



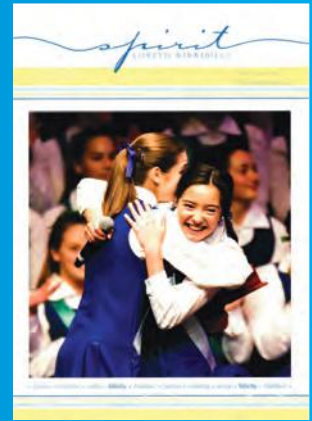
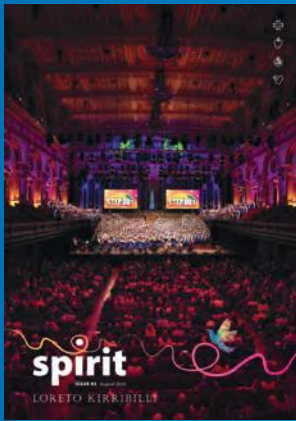
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Viva la Festiva! Our cover shows the 2024 Music Festival in its full glory at Sydney Town Hall, continuing a long tradition of music and dance performance at Loreto Kirribilli. Shown here, previous Music Festival Spirit covers from 1994, 2005 and 2016.



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# A Message from the Principal

DR NICOLE ARCHARD | BA DIPED, MA, MEDLEAD, MTHEOLST, PHD

## being faithful to grace

Earlier this year, I was fortunate to attend a Loreto Principals' meeting at Loreto Manderville Hall Toorak. If you are not aware, once a term we meet as a group of Principals in order to support each other in our roles and share best practice across our Loreto schools. I have been a member of this group for eight years and I am currently the longest-serving Loreto Principal (even though I have only just joined the Loreto Kirribilli community!). At this meeting we were very fortunate to have a presentation from Sr Sandra Perrett ibvm on the topic of being 'faithful to grace'. I was very struck by this presentation and wanted to share some elements of it with our community.

The focus on 'grace' and what this means is important in our preparation for the celebration of 150 years of Loreto education in Australia which will take place in 2025. To explain this, I will need to take you on a little historic journey regarding the foundation of Loreto schools in Australia.

For those who are unaware: in 1874 the newly appointed Bishop of Ballarat, Michael O'Connor, invited the Loreto sisters in Ireland to establish a school for Catholic girls in his new diocese. In light of this, Mother Gonzaga Barry was asked if she would go to Australia. Mother Gonzaga Barry and her nine companions arrived in Melbourne, Victoria on 19 July 1875 (we call this Landing Day) to begin a school for girls. Loreto Convent Mary's Mount (Loreto College) was founded in the first year as well as Loreto Dawson St, a day school for girls.

More than 25 years later, when writing about her experience of coming to Australia to undertake this task, Mother Gonzaga Barry said:

*"I suppose no one will ever know what it cost me to leave Ireland and my Irish friends. It nearly broke my heart. Though I was told by Superiors I would not be sent against my will, I felt I had to do it, or be unfaithful to grace; and when Reverend Mother told me that if I*



*had not consented to go, she would not have allowed any of the Sisters to go to Ballarat. I felt grateful to God, Who gave me the strength; and surely He has made up a hundredfold since for any little sacrifice I may have made for Him."*

The notion of what it means to be 'faithful to grace' is a concept for us to explore as we move towards the exciting celebrations to take place across all Loreto schools in 2025. It was the presentation by Sr Sandra that helped me to understand what was meant by this statement and what we mean by the word 'grace'. Sr Sandra pointed out that ultimately, when we say the word 'grace', we are actually saying 'God' and being faithful to grace is to not only being faithful to God, but like Mother Gonzaga Barry explains, it also involves being trusting of God. This trust requires us to understand that even though we might travel a path of uncertainty, which can at times be very frightening, ultimately this journey will lead us to the place where God has planned and once at this place, we will grow within ourselves and consequently we will influence those who surround us. This fundamental concept of trust is important to remember (both for students and parents) every time we are disappointed with a result or outcome in our lives. We must put this disappointment or setback into perspective and trust in the whole journey.

By the time of her death in 1915, Mother Gonzaga Barry had established Loreto convents and schools in Portland, Hamilton, Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, and Perth, as well as parish schools, kindergartens, and teachers' training colleges. We are all here because Mother Gonzaga Barry was faithful to grace. The impact of one woman on the lives on many thousands and their subsequent impact on many thousands more emphasises to us the importance of having trust in God's plan for us.

Like Mary Ward, the foundress of the Loreto Order, Mother Gonzaga Barry was indeed a woman ahead of her time, and to her we are eternally grateful.



## A BUSY TERM 2



Celebrating Mothers' Day...



... attending Educating Girls Symposium...



... challenging the girls to lunchtime handball...



... rewarding Sincerity in action.



## SINGLE-SEX SCHOOLS in a co-ed world



### INAUGURAL ICGS EVENT

We welcomed principals, leaders and teachers from girls' schools around Sydney for an informative afternoon discussion entitled *Single-sex Schools in a Co-Ed World*. Dr Archard and Dr Briony Scott, Principal of Wenona, hosted this inaugural International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS) Sydney event. Dr Archard began the discussion with an overview of current statistics from around the world reflecting the continued inequity of women and girls in society. Dr Scott spoke of inspiring women who have broken new ground in our lifetimes, and the important role girls' schools can play in challenging social norms.

Last year the three global girls' education organisations representing Australasia, United Kingdom, and USA/Canada amalgamated into one global organisation representing 550 girls' schools across all educational sectors in 22 countries.

The vision statement of ICGS is one which certainly aligns with our vision and mission at Loreto Kirribilli. The ICGS vision statement indicates:

*"We are united in elevating women's leadership worldwide by educating and empowering our students to be ethical, globally minded changemakers."*





# Sharing our Faith

HELEN THOMAS | DIRECTOR OF MISSION

## VERITY IMMERSION

For over 10 years, Loreto Kirribilli students and staff have been privileged to be a part of annual Verity Immersion to East Arnhem Land. Immersion is a learning experience where Indigenous knowledge is understood, not through a glass window or on a school stage, but first-hand by being invited into the cultural processes of the Yolŋu. Yolŋu are the Traditional Custodians of north-eastern Arnhem Land, Northern Territory. Yolŋu culture is among the oldest living cultures on earth, stretching back over 80,000 years.





## Sharing our Faith



### YEAR 5 LITURGY AND LEARNING WALK

Year 5 students welcomed their parents to the Chapel for a beautiful Liturgy on the theme 'Good Stewards of Creation'. The girls then shared their learning with a visit to the classrooms.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Year 2 students received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in our School Chapel. The students learnt that penance enables us to seek forgiveness and mercy, and to be the best person we can be.



### MOTHERS' DAY LITURGIES



Our Junior School students gave a heartwarming welcome to their mums, grandmothers and mother-figures at a special Mothers' Day Breakfast and Liturgy. The Petite Voices choir performed *This is Me* and our guests were treated to an entertaining presentation about *The Many Hats of Mothers*. In the Senior School we welcomed mothers and grandmothers to Friday Morning Mass in the Chapel, celebrated by Fr Sacha Bermudez-Goldman SJ, with morning tea afterwards an opportunity to connect with old friends.



# Social Justice



## LEST WE FORGET

We gathered as a school community to remember and commemorate Australian and New Zealanders who served in wars, and to pray for peace. In the Junior School we were honoured to have Captain Anne Bortolussi, of the Australian Army Reserve, share her thoughts about the importance of ANZAC Day and women in defence. Anne is the mother of Charlotte (Year 8), Madeleine (Year 11), Emily ('23) and Kathryn ('18). In the Senior School, Lieutenant Colonel Errol Christian of the Australian Defence Force (and father of Year 7 student Eloise) delivered the Commemoration Address.



## YEAR 7 LEADERSHIP

After their badges were blessed at our Year 7 Mass last term, our Year 7 Leaders - SRC, Liturgy and JPICD - accepted their servant leader positions and were officially presented in front of their peers. We congratulate our new young leaders and look forward to their positive contributions to our cohort and school community.

### JO BLEBY

Year 7 Wellbeing Coordinator

## REFUGEE WEEK

Refugee Week aims to raise awareness about the experiences of refugees, and highlight the importance of providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for all. Ward House student leaders organised a raffle and an Interhouse Netball Competition in support of the refugee centre, House of Welcome. In the Junior School, our Ward House Captains also raised funds with a raffle for a hamper they put together themselves. The Ward students' fundraising will fund a work placement at the school to help a refugee become job-ready.



## VINNIES' WINTER APPEAL

Everyone was very cosy in their pyjamas, onesies, dressing gowns and ugg boots for our Junior School SRC Winter Pyjama Day! Thank you to families for donating all sorts of wonderful women's care items for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.





# Reconciliation Week



## YEAR 9 CHARISM DAY

Marking the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, Year 9 students walked across the bridge to St Mary's Cathedral to re-enact the significant day on 28 May 2000, when 250,000 Indigenous and non-Indigenous people walked across the Sydney Harbour Bridge to show their support for Reconciliation. We have undertaken this excursion for several years now as a way of celebrating our links to our Cathedral and our whole Church community, and the obligation we have as Catholics to work for Reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers.

We also enjoyed an inspiring session with Kyle Wallace, a proud Aboriginal man with roots to Gomeroi Country and Anaiwan Country. Kyle lived most of his life in a small coastal town called Woolgoolga until he moved to Sydney to attend St Ignatius' College, Riverview. He is now undertaking a Bachelor of Secondary Education at the University of Sydney. He continues to work as the First Nations Cultural Mentor at Riverview, guiding young First Nations men in the right direction to break stigma and stereotypes surrounding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Kyle made a significant impact on Year 9 as he told his family's story, and the students were inspired to ask meaningful questions.

**HELEN THOMAS**

*Director of Mission*



## LIVE@LUNCH

We had the privilege to welcome Josh Toomey, a proud Wiradjuri man, to address the students at a Social Awareness Live@Lunch session. Josh has a passion for his people, family, land and culture. He shared that love with students and staff. After growing up in the Aboriginal missions of the Central West, Josh was driven to do something different to escape poverty and to help empower Indigenous Australians, through mentoring, storytelling, music and working with young people and the disadvantaged. Josh had his baby daughter with him and entertained us with the Yidaki and told his inspiring story.



## RECONCILIATION PRAYER SERVICE

Thank you to Uncle Elvis, proud Kamilaroi man, who performed a smoking ceremony at St Aloysius' College Junior School for a Reconciliation Prayer Service. Students from Loreto Kirribilli, St Ignatius' College Riverview and Redfern Jarjum College heard from members of the Bandu social enterprise and enjoyed an indigenous dance performance.

# May Day

**ROMALINA ROCCA | DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

We celebrated May Day with our K-12 Procession and Liturgy in honour of Mother Mary, continuing a cherished Loreto Kirribilli tradition handed down by Mother Gonzaga Barry. This day is a highlight of the year for me, as it embodies our school's rich traditions, supporting MWIA mission, whilst also having lots of sincerity-filled fun!



**PROCESSION OF THE FLOWERS**



**WHOLE SCHOOL LITURGY**



**FUNDRAISING FOR MWIA**



**DANCE PARTIES**



**CROWNING OF MARY**



# The Tradition of May Day

TABATHA PATERSON | ARCHIVIST

Loreto Kirribilli's long history of celebrating May Day was brought by Mother Gonzaga Barry from her home in Ireland. Mother Gonzaga would write a letter to Loreto students each year in the *Eucalyptus Blossoms* magazine, and the following is one in which she reflects on her childhood felicity when celebrating this special time of year.



## My Dearest Children,

It's May - yes, May Day - how the words seem to make my old heart young again, as the memories of the May Days long ago come to mind ... We children would scamper with merry laughter down to the river shining in the morning sun, for well we knew the wealth of golden primroses that clustered on its banks, and hid in sheltered nooks, nestling close by the shy blue violets. Baskets were quickly filled with these treasures, then on we would hasten to the hawthorn hedges where great garlands of almond-scented "May" were soon secured, and likewise clusters of the dear bluebells ... And for what were all those flowers destined which the children gathered so eagerly? For Our Blessed Lady, of course, and for her altar...where they (were) arranged at either side of her dear statue ... filling the air with delicious and delicate perfume in honour of the Immaculate Queen, Our Lord's dear Mother.

A MOTHER'S LETTER TO HER CHILDREN. LORETO ABBEY, MARY'S MOUNT, BALLARAT. MAY DAY, 1895.





# Junior School Learning



## YEAR 4 EXPLORER JOURNEYS



Year 4 showcased their learning about early explorers with interactive multi-disciplinary projects involving research, storyboarding, designing and coding to re-tell the journeys of the explorers around the world, leveraging Makey Makey circuits to bring their projects to life.



## ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Kindergarten and Year 1 enjoyed some exciting animal encounters during their excursion to Taronga Zoo. They met some fascinating native Australian animals, such as a tree python, short-neck turtle, ring-tail possum and blue-tongue lizard. They learnt about the roles that these creatures play in the environment, their unique features and the adaptations that help them thrive in the wild.

**ISABEL M'CARTY & JANE HARRISON**

*Kindergarten & Year 1 Teachers*



## DAY OF AI CHALLENGE

Year 5 and Year 6 representatives participated in a 'Day of AI' challenge at Redlands Junior School. In mixed teams, with students from a range of nearby schools, the girls were required to complete AI-inspired problems, drawing on their personal strengths and the strengths of their group members and demonstrating their ability to collaborate, communicate and think flexibly and creatively.

*I enjoyed learning about AI, how it works and being put on a different table with other students as it was a great way to socialise and to practise teamwork.* **MAEVE MALONE 6W**



## MUSICA VIVA - WYNISS

While childhood games may seem like pure fun, they are also an important record of our history. The wonderful Musica Viva ensemble, *Wyniss*, opened our eyes, ears and hearts to the rich history and culture of the Torres Strait and how their island culture is passed down through song, dance and games.

**DANIELLE ABBOTT** *Music Teacher*



## Junior School Learning



### YEAR 6 SPACE PROJECT



Year 6 students presented their Space Exploration projects to their teachers and peers, displaying the detailed models they have designed and created to explain an event in space, such as a galactic year, cosmic storms, Halley's Comet, phases of the moon or the solar system. What a fabulous atmosphere it was!



### NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



For this year's National Simultaneous Storytime, we joined libraries, schools and bookshops around the country and New Zealand in listening to a live reading of *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker. The story is about a Satin Bowerbird, and how he swoops and snatches vibrant blue treasures to decorate his bower. Our student 'collectors' helped decorate our bower in the library. **JOANNA STAIKOS** *Junior School Teacher Librarian*



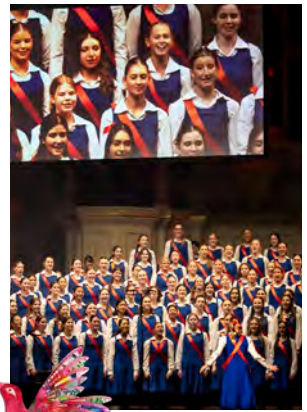
### GRANDPARENTS' MORNING

With much preparation and great anticipation, the Junior School welcomed grandparents and grandfriends to Centenary Hall for a dedicated Liturgy and Morning Tea. Ken, grandfather of Isabelle Nelson (Year 5), read a story with our students titled, *What do you call your Grandpa?* After the Liturgy, our visitors enjoyed a tour of the classrooms, followed by a delicious morning tea on the top playground.





# Music Festival



Photography: Grant Leslie



# Music Festival



*This was **felicity** alive  
and well in action.*

**DR NICOLE ARCHARD** Principal



# Environmental Sustainability

## SHARING OUR SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY

*I recently had the privilege of representing our school at the National Education Summit in Melbourne, presenting our journey in working towards Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home. This included summarising our Sustainability Framework and highlighting the importance of having a unified school goal. It was a joy to share the various efforts our school is making towards sustainability, from emissions reduction and waste management to biodiversity education and beyond.*

**ROBERT MAGNER** Student Leadership Coordinator & Sustainability Champion



## LAUDATO SI' WEEK

*Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world.*

### POPE FRANCIS

In his encyclical *Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home*, Pope Francis calls on 'every person living on this planet' to exercise responsible stewardship over creation. As well as fostering a culture of respect for the environment in our school community, we can make a positive impact by implementing green practices, reducing waste, and advocating for policies that protect our natural world. We are united in our efforts to honour the principles of Laudato Si' and contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future.

**ROMALINA ROCCA** Deputy Principal



## PLASTICS ACTION

Students gathered at lunchtime to hear from Harry Gray, Community Conservation and Engagement Officer at Taronga Zoo, as he spoke about plastics waste, Taronga's population of sea turtles, and some of the challenges we face working towards litter-free oceans.



## WORM FARM INITIATIVE

In a sustainability initiative, Year 7 students joined our Environment Council Leaders to set up a worm farm to break down school organic waste, and to test if worms eat compostable canteen containers. As well as reducing waste, the worm castings will fertilise our gardens.

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GREEN FUND

The tax-deductible Green Fund has been established to help fund the initiatives of our Environmental Sustainability Framework. Our immediate goal is the installation of solar panels across the Senior School, with the aim of achieving net-zero emissions by 2030. Your tax-deductible donation will help us realise this goal. Please scan the QR code to donate.





# The Future of Learning



**MINECRAFT: ECO DETECTIVES**



## Creating the building blocks for young conservationists.

We were delighted to welcome Jens Bergensten, one of the original creators of Minecraft, with educators from Microsoft AUS/NZ and Taronga Conservation Society, for the launch of *Eco Detectives*, a Minecraft computer game. The game empowers students to act as conservationists in their local ecosystems.

*Eco Detectives* is the result of an innovative collaboration between zoos across Australia and New Zealand, Microsoft AUS/NZ, and expert game developers Team Workbench in Amsterdam. By playing Minecraft Education *Eco Detectives*, students discover why their virtual ecosystems are out of balance and then take action to restore biodiversity. The project aims to bring positive behaviour change from the gaming world into the real world, and raise awareness of the plight of species and wild habitats.

**RICK DUFOURQ** *STEM Subject Coordinator*

*Through quests and challenges in virtual ecosystems, students become environmental activists, making small but impactful changes that resonate in the real world.*

**ALLISON MATTHEWS** *Head of Minecraft Education*



## INNOVATION IN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AWARD

Loreto Kirribilli has been recognised with an Excellence Award in the 2024 Australian Education Awards, in the category of *Innovation in Learning Environment Design*. The purpose-built studios in our new Spiritus building reflect the school's future-thinking vision for education.



# Senior School Learning

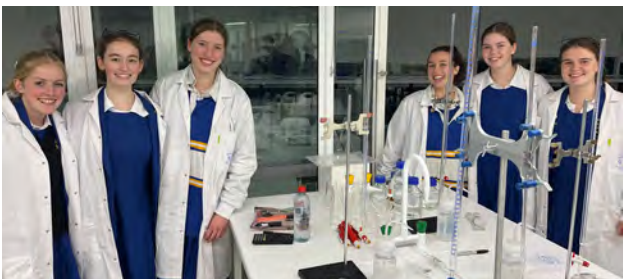


## YEAR 8 POETRY RECITAL COMPETITION

After composing a poem in Chinese, French or Italian, Year 8 Languages students recited these poems in class, with many impressively doing so from memory. Seven finalists delivered their poems in Chinese, French or Italian in front of the entire Year 8 group. All spoke well, making it difficult for our judge, Ms Virtich, to decide on the winner. Congratulations to our finalists; Gabrielle Westaway, Anya Cordaro, Sassika Jackson, Anna Dwyer, Ilaria Clarke, Amelie Elias and Isabelle McCarthy and especially to Amelie Elias, our competition winner.

**LIANA TREVISON**

*Languages Subject Coordinator*



## TITRATION COMPETITION

Years 11 and 12 Chemistry students travelled to Wenona to compete in the North Sydney Schools Titration Competition. With students from Wenona, Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College, and Shore, 22 teams competed to see who could determine the concentration of three unknown solutions to the highest degree of precision. Both of our Loreto Kirribilli teams should be very proud of their efforts and performed admirably with the Year 12 team of Sybilla Delaney, Camille Perrignon, and Zara Matthews placing 9th, and the Year 11 team of Xanthe Job, Georgia Thompson, and Alexa Morgan placing 16th.

**EMILY OWENS AND DR JO LIU**

*Science Teachers*



### MODERN HISTORY MAGAZINES

Year 11 Modern History students had a taste of publishing in their latest project, which involved creating facsimiles of news magazines to illustrate their research questions. The final magazine covers along with the project journals made an arresting display in the Library.



## BIG IDEAS CHALLENGE

Year 9 students attended the action-packed interschool Big Ideas Challenge, an event that brought together young innovators from various schools. This Challenge was a day filled with workshops that challenged our students to think differently and collaborate effectively. Organised by our incredible Head of TAS Rachel Noonan, hosted by Future Anything and Loreto Kirribilli, the event highlighted the vibrant future of education and the world of design.

**RICK DUFOURQ**

*STEM Subject Coordinator*





## Senior School Learning

### WOMEN IN STEM



Thank you to our guest speakers John Leon, parent and founder of AGILETECH Cyber Security; Peta Nicholson, Cyber Security Lead at QBE; and Kirsty McGrath, Microsoft MVP, who delivered a lunchtime talk about the cyber security industry and career opportunities for women.



### ARTIST IN RESIDENCE - SARAH FORDHAM ('92)

Artist-in-residence Sarah Fordham ('92) inspired our Year 9 Visual Arts students with an exploration of painting techniques, colour palettes and layering. The final result was a series of vibrant landscapes based on Sydney's iconic built environment.



### LIGHT SHOW

Year 9 Science students are learning about the Laws of Reflection and Refraction, investigating the behaviour of light as it strikes different surfaces using a light ray box and various concave and convex mirrors and lenses.





# Student Wellbeing



## STUDENT ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE

Hello! I'm Lucy, a Year 9 student here at Loreto Kirribilli. In January, I started a campaign called the Freedom Movement, which aims to improve education, awareness and treatment of eating disorders. Currently, one million Australians have eating disorders, yet there are only 38 public hospital beds available for eating disorder treatment in the country. I have established a social media awareness page and a petition to the Minister for Health and Aged Care, the Hon. Mark Butler MP, to improve the funding and number of hospital beds for patients with eating disorders. In June, I attended Parliament House to speak about eating disorders at a roundtable event hosted by the Butterfly Foundation and various politicians. I also spoke at a press conference for the event. I am also a Youth Ambassador for the Butterfly Foundation. Through this ongoing work we hope to help change the lives of the one million people currently suffering from these horrible illnesses. Thank you for reading!

**LUCY FLYNN** Year 9

## YEAR 8 FRIENDSHIP DAY



Year 8 students enjoyed a 'Friendship Forum' as part of their Wellbeing program, exploring some of the social and emotional issues experienced in adolescence. We welcomed the support of Years 11 and 12 students who shared their own experiences and insights.

## YEARS 3 & 4 ENJOY PEGGY THE THERAPY DOG



## KINDY & YEAR 6 BUDDY TIME



## SINCERITY POSTERS

Junior School Wellbeing sessions have focused on the value of Sincerity. In House groups, students were asked to consider 'What does sincerity mean to me?' and write their answers on Post-It notes, in preparation for collating their thoughts onto the colourful Sincerity posters.



# Companions in Learning

## LAUDATO SI' DEBATE



The lunchtime debate with St Aloysius', on the topic *'This house regrets the trend of climate activism as a youth-dominated space'*, was a wonderful success in promoting conversations about environmental sustainability, with the aid of spirit-filled interschool rivalry. Both teams presented strong arguments, sparking important conversations about the responsibilities of individuals and organisations in reducing our impact on the environment.

**GEORGIE DE FLAMINGH, VICTORIA NINK & ALYSSA HORAN**

JPICD Environment Councillors 2024



## YEAR 10 REFUGEE WEEK



Year 10 students attended a Refugee Week session with Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), hearing the stories of two individuals who fled their countries of Sri Lanka and Iraq. It was a unique opportunity for Year 10 students to gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of the plight of refugees and the complex issues around forced displacement.

## CAREERS EXPO



## YEAR 12 AFTERNOON TRIVIA





# Junior School Athletics Carnival



OPEN 100M CHAMPIONSHIP	
1st	Annabel Mostyn
2nd	Eva Webb
3rd	Emily Wright
TRACK CHAMPION	
1st	Victoria Jacob
FIELD CHAMPION	
1st	Annabel Mostyn
JUNIOR CHAMPION	
1st	Anouk Roxburgh
2nd	Nellie Duggan
3rd	Evie Arthur
SENIOR CHAMPION	
1st	Annabel Mostyn
2nd	Victoria Jacob
3rd	Eva Webb & Emily Wright
OVERALL POINTSCORE	
1st	Milson
SPIRIT AWARD	
1st	Barry





# Senior School Athletics Carnival



## OPEN 100M CHAMPIONSHIP

1st	Mary Dunstan
2nd	Lexi Hartigan
3rd	Lucy Ronan

## JUNIOR POINTSCORE

1st	Ava Jacob
2nd	Roxanne Parkes
3rd	Alex Bova

## IMMEDIATE POINTSCORE

1st	Belinda Matthews
2nd	Indiana Orth
3rd	Mary Dunstan

## SENIOR POINTSCORE

1st	Gemma Ronan
2nd	Sarah Holt
3rd	Jess Johnston

## TRACK CHAMPION

1st	Belinda Matthews
2nd	Ava Jacob
3rd	Sarah Holt & Alex Bova

## FIELD CHAMPION

1st	Jessica Johnston
2nd	Olivia Vecchio
3rd	Annabelle Croll

## OVERALL POINTSCORE

1st	Barry
2nd	Ward
3rd	Heaton
4th	Milson

## SPIRIT AWARD

1st	Ward
2nd	Heaton
3rd	Milson
4th	Barry



# Sport

## CONGRATULATIONS!



### FOOTBALL

Our Senior and Junior Football teams had a clean sweep at the Catholic Girls Secondary Schools Association (CGSSSA) Competition, winning both Junior and Open divisions for the second year running. **Annabelle Croll (Year 9)** and **Sarah Holt (Year 10)** recently played in the victorious U16 NSW Metro Football Team. **Maddie Caspers (Year 12)** headed to New Zealand with the Young Matildas for a two-match series.



### DRESSAGE

Dressage champion **Tia McKenzie (Year 11)** competed against the world's best youth riders in the CDIO-PJYR Hagen Future Champions competition at Hof Kasselmann in Germany. Tia was the top-ranked Australian with the excellent score of 70.267%.



### SAILING

In May **Stella Hurley (Year 12)** travelled with the Australian Sailing Team to the south of France, competing in the 49erFX Open European Championships. Stella placed 23rd overall, placing above multiple teams competing in the 2024 Olympic Games. Later this year she will travel to Spain to compete in the 49erFX Under 23 World Championships.



### NETBALL

At the NSW Netball State Titles, the Northern Suburbs Netball Association (NSNA) U17 team with **Elsie Brooks (Year 12)**, **Georgia Moran (Year 11)**, **Maeve Hendren (Year 11)** and **Ava Charles (Year 11)** came equal third. Also congratulations to **Annabelle Kovacs (Year 9)** and **Lilli Loiterton (Year 10)** who achieved their National C Badge for Netball Umpiring.





# Sport

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### ATHLETICS

**Jessica Johnston** (Year 11) represented Australia at the Oceania Athletics Championships in Fiji. Jessica won a Gold Medal in the U18 Discus event, a huge achievement.



Year 7 students **Ava Jacob** and **Alex Bova** competed at the Australian National Athletics Championships. Ava placed 1st in the U14 1500m and 5th in the U14 800m. Alex placed 7th in the U14 800m. Incredible results from both students!



### CROSS COUNTRY

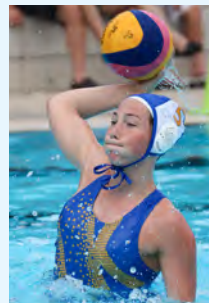
At the NSWCCC Cross Country Championships, **Ava Jacob** (Year 7) placed 1st in the 13 years age group, **Alex Bova** (Year 7) placed 2nd, and **Liv Gorman** (Year 12) placed 9th in the 18 years age group. These students will now move through to the NSW All Schools Championship which will be held next term.

**Victoria Jacob** (Year 5) qualified for the NSW CIS Cross Country Carnival.



### VOLLEYBALL

Star Volleyball player **Tessa Van Vliet** (Year 11) recently competed with the Australian Under 18 Women's team in the Sarawak International Invitational.



### WATER POLO

**Indie Smith** (Year 11) is now a member of the Australian Women's U18 Water Polo team that will be travelling to China to play in the World Championship!



### BALLET

**Artemis de Lacharriere** (Year 7) was selected to dance in programs run by the Houston Ballet Academy (USA), Opera de Paris Ballet School (France) and Bolshoi Ballet (Russia) during June and July.

### SWIMMING

**Hannah Jamieson** (Year 8) and **Eliza Damian** (Year 9) both competed at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships. Eliza has now been selected to join the NSW All Schools Swimming team to compete at the School Sports Australia Swimming Championships.



### AFL

**Genevieve Hynes** (Year 9) has been selected into the NSW All Schools AFL team to compete at School Sport Australia in August.



### RUGBY 7s

Congratulations to **Allegra Childs** (Year 5) on making the NSW CIS Girls Rugby 7s team.





## Extra-Curricular



### MOCK TRIAL WINNING STREAK

The 2024 Loreto Kirribilli Mock Trial team are on a winning streak in the Law Society of New South Wales' Mock Trial Competition. In a tough trial against Willoughby Girls High School, the team were defending a pathology equipment mechanic accused of having tools in her possession for the purpose of house breaking. The team successfully argued for her acquittal, winning the case by two points. They now move into the knock-out rounds of the competition.

*"Any time the opposition thought they had a chance to break down our witnesses, Defendant Amber Reid disagreed with the ferocity of a swift tiger... Julia O'Hare was thinking up objections and questions to raise... our content creators, Lara Bonato and Romy Elliott captured the Bar's integrity and perseverance. Every team member was beyond valuable."*

**ISABELLE BANNAN, LARA BONATO, DAISY CHALKLEY, ELLA CHIDGEY, ROMY ELLIOTT, JULIA O'HARE, PORTIA PARANCHI, AMBER REID & CLEMENTINE WILLS**

*Year 11 Mock Trial Team*



### DA VINCI DECATHLON

Teams in the Da Vinci Decathlon represented Loreto Kirribilli admirably in this very prestigious competition, competing against 148 schools in 'test-style' papers and activities across ten categories. The Year 11 team gained 1st Place in English, 3rd Place in Ideation and 3rd place in Coding. Our Junior School teams also did very well (against 158 other schools) with our Year 6 team placing 2nd in English and our Year 5 team placing 3rd in Code Breaking.



### ETHICS OLYMPIAD

At the Ethics Olympiad we were challenged to find the most ethical way to solve a problem. Should we lie to spare feelings, or be brutally honest? We had to use past experiences and our instincts to feel our way towards an answer. Using Ethical reasoning, all Eth-letes stated their beliefs on the topics to convince the judge/moderator. Using counterarguments and other views, we explored different perspectives to justify our beliefs. In the end, after competing against many schools, and using lots of resilience, effort, persistence and ethical thinking, our Year 5 team was awarded a 'Highly Commended', and (even with technical difficulties), our Year 6 team achieved an astounding Gold Medal. Congratulations to the students in both of our Loreto Kirribilli teams!

**ANNIE LIZZIO, MADDIE MANCHEE & ALEXANDRA O'GORMAN**

*Year 6 Ethics Olympiad team*



### DANCE TROUPE GOLD

Our amazing Junior School Dance Troupes teams competed in the Extreme Dance Competition and performed fabulously, with our Years 3 and 4 Dance Troupe and Years 5 and 6 Dance Troupe both placing 1st!





## DEBBIE HENRY | DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Our most recent event, LK Connect 'Women in Property' hosted by Charter Hall, was a night of networking, engagement, and inspiration! The room was filled with ex-students, current students, Board members, staff and parents. The panellists gave an insightful account of the sophisticated property and construction industry and delved into the opportunities and challenges for women in the sector.

The Facilitator for the evening was Amanda Kenny ('80), Non-Executive Director Charter Hall Investment Management Ltd and the panellists included Carmel Hourigan, Office CEO, Charter Hall, Deborah Coakley ('90), Executive General Manager, Funds Management, Dexus and Dr Sarah Hill ('95), Executive Project Director in the Projects section of the Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia. The panellists were joined by Notable Guest, Alice Dodwell ('99), National Capital Works Manager for Office at Charter Hall.

Each speaker shared their expertise within the industry and the variety of career segues leading to their individual success.

The property and construction industry is Australia's largest employer, offering a wide array of career paths.

*"There is no such difference between men and women that may not do great things... women in time will come to do much."* **MARY WARD**

Let these words inspire us all to continue breaking barriers and achieving greatness in our careers and beyond.

LK Connect corporate network evenings continue to profile the career expertise of our inspirational ex-students and I encourage you to attend future events. Please email us should your company be interested in hosting an industry event at [lkconnect@loreto.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lkconnect@loreto.nsw.edu.au)





# Sharing our Community

## FOUR GENERATIONS OF LORETO KIRIBILLI | A GRANDMOTHER'S STORY

**Thank you so much for inviting me to speak at this wonderful afternoon tea. It is especially meaningful for me as this year marks a momentous occasion for our family's connection to Loreto Kirribilli. It's our 100 year anniversary.**

A hundred years ago my mother, Jill Creagh, stepped foot into Loreto Kirribilli as a bright-eyed eight-year-old in 1924. She came here with her sisters and brother and started a tradition that she could not imagine.

She loved her education and when it was time to send my sister and me to school, she desperately wanted a Loreto education for us.

At that time, we were growing up in Oberon and it was desperately hard living on the land; our family had very little. After managing to send my sister to Loreto, things got harder financially for my parents, and it appeared unlikely that I would be able to come here.

However, my mother's unwavering desire for me to experience the same enriching education led to a turning point. Through the generosity of Loreto, I was granted a bursary, enabling me to join the school. I packed my bags and moved to Sydney to live with my aunts. I started here in 1962 and attended school with my five cousins.

At the time I found it very difficult. I experienced a lot of homesickness and missed my family every day. I often felt like an outsider - the country kid in a big city. But, despite the difficulties, I tried to make the most of my Loreto education by getting as involved as I could.

Although quite hard, my time at Loreto left an indelible mark on me, shaping the rest of my life. This educational legacy was passed down to my daughter, Katharine. On the day of her birth in 1974, my husband David walked down to Loreto from the Mater Hospital to hand in our baby's enrolment forms, so that our family's connection to Kirribilli could continue.

Reflecting on the journey spanning four generations - from my mother's arrival in 1924, to my bursary-assisted enrolment in 1962, to Katharine's entrance in 1985, to my three granddaughters Evie in Year 8, Mali in Year 10, and Indie in Year 11 - I am filled with immense pride.

It's a legacy that might never have happened without the generous role of my bursary.



As a young naïve 14-year-old, I could not have imagined the impact of my education. I did not realise what positive effects it would have on me and my daughter and now my granddaughters.

In today's world, where financial burdens loom large for many families, I rarely speak about the invaluable gift of a Loreto bursary. Yet, the opportunity to pay it forward-to provide another young girl with the same opportunities I had - is a cause close to my heart.

I encourage anyone who is able to support the Loreto bursary program, ensuring that future generations can benefit from the amazing education this school provides. The world needs more Mary Ward women: women from the city, women from the country, from families with financial means and also from families who have financial struggles.

I am so proud of the women my granddaughters are becoming. The opportunities, the values, the holistic focus that Loreto Kirribilli provides. From academics, sports, arts, music, drama, the pastoral care and Catholic values. This environment nurtures women who "in time to come will do much".

Thank you, Loreto Kirribilli, for 100 years of education in my family.

**ERICA MATTERS (CREAGH '65)**

*Guest speaker at the Years 7-8 Grandparents' High Tea*



## Sharing our Community



### GRANDPARENTS' AFTERNOON TEA



Our Years 7 and 8 students extended the warmest of welcomes to grandparents and grandfriends for a very special High Tea in Centenary Hall. The afternoon included some musical performances and a trivia quiz organised by our Year 7 Student Council Leaders, and a heartfelt address from ex-student Erica Matters (Creagh '65), see previous page.

## THE LORETO KIRRIBILLI BURSARY

**PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY  
THE EX-STUDENTS' UNION AND  
OUR PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

Thanks to the generosity of our community, the means-tested Loreto Kirribilli Bursary is awarded annually to allow girls to complete their Senior School education in the tradition of the Loreto Sisters. Any donation, small or large, will be valued and appreciated, and will have an ongoing impact. To make a tax-deductible donation, please scan the QR code or visit <https://www.loreto.nsw.edu.au/giving/>



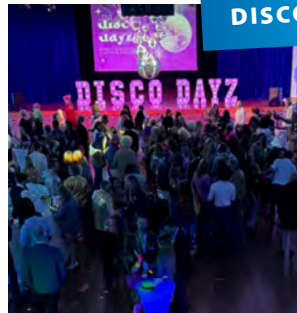
# Parents & Friends

MEL YARD-SMITH & DOMENIC LO SURDO | JOINT P&F PRESIDENTS 2024

LORETO KIRRIBILLI & NORMANHURST MORNING TEA



DISCO DAYZ



Term 2 was another great term for the Loreto Kirribilli P&F. The principal aim of the P&F is to foster a sense of engagement with the parents and friends of the school and to also raise funds - this year we're focused on raising funds for the refurbishment of the Centenary Hall Kitchen.

We started the term off with sales of secondhand uniforms (winter), which is always a very popular and successful initiative led by the secondhand uniform committee.

Early in Term 2, we celebrated the connection between Loreto Kirribilli and Loreto Normanhurst with a breakfast and great presentation from Sr Jwan Kada ibvm.

We had the extraordinary May Day BBQ lead by the BBQ masters and the Year 12 parents. By all accounts the girls had a tremendous day as did the parents, notwithstanding the inclement weather!

Of course, the highlight of the term must be the inaugural Disco Dayz Parent Party which was a tremendous success with 300 people in attendance in Centenary Hall. It was a fabulous, inclusive evening made even better with the way in which the Loreto Kirribilli parents brought so much energy and fun with some absolutely amazing costumes as we're sure you'll all agree.

We are also super proud to announce that we raised in excess of \$50,000 on the evening, with full details provided at our P&F meeting at the start of Term 3.



This year the logo was created using artwork from two amazing Junior School students. The logo looks fabulous and will feature on all of our communications and merchandise at Spring Fair 2024.

## 2024 KEY DATES

Mass & Spring Fair 25 August  
Volunteers' Thank You Celebration 15 November

Thank you to everyone who has assisted the P&F during Term 2 and to those that are helping out in Term 3. We feel very fortunate that we have a school parent body that is so willing to get involved and this provides our girls and the school with such a great benefit.



# Ex-Students' Union

**CELIA SHELDON (ROBERTS '88) | PRESIDENT**



Term 2 brings two treasured annual events for the Ex-Students' Union: the Mother Daughter Mass and the Card Day. Both of these are wonderful occasions of community and connection, involving much preparation behind the scenes and many helpers on the day.

Mothers, grandmothers, students and ex-students gathered in Centenary Hall for the 41st Mother Daughter Mass. Thank you to Michelle McLaughlin and daughter Sophie for their heartfelt address.

We are indebted to Ruth Tighe and Sue Roberts for organising the Card Day so incredibly well each year, and to the Committee, school parents and other ex-students for their ongoing support of these two special events.



## 2024 KEY DATES

Spring Fair	25 August
Loreto Federation	11-13 October
Mozart's Sister Preview	22/23 October TBC
Annual Mass & AGM	10 November

## Loreto Federation

**FRIDAY 11 - SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER**



Invitations have been sent and bookings are open! Scan the QR code for full details.

Join us for a weekend exploring the environment as a social justice issue, including the impacts of climate change on developing nations, aid projects and sustainability for these communities.

All Loreto ex-students, past parents, family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is also a wonderful opportunity to experience Federation prior to 2026 when it will be our turn to host, so we hope to see many of you in Melbourne this October!

We would like to support two ex-students under 30 years to attend, by covering 50% of their registration fee. Let us know in 300 words or less why you would be a great ambassador for Kirribilli, and how you can contribute to our thriving community of Loreto women across Australia and the world. Please email your submission to: [exstudentspresident@loreto.nsw.edu.au](mailto:exstudentspresident@loreto.nsw.edu.au) before 5 September.



## MOZART'S SISTER

We recently attended the World Premier of this fabulous feature documentary, directed and produced by the talented duo of Madeleine Hetherton-Miau ('90) and Rebecca Barry ('91), co-founders of international production company, Media Stockade. This wonderful film is a musical delight - and an incredible story - so we are thrilled to be hosting a special preview event. Join us for a Q&A with special guests and other treats at the Cremorne Orpheum, on 22/23 October (TBC). Booking details coming soon. View trailer here <https://www.sff.org.au/program/browse/mozarts-sister>

# Ex-Students' News

## ENGAGEMENTS

Bonnie Hope-Allan ('10) to Grant Purcell

Caroline Anstee ('17) to Tom Wickett

## WEDDINGS

Heloise Kennedy ('14) to Paul Martin

Ashleigh Huynh ('15) to Jonathan Tandjung

## DEATHS | EX-STUDENTS

Margaret Young (Jenkins '39), sister of Pauline Doyle (Jenkins '43) (dec), Molly Barry (Jenkins '47) and Judith White (Jenkins '50), mother of Sue Mullis (Young '63), Anne Young ('71) and Louise Young ('74)

Helen Flynn (McGowan '57), sister of Sr Mary McGowan OLSH ('51)

Noela Madden ('58)

Sr Louise Ritchard ibvm ('54)

Louise Petersen ('56)

Sue Parbury ('74)

Helen Sleaf (Lowery '60)

Robyn Carroll (Johnson '67)

Ann-Marie O'Toole (McLuckie '63)

Mary Wales (Burke '64), sister of Margaret Susan O'Donoghue (Burke '58) and Deirdre Manning (Burke '60), mother of Shelley Dixon (Wales '87), Matthew Wales (LK '88), David Wales (LK '92), Jacqueline Levings (Wales '99), grandmother of Elise Dixon ('17), Mim Dixon ('19) and Tom Dixon

## DEATHS | RELATIVES OF EX-STUDENTS

Loretta White, mother of Natasha Sinclair (White '86)

Joan Margaret Hayes (Bleasel), mother of Christine Plokstys (Hayes '68), Elizabeth Hay (Hayes '74), grandmother to Stephanie Kong (Hayes '92), Felicity Mitchell (Hayes '94), Caroline Hayes ('99), Kate Nijhawan (Plokstys '02), great grandmother to Teagan Kong (Year 12) and Lauren Kong (Year 10)

## DEATHS | FORMER STAFF

Janette Habel, former school receptionist



### VICE CAPTAIN TRY SCORER

Zara Nicholas ('14) will be representing Australia in the up-coming Touch Football World Cup in England. Zara has also been named Vice Captain of the Open Mixed Team, which is a huge achievement.

*Photo: Touch Football Australia*

## EX-STUDENTS REPRESENT AUSTRALIA



### REGATTA TROPHY

Alyssa Fickers ('23) represented Australia in the U21 Women's VIII for the Trans-Tasman Regatta held against New Zealand in Canberra. The Australian team performed strongly against New Zealand winning every race and the overall point score for the Regatta, retaining the Rusty Robertson Trophy.



### OLYMPIAN ROWER

Olympian Rower Tara Rigney ('17) won a Silver Medal in the Women's Single Sculls Final at the 2024 World Rowing Cup II in Lucerne, Switzerland. In August, Tara will be competing in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games!

*Photo: World Rowing*



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