



# Otago Girls' High School Alumni Association

## Principal's Report

In recent weeks my focus has been on international education. International students have been welcomed to Otago Girls' since approximately 1990 and they have added much to the school and the Dunedin community over that time from both a cultural and financial perspective. These girls have contributed greatly to the cultural diversity of our school and have been an invaluable "window on the world" for our domestic students.



Not only have the tuition fees the families of these girls pay contributed greatly to the ability of Otago Girls' to provide staffing and facilities above and beyond those provided by the state, these students and their families have boosted the local economy through their homestay placements and participation in activities in and around the city. We greatly value the role these girls have to play in our school and work very hard to ensure they enjoy a positive experience here in Dunedin and receive a top quality education that will enable them to study in universities both within New Zealand and around the world.

I arrived back in New Zealand on Sunday after two weeks spent in three different countries. I started off in Auckland at the NZ International Education Conference which is a conference for organisations involved with international students. Conferences like this are a great way to share what we are doing in our schools and, as well as hearing some fantastic speakers and attending a number of presentations from schools, I presented a workshop on our Global Leadership Programme. This was well received with a number of participants expressing an interest in establishing something similar in their own schools.

From Auckland I flew to Bangkok, Thailand where I met up with other schools and tertiary institutions at events hosted by Education New Zealand. These events included a seminar, where I met with agents who send students to New Zealand, and a Fair, where prospective students and their parents talk with schools and tertiary providers in order to make decisions about where they want their child to study. The US and UK have traditionally been the main destinations for Thai students but the impact of Trump and Brexit are seeing this change. These factors, combined with the fact that New Zealand is seen as a safe destination where the quality of education is very high, has led to an increasing number of students from Thailand wanting to study here. At the Fair I had the help of Bow Benjakal who acted as translator for me. Bow is an Otago Girls' alumni, attending the school from 2014 to 2016. It was lovely to catch up with her and see what she is doing now. Bow, like many other Thai students, left at the end of Year 12 to return to Thailand to take up her university studies, something that the universities' entry criteria make possible. She is now studying Political Science and International Relations at Thammasat University - one of the top Thai universities. Her experience of an international education was one of the factors that helped her selection into this limited programme. The legacy of an OGs education had helped her get into the course she wanted which was great to see. What was even nicer for me was that the friendships she had made while here at Otago Girls' had endured. The previous day she had had lunch with two OGs ex-girls who were in Bangkok - Edie Bennie and Honour Sandall, showing the strength of

the friendships established between international and domestic students. We are so fortunate at this school to have amazing young women from around the world study with us and we encourage the girls to take the opportunity to get to know each other.

From Bangkok I travelled to Tokyo, Japan where I met with parents and potential students and more agents. Japan is gearing up for two major sporting events in the coming years - the Rugby World Cup in 2019 and the Olympics in 2020. English is becoming increasingly visible



*Bow Benjakal with Principal Linda Miller in Bangkok.*

in the signage around the transport networks as a result and I had a meeting with parents whose rugby mad daughter wants to come and study here in the future. How fitting it was that I had just that day received a Facebook Event post inviting me to watch our 1st XV play in the final of the Otago Secondary competition next week. This family were delighted that there was a school in a safe and welcoming location where their daughter could get a great education and play rugby. After three days in Tokyo, I flew down to Hiroshima to visit our sister school, Yasuda Girls' High School. I saw many of the girls who travelled out to New Zealand last month and also saw the start of construction of their completely new buildings. Since I last visited four years ago a new principal had been appointed - a woman; a first for the school - who told me she was one of the only women principals in Hiroshima. As well as the new building programme, which is expected to be completed by 2020, the school was starting to prepare itself for changes to the Central examination which will also happen in 2020. The Central examination occurs on one day and assesses every subject the students study. The grade the student receives determines whether they can go to university at all and which universities will accept them. What is changing is that instead of being required to simply regurgitate information, students will now be required to apply knowledge by applying skills and understandings to an unknown problem. This is a major change for Japanese schools which are currently working out how they can change their teaching approaches to address this development. While it takes some explaining for Japanese families to understand the New Zealand curriculum, teaching and learning styles and qualification system, they can see the benefits of what we do. Seeing their system in action reminded me of how fortunate we are in New Zealand that students can follow their passions and interests and that their results are not reliant on one, incredibly high stakes exam.

I would like to salute all our international students and alumni. The bravery and resilience required to travel far away from your families to study in our school, your tenacity in succeeding to complete your secondary education in a language that is not your own, and your willingness to contribute to the wider life of the school is so often an inspiration to staff and students alike.

## Ann Babbage to retire after 43 years at OGHS

At the end of this year the wonderful Ann Babbage will retire after 43 years teaching at Otago Girls' High School. This will bring her total teaching career to 46½ years after time spent teaching in Hampshire prior to emigrating from the UK. This also makes Ann the longest serving staff member in the 146 year history of Otago Girls' High School.



Ann is an ageless, intelligent, compassionate teacher who has dedicated her energies to making life better for her colleagues and students. She has a wonderful sense of humour; an in depth understanding of the complexities of the teenage mind and has the ability to get them co-operating by using humour to defuse tense situations. She is noted for her witty comments which help her colleagues put things in perspective. Many a morning tea break ends with her saying "Right, I'm off to make a difference". She is always the first to volunteer to help when staff face difficult family situations and she is a wonderful team player.

Ann's involvement in the life of the school is extensive and over the 43 years she has been involved in a myriad of activities.

She began by teaching Physical Education at Otago Girls' and was the Head of Department for about 15 years. She then retrained to teach Commerce, having a six month study leave period where she completed a Diploma in Business through Massey University. She went on to teach Typing which morphed into Wordprocessing, then Text Information Management and then Office Management. She currently teaches Accounting and Business Studies. She has had four stints as Head of Commerce covering maternity and study leave positions. She has also taught Human Biology and Mathematics. For 13 years she marked School Certificate.

Ann spent nine years as the staff representative on the Board of Trustees and in the 1990s she was awarded a Board Scholarship to Tasmania.

She has been Dean of Years 10, 11 and currently Year 12 students and has been the most unflappable organiser of the Year 12 formal. As Year 10 Dean she organised their camps to Tautuku.

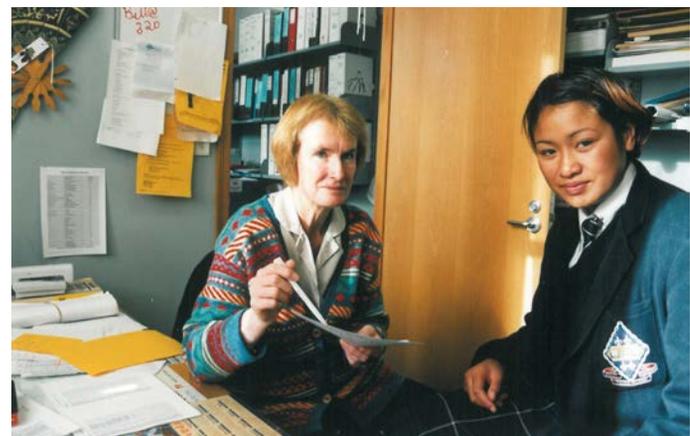
Ann also managed the choir (and was the page turner) when it travelled to Hawaii in 1995 and won a gold medal.

Over the years Ann has been the Secretary, Chairperson and Treasurer of the school PPTA branch and has also held the same roles for CETA - the Commerce and Economics Teachers' Association.

Ann has played a large part in our annual prizegivings being responsible for organising the school prizes and making sure that the distribution of prizes runs smoothly on the night.

Ann is also a superb teacher who has in-depth knowledge of her subject, is clearly spoken, well organised, and whose classroom is filled with a wonderful working vibe but also full of laughter and goodwill. She is loved and respected by those who work with her, who appreciate her generous gifts of resources and time and the students she teaches who appreciate her sincere, committed and timeless work on their behalf.

Since she started at Otago Girls' Ann has coached the school



badminton teams and they are legendary winners in the local competitions. She has also coached gymnastics, athletics, netball and hockey teams. In the 1980s the netball team she coached won the Otago Secondary School competition and the year Ann helped run the Otago Secondary Schools' Athletic Championships was the first year the results were computerised and the first year they ran on time!

Ann's Business Studies students have won many awards of which she is very proud. She has guided two young Enterprise teams to National Finals and in 2008 one team won the top award. In 2013 Ann received the James Fletcher Award for the top New Zealand teacher in Business Studies.

Ann is loved for her blunt speaking and the fact she doesn't sweat the small stuff. She works with parents and students with long term plans in mind to ensure success.

Ann is a person who loves her cats, her garden, her visits to the Op shops and is always there for everybody - a wonderful teacher, colleague and friend. Have a long and happy retirement Ann - it is well deserved.

Janice Sinclair/Jane Smallfield

## OGHS Alumni Association AGM

This will be held in the school library at 2pm on Sunday 17 September 2017.

After a brief meeting Principal Linda Miller will talk about the Global Leadership Programme she has introduced at Otago Girls' High School.

We would love to see you there.

There will be afternoon tea and an opportunity to tour the school.

## OGHS 150th Celebrations- Waitangi Weekend 5-7 Feb 2021

Planning is already underway for our 150th Celebrations in 2021. You can help us out by making sure any ex-students or staff you know have registered their interest in this event. If you aren't already on our database you can go to the school website and enter your details on our Alumni page. Alternatively you can email us at [alumni@otagogirls.school.nz](mailto:alumni@otagogirls.school.nz)

## From the Archives

Can you identify yourself or a friend in this photograph and help date it? I assume this photograph was taken at a Thanksgiving Service at First Church in the 1980s but I would like to narrow down the date.



## Olivia Ross OGHS (2003-2005)

I attended Otago Girls' from 2003 to 2005 and I was a prefect in my final year. I was a student with a passionate focus and upbringing in the rural sector. I am a Southlander and am currently a Beef + Lamb New Zealand Extension Manager based out of Gore. I was brought up as a true country kid in Southland, learning the true value of achievement, hard work, loyalty, community and earning what you receive.



Following my families move to the Maungatua's on the Taieri Plains at the beginning of Year 11, my two sisters Gemma and Chantelle and I did our high school years at Otago Girls'.

A number of years ago I set myself a mission statement: To act as an inspirational agricultural leader in a passionate and friendly manner making a community contribution while focusing on a strategic plan that is not only enjoyable but provides a lifestyle and future for my family and those around me in a positive manner.

Now as 2017 ticks away I am well on my path to setting that strategic plan and fulfilling the mission. Having finished Otago Girls' High School in 2005 I attended Lincoln University and completed three diplomas in Agriculture, Farm Management and Applied Science. At that stage all I ever wanted to do was be a shepherd and over the years I had a number of opportunities to work on a variety of wonderful hill country properties throughout Southland, Otago and South Canterbury.

In late 2009 I made the decision move into a position with Outgro Fertiliser Ltd as a technical field officer for five years. Since March 2015 I have been an extension manager for the lower South Island for Beef + Lamb New Zealand based out of Gore. My core role is to act as a key representative for all levy paying farmers and stakeholders and contribute to continual development of farm best practise's and policies. No day is ever the same and there is always something new and exciting emerging to work on. I love working alongside farmers every day and seeing their businesses grow, it also gives me the chance to grow myself as a person and the opportunities I have had over the years throughout the industry have really shaped the person I am today.

Positions such as a volunteer fire woman for the local brigade, vice president of the Balfour Young Farmers and 2nd Vice President of the Balfour Lions club makes me a community focused person who fits a lot into a week. I look back on my diary some weeks in amazement that we achieved it all, but it's so satisfying... being organised is the key.

Five years ago I braved the property market and brought my self-six acres of land with a four-bedroom house with a good amount of infrastructure suited to running sheep and horses in the hills above Balfour in Northern Southland which is now rented out while living on the 700ha Sheep & Dry stock property in Mossburn that my partner William works on.

As summer approaches I hope to get more time with my horses

and dogs while enjoying what will hopefully be the end to another busy year and a reward for all the days spent on the Kellogg Rural Leaders programme I am currently completing. The Kellogg Rural Leadership Programme is an established and respected programme in the rural and primary industry sectors. As part of the programme I am required to complete a research project to help gain greater insights of the primary sector.

I believe the New Zealand story of food production and where it comes from on a daily basis is one that has so much opportunity. The primary sector is an amazing sector to be part of with job opportunities at every avenue to be considered. The future of our food is dependent on skilled and educated people and I hope to be able to make a difference by identifying the gaps while completing the Kellogg leadership programme as part of my research project.

Opportunities are given to everyone every day; it is what you choose to do with those opportunities given to you that counts. In my mind life is not just about what you know it's also about who you know and how you bring the two together that paves out overall success.

## International student Jojo Steinert returns to OGHS

Hi my name is Jojo. I came to New Zealand as an international student in July 2014 from Germany and stayed for a year. I started here as a Year 12 student and left after the second term of Year 13. I played piano in the orchestra, piano and trombone in the jazz band, was part of the 'Rush' production and visited China with the choir.



When I went home in 2015 I went back to school in Germany. I studied Years 11 and 12 and graduated in the start of July, as German schools only have two senior years. Now I have come back to visit my friends and Kiwi family.

*Jojo on her recent visit to OGHS.*

I kept my school uniform and brought it back, wore it in school and caused some confusion with those students and teachers that remembered me. It was truly great to be back and to meet all the people again, including my friends who now go to university.

A few things have changed since I have been to OGs last, but the most significant are the new music rooms which were still under construction when I left.

During my stay here I sneaked into some classes, played piano a lot, tested the music rooms and assisted the International Department with all the new international students who arrived in July.

When I go home, I have to confirm my university application. University starts in October for me and I will start off with studying Human-Computer-Interaction, a combination of IT and psychology.

I know this was probably not my last visit and I look forward to returning to Otago Girls'.

## Liz Van Welie OGHS (1996-1997)

I moved to Dunedin and Otago Girls' High School from Alexandra when I was 16 in order to pursue my dreams of representing New Zealand at an Olympic Games. The decision behind moving to Dunedin was influenced by New Zealand's most successful swimming coach the late Duncan Laing. In 2000 I was lucky to represent New Zealand at the Sydney Olympics where I placed 15th in my best event the 200 metres butterfly. I then went on to compete at the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games where I successfully won a silver medal in the 400 metres Individual Medley, doing a massive personal best time. Those two events were the biggest highlight of my career, and are moments that seem so surreal today.



After struggling with motivation after Manchester, I moved to Tauranga for a fresh start, under a new coach Clive Power. I struggled to find the form I had previously had when swimming in Dunedin, and missed out by splits of a second on both the 2004 Athens Olympics, and the 2006 Manchester Commonwealth Games. I retired from the sport and embarked on my career after having completed a Bachelor of Physical Education and a Bachelor of Business majoring in Marketing. My first 'real' job straight out of swimming was at a Regional Sports Trust managing secondary school contracts. It was in this organization that I met my husband Greg. I worked at Sport Bay of Plenty for two years before moving on to working at ACC as an Injury Prevention Consultant.

Greg had two young girls from a previous marriage, and it was through them that our business dream came to fruition. Both girls had attended swimming lessons from six months of age, and as part of that, every second week we would take them to their lessons, only to get frustrated by poor teaching, and a lot of time wasting. A friend of ours who also had her young daughter in the same group suggested to us to start up a learn to swim school. Before working at Sport Bay of Plenty, Greg had been a teacher of 15 years, and with my background in swimming, it was not such a silly idea.

We developed a business plan, which entailed big dreams, and headed off to the bank to ask them to loan the money to build a pool. Naively, we had no business background, nor any real capital investment and the bank immediately said no. They said we needed to demonstrate the ability to run a successful business before they would really invest in us. By sheer chance, a run down old learn to swim business came up for sale in an industrial area in Tauranga. Greg and I jumped at the chance and purchased the business for \$18,000. There really were no customers as the previous owners had lost real interest, so we got hold of their database and in the evenings after work we rang everyone on the database practically begging them to give us a chance to teach their children. A small number of customers took the chance and they never looked back.

We wanted to have a real points of difference to any other swim school that was existing in Tauranga. The first one was that no other swim school was being operated by an Olympic and Commonwealth Games swimmer. We also invested in a system called MagnaPool which is a mineral based filtration system without chlorine. We also wanted to offer a teaching curriculum second to none.

We worked extremely hard over the Christmas of 2010 to clean and present the building to a standard that we were happy with, and then opened for our first holiday programme in January 2011. I resigned from my job at ACC only one week before we were due to open - before my first day of teaching, I had never really taught swimming.

Things were highly stressful as I learnt things on the go, but it only took three more months of business before Greg had to resign from his job to help me out. Our numbers quickly grew each term, we went from 50 swimmers, to 200 swimmers in Term 1 2011, and had around 500 swimmers by the end of the year. Steadily over time, our business grew, and there was never a term where numbers dropped from the previous term - even going into winter where traditionally all swim schools would see a drop in numbers.

Around 2013 we started looking for an investor who would be interested in helping us build our dream aquatic centre. There were a number of investors who showed interest but most wanted too much of the pie. We started engaging the bank again, who eventually agreed to loan us the money to build the centre as long as we had Greg's parents farm as the guarantee. We travelled around New Zealand and analysed different aquatic centres, and picked so many people's brains, right from the cleaners at the aquatic centres, to the teachers, right through to the managers. This equipped us with the best knowledge to build a facility that functioned exactly how we wanted it to work.

In April 2017, after 12 months of building, lots of grey hairs, and many sleepless nights, our facility was complete. We have a six lane, 25 metre pool and a 12 metre x 6 metre learners pool. We have employed a professional coach to run our competitive swim programme, have our own Liz van Welie Aquatics Club and our learn to swim numbers have swelled to almost 1500 children per week. Nothing at all has come easily, in fact, life is still extremely hard as the bills come rolling in the door, but what we love the most is seeing a little three month old baby submerge for the first time, a child who was once scared of the water now want to now spend more time under the water than above, a child swim their first ever length of the 25 metre pool, and hopefully in the future have our first ever Liz van Welie Aquatics Club swimmer represent New Zealand at the Olympic Games.

Our story is certainly what dreams are made of, and we know we are just beginning. We love making a difference in people's lives and know that our job is so important for a child living in New Zealand. We hope to continue to grow so that we will be one of the most influential players in the aquatic market in New Zealand, teaching children how to not only respect any water environment but also fall in love with it much as we have.



Liz van Welie Aquatics - Tauranga

## Borick sisters - where are they now?

Angela Borick (OGHS 1979-1983)  
Virginia Borick (OGHS 1981-1985)  
Madeline Borick (OGHS 1984-1988)  
Kate Borick (OGHS 1986-1990)

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By the standard of many families in Maori Hill we are mere newcomers!

As a young married couple we came to Claremont Street 47 years ago. The street had begun evolving from one of elderly residents to young people with families; consequently our four daughters had a very social existence and made lifelong friends. They attended Maori Hill Primary, Balmacewen Intermediate and Otago Girls' High Schools.

In 1976 with the girls aged 10, 8, 6 and 4 we spent two years in England. At every opportunity we travelled throughout Europe and perhaps this is why they are now spread far and wide.

Angela, our eldest, after obtaining a law degree, lived in Tanzania, Kenya, England and is now in Cairns, Australia with her husband Bill Harding, working with Mission Aviation Fellowship. They have four adult sons.

Virginia qualified as a nurse and travelled to London and Florida. She returned to Nelson to upgrade her private pilot's licence to a commercial licence. Instead she married the instructor, Gary Newhouse. They worked in Jakarta, Indonesia and then moved to Hong Kong where Gary is a Captain for Cathay Pacific. Virginia is a nurse and Safety Officer for an Outward Bound School. They have two sons and a daughter.

Madeline worked briefly in New Zealand after studying tourism at Otago Polytech before venturing overseas to work for tour companies in London, Europe and Tanzania. In Arusha (Tanzania) she met and married her Dutch husband Ekko Oosterhuis. As well as looking after her four children, she is heavily involved in community projects, raising money for orphanages and various charities. They are now in the process of settling back in New Zealand.

Kate, the youngest, obtained a teaching degree from Otago University and shortly after followed her sisters to London where she lived and taught for eight years. On returning to Dunedin she met her future husband James Mansfield. They live with their twin daughters on the family farm at Ikawai, South Canterbury, and Kate is now Principal of the Glenavy Primary School.



From left: Kate, Madeline, Angela and Virginia

## Visitors welcome



We always enjoy ex-girls calling in to visit their old school. Earlier in the year Helen Cornelius (left) (nee Matthews) from Auckland and her sister Christine Eady came for a tour. They were guided by Lilian McKenzie-Cornelius in Year 9 who is Helen's granddaughter. Helen attended OGHS from 1958 to 1961 and Christine from 1957 to 1961.

## Surprise visitor in our rose beds



Thanks to our recently retired Deputy Principal, Jock Murley who surprised us by returning to prune the school roses. Thanks Jock.

## OGHS ex-girl packs for visitors to our school

We have created some packs for ex-girls who come to visit Otago Girls' High School. We love having ex-students call in at any time and we are always available to give you a tour of the school.

Unfortunately due to postage costs the packs cannot be posted out to ex-students.

## Helen Pollock - Sculptor, (nee Young) OGHS (1959-1962)



Helen Pollock beside her sculpture "Victory Medal"

A New Zealand sculpture, created by ex-girl Helen Pollock (nee Young) was unveiled in France in May as a tribute to the Battle of Arras. 'Victory Medal' shows 36 pairs of feet, representative of a platoon on soldiers.

Helen Pollock says the piece honours more than 400 Kiwis who worked on a network of underground caverns and tunnels for the German line in the lead-up to the fighting, which killed hundreds of thousands on both sides. One pair of feet is cast in bronze, which Helen says represents the only "recognised hero".

The sculpture arrived in France by boat, replicating the journey that Kiwi soldiers took in World War I and it was unveiled in the northern city of Arras.

## Suzie Bates returns to Otago Girls' to talk in assembly.



Suzie Bates with (from left to right) Meg Ballantyne (Sports Prefect), Madison Campbell (Head Prefect), and Becky Paterson (Sports Prefect).

### Email addresses

Please remember to keep us updated with your current email address. Every time we send this newsletter out we find we have a large number of out of date emails.

## Sue Lynch leaves Otago Girls' after 22 years service.

In June this year Otago Girls' farewelled long term Assistant Principal Sue Lynch who had accepted a job in Wellington as a National Assessment Facilitator with the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA).



Sue was appointed Assistant Principal at Otago Girls' High School in 1995 having previously taught at Patea High School, Rotorua Girls' High School and the Waikato Diocesan School for girls. During Sue's 22 years at Otago Girls' she took on a myriad of roles and her time with us was characterised by service to the school and the community.

As Assistant Principal Sue was, at various times, responsible for timetabling, exam timetables and organising relief. She was for many years the staff liaison person for the school fair, and in recent years was a member of the school Alumni Association and the 150th Celebrations planning committee. Sue was also an NZQA marker.

Sue taught a variety of subjects over the years but it was her passion for geography (particularly any earthquake related aspects) that we will always remember her for. She had valuable input into both the Year 12 Borland Camp and the Year 11 Geography Camp to Aoraki Mt Cook. Her involvement in Geography extended well beyond Otago Girls' and Sue was the Chairperson of the New Zealand Board of Geography Teachers' Association, and a representative of the Otago/Southland Geography Teachers' Association. She was one of the main facilitators between the University of Otago and the secondary school geography teachers.

In 2011, in recognition of her dedication and passion in the realms of Geography, Sue was offered a ten school week Secondary Teachers' Sabbatical by the Ministry of Education. On this sabbatical Sue studied and developed personal confidence in using GIS (Geographic Information Service) resources for her geography teaching.

Sue also gave time and energy to organising many community events over the years. These have included the Easter Basket and Christmas Hamper schemes, and the varied street collections that our students participate in. Sue was also responsible for nominating students for the Trust Power Community Awards and for preparing the school's successful application to become recognised as a National School of Character.

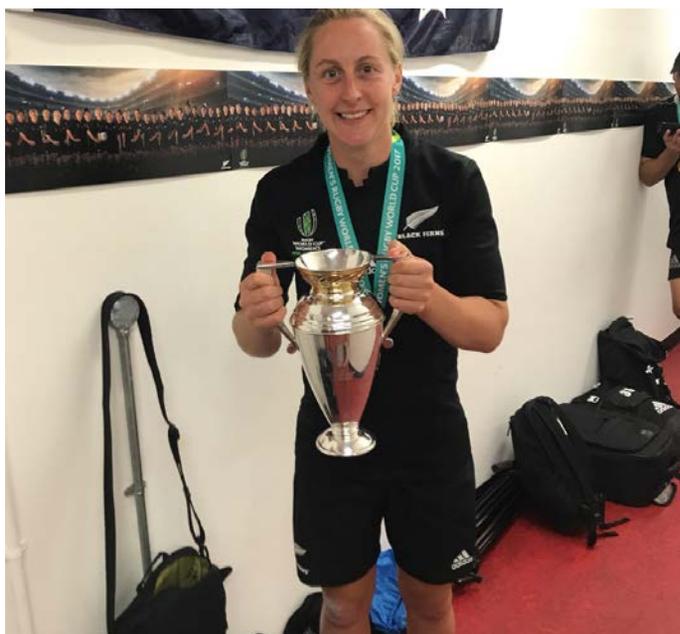
As a Gold Duke of Edinburgh recipient herself, Sue spent many years dedicating time and energy to the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award Programme. She spent part of her holidays taking participants on numerous trips around Otago and Southland as part of their activities. Her trips to Stewart Island which also involved some international students and other staff are legendary.

Sue has also coached and managed sports teams and has led school trips to Fiji and Australia. Kind heartedly Sue also opened up her home to host international students and language assistants. Staff fondly remember her cake decorating skills as do many students to whom she passed this skill on.

Sue has had a long and distinguished career in teaching and we know she will transfer many of her skills and knowledge to her new role. We acknowledge and thank her for all she has done for Otago Girls' since she arrived here in 1995.

## Ex-Girls' in winning Black Ferns team at winning Rugby World Cup Final.

Congratulations to ex-girls Kelly Brazier and Victoria Subritzky-Nafatali who were members of the women's rugby team that won the World Cup. Here's Kelly holding the cup.



## Two ex-Girls off to Finland with New Zealand U21 Curling team.

Congratulations to ex-girl Mhairi-Bronte Duncan who was recently selected for the New Zealand Under 21 Curling team, along with fellow ex-girl Emma Sutherland who is in the same team for the third time.

Both students started curling when they were students at Otago Girls' High School.



Mhairi-Bronte Duncan (Centre) and Emma Sutherland (2nd from right) in the curling team when they were in Year 13 at OGHS in 2015.

## Do you have any school photos you want to share?

Thanks to Alison Kroon for sharing the photograph below. We encourage you to send us photographs for publication - see contact details at the end of this newsletter.



Alison Kroon (nee Snook) and Ruth Cross (nee Carradus) at the start of their 4th form year, 1962.

### School Memories

Under the Alumni section of the school website there is now a place to add your memories of your time of school. We would love to start gathering these to use for the 150th reunion. Please visit our the website and send us some of your memories from your time at Otago Girls' High School. [www.otagogirls.school.nz](http://www.otagogirls.school.nz)



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