion. We really do appreciate your time and effort and are very grateful to you.



It was wonderful spending time with old friends. It was such a fun and memorable time and the perfect way to mark our 25th year Reunion. Girls, we missed those of you who could not make it - hopefully, most of our class will make our 30th Reunion! On behalf of the Matrics of '87, I would like to wish Herschel a very Happy 90th Birthday!



*Report by Christie Thornton (née Peters)*

## *Class of 1992*

### 20 year reunion

Well, none of us could quite believe it was 20 years since leaving the memorable corridors of Herschel Senior School, but we moved past the denial and started planning a multi-event bash for the weekend of Founder's day. Thankfully with modern technology and networking sites we managed to contact most of our class of 53 matriculants, and in fact had 77 names on our list as we included girls who had also left prior to matric (sorry, grade 12).

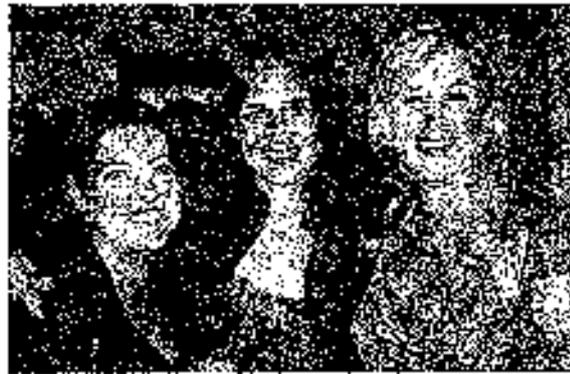


The reunion started with attendance at the Cocktail evening for Old Herschellians, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. A couple of days before the event we were anticipating 6 attendees from the year of 1992, but as Facebook messages and emails went flying over the airways and the excitement grew, lo and behold, we had 16 familiar faces to greet and reunite with. Talk was of what had intervened in everyone's lives over the last 20 years, and of the weekend ahead.

Friday 17 February was Founder's day. We were warmly welcomed to the beautiful St Saviour's church, and each alumnus was given a fresh rose stem. This we later placed in the cross at the front of the church during the service. Our Class of 1992 took up 4 pews, and we had a giggle at being compared to a fine wine by the minister! The music was glorious, the atmosphere engaging and the uniform still the same!



The service was followed by the Herschell girls proudly and enthusiastically singing their very special school song and welcoming the new girls arm in arm. Many of us had not yet heard this heart warming song written by Thandi Siebert. A delicious lunch awaited us in the Mary Jagger Hall, and 20 of us gathered for more chattering. I am not sure how Bruce Probyn managed to quieten down a hall full of girls (albeit more mature women than a gaggle of school girls) who were busy catching up news over glasses of crisp wine. Thanks go to the Perfect waitresses, kitchen staff and Tania Johnstone for organising such a wonderful luncheon. Our Head Girl, Barbara Vincent spoke on our behalf. A few girls were given a tour of the school, which has changed significantly since our days spent there. The pool is filled in, with a new one on the other side of the school, The Field is a splendid sporting facility, and we were all envious of the cosy matric common room. However, we all came away feeling that Herschell still has the same ingredients that make it the special educational home we remember.



The evening of the 17 February, 32 Members of the Class of 1992 gathered for dinner at the spectacular Jonkerhuis Restaurant in Groot Constantia organised by Tamlyn Prevost (neé McKeag). The tables had been beautifully decorated with flowers arranged by Nika Stefano (neé Danford) and symbolic Herschel blue ribbons placed round the serviettes by Phillipa Newell (neé Gwynne-Evans). We were all welcomed with a glass of champagne and the noise level escalated as everyone caught up on the latest news and events in each other's lives. There was great excitement as the ladies caught up on careers, motherhood, marriages and other significant events. Girls had travelled from as far as the United Kingdom, Australia, USA, Gauteng and Kwazulu Natal to join the event. A delicious three course meal was served and the Champagne and Wine donated by Jenny Ratcliffe-Wright (neé Ratcliffe) and Nika Stefano (neé Danford) were much appreciated with some of the class celebrating late into the night.



On the Saturday, the Class of 1992 gathered again, this time with partners and children in tow at Warwick Farm for a fabulous picnic lunch arranged by Gina Stewart (neé Malherbe). Picnic blankets were spread on the grass, more wine was sipped as children played on the jungle gyms and ran riot on the grass. It was wonderful to meet the amazing men that our Class mates had selected as life partners and to see all the little ones in action. Great fun was had by the children who had decided to swim in the fountain and got soaking wet. The little ones happily shared sippy cups, toys and blankets as they enjoyed the sunshine. A wonderful day was had by all.



And finally, after the event in order to share news with those who could not make the celebrations – **Phillipa Newell (neé Gwynn-Evans)** collated a fabulous newsletter containing tidbits from everyone's lives in the last 20 years which was circulated on both Facebook and e-mail for all to see. And **Cardice Noakes** compiled a fabulous DVD with music, photos, newsclips and other memorabilia of the year 1992 for all to enjoy – this was also uploaded to the Class of 92 Facebook Group with many excited comments posted by all.

A big thanks goes to **Tamlyn Prevost (neé McKeag)**, **Gina Stewart (neé Malherbe)**, **Phillipa Newell (neé Gwynne Evans)**, **Nika Stefano (neé Danford)**, **Janny Ratcliffe-Wright (neé Ratcliffe)** for all their hard work in making this weekend happen. Also, a big thanks to those who travelled great distances to join the celebration.

*Report by Chantelle Wilson (neé McGahey) and Tammy Prevost (neé McKeag)*

## *Class of 2002*

### 10 year reunion

The 10 year Reunion of 2002 began as a fledgling idea last year November, but by January 2012 had gathered some momentum. As many of the 'Old Girls' live abroad, it was quite difficult to get everyone together, but despite this, the cocktail party experienced record attendance, never before seen in a 10 year reunion.



Over 35 girls attended the cocktail party held in Mrs van Zyl's old house (now the Herschel Museum) and another 10 girls attended the Founder's Day lunch where Anna Haw gave her speech as a representative of the year. In her speech at the Founder's Day lunch, Anna Haw spoke about what it means to be a Herschel girl, saying "It is only really since I left school, studied at an internationally renowned university and interacted closely with people from a variety of other top schools that I realize what an unbelievable gift we were given and how lucky I am to be a Herschel girl. I'm sure many of you sitting here feel the same way. We definitely were taught the greatest lesson of all, the one that teaches us to live together and care for one another". The other girls in attendance, some of whom had also attended the service at St Saviours, noted that Anna's speech summed up their feelings and fond memories of Herschel very well. Following the lunch, a number of the lunch goers then took a guided tour of the school by a very able and knowledgeable prefect.



With a large number of the class living in the UK, Cathrin Middleman was tasked with arranging a reunion for those living in and around London. With this in mind, the local reunion was well attended, with some girls travelling from places as far away as London, Namibia, Pretoria, Johannesburg and elsewhere in South Africa.

The girls met up once again at Forries after the cocktail party where we were able to let our hair down a little away from the Herschel school grounds, with some of the girls having to be asked to leave Forries as they were closing!

Let's hope that the 20 year reunion can be even bigger.

*Report by Kris Miller*

## *Class of 2002*

### *Reunion in London*

Several members of the Class of 2002 met in Covent Garden in London on 15 March 2012. We had not seen each other in years and yet it was so easy and familiar. Many of us had lost touch and did not know what everyone had been up to so there was much catching up and we had plenty to talk about: school, work, careers, travelling and South Africa.



At the reunion were: Cathrin Middelman - working in furniture design; Kate Johnson - working for Clifford Clance; Jennifer Palframan - Senior Online Merchandiser for Teletext; Stacey Van den Aardweg - left before matric but I got her along too; Julla Thorpe - flew in from Copenhagen where she is living and studying for her Masters; Alison Bateman (who was our headgirl!); Clare McMullen - recently left London and is now adventuring through South America somewhere; Nicky Aspinall and Fiona Baine.

*Report by Cathrin Middelman*

## *Class of 2007*

### *5 year reunion*

We had a lovely reunion even though only 13 girls could make it. Most were busy writing exams and a LOT of our classmates are working and traveling abroad.



It was such fun to catch up with girls who are doing a variety of things such as ski seasons in the States, working on yachts, events management and finance and marketing.

Hopefully we will have a better turnout in 2017 when everyone is more settled!

*Report by Robyn Louw*

## *Reunions to look forward to...*

**CLASS OF 1963:** Jill Ekstein [cornerstone@mwebbiz.co.za](mailto:cornerstone@mwebbiz.co.za) is organising the 50th reunion for next February and she is hoping to have a good turnout.

**CLASS OF 1973:** The class of 1973 will be celebrating their 40 year on Founder's Day 2013. They will attend the Service and lunch at school. In the evening they will meet at 1682 at Steenberg for drinks and tapas at 18:00. Anyone who is interested, please contact Sally via e mail [sallybrimble@gmail.com](mailto:sallybrimble@gmail.com).

**CLASS OF 1978:** The class of 1978 are having their 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion on the Founders Day weekend of 15 February 2013. Sue Sherman is organizing the event. They plan to attend the Founder's Day service followed by lunch at the school. A dinner is being arranged at a classmate's home on the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup>. They will have lunch at one of the wine estates in Constantia on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Contact Sue at [tank@afrika.com](mailto:tank@afrika.com) or 0832707873.

**CLASS OF 1983:** Please contact Kerryne French on [kerry@tripletree.net](mailto:kerry@tripletree.net) or 0715220187 if you are interested in participating in a 30 year class reunion.

**CLASS OF 1993:** The class of 1993 should contact Mary Maurel for details of their 20 year reunion. [marymaurel@gardens@gmail.com](mailto:marymaurel@gardens@gmail.com)

**CLASS OF 1998:** There are no plans for a 15 year reunion, however, you can always make up a table at the Founder's Day lunch.

**CLASS OF 2003:** The class of 2003 will be having their 10 year reunion in 2013. The date and venue has not yet been decided upon, but please make sure that your email address is on Jacqui Stephenson's email list (contact her via [jac.stephenson@gmail.com](mailto:jac.stephenson@gmail.com)) and that you are a member of the Herschel Maria 2003 Facebook group (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/2261943884/>) so that you will receive communications concerning the event.

**CLASS OF 2008:** A gathering celebrating 5 years on is planned over Founder's Day weekend. Contact Sian Vermeulen ([versim@mweb.co.za](mailto:versim@mweb.co.za)) or Katherine Thompson ([nickythompson@telkomsa.net](mailto:nickythompson@telkomsa.net)) for more information and to join their Class of 2008 facebook page.

### *Other reunions:*

**CLASS OF 1964:** Contact Claire Shortt for information regarding the Class of 1964 Reunion in 2014 at [cshortt@afrika.com](mailto:cshortt@afrika.com).

**CALLING ALL OH'S LIVING IN AUSTRALIA:** Cathy Debenham (Tripp, 1981) is working on an Australian Old Herschelian Reunion in Sydney for 2013. Many OH's in Australia have moved around the country and changed their contacts, so the database is out of date. If you are interested in coming and can help with updating the email database, please contact Suzette Pelt (Anderson) in Australia on: [pelt@whitsunday.net.au](mailto:pelt@whitsunday.net.au) or P O Box 59 Airlie Beach QLD 4802, Australia.

# *Eat Dream Dance*



More than 1000 guests attended the  
90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party celebration,

## *Eat Dream Dance.*

The evening began with a gastronomic feast followed by the spectacular show. Girls of all ages from the Prep to Grade 12 performed together. They were joined by many talented Old Herschelians and accompanied by the world renowned Zip Zep Circus. The evening rounded off with a DJ. The parents and girls enjoyed themselves on the dance floor.



*Helen Botha celebrates  
30 years at Herschel*



Helen Botha with Bruce Probyn

It has long been the tradition that the Herschel staff members are recognised for long service to the school. It is not often, though, that we get the opportunity to recognise a staff member for an incredible 30 years of service to the school. A special celebration tea was held in April 2012 to honour Helen Botha, the Director of Sport, who has been a dedicated, enthusiastic and energetic member of staff at Herschel for 30 years.

Helen started at the school as a young teacher on 15 April 1982 and has nurtured countless young girls, many of whom still visit her often and many more who will remember her fondly.

## *OHA Outreach Projects*

With the trademark Herschel spirit of giving, the Preparatory School marked Herschel's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with an outreach initiative aptly named *90 Acts of Kindness*. 90 different outreach projects, over and above the projects already undertaken by the school, were to be achieved before the end of 2012 and many wonderful and creative ways of making a difference in the lives of others has been the result. The Old Herschelians Association immediately decided to make a contribution to the initiative and the committee held a special meeting to discuss a number of ideas and proposals. We chose two very worthy causes with links to Herschel in some way and we are pleased to have been able to contribute to these projects.

### **The Bulungula Project – Report by Annette Champion**

The Old Herschelians Association recently donated an amount of R5 000 to the Bulungula Incubator (BI), an NGO working in 4 remote and impoverished villages in the Xhosa Mouth Administrative Area of the Eastern Cape. The inhabitants of these villages are the poorest of the poor yet they remain determined to uplift themselves through hard work and, most importantly, through access to good education for their children.



**Jujurha Education Centre**

For the last 3 years, Annette Champion, a former Deputy Head of Herschel Prep, has been the BI Education Programme Manager, living in Nqileni Village which is the poorest and most remote of the 4 villages, situated on the spectacular Wild Coast. Education has been a main focus of the BI's development work and has developed projects covering the whole continuum of education from conception to adult education and training. In 2007, it built 2 classrooms and a community hall when the local government primary school's mud building collapsed. In 2009 the establishment of the Jujurha Education Centre, comprising a Preschool and community library in Nqileni Village, was the start of a successful Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme in the area. This year saw the opening of Khanyisa Preschool in Mgojweni Village and Masiphatisane Preschool in Fokokwe Village. The 4<sup>th</sup> and last preschool is due to open early next year.

The OHA donation allowed Annette to source a good supply of materials in Cape Town for the Preschools: mainly a wide variety of paper, card and other items for creative work as well as good quality Playdough. Herschel Pre Prep was helpful in giving advice and the name of their supplier so that, on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, Annette was able to load up her car with the boxes and boxes of stationery as well as gift bags for the teachers and extra stationery from the Pre Prep, school shoes and books donated by Herschel Prep and other donations from friends. Two days later the car was unpacked at Bulungula by excited teachers and librarians before being sorted and delivered to the relevant preschools.



Gifts received by overwhelmed teachers and excited children

It is difficult to quantify the impact of donations such as these. The children attending rural preschools in remote villages come from homes where there are no pictures on the walls and not a single toy. State education is completely dysfunctional and certainly never offers the opportunities to learn through creative play. Our FGD programme plays a vital role in the development of 180 bright, eager and vibrant children every day and we sincerely thank the OHA for its generous support.

[www.bulungulaincubator.org](http://www.bulungulaincubator.org) / [annette@costume.co.za](mailto:annette@costume.co.za) / Ph: 021 674 3806 / Cell: 083 4194 945

## **The Masiphumelele Project – Report by Jill Stirrup**

The OHA donated R5000 to the Masicorp Group's Masiphumelele Project - specifically the upliftment of the Ukhanya Primary School. The Masiphumelele Project works in the township near Kozmetijie. They feed at least 600 school children every day, provide support and training for the teachers, and assist in the building and growth of the school facilities.

Ukhanya Primary School was built about 7 years ago for 460 children - it now houses 1500 and is under-resourced in every respect and needs all the help that can be provided.

The money donated by the OHA was used to improve the dreadful state of the classrooms in the Foundation block of the Ukhanya Primary School in Masiphumelele - to paint the classrooms, repair windows and doors and to replace the very old and worn out blackboards with white boards.



Classroom at Ukhunyo Primary School.

*Jill Stirrup of the Masiphumelele Corporation & Trust reports that the renovations "are wonderful, all 6 rooms have had major repairs and painted out in lovely fresh colours and the wonderful white boards fitted in each classroom much to the delight of the teachers. Thank you to the DITA. Your contribution was most gratefully received. Your interest in our work in Masiphumelele is most encouraging and if any members of the Old Herschelian Association would like a tour of the township, I would be happy to take them on a tour."*

*Report by Jill Stirrup*

Masiphumelele Corporation and Trust  
[www.masicorp.org](http://www.masicorp.org)



## *The OHA Winter Dinner*



The wonderful sounds of marimba greeted guests on arrival!

The first OHA Winter Dinner was held in the school dining room on Tuesday, 24 July and it was a truly wonderful evening. We were exceptionally lucky to have proud Old Herschelian, **Nicky Newton-King**, as our guest speaker and her words of wisdom inspired us all.



Nicky has a long list of awards and achievements: She was one of three South Africans selected for the 100 Global Leaders for Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum, she was a named South African Business Woman of the Year in 2002 and she is a member of the Yale World Fellows Programme, to name a few.

She holds a BA LLB from Stellenbosch University and an LLM with first class Honours from Cambridge University.

Nicky began her career as a partner in a law firm, Webber Wentzel, where she worked in its financial services unit before joining the JSE in 1996. At the time, the JSE was a very much male dominated environment.

Remarkably, Nicky is the first woman to head Johannesburg Stock Exchange in its 125 year history. She is a Capetonian by birth and most importantly, an Old Herschelian.

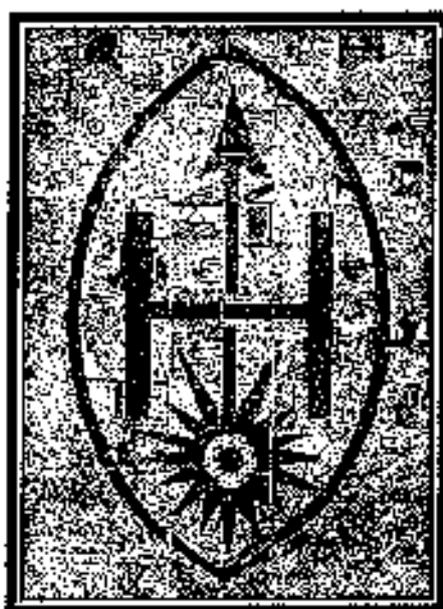
Nicky was at Herschel from Standard Six to Matric. When she matriculated in 1984, Ms Geldard was in her second last year as Head of Herschel. Nicky enjoyed all aspects of school life and excelled in all she participated in. In her Prize-giving Speech, Ms Geldard describes how Nicky fulfilled her duties as Head of the Boarding House and Deputy Head Girl "with integrity and loyalty". Nicky was awarded Mrs Stockwell's Prize for all-round Participation and Achievement, which is not surprising as she not only achieved academically, but on the sports field too. Nicky was the Open Squash Champion, a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Hockey Team, Captain of the Netball team and a team tennis player. One of her essays, entitled "Dressing Up" was selected for the school magazine too.



The theme of her address at the Winter Dinner was "What I wish I had been taught at school" and her insights and observations made a tremendous impact on the audience of over 50 Old Herschelians, so we have summarised what she shared with us for you to read:

- **The age of the fairer gender has arrived.** Young women do not need to struggle to get to the top in a "man's world". It is not as difficult as it may once have been. Young women should be exposed to good, strong female role models in SA and overseas in a variety of industries (and there are plenty of them). Through their exposure to these role models, young women will learn that it is okay to be independent and liberated – women do not need to be submissive. There is place for women in the workforce and it does not require women to give up what is special about being a woman and "man-up". There is lots of room for unique and authentic individuals, both male and female. Women bring EQ into the workplace, which in turn brings balance.
- **Teams are important.** Our exposure to being part of a team at school often teaches us that it is about winning a match or finishing a group project. Time and experience, however, prove that more is achieved when done in a team where winning is not the sole focus. It is more important to learn about the dynamics of making teams work best together and how to get the best out of every team member. A good strategy is to find the best team you can and start at the bottom of the team so that you understand all the roles and input required to make the team work. When you eventually find yourself in a position to build a team, you will surround yourself with strong people who may be different to you, even brighter than you, but if you make sure that each individual is playing in the correct position, you have a successful team.

- **Diversity is strength.** We should actively seek out diversity, because diverse viewpoints enable one to look at a problem from multiple perspectives. You have a better chance of finding a solution if you examine a problem from a variety of angles. Different voices can sometimes be uncomfortable, but it is okay to be different and to have your own opinions and feelings, and you are allowed to express them. Both leaders and teachers can benefit from the use of diversity.
- **Education is the differentiator.** Education is not about getting a good metric, it is about giving you a better chance to perform in the workplace. With this in mind, you should choose your subjects very carefully, especially at University. You should not just specialise, but bear in mind that there is value in a solid liberal arts background and a broad spectrum of subjects. Entrepreneurship, political economics, public speaking and other similar subjects are really useful parts of a top performing executive's tool box. As we become more and more a part of the global market place, we should look to foreign voices and educators as part of our learning experience to give us a deeper understanding of how people from other countries think. This approach makes the world a flatter place and learning this way is now so much more accessible because everything is online.
- **Work life balance is in the eye of the beholder.** You cannot do it all -- wife, mother, working woman -- without finding the balance that works for you. What works for one person, may not work for the other, so be prepared to compromise and stand firm when something threatens to upset your balance.



## *Spring Breakfast*



The Spring Breakfast 2012 was very well attended by the many Old Herschelians who are mothers, grandmothers and even aunts of girls currently at Herschel. It was a beautiful Spring Day and as usual, there was much chatting and catching up. This annual event is definitely one not to be missed.



# Lady Herschel



Lady Herschel is a wonderful, relaxed evening organised by Daphne Beames. Any Old Herschelian or friend of Herschel is invited to join the regular Lady Herschel evenings for conversation and laughter.

The final Lady Herschel evening for 2012 was held at the Mount Nelson on 4 December. A small group of regulars met for drinks in the Planet Bar and enjoyed catching up.



To be added to the Lady Herschel mailing list, send your details to [gilespie@iafrica.com](mailto:gilespie@iafrica.com) and Daphne will keep you informed of planned events.

## Dear Bruce



It is so hard to say goodbye to someone like you....

How do you put into words the impact you have made in your five years at Hersche??



Bruce, you have touched each and every aspect of this school with your magic and you have left a lasting impression on Herschel girls young and "old".



Under your leadership and guidance, the Old Herschelians have found renewed energy and spirit.

You have encouraged us to *stay connected* with each other and with our school.

You initiated our Winter Dinner and that will be your legacy to the OHA.

## Thank You

We are so proud that you are now officially one of us -

a truly remarkable Old Herschelian

# *Stuart West*

The New Head of Herschel



Stuart and Joyanne West with Bruce and Marge Probyn

Stuart West takes up the post of Head of Herschel in January 2013. Stuart comes to us from Dainfern College in Gauteng where he served as the College Principal. He was responsible to the School's Board for the strategic leadership and management of the whole college - grade 0 to 12 with 1120 pupils.

Prior to moving to Dainfern College in 2005, Stuart was the Vice-Principal (Pastoral) at Bishops, where he was a member of the Bishops Executive and various Council Sub-Committees, and was responsible for the House and Tutor system, as well as the supervision of the Bishops support Unit that provided academic and psycho-educational support through-out the College.

He has kept abreast of educational thinking – as is demonstrated in his completion of the Wits Business School Leadership Development Programme and his attendance of the Future Learning Institute at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He has recently been appointed to the National Council of SAHISA (South African Heads of Independent Schools Association).

Sport and family play a major role in Stuart's life. He coached the Bishops 1<sup>st</sup> Hockey team for 15 years as well as a number of provincial hockey teams over the years. He has played provincial hockey and cricket and is a keen golfer.

His wife, Joyanne, was the Director of the Foundation Phase of St David's Marist, Brandle. They have two adult daughters and a younger son.

## 2013 Prefects and Leaders



Front Row: Kelly Ahrendse, Taryn Isaacs, Celeste Renaud, Stephanie Magudulela and Santi Strina

Middle Row: Sarah Robinson, Ashleigh Wrench, Samantha Rule, Julia Bidot, Mika Lapid and Jennifer van Heerden

Back Row: Tilya Cerwright, Janne Lowe (Deputy Head Girl) , Lechu Nkomo (Head Girl), Jonnie Hughes (Deputy Head Girl) and  
Anna Seltzer

# Announcements

## ENGAGEMENTS:

CRUSE – EDEN. Jo Cruse (2003) to Greg Eden in the beautiful Italian city of Lucca in April 2012.

DITTMER – DU PLESSIS. Leanne Dittmer (2001) to Michael Du Plessis

DUMINY – BOONMAN. Zeanne Duminy (2001) to Rian Boonman in September 2012.

DURRANT – DA SILVA. Julia Durrant (2001) to Vito da Silva in July 2012.

DUFFETT – CUTLER. Leigh Duffett (2000) to Andrew Cutler.

HAMMOND – FOURIE. Tamaryn Hammond (1992) to Schalk Fourie on 20 July 2012.

OSMAN – DUTTON. Nazeerah Osman (2007) to Abdallah Dutton.

SIMPSON – MEAD. Annabel Simpson (2007) to Matthew Mead in July 2012. They will be married in March 2013.

THOMAS – VAN BILION. Georgina Thomas (2000) to Johan Van Biljon. They will be married in March 2013.

WINTERLID – MORGAN. Julia Winterlid (2000) to Gareth Morgan on 7 February 2012.

## MARRIAGES:

BERENS – ROBSON. Silke Berens (1991) to Andrew Robson on 6 October 2012, in Namibia.

BRUCE – DORMAN. Catherine Bruce (1999) married Ianna Dorman in the UK on 14 August 2012.

CARKEEK – RUMBURGH. Kate Carkeek (2001) married Daniel Rumburgh on 18 February 2012 in Montagu.

CATTELL – IBB. Sally Cattell (1996) married Daniel Ibb on 19 October 2012 at Steenberg Wine Estate.

COTTRELL – DUGMORE. Miranda Cottrell (1994) to David Dugmore on 3 March 2012.

COURSELL – LAWRENCE. Megan Coursell (2005) to Justin Lawrence on 26 November 2011.

ELLIOT – JONES. Lauren Elliot (2000) and Philip Jones in Franschhoek on the 7th of January 2012.

McADAM – NEVILLE. Frima McAdam (1999) and Richard Neville, August 2012.

PELSER – BRANDT. Yvette Pelsler (2001) and Don Brandt in 2012.

POST – BRYANT. Jenneke Post (1982) married Colin Bryant on 27 December 2011 in Fgin.

STUBBS – BULLIVANT. Jessica Stubbs (2001) married Mark Bullivant on 21 January 2012 in Amiston.

SYLVESTER – MADDOCK. Caroline Sylvester (1999) to Charles Maddock, 1 December 2012 in Palm Beach, Florida.

## BIRTHS:

ALDEN. To Lucinda (née Leinberger, 1994) and Alan, a son, Francis Karl Alden, a brother to Julian, born on 13 July 2012 in Cape Town.

SENRFT. To Madalena (née da Camara, 2000) and Waylon, a son, Kuali Harrison, on 26 September 2012.

BOTHA. To Leanne (née Louw, 1993) and Ryan, a son, Nash Gabriel, born on 26 July 2012.

BRADSHAW. To Rosie (née Hartley, 1997) and David, a son, Benjamin, born in August 2012.

BURKE. To Kathryn (née Du Toit, 2000) and Julian Burke, a daughter, Emily Jessica on 25 April 2012 (Photo in news section)

CARLYLE. To Lauren (née Cowan, 1994) and Murray, a son, Cole Oliver, born on 28 August 2012, brother to Liam Lucas born on 18 May 2011.

CLAGUE. To Nicola (née Dryden- Dymond, 1994) and Michael, a son, Daniel, born on 10 February 2012, brother to David.

FARR. To Susannah (née George, 1993) and Anthony, a daughter, Dasha Anice, born on 18th July 2012.

GELLM. To Lindi (née Le Roux, 1994) and Daniel, a sibling to Charlie in October 2012.

HODGE. To Claire-Marie (née Schönborn, 1991) and Miles, a daughter, Zoë Annabelle on 8 June 2012.

JANISCH. To Katharine (née Rozich, 1991), a son, James, brother to Oliver, in November 2011.

KWI. To Kirsten (née Feltz, 1994) and Alan, a son, Hudson born on 2 December 2011.

KOHLER. To Philippa (née Singsby, 2001) and Ryan, a baby boy, Bennett Newton, born on 13 August 2012.

MACDONALD. To Justine (née Peters, 1991) and Robert, a daughter, Megan Paige Dioné, sister to Christopher and Nicholas on 23 January.

MFLCK. To Georgina (née Simpson, 2008) and Justin, a daughter, Olivia Jane Marianna, born in the UK on 11 January 2012.

MILNÉS. To Caroline (née Bruins, 1996) and Tom, a baby girl, Genevieve Rose on 15 August 2011 in London.

POPHAM-HOLLUWAY. To Nicole (née Biden, 1993) and Edward, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth Popham-Holluway born 25th April 2012.

R: FY. To Amber (Hamsden, 1992) and Tom, twins boys, Alexander and Benjamin on 8 August 2012, in Woking, UK.

SCHOITZ. To Zara (née Sierwood, 1997) and Rudy, a daughter, Kerry.

TRAVIS. To Tanya (née Peacock, 1991) and Tom, a son, Tyler Christian on 5 March 2012

TRENT. To Nikki (née Watson, 1994) and Justin, a daughter, Chloe Grace, born on 13 August 2011.

TURNER. To Nikki (née Louw, 1994) and Jonathan, a daughter, Abigail, born in February 2012, sister to Sophia.

VLNN. To Marie (née Ramsey, 1997) and Pete, a son, James.

WILLIAMS. To Melissa (née Harries, 2001) and Brandon, a son, Dashiell Christopher, on Sunday 20th May 2012.

YOUNG. To Karine (née Gowdy, 1989) and Rohan, a daughter, sister to Nicholas, in July 2012.

## DEATHS:

BROWNELL, Helen (STAFF) on 9 March 2012, aged 98.

CRISP, Gina (née Hope-Ryan, 1963) in June 2012.

FRANKEL, Biddy (née Swabey, 1963) in March 2012.

MAKIN, Francis (née Kiewitz, 1990) on 3 June, 2012 in Vienna.

SOLOMONS, Anna (STAFF) on 13 September 2012.

## OBITUARIES:

**HELEN BROWNELL** died peacefully on Friday 9 March 2012 aged 98 (she was born 21 August 1913).

To some she was the Deputy Head at Herschel, to some she was the Geography teacher and to others she was a special neighbour and friend.

For the latter part of her life Helen was in the Frail Care at Constantia Place, Southern Cross Drive, where she was well cared for. Prior to that, she had enjoyed many years in a beautiful cottage at Constantia Place.

Helen, and her late husband, Robert, were my neighbours for many years and we shared such happy times together.

Helen is survived by her daughters, Bing (Carol) Newton and Lynne Kloot and her son, Peter Brownell, all of whom are in the Cape.

*written by Ann-Gail Watson (née Greenwood, 1962)*

**BIDDY FRANKEL** (née Swabey, 1963) (1 October 1946 to 27 March 2012)

Biddy died peacefully at home in London surrounded by her family on 27 March 2012 after a long illness. She lived a life full of art and creativity and her painting was a true gift. The Queen has several of Biddy's paintings in the Royal Collection.

**ANNA SOLOMONS:** (5 October 1943 – 13 September 2012). Anna worked as a member of the Domestic Staff at Herschel for twenty years, from 1981 to 2001, during the tenures of three Headmistresses – Pam Geldard, Pamela Duff and Di van Zyl. She lived in a small cottage at the Preparatory School (where the Pre-Preparatory extension has been built) and was always up early to welcome boarders in the dining room. She was very loyal to the school and willing to help at all times – staying up late to help at evening functions and to assist at the Head's House with 'Chinese Suppers' for the Mothers.

In 2001, Anna moved to Greyton where she became housekeeper for Pamela Duff. Anna loved her time in Greyton and became fully involved in the community – she organised 'Modiers' Day' lunches to raise funds for her church, accompanied several groups of Sunday School children for outings to the beach at Kleinmond and latterly spent every Thursday at the Goodwood Seniors' Centre helping to care for the 'old people'. Anna had a great sense of humour, a lovely smile and an infectious laugh. Most of all she enjoyed reminiscing about her time at Herschel.



In 2011 she was hospitalised (Tygerberg hospital) and had a major operation for oesophageal cancer. Although she had lost a lot of weight, she insisted on returning to work until in July 2012 her ill health kept her at home. She is sadly missed by the Duff family and her Greyton church community.

*written by Pamela Duff*

**JILL BORRELLI (née West, 1952)**

*A Tribute to Jill Borrelli - who died in her home in Naples - 15 March 2012*

Jill arrived at Herschel when her father, a senior manager in the insurance business was transferred to Cape Town from Australia. She soon settled happily into our class and became a much sought-after member for both the school tennis and swimming teams.

When she left school her ambition was to travel as much as she could. Starting in Europe, she eventually arrived in Italy where she worked in the Secretariat of N.A.T.O. Forces Mediterranean Regional Head Quarters in Naples - eventually as Personal Assistant to the Commander in Chief, an Admiral.

While in Naples she met Mario Borrelli - a Roman Catholic Priest with a great mission to help improve the lives of the street children of Naples. The well-known book "Children of the Sun" ("The Slum Dwellers at Naples") by Morris West, first published in 1957 by WM Heinemann Ltd, London, tells much of his remarkable story.

However, when he decided on marrying Jill, Mario was not permitted to continue in the ordained ministry of the Roman Catholic Church and he and Jill settled to live a very happy married life in the nearby seaside village of Pozzuoli, and he continued with his personal mission to help the under privileged orphans off the streets in Naples in his "House of the Dickens" where he centered his work.

They had one daughter Luclana. Almost 30 years ago the family visited South Africa to show Lu something of South Africa. And we all learnt sadly that Jill had been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Back home in Pozzuoli, she gradually became more and more dependent on the help of her wonderful Italian helpers as the disease rendered her increasingly helpless.

A gift from her former employer, NATO, a 'talk computer' - a truly 'magic' machine -enabled her to continue to keep close contact with her friends all over the world. This was really a great blessing to us all as many of us kept in touch with her until we very sadly but thankfully learned that her sufferings were over.

None of us will ever forget her tremendous courage. I know that our thoughts are all with her daughter Lu and are ever grateful both to her and her helpers - and not forgetting her precious cats! - for making our dear Jill's last days as comfortable as possible.

*written by Norma Marrell (née Bellison, 1952)*



# News from far and wide



Claire Bartman (née Moses, 1989) married Mike Bartman. Their wedding at Tintswalo Atlantic was attended by a number of old Herschelians, mainly from her 1989 class, including many who had started with her in Sub A: Sandy van Hoogstraten, Kate O'Neill, Elisabeth Mallet, Karine Gowdy, Nina Daniel, Catherine Wilkinson, Fiona Jack and Janet Howse.



Also, in the bridal retinue were the daughters and sons of old-Herschelians including: Kate O'Neill's kids: James and Jessica Overduin (now at Herschel), Elisabeth Mallet's kids: Alexander and Sarah True (now at Herschel), Sandy van Hoogstraten's daughter: Lyra Liddle and her goddaughter, Tatiana Cottino, who is starting at Herschel next year.

Madalena Bennett (née da Camara, 2003) and her husband, Waylon are thrilled to announce the birth of their baby boy Noah Harrison Bennett on 16 September 2012 weighing 3.330kg. She is currently on maternity leave. She works in Perth at Armadale Hospital as a medical officer.



Christine Bloor (was Ms Wilkinson when she taught at Herschel from 1990 to 1995) writes that she is living happily in the UK in sunny Devon by the sea. She is married to Lewis and has two children: Mickey Wilkinson (24) and Charlie Bloor (9), as well as chickens, ducks, dogs, cats, rabbits and guinea fowl! She is still teaching at Torquay Girls Grammar School.

She recently rowed the London River Race - 22miles down the Thames -with Mrs Brathwaite, who lives in the same village and with whom she still shares an enduring friendship!



**Anushree Bindal** (2003) is working for The Taj Group of Hotels in Marazzo as a Duty Manager.

Dreamworker is an NPO based in Athlone dedicated to helping unemployed people in the lower economic sector find work. It was founded and is directed by **Tania Bownes** (née Braun, 1978). Besides trying to find people work opportunities, Dreamworker have started the Link of Love Programme. A R100 donation gives an unemployed person a day of work in their local community – clearing, looking after the elderly, or maintaining community gardens. Thus far, Link of Love has generated over 1000 days of work for the unemployed. [www.dreamworker.org.za](http://www.dreamworker.org.za)

**Yvette Brandt** (née Peñser, 2001). After school Yvette studied at Miracle Bible College and completed her Honours at AFDA in Film: Acting. She joined TheatreSports and performed in the company for 8 years. She was part of the Limited Edition Actor Agency family in Cape Town and while working as an actress, writer, director, and objective creative consultant in the industry both nationally and internationally, she taught at AFDA Cape Town as both a Physical Movement Lecturer and an Acting Lecturer for Film and Stage. She worked in the industry as an actress having commercials, short film and featured guest appearances in travel programmes internationally aired. She also took to creating theatre and wrote, directed and produced her own productions, some of which were seen at the Intimate Theatre in Cape Town and the South African National Arts Festival. She was requested by other directors as a final critical eye before they take their work to the public. She set up a week of workshop in Cape Town with Maestro Giovanni Fusetti of Le Coo, Kikos and Helikos fame, creating an opportunity for 14 South African performers to be trained in elements of his pedagogy. She was accepted to Helikos School in Florence, Italy, but life took her in other directions. She accepted an invitation to work with the Western Cape Education Department as Artist in Residence to assist the Drama departments of Arts Focus Schools by enriching, inspiring, and updating both the Teachers of Drama and the final year students of Drama. In 2010 she chose to work in closer connection with her family. This was a turn around and impactful awakening in her life and she is grateful for it each and every day. She homeschooled her younger brother for his final three years of secondary schooling while he competed in surf contests representing South Africa in some of the many contests. He still continues to compete professionally. At the same time she taught speech and public speaking at Miracle Bible College as well as facilitated workshops for speaking and on improvisation for companies and independently. She was part of the Arts Division of Pelsor Media and Harvester International Ministries. She got married in 2012 to Dan Brandt and now lives with him in the United States. She is enjoying settling in to her life there and looks forward to starting a family and focusing on her desire to write.

**Jenneke Bryant** (Post, 1982) married Colin Bryant on 27 December 2011 in Elgin on her parent's farm. She and Colin now live in the UK. Colin is from England.



Pictured here is proud mum, **Kathryn Burke** (née Du Toit, 2003) with her beautiful daughter Emily Jessica Burke born on 25 April 2012.

**Robyn Leigh Cedras (2000)** is the art collections manager at Iziko Museums and the Iziko SA National Gallery in Cape Town. She studied at UCT and completed a Bachelors and Honours in Fine Art. Her passion for art began at school. She is currently doing a Master's degree in Heritage and Public Culture. She loves her job which involves the storage, care and handling of the artworks at Iziko. She also enjoys wonderful travel opportunities as the art often needs a caretaker to see it from one display to the next.

**Gervaise Christie (2001)** and her partner, Justin White, are building a Straw Bale construction near the end of the year and selling up a Green Alternatives Initiative called Grow Eden, through which they plan to start workshops and research centers to provide education in renewable resources and sustainable livelihoods.

**Nicola Clegg (1993, Head Girl)** now works as a Research Project Manager at Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research in California. While a post doc in the Sawyers lab, she worked to understand the molecular pathways leading to hormone-refractory prostate cancer. Her background is in organic synthesis and chemical biology, and as a graduate student in Tom Scanlan's lab at UCSF, she synthesized selective estrogen receptor ligands as tools to selectively target transcriptional signaling pathways. In the Sawyers Lab she worked on the androgen receptor at the interface of chemistry and biology, with the goal of translating the research from the bench into the clinic.



Prior to her stint at Memorial Sloan-Kettering, Nicola studied at the University of Houston (BA in Chemistry, 1998; BS in Biophysical & Biochemical Sciences, 1998), University of California San Francisco (MS in Pharmaceutical Chemistry, 2001; PhD in Chemistry & Chemical Biology, 2004), and UCLA (where she began as a Sawyers' postdoc in 2005). She also happily learned the tools of the trade in the labs of David Cane (Brown U), Vern Schramm (Albert Einstein) and Harold Kohn (UNC, formerly U of Houston) during her undergrad years. She loves the outdoors, especially the beach and the mountains, and although she enjoys visiting friends and family all over the world, her hometown of Cape Town, South Africa is still her favorite place.

**Sian Collins (2003)** is currently in her third year of studying at Rhodes

**Jo Cruse (2003)** For the past three years, after completing a B.Com in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, Jo has worked for the Democratic Alliance (DA). During this time she has held a number of positions- Chief of Staff to the Parliamentary Leader, Head of Research and Communication and, most recently, Operations Director for the party's Parliamentary Operation. During this time, Jo also started competing in triathlons with the Atlantic Triathlon Club.

Jo got engaged to Greg Eden (SACS, 1998) in the beautiful Italian city of Lucca in April 2012. In August, the couple moved to London. They currently live in Northwood, where Jo is teaching politics and economics to A level students at Merchant Taylor's School- a private all-boys day school with approximately 800 pupils. Greg is working in communications for the British Council.

Jo and Greg are looking forward to spending time in Cape Town next July, when they will be back in the country for their wedding.

**Jemma Dendy Young** (2009) is a sophomore at Hartwick College in the USA and was recently named Women's Varsity Western Division Player of the Week (February 20). She scored nine goals to guide Hartwick to a 4-0 record at the Bison Invitational to earn Honours. She helped the Hawks to day one victories over Wagner College (W, 14-3) and Marist College (W, 13-9). She opened the second day of the weekend with a two-goal performance against Siena College (W, 15-5). Her big game came on Sunday when she scored five times against host Bucknell University (W, 15-9). The award is Dendy Young's first career weekly accolade.



**Catriona de Villiers** (néé Ross, 1991) is enjoying living on a fruit and wine grape farm near Paarl with her husband and one-year old daughter. Highlights of Catriona's year include a trip to AfrikaBurn, dancing tango, attending physics lectures, joining a Mxit educational game development team, painting her WallTalk artworks, and the launch of her innovative online creative writing experience, *The Peacock Book Project*. If you'd like to write a fictionalised version of your ideal life story (and possibly see it become reality!), go to [www.peacockproject.net](http://www.peacockproject.net).

**Anouk Drerup** (1988) is a Senior Change Manager and lives in Sydney, Australia with her husbands, Chris Hughes and their three year old daughter Ruby Alice.



**Karen Dudley** (Head Girl in 1985) owner of the hugely successful restaurant "The Kitchen" has published an inspiring and very popular cook's book called "A week in The Kitchen". Her restaurant is so popular that the road was closed off and all traffic diverted so that Michelle Obama could come for lunch when she came to Cape Town earlier this year.



**Pamela Duff** (Headmistress: 1986-1997) says that Herschel feels as if it has been her whole life! Having first spent the fourth term of 1995 as a student teacher at Herschel, she returned in 1986 as Headmistress – and enjoyed every minute of the next challenging, exciting and fulfilling eleven and a quarter years at the ‘be’im’. Her special memories include: building of the school house; introduction of entrance examinations; building the theatre, tuckshop and Moltens lecture theatre; building the atrium, new library and classroom block; opening of the Baxter Resource Centre; moving the library to its new venue and creation of the Chapel in the former Baxter library; opening the Sports Centre; building a Pre-Preparatory School; opening the Prep School hall and swimming pool. Also, supporting the formation of a school orchestra; inaugurating the first annual Eisteddfod and the ‘Cabaret’; the creation of the much-loved ‘School Song’ and the tradition of the ‘Welcome Tunnel’ on Founder’s Day – and the never to be forgotten Standard 9 Enrichment Courses (especially the bricks!) at the Hermonus Esplanade and the Metric ‘Chinese suppers’ at her home! All culminating in the splendid 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in 1997 and, on retirement, her ‘disappearance’ in a helicopter!

She retired in 1997 and has since lived in Greyton – never one to ‘sit still’, she has acted a secretary to the Greyton Conservation Society, chaired the Greyton Ratepayers’ Association and the Greyton Tourism Association, served as a Town Councillor and became Mayor of Greyton in 1999, serving a two year term until the formation of larger combined municipalities. Then, for several years she edited the village newspaper – ‘The Greyton Sentinel’. Recently she has concentrated on writing her memoirs (Old Herschelians could feature prominently!) and enjoys her garden together with her husband John (retired LWF specialist) – fondly remembered by boarders as ‘Father Christmas’ and by many parents as the Herschel ‘gardener’. Pamela is proud of the fact that she has many Herschel connections – her daughter Fiona (Cochrane) continues the family tradition of teaching at Herschel, her grand-daughter Bridget was a Herschel prefect in 2000 (now a qualified Doctor) and her great-niece Talita Hirkman, after completing Grade 7 at Herschel Preparatory, will enter the Senior School in 2013.



Pamela with Holly

Pamela has recently visited Kwazulu-Natal to spend time with her great grand-daughters (yes – ‘great’!) Emma Clouston and Holly Johnson. Sadly they will not be coming to Herschel – Emma lives in KZN and Holly in Australia. But, Pamela continues to take a keen interest in the school and to support all major Herschel events – she hasn’t missed either Founders’ Day, Prize Giving or the Carol Service for twenty seven years!

She would love to hear from Old Herschelians - her e-mail: [golden.gond@kloofster.co.za](mailto:golden.gond@kloofster.co.za)

**Jill Ekstein** (née Philip, 1963) and her husband, Paul in the Ebony Forest in South Luanga Game Park, Zambia enjoying a brunch that was specially prepared and served for them under these beautiful trees.



Jane Emerson (née Johnson, 1980) sent the following news: "I continue to enjoy my Sales role in IT (now part time) and the challenges that new technology brings. I have to admit that whilst I sell new applications and voice and data business systems, I am still a bit of a technophobe personally (!) and still keep a paper diary and address book. My daughter, Kelly (nearly 17) and son, Alfie (3.5) are quite often responsible for introducing me to new things computer related!

I am in touch with quite a few of the girls from our mairic class and really enjoyed our 30 year reunion in 2010 – where I flew out from the UK on my own and spent some time catching up with everyone. I am not unfortunately going to be able to make the Founders Day service this year but will be thinking of everyone as the school turns 50!

I caught up with Mandi Ashmore (née Scott, 1980) in London last summer – she now lives in Switzerland- and we had a great chat in Covent Garden while she was over for her daughter's graduation. Sue Lloyd-Roberts (1980) and I are "Facebookers" and have been in touch quite regularly since the last reunion. It is lovely to hear news from everyone (whether directly or via others) and wish all those who know me, a very happy 2017."

Chanel Erasmus (2011) is currently studying at and plays squash for Trinity College in the United States. She recently received honourable mention as their *Bonam of the Week* for her performance on the squash courts.



Candice Ezine (2001) After 10 years in hospitality, Candice is doing a Graduate Diploma in Primary teaching and hopes to be teaching in a junior school in New Zealand next year.



Have hat, will travel. See where a Herschel hat will take you.....

This is a photo of Jojo Foote (née Penny, 1962) who came to the 50th Reunion in February from California. Those who came from afar were given a gift of a Herschel hat by Bruce!

Rosemary Faber (née Roberts, 1953) writes: "I left Herschel a long time ago - in 1953! I still have very happy memories of my school days. My husband and I have two sons, both married but only the elder one has children. His elder son left Peterhouse (here in Zimbabwe) at the end of last year and will go to university in Pretoria next year. He and his younger brother are both very keen rowers and sailors and have represented their country in both sports. We still have a very small portion of our farm and John, the elder son, and we are involved in the running of our farming venture. Our younger son, Bob, lives near Sydney and did both Mechanical Engineering and an MBA. We visit them every 3 years or so. I look forward to getting the Newsletter and reading about so many girls I remember from those far off days!"

Alicia Wilkinson (nee Faulk, 1962) won the prestigious *Janice Snyman Lifetime Achievement Award* at the annual Eat Out D51V Food Network Restaurants Awards. (Cape Times, Tuesday 27 November 2012)



**Dawn Garisch** (1975) is a doctor who writes, a poet who walks, a researcher who dances. She lives in Cape Town near the mountain and the sea and has two grown sons.

This year she released her new non-fiction / memoir called *Eloquent Body*. As both a medical doctor and a writer, Dawn Garisch has lived a split life for many years. Finally, *Eloquent Body* allows the two streams of her life to converge. Through exploring both the science and poetry of the body, she investigates how we can determine what to trust.

She suggests ways of developing a partnership with oneself, which includes not abusing the very ground we live off and stand on. In an engaging manner, *Eloquent Body* offers a circumspect and quiet wisdom in response to the instinctual need to find out who we are and why we are here.

Other published works by Dawn include: *Not Another Love Story*; *Stoning the Tree*; *Babyshoes*; *Once, Two Islands*; *Trespass and Difficult Gifts*

Dawn has had five novels and poetry published, a short play and short film produced, and has written for television, magazines and newspapers. Two of her novels have been published in the UK, with a third, *Trespass*, in press. In 2019, *Trespass* was nominated for the Commonwealth Writers Prize in Africa. A non-fiction work and a poetry collection *Difficult Gifts* will be published by Modjaji this year.



**Valerie Gosson** (née Kinghorn, 1944) visited the school in July with her carer. She was amazed at how much the school had changed since she left and thought the sport and teaching facilities were tremendous. She enjoyed browsing in the Archives and reminiscing about her happy time at Herschel. She still keeps in regular contact with her Herschel friends.

**Jeanette Green** (nee Ross, 1957) is an orthoptist and lecturer. She is currently living and working in Saudi Arabia. She hopes to retire to Australia or perhaps Cape Town in the near future.

**Judy Gregg** (nee Hanning, 1958) would love to hear from any Old Herschelian living in or traveling through Boston, USA. [judygregg@aol.com](mailto:judygregg@aol.com)

**Janet Hammond** (1977) is Head of Virology at Hoffman la Roche in New Jersey.

**Tamatya Hammond** (1992) got engaged to Schalk Fourie earlier this year and they are getting married on 16 February 2013.

**Catherine Harkess** (née Fletcher, 1983) has been living in Asia for over 20 years (Singapore for 14+ years, Hong Kong for 3 years and Jakarta for 3 years) and her son (aged 15) and daughter (aged 13) are at boarding school at Gordonstoun in Scotland. She finds Asia an exciting place to live and has been fortunate to visit most countries in Asia and make many local friends and other expats from all over the world.

**Anna Haw** (2001) has started a PhD in the wildlife veterinary field. She will be looking at ways to improve the safety of game immobilization, particularly in white rhinos and will be conducting most of her field work in Kruger National Park. She is still a keen runner (occasionally managing to bag some prize money at the local Gauteng races) but due to field work commitments she often finds herself racing wild animals more than anything else!

**Ashleigh Heeger** (2007) won the Sunday Times Young Chef of the Year in December 2011. She is part of the phenomenal team at The Test Kitchen, Cape Town.

**Stephanie Hoppen** (née Shub, 1951) writes: *I visit Cape Town frequently now after not being back for many years and love driving past Herschel and seeing how wonderful it all still looks. What a great place it was to be at and, in spite of myself, I think I learnt a great deal there - going on the UCT was a piece of cake after such good tuition.*



*I have lived in London most of my adult life and have a gallery in Walton Street Knightsbridge - [www.stephaniehoppen.com](http://www.stephaniehoppen.com).*

*My daughter, Kelly Hoppen, came out to SA with me a few years ago as guest of honour at Rooms on View. Kelly is an Interior Designer. My son, Michael, is a dealer in Fine Photography. All of us - grandchildren, too - are in the world of Arts. I meet up with quite a few Old Herschelians, through Nicole Giden, many of whom live and work here in London".*

**Rubyn Hull** (née Cooper, 1982) is a teacher. She returned home in June after some time living and working in Shanghai.

**Katharine Janisch** (née Rrlich, 1991) is involved in setting up a financial software start up business and is enjoying working half day and spending time with her boys, Oliver, 4 and James, 1. She recently celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. She lives in Johannesburg and looks forward to her trips to Cape Town.

**Alice-Azania Jarvis** (2002) lives and works in London. In 2012 she moved from The Independent to The Daily where, as a feature writer, she has covered stories on everything from the London 2012 Olympics to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

**Nancy Keggie** (née Graham, 2000) and her husband, Andrew, have been living in London for 3 years. After doing a Masters in Geography, she now works as a Location Planning Analyst at Sainsbury's Supermarkets. She is expecting her first child in April 2013.

**Lisa Knight** (née Nel, 1978) is a counsellor, teacher and trainer. She lives in Cornwall in England and has three children aged 22, 19 and 17. She would love to hear from old friends she made during the happy time she spent at Herschel as a weekly boarder. [lisanel@fastmail.fm](mailto:lisanel@fastmail.fm)

**Dr Nastassja Koen** (2004), a UCT graduate, has been named as the first recipient of a new fellowship that will focus on training in the important area of psychopharmacology. The fellowship has been awarded by Servier, a pharmaceutical company with a growing interest in psychiatric disorders. Nastassja is working on her PhD, which looks at the genetics of post-traumatic stress disorder or PTSD. She has published a number of articles in the area of psychopharmacology, and the fellowship will allow her the opportunity to continue her work.

Lauren Kohn (née Goldschmidt, 2000) left Webber Wentzel – having worked there for 4 years – after she was awarded 3 scholarships to complete her Masters in Law full-time this year. She was awarded the David & Fraine Potter Fellowship – a cross faculty scholarship awarded to students who have demonstrated academic excellence and dedication to uplifting civil society – as well as the National Research Foundation DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Scholarship, and the Law Endowment Scholarship, 'Towards Sustainable Justice'. Lauren is completing her LLM in the 'special programme: constitutional and administrative law' and is doing advanced contract law and environmental law as electives. Her thesis involves an exploration of our separation of powers doctrine and the special role of our judiciary in our three-tiered system of government – a topical and important issue given government's moves to 'transform' the judiciary.



In May this year, Lauren was invited to speak at the 2012 series of Potter Talks: "a series of exciting and thought-provoking short lectures given by prominent academics, thought leaders, innovators and students on issues affecting civil society in South Africa. The goal of the talks is to inspire, educate and engage". She spoke on the subject of, "Separation of Powers: a critical reflection of the structural and contextual reasons why our Parliament is failing to hold the Executive to account". Lauren also featured in the June 'Where are they now?' edition of *Without Prejudice – the Law Magazine*, as a top South African LLB graduate of 2006. In June of this year, Lauren and her husband travelled the Greek isles for 3 weeks and absolutely loved the experience! She is thoroughly enjoying her further studies, which have proven enriching and thought provoking – and is excited about her future in the legal arena in South Africa.

June Kurtz (past teacher, 1989 to 1999) writes "I can't believe Herschel is celebrating its 50th birthday this year - it seems just the other day that I was writing the school's history for the 75th. I shall have to make sure I'm there for the 100th in 2022 - if I'm not so doddery by then that I can't travel! Although I have lived in England for 12 years now, Herschel is still very dear to me and I hear regularly from all my ex-colleagues. Mrs Gidding took me on a tour of the school a couple of years ago and I was stunned by how lovely it is now with the new grounds layout and all the new buildings. Herschel girls are so lucky to go to such a superb school".

Tanya Lagaay (née Flvin-Jensen, 1986) is a self employed Business Consultant. She has two children. Her son, Adriaan, is 11 and was born in The Netherlands. Her daughter, Tiara, is 9 and was born in the US. Tiara is the current NJ State Champion for Trampoline, Level 6. Tanya has lived in the US for 9 years and has several businesses that provide business advice to small and mid-sized businesses.



Megan Lawrence (nee Counsell, 2005) writes: "I got married on 25 November 2012 to Justin Lawrence and we had the privilege of having my dad, Bishop Garth Counsell, marry us as well as having Rev Jo Tjers, ex chaplain from Herschel, involved in the service at St Saviours Church. Since then we have experienced the loss of my mother in law to Leukemia in March this year. Despite a sad start to the year we are happily married and enjoying this new journey". Megan and Lawrence live in Wynberg and she is the Store Manager at a Nursery Boutique in Kildare Centre in Newlands.



**Liora Lazarus** (1986) BA (UCT), LLB (ISF), DPhil (Oxon.), is a University Lecturer in Law, Member of the Centre for Criminological Research, and Fellow of St. Anne's College. Her primary research interests are in comparative human rights, security and human rights, comparative theory and comparative criminal justice. Born and raised in South Africa, she studied African Economic History at the University of Cape Town and Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science. From 1994-95 she was a Fellow of the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, Freiburg, Germany. She came to Oxford in 1995 to write her doctorate at Balliol College, after which she went on to become a law fellow at St Anne's College. She is the author of a number of academic books, chapters and articles on prisoners' rights and security and human rights. She has also completed a number of public reports on various aspects of human rights for the UK Ministry of Justice, The UK Stern Review into the treatment of Rape Complaints, and the European Union Parliament.

Liora is an Associate Director of the Oxford Human Rights Hub, and is actively involved in the work of Oxford Pro Bono Publico (which she co-founded), and the Oxford Transitional Justice Research Group. She is also a research associate at the Centre for Legal and Applied Research, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, and the Institute of Cultural Inquiry in Berlin. She is the book review editor of the European Human Rights Law Review, and she sits on the editorial board of the Oxford University Comparative Law Forum and the Journal of Human Rights Practice. She is also a member of an expert advisory group of the Equality and Human Rights Commission which is undertaking an independent review into the existing domestic arrangements for the protection and promotion of socio-economic rights.

Currently, Liora is completing an edited collection entitled *Adjudicating Human Rights Diversely*. Liora has most recently been awarded a British Academy Mid Career Fellowship which will commence in October 2012 and will enable her to undertake research towards the completion of a monograph entitled *Juridifying Security* and a number of associated articles. She is also part of an interdisciplinary group - *Investigating Human Rights for Future Generations* - which has recently received 3 years of support from the Oxford Martin School.

*(Profile from: [www.law.ox.ac.uk/profile/lazarus](http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/profile/lazarus) )*

**Cailey Low** (née Gordon, 2000) and her husband, Mike, will be travelling through South America in January and February 2013 before being relocated to New York with Tishman Speyer as IT Director of Applications at their head office in the Rockefeller Center.



**Tiffany Lumley** (née Byers, 1992) writes: "I am still living in Claremont with my husband, Greg, and daughter, Jordan who is now 4 years old. I have left the advertising world after 17 years and have set up a full time photography business. I specialise in 3 - 10 day old newborn babies and kids photography. [www.shots-of-tots.co.za](http://www.shots-of-tots.co.za). I have recently started talking at photography workshops talking about safety in newborn photography."

Shona McDonald (1977) has 3 daughters, 5 dogs and 32 chickens! And still finds time to run a business which provides user appropriate assistive devices and community based services that help in supporting the inclusion and equal opportunities of persons with disabilities in Southern Africa. Her social enterprise designs, builds and provides developing countries with appropriate postural support wheelchairs, provides support and training on safe wheelchair provision for therapists, rehabilitation workers, wheelchair users, their care providers and families from the most remote rural areas and urban slums to the leafy suburbs of Bishoucourt. Last year, Shona was awarded the World Economic Forum "Outstanding Social Entrepreneur - South Africa" and was the winner of the Ernst and Young Social Entrepreneur Awards in 2009. She is a Schwab Fellow and Endeavor Global Social Entrepreneur and contributor and peer reviewer to the WHO International workgroup on Guidelines for Wheelchair Distribution in Under Resourced Regions.

*I would like to thank Herschel for a good education which has provide me with confidence and solid tools to effect positive change – Shona*

Sue Macfarlane (née Sly, 1954) met with her school friends for lunch at Vergelegen in August 2012.

Here is a picture of a group of us from the class of 1954:

Left to Right: Wendy Hofmeyr (nee Hartford), Betty Casciati (nee Rudland), Sue Macfarlane (nee Sly), Jean Carlsson (nee McCall), Di Burns (nee Dicey).



The five friends got together when Sue and her husband visited Cape Town from their home in England. The Macfarlane's had just been on a holiday in Namibia.

Jessica Meyer (née Turner, 1987) has been living in the UK, in Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, for over 20 years. She is an audiologist and has two young daughters.

Joanne Michie (née Faulds, 1968) has been living in Beijing in over two years. She writes a regular blog (<http://herschelfair.wordpress.com>) to keep in touch with those across the miles. She writes: "What a tumultuous two years it has been: I had four small strokes (in quick succession) during my first year in Beijing, and was flown to a hospital in Hong Kong for treatment. My left side is not great, my eyesight has taken a bashing, but so far the little grey cells seem more-or-less intact - TBTC! I lost my dear Dad and I have become a grandmother - and my grandson is the apple of my Skype eye! He is the most intelligent, charming, beautiful boy in the entire universe as far as I am concerned! I have flown back and forth between China, the USA and the UK. What would Marco Polo say about such quick and easy travel? I have kept sending out my bi-weekly General Knowledge Quiz. In the spaces between all of the above, I have been pressing on with learning Mandarin, and trying to keep focussed on supporting my DH, exploring China and discovering as much as I can about how its people live and love and earn their daily bread."

**Caroline Milnes** (née Bruins, 1986) has been living in London with her husband, Tom, for the last 3 years, after a year in Washington DC and 7 years in Edinburgh. She had a baby girl on the 15th August 2011 called Genevieve Rose and she has a "sister" called Bo, the Golden Labrador who is now 2 years old. Tom works for Investec in London and Caroline keeps busy with her business called *Cazabelle of London* which she says is proving to be a rather fun venture ([www.cazabelle.com](http://www.cazabelle.com))



**Gail Musson** (née Fitzpatrick, 1987). Had a fun summer in London with the Jubilee and the Olympics! She moved to live in London 3 years ago with her husband and 2 daughters. She has worked as an Occupational Therapist at a couple of private practices in London, and recently started her own practice based at a private boy's school in Surrey.



**Cynthia Josephine Naddou** (née Granger, 1948) and her son Richard enjoyed the Founder's Day celebrations at the school. Cynthia was very proud to show her son her school and he thoroughly enjoyed the choir and festivities on the day. They later returned for a tour of the school and were again impressed by all the facilities and the high standard at Herschel. Cynthia lives in Italy, but comes to Cape Town from time to time to visit. They plan to make a visit to Herschel a regular event and Cynthia hopes to show her husband around in the near future.

**Diane Nel** (née Newton, 1979) lives in Somerset West with her husband and two children. She is a clinical psychologist and has a practice in Somerset West

**Paula O'Reilly** (née Boers, 1977) lives in Pukekohe, New Zealand and is a large animal veterinarian. She would love to hear from anyone visiting or living in New Zealand. [paulaboers@vahoo.co.uk](mailto:paulaboers@vahoo.co.uk)

**Alexandra Ovenstone** (1980) left the world of advertising where she worked as an Account Director and became a full-time mother to Gabriella Chloe Ovenstone, who is starting at Herschel in Grade R in 2013.

**Janis Peace** (née Eby, between 1959 and 1962) attended Herschel for a few years. Her father was the US Naval Attache in Cape Town at the time. Her best friend was Melanie Serrurier (née Skullafurd, 1964), with whom she lost touch over time. Using our "locate friends" option on the website, the two friends were able to reconnect after many years.

Suzette Pelt (Anderson, 1975) enjoyed a wonderful trip to Bali with classmates from 1975 and their husbands in May. She later spent two months sailing in Alaska with friends, which she says was "rather cold compared to Bali". She sent this photo of their yacht in the ice!



**Dr Larissa Panieri-Peter (née Peter, Head Girl in 1988).** Dr Larissa Panieri Peter was a Guest Speaker at a cheese and wine evening held at Herschel Senior School in May. She addressed parents and staff on the topic of teenage substance abuse. She is a leading forensic psychiatrist in private practice in the Southern Suburbs and has a daughter, Angelica, in the Senior School.

Nicci Price (née Deal, 1981) completed a 11.4 km swim in February 2017 from Robben Island to Three Anchor Bay to raise funds to help pay for the hospital bills of 11-year-old Natalie Louw who was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer in 2011. In an interview with the Cape Times, Nicci said "I swam to raise money for many charities before. I decided to do the same for Natalie. The only difference is that this was deeply personal." The Louw's are close family friends.

Mary Quinn (née How, 1998) has moved to Sydney, Australia to take up a very good position in a green building design company where she is leading a number of projects.

Catherine Radowsky (née Shub, 1984) is the CLO of the fashion chain, Queenspark. She has a BA in English and Psychology from UCT and a post graduated qualification in Human Resources. She has loved beautiful clothes from a very young age and says it is part of her life (her family owns the Rex Truform clothing company). She is delighted that they have launched cosmetics within Queenspark as make-up is her other great passion. She says fashion is such an exciting and inspiring industry, she is always happy to start work everyday.

Jacquie Rambaut (1958) writes: "I arrived at the Herschel Kindergarten in 1946 and left (aged 17) after we wrote our Matriculation in 1958. I have the greatest, happiest memories of my time as a Herschelian." She would love to hear from Old Herschelians and would be delighted to welcome any Old Herschelians passing near Herby-on-Thames. She can be contacted on [jacquie.rambaut@googlemail.com](mailto:jacquie.rambaut@googlemail.com)

Amber Riley (Ramsden, 1992) is a happy and busy mom to twins boys, Alexander and Benjamin were born on 8 August 2012, in Woking, UK. She is married to Tom Riley.

Brenda Roberts (Staff) thoroughly enjoys receiving news of Old Herschelians. She has sent a family photo which includes her daughter, Chené Coordt (nee Roberts, 1995) with her two children, Kaïla and Kai. Chené's husband, Kevin, was Principal of the American International School of Cape Town, however they returned to San Diego, California in June when Kevin's contract ended.



Catherine Rogers (nee Balance, 1995) has a 2 year old daughter, Alexandra, and baby girl, Caroline, so is kept rather busy! She and her husband, Alan, live in Newlands in Cape Town. Catherine is a Chartered Accountant but is not working at the moment. Her husband is specializing as a plastic surgeon and works mainly at the Red Cross Children's Hospital. They've been back in Cape Town for a few years after spending some time in the UK.

Nicolette Ross (née Templer, 1973) visited Ireland, and stayed with her son, Alistair, in the beautiful city of Dublin. She also visited England, in May/June and stayed Lyndy (Peterson) Cary and her husband Mike. It was lovely seeing them again and catching up on all their news. We watched the Queen's Jubilee with them, which was very special. Her youngest son, Craig, was married in Las Vegas in May in the Grandland Chapel. He and his wife have emigrated to San Francisco. He works as a copywriter for an advertising company there. Her eldest son, Alistair, has just returned to Cape Town after spending six months working in Dublin, which was a wonderful experience. Nicolette and her partner moved to Stanford in June and they are thoroughly enjoying our new life there. They are keen gardeners and are proud of their garden full of lavender, rosemary and masses of roses. They have also started a vegetable garden.

Anne Schonborn (née Cowley, 1967) from KZN was the OH guest reader at the 2012 Founder's Day Service. She attended as part of the 50 year reunion festivities for her class of 1962. She is now retired after a career in the travel industry as a travel agent. She is married, has four adult children and keeps herself busy playing bridge, golf, cycling, snorkelling and swimming.

Chantal Simonis (1986) is a Medical Director with a special interest in reproductive medicine, particularly the care of patients with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome. Chantal spent three years as an IVF Research Fellow with the team when it was based at the Chalybeate Hospital in Southampton. In addition to her IVF skills, Chantal also holds the RCOG/RCR Advanced Diploma in Obstetric Ultrasound.

Abigail Simpson (1996) graduated with a Masters in Educational Psychology with a distinction for her thesis. Her sister, Georgina (now Melck) had her baby girl, Olivia, in the UK in January this year. The youngest Simpson sister, Annabel, got engaged to Matthew Mead in July and they are planning their wedding for March next year.

Anne Snyders (née Steens, 1961) writes on behalf of **the CLASS OF 1961:**

On the 22nd October the Class of '61 had an informal get-together at the home of Anne Snyders (née Steens). We had an opportunity to toast Maxine's birthday and also to celebrate our 51st reunion! There's been no slowing down since our 50th last year!

Anne Bruce (née Fauville) shared with us that she has enjoyed two trips to Stockholm and the UK this year which included a family reunion and the splendid Thames and Mail Jubilee experience in June. In August she attended the grand centenary celebration of the birth of Raoul Wallenberg (her mother's cousin). He was a hero in Budapest where he rescued at least 35,000 Jews before being taken prisoner by the Russians - never to be seen again. She was also lucky enough to get a ticket for the Olympics Show Jumping final and on 31st August her daughter Catherine married 'her Lance'. The wedding party took over Gosfield Hall for 24 hours and family and friends came from far and near, including Anne's sister Claire Amm, (née Fauville, 1952) and her sons. They partied in splendid olde world surroundings. Anne also visited Prilla Horn (née Barrett) in Cambridge and has since heard that Prilla's husband, Gabriel, passed away very suddenly.

Sally McConnell (née Orpen) drove down from Betty's Bay for our reunion and Chris Godfrey (née Dawson) sent wishes from the rain drenched farm in George, which is now home after their move from East London. Chris is growing her own produce and is hoping to live "off the grid" soon.

Carol Opie (née Baker) is recovering from an operation on her foot in October, so couldn't join us, but prior to that she thoroughly enjoyed a "Camino" walk (near Eth) in the south of France.

Susie Power (née Robb) leads a busy life on their farm in Wellington, and is often in contact with Sandy Tolosana (née Buchanan) who has just completed building her new home in Kiebeeckkasteel.

It was also good to see Celia McCallum (née de Villiers), Les Houba (née Brauer) and Denise White (née Bonner). Denise spurred us on to have more frequent get-togethers and enthralled us with information on the Internet's "Coursero" that she is a member of. Hilary Cattell (née Dempers) couldn't join us because she had a house full of guests for the celebration of her daughter's wedding.

Marion Marsh (née van der Byl) wrote that she "hiked the Whale Trail (not for the faint hearted) and also visited the Gorillas in Rwanda and witnessed the migration in Tanzania in April." Marion says that it was "The Trip of a Lifetime".

Nicky Cloete-Hopkins writes from London. "Our biggest job over the last year was dealing with a number of items to do with our new tenant at the Alphen Hotel - who is doing an excellent job. Meanwhile we left our son, Alexander, dealing with Alphen matters and took a somewhat extended holiday, visiting Delta in Winchester in the UK, and travelling on a tall ship from Malta to Venice, where we spent a week. I am writing this from our flat in London where we are catching our breaths before returning to SA. I saw Hilary Guise (née Beck) at her house in St. John's Wood and bought two of her paintings. (Hilary will be lecturing at UCT's Summer School in January 2013). I spoke to Maxine Sifis (née Diamond) on the telephone. She and Isabel Demetriadi were coming to London but both found themselves too busy to get away."

Lavinia Crawford-Browne (née Ellis) took time out from her busy job to join us for lunch. She is looking forward to a visit from her son next month and is also hoping to join a three month cruise on a study boat in the near future. Lavinia has been working as Marketing/Communications liaison for the past three years at the Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation. In 2009 she and her husband had a working round the world voyage on the MV Explorer - the University of Virginia runs a study programme for more than 600 students on board for which the students receive credit at their home universities. Lavinia is hoping they will be accepted for another voyage in 2013.

Lavinia's son, Stuart and wife, Julia, are visiting Cape Town with their two year old, Chu, so named in honour of Lavinia's husband, Terry, the "revolutionary". They live in Guildford, UK. Lavinia's daughter, Sarah, is married living in Milberton and teaching at UCT in the Primary Health Department.

We're hoping to have our next get-together in March 2013 when Margie Goldswain (née Watson) will be visiting from Australia.

That's all from the class of 1961 – till next year!

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Caroline Sylvester (1959) lives in New York and is planning a big wedding in Palm Springs in December this year. Then she, and her new husband, Charlie Maddock, will be bringing a whole crowd of their wedding guests to South Africa and they are very keen on visiting Herschel again.



Marjorie Taylor (née Harbottle, 1945) was honoured to be a special guest at the *End Dream Dance* celebrations. She and Di Burns (née Dicey, 1954) participated in a symbolic gesture during the show where two of the youngest Herschelians handed roses to Marjorie and Di, representatives of the alumni. Marjorie also celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends in August this year. She enjoys travelling and spent a wonderful two weeks on a barge from Paris to Normandy and back via Amsterdam along the River Seine. She plays bridge, enjoys her bookclub and walks her dog twice a day.

Tamaryn Tesselaar (2003) was admitted as an Attorney of the High Court of RSA in Feb 2012. She specializes in matrimonial law and is practicing as an Associate at McLoughlin Clark Inc.

Lucy Turner (née Stehlik, 1993) lives in London. She is a journalist, music critic and the editor of Juice magazine. She is married to Daniel Turner. Lucy and Daniel met each other 6 years ago and were married in London last September. They enjoyed a honeymoon in the Maldives and on safari in South Africa.



Amy Underwood (née Jansen, 2003) is living with her husband, Stephen, in Johannesburg. In her work for Nedbank Capital, Amy played an instrumental role in the development of the Nedbank Green Index and associated investment products. The Nedbank Green Index is the first South African index to be primarily based on environmental criteria, principally how companies respond to climate change. As part of Nedbank's integrated Cross-cluster Sustainability team, Amy won the Top Team Achiever award which includes a trip to Dubai.

Carol van Eeden (nee Jenkin, left in Stu 8) writes: *i was at Herschel from Std 1 until the end of Std 8 (my class matriculated 1973), as my parents decided to emigrate to the UK. I finished my education in the UK, doing both O levels and then a 2 year finishing course at a college called St Godwin's in London. My time living in London during the 1970s was amazing – what an experience! returned to Cape Town in 1976, got married, had 2 children – a daughter and a son, and then returned to live in the UK in 1998. Unfortunately after 24 years of marriage, I got divorced in 2008 and my ex returned to live in Cape Town, but my children and i happily remained in a little town called Newport Pagnell, which is about 60 miles north of London. For the past 13 years i have worked for a charity called Cumpbill, which supports adults with learning difficulties – there are also a number of these communities in South Africa, and worldwide. It's an amazing place to work, much like a big family, although there are now more than 30 people living and working there. Currently, my role is HR manager. We have new volunteers coming each year from around the globe to spend a 'gap' year with us, so if you know of any school or university leavers looking for a new experience, please feel free to contact me! [carnie@btinternet.com](mailto:carnie@btinternet.com). My daughter is 27 and has 2 gorgeous little boys aged 2 and 6 months, so guess where I spend most of my free time? My son, who is 23, did a law degree at Sussex Uni, and now works for the Financial Ombudsman in London, so I unfortunately don't get to see very much of him. Some of you probably remember my sister, Susan, who matriculated at Herschel in 1971. She lives in a little village called Sant Feliu de Guixols in the north of Spain. She has been married to Enric, a Spaniard she met in Liverpool, for about 35 years, and has 2 grown up children.*

Jessica Viljoen (nee Pretorius, 2002) is due to have her second baby in December 2012, a sibling to her daughter, Maddison Viljoen.

Sarah Whitehead (2000) is currently in her final 3 months of medical internship at Groote Schuur Hospital.



Sarah Woods (1994): Sarah's passion for photography started when she was young, seeing her father photographing family trips throughout South Africa. She has a Bachelor of Journalism degree specializing in photography from Rhodes and has freelanced in SA and South-East Asia. Sarah is the Senior Photographer at HSM Photography where she indulges her love of landscape photography as well as portraiture and fashion shoots.



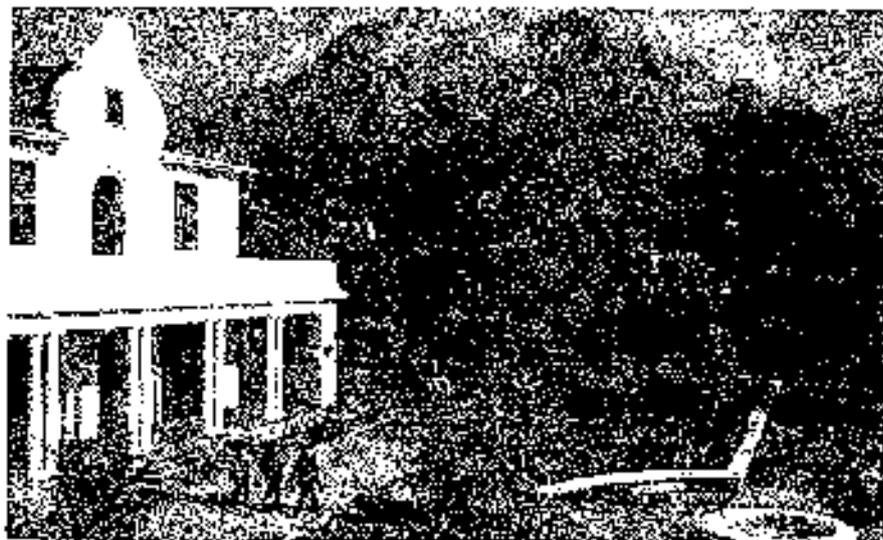
Kim Whittaker (2002) is expecting her first baby in March 2013.

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## *Tree Blessing*

Soak up the sun  
Affirm life's magic  
Be graceful in the wind  
Stand tall after a storm  
Feel refreshed after it rains  
Grow strong without notice  
Be prepared for each season  
Hang tough through a cold spell  
Emerge renewed at the first signs of spring  
Stay deeply rooted while reaching for the sky  
Be still long enough to  
hear your own leaves rustling.

*From think like a tree by Karen I Shragg*

*\*This beautiful poem was quoted during the 2012 Forester's Day Service*

*by Chaplain Bob Corwin and many of the OH's present requested a copy -- so here it is for all to enjoy.*