Farewell Christine Jenkins
At this time of year we usually look back over the year past and marvel at the girls’ achievements – always stunning!

The Class of 2015 has led the School with distinction and we know they will become leaders in the years ahead, no matter whether this is at university, at home or in the wider world. Although some of these girls may not yet be ready to lead, I am confident they are ready to take up all of the opportunities that lie before them.

A School is far more than the physical environment that we see around us, although that might be what we first notice when we arrive on campus. The essence of a School is its people, its community, its spirit. Korowa has a close and inclusive community that I will find immensely difficult to leave at the end of this year. I have loved watching over the girls as they grow, develop and thrive as a result of the loving care of their parents and teachers. I love seeing the camaraderie of groups of girls who discover shared interests, no matter whether this passion is for music, rowing or chemistry. I love seeing friendly rivalry between Houses at House Carnivals, and the School spirit that emerges at GSV matches and competitions. It has been a privilege to see young children discover the wonders of reading in Junior School who later become serious students of literature and languages. To be a part of the journey for every single Korowa student under my care has been a wonderful and fulfilling experience.

Life as a Principal is a real contradiction – one watches from the balcony but also keenly participates in the action on the dance floor. I have thoroughly enjoyed my interactions and relationships with students, parents, alumni and our wider community. I am very grateful to all those who, like me, have committed themselves to making Korowa a strong and vibrant School, especially our wonderful staff.

Reunions of Korovians locally and abroad are always abundant with stories of teachers who have transformed lives and students who have achieved success beyond their wildest expectations. Thank you to all the Korovians who have enriched my time at Korowa and shared their stories with me. I also thank those of you who have served Korowa in a voluntary capacity during my time at the School, as this is true commitment.

2015 has been a fabulous celebration of the 125th year of Korowa. We all have much to be proud of and I wish my successor much happiness at this fabulous School! I thank all Korowa families past, present and future, for my time with you and I wish you all a very happy year in 2016…..

Mrs Christine Jenkins, Principal
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Korowa has a tradition of long-serving, outstanding and loyal Principals. Christine Jenkins is only the eighth Principal in the School’s 125 year history.

Chris came to Korowa in July 2003 from MLC in Perth where she had held the role of Principal. Prior to that Chris was Deputy Principal at Fijitang Grammar School and for nine years the Middle School Co-ordinator at MLC Kew.

My earliest memory of Chris is when soon after her arrival she addressed the concerns of Year 9 parents. The year group was unsettled and peer group pressure had a large number of girls talking about leaving Korowa. I was impressed by the way Chris quickly acknowledged the problem and responded to the issue; supporting parents when daughters had them looking at other schools. Most families, as we did, stayed at Korowa and were pleased at having done so.

Our younger daughter would visit Korowa when her sister was being picked up from school and Chris was very quickly greeting her personally: “Hello Lucy, are you looking forward to coming to Korowa?” Chris clearly has an impressive memory for names and a keen eye for future enrolments. Under Chris' leadership enrolments indeed increased and did so in a competitive environment. Over the last 12 years she has led the education of over 2000 Korowa students.

During her tenure the Junior School has been extensively refurbished. Chris acknowledges the importance of developing foundation skills and an excitement for learning in the primary years.

Chris initiated further development of the Middle School program in the then recently completed Cripps Building and expanded the curriculum to include Mandarin and Food Technology.

The School’s Mission Statement acknowledges that our girls will face a rapidly changing world and under Chris’ leadership Learning Technologies and IT Services have quickly developed to help equip our students: Korowa has a larger LOTE program than significantly bigger schools and Chris has strengthened Korowa’s international connections and sister school relationships so that our students can view themselves as global citizens. Many of our Senior School girls participate in and enjoy the language exchange program.

Under Chris’ leadership Korowa has become one of the top non-selective girls’ schools in the State, indeed on some measures one of the best in Australia. In 2014, 45.5% of Korowa VCE students achieved an ATAR above 90; in some measures one of the best in the State, indeed on some measures one of the best in Australia. In 2014, 45.5% of Korowa VCE students achieved an ATAR above 90; in 2013 Korowa was Victoria’s top performer in NAPLAN and in 2011 Korowa ranked equal first among independent schools for VCE Median Studies scores.

Whilst championing academic excellence, Chris has also encouraged involvement and achievement in extra curricular activities of music, the arts and sport. As an example (of the latter), prior to Chris’ arrival rowing received very little support from the School. I remember at the 2004 School Girls’ Regatta, the first season after Chris’ arrival, the Korowa first crew rowed in Division 3 because the School did not possess the requisite ‘racing’ boat for Division 1 & 2 participation. The Year 10 Division 1 crew had to row their A Final in a boat borrowed from Shelford because there was not enough time between finals for both Korowa crews to use the one good Korowa boat. Today, thanks to the support of both parents and Chris, Korowa has a strong regatta presence, as befits a leading girls’ school.

Regardless of the performance, exhibition or sporting event, Korowa girls have always enjoyed the visible and vocal support of their Principal.
Chris has also represented Korowa in the wider education community as a Board Member of the Alliance of Girls’ School (Australasia), the Association of Heads of Independent Schools Australia, being at one time AHISA Deputy Chair, and Girls Sport Victoria, also serving as President.

Upon her arrival at Korowa Chris realised that not only the School uniform, but also our buildings and facilities were “tired”. A new Art Department, a new Library and a VCE Centre were urgently needed and these projects followed on an annual basis. In a short time the whole tone of the Senior School was lifted immensely. Chris has shouldered as School Principal, often with very little support. The role of Principal is indeed wide, complex and often lonely.

Further projects that Chris led have included the Junior School, Science Labs, Food Technology, Senior School classrooms, Multipurpose Room, John Wilson Memorial Chapel, Ranfurly House, Student Services and the preparation of plans for the new Sports Centre. Chris’ support for building works has been such that, on one occasion, I was prompted to suggest that, like Winston Churchill, she take up bricklaying as a hobby.

As Chair of Council, I was privy to the extensive range of responsibilities that Chris has shouldered as School Principal, often with very little support. The role of Principal is indeed wide, complex and often lonely. Throughout her tenure, both Chris and Korowa have remained true to the School’s mission – commitment to excellence in learning, teaching and leadership to empower students to make a positive contribution in a rapidly changing world.

I am certain that the Korowa Community joins with me in thanking Christine Jenkins for having dedicated herself to the development of a school that now enjoys a reputation as a leading Victorian Independent girls’ school.

On behalf of the Korowa School Council, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Mrs Helen Carmody has been appointed as the new Principal of Korowa.

Helen’s appointment follows an extensive international search by recruitment firm, Russell Reynolds and Associates in close consultation with the School Council. Helen comes to Korowa from Toorak College, Mount Eliza, where she has been the Principal for four years. Toorak College is an independent day and boarding school co-educational from ELC to Year 12 and girls only to Year 12. It is widely acknowledged that Helen led a turnaround at the school which has positively impacted VCE and NAPLAN results and, importantly, has significantly improved relationships between staff, students and the wider school community.

Helen brings to Korowa more than 30 years’ experience in the Australian education sector in both independent and government schools. She has a unique understanding of the needs of students from ELC right through to Year 12, having taught across all levels during this time. Prior to her appointment as Principal at Toorak College, Helen was Head of Learning and Teaching at Kambala Anglican Girls’ School in Sydney, where she was responsible for the implementation of all curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 12. Helen had joined Kambala in 2003 as Head of their Preparatory School. Among her many achievements in that role was overseeing the building one of the first Early Learning, Long Day Care Centres at an independent school. Her experience at Kambala provided her with a unique ‘one school’ approach, which she took successfully into her role at Toorak College and which she plans to also bring to Korowa.

Helen has a special interest in the area of e-learning and completed her Masters in that field in 2004. This will be particularly relevant to Korowa as we embrace the challenges of learning in the 21st century. She has also demonstrated outstanding commercial skills and has recently completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors course.

Helen also brings to Korowa an articulate, engaging, and inclusive leadership style which is a strong fit with our Korowa culture. She is married to David, and has two adult sons. Helen is an accomplished long distance runner and has completed many marathons. She will share this passion for health and wellbeing with Korowa.

We look forward to Helen joining our community in Term 2 of 2016. Mrs Margaret White will act as Interim Principal of Korowa in Term 1, 2016. Margaret is one of the most experienced and well-regarded educational professionals in Independent Girls’ Schools in Australia. Recently retired, Margaret was the Principal of Kambala, an Anglican Girls’ School in Rose Bay, Sydney for 14 years. Margaret is excited to spend Term 1 in Melbourne at Korowa in order to support Korowa’s students and staff in a smooth and successful start to 2016.

Looking forward to meeting you

I am delighted to be chosen to lead Korowa, one of Australia’s leading independent girls’ schools. I am extremely excited to meet the students and to identify where we can best support them to achieve their goals and prepare for the future. I am also looking forward to working collaboratively with the teaching staff at Korowa to enhance what is already a very successful team, as well as getting to know the parents and the wider Korowa community, who have shown such strong support for the school’.

Helen Carmody
The Chapel has seating for 100

The new chapel was dedicated by the Archbishop of Melbourne, The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier and is named in the John Wilson Memorial Chapel in honour of John Wilson, former Bishop of the Southern Region of the Melbourne Diocese and Chair of Korowa School Council from 1998 to 2001.

Mrs Christine Jenkins, Principal of Korowa says, “Bishop John Wilson contributed to the governance of Korowa for many years and supported the spiritual thread woven into the fabric of our programs. It is only fitting that our new chapel is named in memory of him. It will be a quiet place of reflection, a place to discover the spiritual, and a place to celebrate and sing.”

The John Wilson Memorial Chapel has seating for 100, able to be arranged according to the purpose of the event or service. The light-filled space, with three windows featuring stained glass were designed and made in Melbourne, create an atmosphere of reflection. A state-of-the-art audiovisual system also ensures sound and music of the highest quality as well as the best of digital presentations.

The stained glass windows were donated by the Cripps Family (Robert, Janette and their daughter Amy Tennent (Cripps ’95)) and also Sandra Ivory (Clark ’67) who have ensured that the Anglican heritage remains at the heart of the school. Korowa celebrates 125 years this year and although our ethics and values stay the same, it is our ability to implement contemporary thinking and educational best practice that have ensured that we continue to be a leader in the education of girls.”

The Chapel will be available for the Korowian Club and enrich the space with a meditative quality. We hope many Korovians choose to use the space for their private ceremonies. For enquiries about the space, please contact Rev’d Fiona Raike on fraike@korowa.vic.edu.au or phone 03 9811 0263.

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Ranfurlie House

Alongside the opening of the Chapel, the new administration and reception area in the refurbished Roberts Wing was opened in June and is now named Ranfurlie House. The former Roberts Wing Building has been extensively reconstructed and refurbished as a welcoming entrance to Korowa with created sliding glass doors leading to Reception. Now known as Ranfurlie House the building honours the Ranfurly name of the earlier property on our site when Korowa first moved to Wattletree Road location.

Ranfurlie was the home of the Knox family who lived here until 1913. The Honorable William Knox MHR had named his home (originally called Everton) after the Ranfurly family title although with different spelling. Over the years Ranfurlie was also called The House and later Knox House until it was demolished in late 1973 to make way for the main Senior School building we know today.
A night of Music

The 125 Year Celebration Concert was all about community – the coming together of our youngest to our most senior students, performing together.

Many of our past Music Captains joined in 125 Concert celebrations as singers and musicians. We caught up with them back stage to discover what they are up to now.

Sherry Du (‘14) is now studying Science at the University of Melbourne.

What role has music played in your life since leaving Korowa? Although I never pursued music as a full time career, my musical background has given me a rich understanding of how important hearing and communication can be. These days I help diagnose and rehabilitate people with hearing impairment, but I still spend my weekends teaching music theory and the occasional accompaniment job.

Ana Mitsikas (‘90) is Artist Director of Stage Left Performing Arts School, working as a professional actor, singer, pianist, and leader of the Korovian Choir. She is the mother of two children Zak (9) and Georgia (6) who both attended Korowa ELC.

What part has music played in your life since leaving Korowa? Music has given me a positive and creative perspective on life, as well as a dedication to hard work - and I plan to keep playing for years to come.

Bridget Lane (‘96) has a law degree from the University of Melbourne and is currently working in policy for the Early Learning Association of Australia while completing her practical legal training and admission requirements through ANU.

What role has music played in your life since leaving Korowa? As well as accompanying the Korovian Choir, Music has given me a positive and creative perspective on life, as well as a dedication to hard work. I plan to keep singing and piano and perform regular gigs around Melbourne and I’m a part of the Stimmington Youth Jazz Initiative (SYJI) where we perform at festivals throughout the year with jazz luminaries.

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The importance of massed singing as part of our celebration was paramount, so the concert commenced and concluded with all students from Years 3 to Year 12 and Korovians accompanied by the Menuhin Orchestra which also included Korovians. The opening “Aquarius” set the scene for an outstanding concert and the finale, "Aquarius" set the scene for an outstanding concert and the finale, “Aquarius” set the scene for an outstanding concert and the finale, consisting of songs from “Phantom of the Opera” was a grand, powerful finale. Mammy McQueen (‘96) who was the MC for the evening thrilled the audience with her singing of “I am Woman” as her Rosa character and Steve Sedegreen in his dedicated part of our celebration was paramount, the importance of massed singing as a truly collaborative way, invited our students to join him on stage to perform.

This was a historic concert showing the breadth of musical styles that our students perform, the importance of mentorship and the Korowa community working together. Warmest congratulations to over 600 students and all the music staff for their dedication and skill to make this concert truly memorable.

Sophie Liu (‘10) has recently graduated with a Masters in Clinical Audiology and will be working with Australian Hearing next year.

What role has music played in your life since leaving Korowa? Music has been my closest friend and a wonderful escape from the stresses of academic life and a great way to meet like-minded people who aren’t physicists! There’s no shortage of opportunities for a bassoon player and I’ve been fortunate to play with several Melbourne-based ensembles since I finished Year 12.

Sherry Du performed on the night but missed this photo.

Standing: (L-R) Jesika Clark (‘12), Sophie Liu (‘10), Ana Mitsikas (‘90), Kim Pham (‘06), Bridget Lane (‘96), Bhavani Raman (‘09), Emma Bland (‘17), Isaac Hannah Li (‘15), Ophelia Bryant

Missing: Sherry Du performed on the night but missed this photo.

Jesika Clark (‘12) has just completed a Bachelor of Music from The University of Melbourne majoring in performance of classical voice. Her mentor and teacher is Suzanne Johnston. Jesika is also concurrently completing a diploma in German. She teaches piano and singing and also works in various theatres in the city for Manrier Group.

What role has music played in your life since leaving Korowa? Music has played an enormous role in my life since leaving Korowa 3 years ago. Most days, I have some form of music through teaching, my choir (Melbourne University Choral Society), playing cello in a trio for weddings, studying music at university, being exposed to the music theatre scene in Melbourne through work and regular singing and piano lessons. I am eternally grateful for the music program at Korowa. I developed skills and interests that I will have forever and I don’t know what I’d be doing if I didn’t have music in my life.

Kim Pham (‘08) is studying postgraduate Medicine at the University of Melbourne, and will be doing research into Art within Medical Education next year, as her final year research.

What role has music played in your life since leaving Korowa? I studied first year of a Bachelor of Music before changing to study Biomedicine, but music has continued to support me emotionally, socially and financially. I play with the Low Down Big Band, and perform in the Medical Comedy Revue, as well as accompanying the Korovian Choir. Music has given me a positive and creative perspective on life, as well as a dedication to hard work - and I plan to keep playing for years to come.

Bridge Lane (‘96) has a law degree from the University of Melbourne and is currently working in policy for the Early Learning Association of Australia while completing her practical legal training and admission requirements through ANU.

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Kim Pham (‘06) is a composer and pianist who has played with several Melbourne-based ensembles since I finished Year 12.

Music Captains play on:

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Emma Bland (‘17) is completing a PhD in space physics at La Trobe University.

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Celebrating 125 years – Speaking from the heart

Korowa’s School Captains chose to speak about gender equality at the recent Speech Night and how their education at Korowa has equipped them to help bring change to the world

By Louisa Bujor & Lydia Skabar

Lydia: Good evening everyone,

Louisa and I thought that instead of using the five minutes that we have up here to give you the old yearly report about what’s been happening at Korowa, we would instead speak with you about something that means a bit more to us.

Louisa: This past Sunday, 11 October was the International Day of the Girl Child. The purpose of this day is to promote awareness of the gender inequality faced by girls across the globe. Even we, as relatively privileged girls in a stable and conflict free environment, experience this gender gap and half the time we don’t even realise.

The theme for this year’s day focused on adolescent girls, living in the United Nations’ newly Sustainable Development Goals, one of which is to end all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.

Lydia: The targets linked to the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals have been set to be achieved by 2030.

We might hear these goals and think that they sound idealistic, that in a realistic world, girls everywhere will always face discrimination, whether it’s unwanted attention in the streets, or being denied a proper education based on their gender. But this is the very reason it’s so important for us to work towards ending it – we can’t accept discrimination as the norm, that in itself promotes unequal standards.

Louisa: Wilkinson supported Safe Steps, raising awareness about family violence and supporting women in our community by collecting toothbrushes for women who have fled from an abusive environment with nothing but the clothes on their backs. This particular event actually led to several VCE students taking part in Safe Steps’ Federation Square Shine Bright Candlelight Vigil with Rosie Batty back in May, and when we were given the call to action to help out, more than 25 girls responded in record time, which was just so good to see – girls happy to offer up their time for such causes.

Lydia: It’s through events like the House Special Efforts and Big Day In, which supports our sister school, Islamia, in Bangladesh, that we aim to inspire and encourage Korowa girls to spread the generosity and passion that we all possess.

Louisa: Getting involved with events like these shows us that we do have the ability to go further and actually help those people who seem out of our reach - people we haven’t even met.

Lydia: Jamieson collected bras for the Uplift Project, delivering them to women living in areas in the world where bras are often unavailable or unaffordable. They also supported the education of 35 girls in Baguia, East Timor, a community with whom Korowa has formed a close relationship.

Louisa: Through the organisation of House Special Efforts, led by our fantastic House Captains, each house has learnt about a chosen cause, often centred around girls and women in need.

Lydia: We are also proud to acknowledge that just by being a student at Korowa, each of us is contributing to the achievement of these targets already, through Korowa’s programs and activities that support girls and women locally and globally who are currently living in disadvantaged circumstances.

Louisa: Thanks to our experiences and journey at Korowa, we understand how important and beneficial it is to have access to such an excellent education; and, in comparison, how cruel it is that there are girls out there who are denied this right.

Lydia: We are proud to acknowledge that just by being a student at Korowa, each of us is contributing to the achievement of these targets already, through Korowa’s programs and activities that support girls and women locally and globally who are currently living in disadvantaged circumstances.

Lydia: In today’s society, it’s so easy to make these connections with these causes and lend a hand, and at School we have such power in numbers, hundreds of girls and excellent teachers willing to give their time. We are proud that in 2015, this is exactly what our community has done.

Louisa: We know that you can, because you’re Korowa girls, and from experience, we’ve seen the enthusiasm you possess and the drive you have to offer, and we know that it would be a waste to let these opportunities pass you by.

Lydia: As educated girls in a contemporary society, it’s up to us to continue to contribute to the UN’s aim to end discrimination against women in supporting these causes, and not just as a School, but as individuals.

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Lydia Skabar, 2015 School Captain
Jessie Patrick | the first of many...

Named after Korowa’s first student, the Jessie Patrick Bequest Society provides an opportunity for the School to honour and thank Korovians and friends who name the School as a beneficiary in their Will, during their lifetime.

Jessie Patrick (1903) was born Janet Gardner Patrick in 1898 and was known as Jessie. She arrived in Melbourne in 1906 with her family from Barnehurst, Scotland. Jessie was 17 when she graduated from Korowa in 1903.

As a tribute to Jessie Patrick, we caught up with a few other Jessies who followed her through the doors of Korowa but are enjoying or have enjoyed their own unique journey through Korowa and beyond.

Jessica Shi, Year 1
What do you like best about Korowa? I like having friends and having fun. I like writing because I can know lots of words and how to spell them. I like making up stories.

What are you looking forward to in 2016? (Psychology) at Monash after which I plan to go to a medical school for medicine.

Jessica McAll, Year 4
What do you like best about Korowa? I like that everyone at Korowa works hard and we get things done. My favourite subjects are Art, because it’s really creative and Science because everything has an explanation.

What are you looking forward to in 2016? I’m excited about being the Junior School leader. Being a leader is not just about a badge – it’s about being kind and not showing off.

What do you hope to do after you leave Korowa? I’d like to be an orthodontist, because it combines science with art when you have to get the shape and appearance of braces right. Or all architected because designing houses would be awesome, or a ballerina. I’ve been dancing since I was 3 – I love the feeling of dancing and the music.

Jessica Appleton, Year 10
What do you like best about Korowa? Our year level is like a small community. We are all close with one another and can talk about anything together. There is a wide range of sports available at Korowa. The facilities at Korowa are great ranging from the Art to the Music School to the high level of Languages we have here.

What are you looking forward to in 2016? I am looking forward to meeting the new Principal. I am also looking forward to starting VCE and using the VCE Centre. I am looking forward to facing Year 11 and everything that it brings.

What do you hope to do after you leave Korowa? At this stage I am keeping my options open for a future either in the creative world of Art or Design. Or another world of Physical Education and Sport.

Jessica Peasley (’10)
Tell us about one of the most interesting lessons or activities you did at school?

Year 9 Trek was one of the best things I did at Korowa. It was such an amazing experience to be able to do with friends. I also loved being part of the netball team for most of my schooling and in the rowing team in my senior years. History and Legal Studies were some of my favourite subjects.

What did you learn at Korowa that has had the most impact on your life outside of school?

Korowa has given me a great appreciation for all the opportunities I have been lucky enough to have both during school and since leaving. I developed my interest in learning and love for reading. I try to apply ‘I can. I will’ to all areas of my life.

What have been some of your highlights since leaving school?

I visited Thailand, Vietnam and Laos after first year uni and loved volunteering in an orphanage in Northern Thailand. In 2013 I graduated with my Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) at Monash after which I spent 6 months backpacking through South America and Europe, by far my highlight since leaving school.

Jessica Coles (Stokes ’91)
What did you learn at Korowa that has had the most impact on your life outside of school?

I came to Korowa in Year 10, but the 3 years I spent at the school were life-changing. Coming from a highly competitive, selective state school, Korowa taught me that it was possible to reach your academic potential and still enjoy school life. It gave me a sense of perspective, and I loved the atmosphere of tradition and belonging.

Tell us about one of the most interesting lessons or activities you did at school?

The teachers also left an impression - the wonderful Mrs Macpherson who could silence a whole Year 10 class with a well-chosen poem; Mr Brown with his impossible physics tests; the teachers brave enough to take us on the 600km Great Victorian Bike Ride; and my favourite, Mrs Milar, with a passion for the Classics, and many lessons to teach us about the real world.

What have been some of your highlights since leaving school?

Since leaving Korowa, I have completed a degree at the University of Melbourne and a postgrad at Monash; have worked in market research and publishing; and have been fortunate enough to have a family of four wonderful daughters. I can only hope their schooling experience, particularly in secondary school, is as positive as my own was.
Korowa pops up at MUMA

The artwork of Korowa students “popped up” at Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA) for one night only in August. Year 11 Art Students were given the rare opportunity to work with industry professionals and set up a public exhibition titled “Merge”.

Korowa has formed a strong relationship with MUMA this year and has had the privilege of working with several experts from the Museum throughout the year.

A Healthy Chat with Leisel Jones

Olympic Gold Medalist Leisel Jones was a guest speaker at Korowa as a part of our celebrations for Health & Physical Education Week in October.

“Leisel has an inspiring story to tell about the highlights and struggles of being one of Australia’s most successful female swimmers. She had a great motivational message to share with our students about women in sport and healthy living,” said Peta Yeo, Head of Physical & Outdoor Education and organiser of the activities during Health Week.

Spring Jazz

Spring Jazz was the major fundraiser for FOPA and was an evening of great music.

“What makes Spring Jazz a unique evening is the collaboration of the student performers with the ever-professional Steve Sedergreen Trio. For many of our solo performers this is the first time they have sung with a live band in a concert situation, and Steve also challenges the girls to improvise and ‘jam’ with the band - which is difficult for even a seasoned performer!” said Jacqui Dowd, FOPA President.

House Arts

House Arts is a chance for our Middle School students to express themselves creatively with drama, music, dance and song. This year was another fabulous showcase of talent and energy with Wilkinson demonstrating they had the necessary wow factor to edge out the competitors and take home the trophy.

Big Day In

Villains and Heroes filled our grounds at this year’s Big Day In. Proceeds from the sale of cakes, dumplings, sausages and lots of other activities go to help our school on Bhola Island in Bangladesh, where four teachers work with 300 students. Korowa is proud to have supported the school since 1997.

Going Global

Korowa students continue to make their mark in Language Awards picking up several coveted prizes. Helen Zhou, Year 12, was awarded a 2015/2016 Australian-German Student Exchange (SAGSE) Scholarship. This scholarship is funded by Siemens and includes a ten-week fully-funded program & tour in Germany.

Meanwhile Ellie Lim, Year 11, won first prize in the Kake Trophy Japanese Language Speech Contest with Korowa students making a clean sweep of the podium as Amy Huang and Melissa Tan picked up second and third prizes respectively. At the end of November, Ellie will represent Australia in the Grand Final in Okayama, which is the Kake main campus in Japan. All her flights, transportation and accommodation are a part of the prize. This is the second time in a row that a Korowa girl has won first prize as Claire Winnett (Year 12, 2014) won last year.

A Kidsummer Night’s Dream

Magic was afoot in this year’s Junior School Production of A Kidsummer Night’s Dream, adapted from William Shakespeare’s ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream.’

The choice was ambitious, however in true Korowa-style, the students and staff embraced the opportunity, producing an extremely professional show and highlighting the abundance of talent in Junior School.
Farewell to Gwen Zammit

Gwen Zammit has been Business Manager at Korowa since February 1998 and will leave at the end of 2015 to allow her more time to achieve work-life balance. Gwen has a real commitment to not-for-profit organisations and has dedicated her considerable expertise and energy to ensuring that Korowa is financially healthy and buildings, IT services and non-teaching areas are all well-managed.

Gwen is proud of her role in overseeing the refurbishment of three floors of the Senior School in 2005/2006, her first project at Korowa. The refurbishment transformed three very significant areas in the School - Visual Arts, Information Resources and the VCE Centre and introduced concepts which have been followed through ever since: minimising passageways to maximise open space, optimising natural light and combining colours from the Korowa palette to create a flow from one space to another.

Gwen took the initiative in addressing OHS issues early in her career at Korowa, well before OHS reached the prominence it has today. She has been successful in significantly reducing manual handling injuries for both teaching staff and maintenance staff and those improvements have been maintained.

Gwen led the way in introducing environmentally sustainable practices at Korowa, which she could have done still more. These initiatives include recycling, passive cooling, energy saving measures and installation of 300,000 litre stormwater tanks under the oval. Students have worked with Gwen to establish a frog pond, to create a ‘Green Team’ and to meet the targets of the Sustainable Schools program. She is grateful to both students and staff for their involvement.

Behind the scenes, Gwen has also been able to support Korowa families through difficult times. She has made a real difference to these families by giving some relief from financial pressure and helping them maintain their daughter’s enrolment. She is a caring and helpful person who is always ready to listen.

Gwen is a highly talented leader of our Finance, Risk, Maintenance and IT staff. She is a highly skilled person dedicated to Korowa and serving our Community. We congratulate Gwen on all her achievements, we thank her for her enormous contribution to Korowa and wish her every happiness in the future.

Christine Jenkyns, Principal

Robert Turnbull, Chair of Council 2010 – 2015

Robert is the parent, with Margaret, of two girls who have attended the School.

Robert has retired from the role of Chair that has taken so much of his energy and time over the last five years.

He has had almost a second parallel career in voluntary work at Korowa, alongside his busy engineering and property business. It is worthy to outline his many activities he has undertaken since his eldest daughter Alison commenced her Korowa Life in 2001.

Friends of Rowing Committee 2004, and Vice President 2005 – 2006

KPA President 2006 through to 2009

School Council member 2007, then Chair of Council 2010 – 2015

The longest (and hardest) role he filled has been as Chair. This is a very demanding and public role, as in any similar school, and requires strong personal characteristics such as resilience, diplomacy, integrity and compassion. Robert served on Council committees, and these roles also added to the time he had to spend on campus and at outside meetings.

Robert is one of those people who ‘just gets on with it’ and never complains. In complex matters, he seeks wise counsel and ensures he is very well-informed. He has been a most effective Chair in Council meetings, ensuring everyone had a voice, offering quiet but effective advice when necessary, and always with the best of manners - such an old-fashioned but wonderful trait.

There was also the occasional joke that caught all of us off-guard, and many seemed to be about Scotsmen for some reason!

He and Margaret have made many friends as a result of their Korowa connection – and these friendships will be lifelong.

His contribution to the life of Korowa has been immense – and we celebrate his work and his enthusiasm for the school, and sincerely thank him for his service.

John Harker, Chair of Council

New Chair of Foundation

It is with great pleasure that we announce Mrs Sandra Ivory (Clark ’67) as the new Chair of Korowa Foundation.

Sandra commenced her early working life in the human resources industry but always showed a keen interest in the family’s small industrial real estate firm. When a job came across her desk for a commercial property manager with a large insurance company she took the opportunity to enter that field. She eventually became a licensed Real Estate Agent in residential sales and management with Biggin & Scott Albert Park.

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Golf Day

Our 2016 Annual Golf Day will return to one of Australia’s best golf courses, Kingston Heath on Tuesday 26 April.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of handicap and there are lots of other fun things happening during the day – your ticket includes lunch and after-game drinks and canapés, as well as prizes for longest and straightest drive and nearest the pin.

This event is one of the School’s major fundraising events and a perfect opportunity to register a team of parents or use this for corporate entertaining by inviting business contacts and entering a team. Corporate sponsorship is also available to promote your business.

For all sponsorship enquiries, please contact Sally Forester, Director of Community Relations on sforrester@korowa.vic.edu.au or phone 9811 2091.
From the President

A milestone is a significant stage or event in the development of something – or, at least that’s what Google tells me. So, how do we keep the momentum going from here? Although milestones are great excuses to connect, why do we need to wait five years to reunite? If these wonderful events have taught me anything, it’s how diverse the Korovian community truly is. Each Korovian has a special experience to share and we, as a committee, are hoping to provide more opportunities for you to do so. The first will be a Korovians vs. Current Students netball match in May, where a team of graduates will challenge the 2016 Senior Netball A Team. In addition, we will also be hosting an evening in the city and a business brunch later in the year, watch this space for details. We’d also love to hear your ideas. Have a wonderful idea or require assistance to put a plan into action? Please don’t hesitate to e-mail us at: korovian.club@gmail.com

As we look forward, I wish to take this opportunity to recognise Mrs Christine Jenkins, on behalf of all Korovians, for her service to the School. Students from her tenure such as myself will affectionately remember her quick wit, knowledge of each individual student, the twinkle in her eye and, of course, the famous shoulder pads. Even if you didn’t know Christine in your school days, I suspect I speak for all Korovians when I extend our gratitude for the efforts she’s made to maintain the School’s connection with Korowians, and vice versa. Her presence at reunions (especially those house updates!) have made us feel a very valued part of the Korovian community and we wish her all the best in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank the Korovian Club Committee for their tireless efforts, and made us feel a very valued part of the Korovian community. We wish her all the best in the future.

Jennifer Johns ('70) was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2015 Queens’ Birthday Honours for significant service to medicine, particularly cardiology, as a physician, researcher and mentor, and to the not-for-profit sector.

On a recent trip to the United States, Chris Jenkins caught up with Kate Tarr (Lewis '75) in Los Angeles and Diana Smith (Rushton ’59) in San Francisco – both are planning visits to Melbourne in 2016 and we’re looking forward to welcoming them back to Korowa for afternoon tea. We are always delighted to welcome Korovians for a cuppa and a tour – please get in touch if you’re going to be in the area!

Jenny Ackland (’81) has recently had her first book, The Secret Son published. A group of Korovians attended the launch of the novel, which wonders what might have happened if Ned Kelly had a son who fought at Gallipoli and stayed in Australia, rather than heading to the bush. Jenny’s book has been reviewed by many publications in both National and International journals, books and conference presentations.

Amanda also gained numerous awards and scholarships for her work including the Carole Bailey Scholarship for Health Promotion, Victorian Health Promotion Student of the Year and a National Health and Medical Research Council’s Public Health Postgraduate Scholarship. Amanda also achieved the honour of being entered into the Golden Key Society, only open to the top 5% of all University graduates in the state.

Outside of her work Amanda enjoys showing her Bernese Mountain Dogs (BMD) and undertaking various activities with the BMD Club of Victoria including attending Pet Exhibitions promoting the benefits of pet ownership, training her BMDs to become VicDog Therapy Dogs that she takes into nursing homes and hospitals to visit with patients and undertaking many voluntary activities to benefit children who are currently undergoing medical treatment in hospitals in conjunction with the hospitals’ play therapists. Amanda was the first to train the youngest dog in Victoria to become a Therapy Dog, with her first BMD at the age of 4 ½ months [Normal age:1-2yrs]. Amanda is also involved in the rehoming and breeding of BMDs with her first BMD at the age of 4 ½ months [Normal age:1-2yrs]. Amanda is also involved in the rehoming and breeding of BMDs with her first BMD at the age of 4 ½ months [Normal age:1-2yrs]. Amanda is also involved in the rehoming and breeding of BMDs with her first BMD at the age of 4 ½ months [Normal age:1-2yrs]. Amanda is also involved in the rehoming and breeding of BMDs with her first BMD at the age of 4 ½ months [Normal age:1-2yrs]. Amanda is also involved in the rehoming and breeding of BMDs with her first BMD at the age of 4 ½ months [Normal age:1-2yrs].
We would love to include School photographs of you and your classmates in displays at your reunion.

If you have any photos from your time at School, please contact Sandra Turner, School Archivist, who can organise to have copies taken, or receive them if you would like to donate them to the School.

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### From the Archives

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- Katerina Merinces (2021)
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- Barbara Lynch (Henderson ’50)
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- Susan Cleaver
- Robin Radford
- Naomi Aldous (Froud ’46)
- Jillian Fitt (Hamilton ’52 and her sisters Barbara Longmuir ’50 and Kay Estey ’61)
- Megan Rothe-Jones (’85)
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- Barbara Maclean (Anderson ’49)
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- Items donated include photographic images, uniform, craft work, programs, books and badges.

### Reunions

#### 2005 Reunion 24 October 2015

Back Row: Catherine Pope Vanterpool (Ellis), Stephanie Bruce, Stephanie Anderson, Clair Cullen, Nicole Ciancio, Kirsty Sculier, Charlotte Ward, Fiona Miras, Venusha Gurusinghe, Melanie Schuijers, Rachel Hickey, Amy Pollock

Front Row: Louise Kemp (Martin), Hannah Macdougall, Jennifer Winckworth, Vanessa Gornall, Lauren Colautti, Genevieve Ker, Ellie Dee, Melissa Ashton, Vassie Dandanis

#### Past and Present Staff Reunion 24 October 2015

Back Row: Adrienne Beames, Josie Foxcroft, Alison Peisley, Damian Fogarty, Julie Trehowan, Maureen Chiba, Peggy Harker, Diana Millar, Alf Capriolo, Heidi Beattie

Front Row: Sandra Turner, Sue Pace, Wendy Millar, Christine Jenkins, Maria Crumond, Margaret Holmes, Sue Stockdale, Stephanie Dahlsen, Norma Lawry

### Facebook and Twitter

The Korovians Facebook page has recently changed from a Profile to a Page to fall into line with Facebook’s rules about Profiles only being available to individuals. Fortunately, our 1800 Friends were transferred over to Likers of the new page – if you haven’t already liked the Page, please search for Korowa Korovians. We’d also love you to keep Liking, Sharing and Commenting on the posts you see – which will ensure our posts keep appearing in your Newsfeed.

### Save the Date 2016 K-Ball

**Saturday 30 July 2016**

Leonda by the Yarra, Hawthorn

2016 Reunions

- **Pre-1961** Tuesday 16 August Chapel service and lunch at Korowa
- **1966** Saturday 27 August Lunch at Korowa
- **2015** Friday 9 September 7pm at Korowa
- **2016** Thursday 15 September 7pm at Honey Bar, South Melbourne
- **1976, 1986, 1996, 2006** Saturday 22 October Afternoon Tea at Korowa

Invitations are usually sent about six weeks before the event. If you’d like to help with organising or hosting a reunion, please contact Sarah Brook on sbrook@korowa.vic.edu.au or Ph 03 9811 0295.
TERM 1
Australia Day Holiday
Tuesday 26 January
Staff Commence
Wednesday 27 January
Students commence
Monday 1 February
Open Morning
Wednesday 24 February
Labour Day Holiday
Monday 14 March
Saturday 19 March
Term Ends
Thursday 24 March
Good Friday
Friday 25 March

TERM 2
Staff Commence
Monday 11 April
Students Commence
Tuesday 12 April
ANZAC Day
Monday 25 April
Korowa Annual Golf Day
Tuesday 26 April
Korovians vs Students
Netball Match
Friday 13 May
Open Morning
Wednesday 18 May
Queen’s Birthday
Monday 13 June
Term Ends
Friday 17 June

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Friends of Junior School (FOJS)
Friends of Rowing (FOR)
Friends of Netball (FON)
Friends of Snowsports (FOSS)
Friends of the Performing Arts (FOPA)
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