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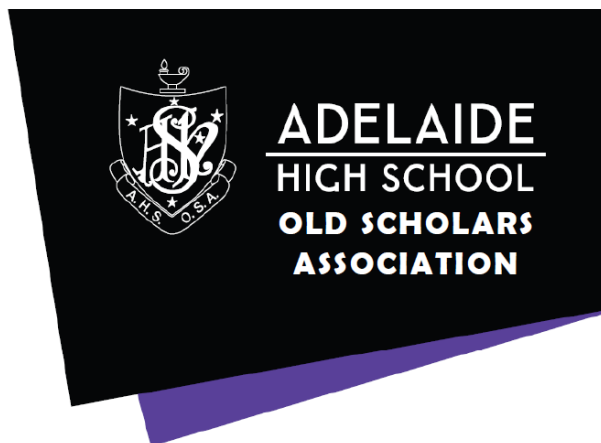
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➔ **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS** ←

**Our wonderful Trish Mibus
will retire from
sending out newsletters.**

You will receive newsletters
from a new gmail address.
ahsos.heather@gmail.com

We are attempting to simplify ways of communicating with the AHS Old Scholars Committee.

Therefore you will see on our email addresses 'ahsos' as a prequel and then a 'dot' before the name of the committee member who is sending the communication.

**Newsletters will come from the
secretary, Heather Smith:-
ahsos.heather@gmail.com**

We will also have new bsb and account number available so you can pay your membership more easily next year.

We are hoping to also simplify Annual Dinner bookings so watch out for that.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDING 5th September

Members of the Old Scholars Committee were honoured to be invited to the official opening of the new building.

As you can see from the pictures the learning areas are light and airy, with beautiful views. The whole sense of the space is one of calm energy. Peter Ahladas, an ex-AHS student designed the building, so Adelaide High School can feel doubly proud.

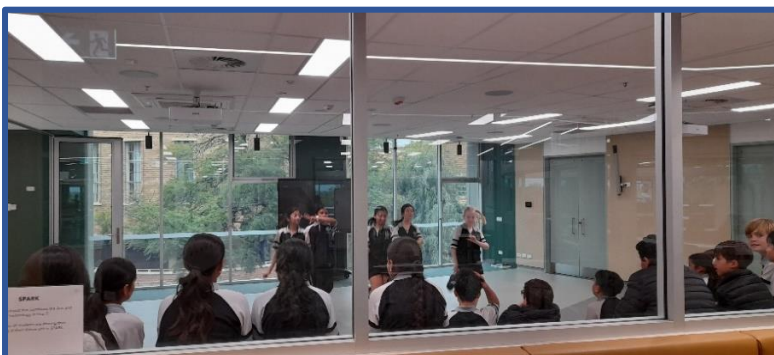


Con Piliouras organized the school band to welcome us to the venue. That's the sort of thing that makes people relax and feel welcome, so it was a pleasant wait until the officials from the government arrived. The official indigenous welcome made the event feel even more special.

Guests were organized into groups of about 5 and were shown around by students. Other students and their teachers gave demonstration lessons, which we thoroughly enjoyed. The string trio entertained us on one landing and Nikkita played keyboard on another. That made the stairs easier to negotiate for a bunch of 'oldies'.

Speeches and songs by the students during the official part of the opening ceremony were most impressive. The signing choir did a great job on their numbers. We were left with an immense feeling of pride in being part of AHS and knowing that the present students proved to be most capable young people. They certainly performed with confidence before government officials and other important guests.

Being part of the Old Scholars Committee has some great perks! Think about joining. Come to next year's AGM and meet us.



ANNUAL DINNER AT THE ADELAIDE PAVILLION October 18th



100 People attended. The view was beautiful and the music spectacular!



Nikkita on keyboard welcomed the guests



The jazz band wowed the guests under the guidance of music teacher Con Piliouras.



Students led the school hymn.

In the background you can see the slide show of the 1970s at AHS that played throughout the night. Amy Worswick and George Evreniadis put these together each year to entertain the guests and remind them of school days.



Principal Cez Green with Retirees from the Old Scholars Committee.
Peter Burford, Kay Koch and Flora Rumbelow.
(Trish Mibus was unable to attend.)

Peter, Kay, Flora and Trish have given the Adelaide High School Old Scholars Association a combined service of over 100 years.

The Old Scholars Committee and Adelaide High School have joined in honouring their service by creating four perpetual awards in each of their names. Two awards will be given at the Senior Speech Days and two will be given at the Middle School Speech Days.



Cez Green with a gift from the AHS Old Scholars Association Committee. President Stephen Mitchell and Secretary Heather Smith on either side.



Head prefects Finn Macardle and Brianna Cragg assisting the committee treasurer Rosey Olbrycht with the raffle. This was no small job as they sold 400 tickets!!! Kerry Skinner Head of Middle Years, also in the picture, assisted with giving out name tags and various other jobs that had to be done on the night.



Our Guest Speaker Mr George Diakomichalis entertained the guests with various reminiscences of his life at school and work. He drew the audience together by talking about how even though we attended Adelaide High School in different decades we have a shared experience through being part of the same institution and its traditions.

He was right of course. We all sang the school hymn together, chanted the war cry together and throughout the night shared stories about teachers we knew. We had a lot in common, even though many of us had not met before. George described it as being in the same class and it is like that. Students in the same class come from different places and backgrounds but they have a shared experience that connects them. Attending the dinner gives a sense of continuity especially when the students and teachers are there.

George was an engaging speaker who is well known to many through his work on television in 'It's All Greek To Me' and his new program 'Let's Eat with George' on Channel Nine on Sundays at 4.00p.m.

Many of us also know him from his wonderful café 'Kalymnos Pastries' on Henley Beach Road, Torrensville. It serves great coffee. The only difficulty there being which of the amazing Greek pastries to choose to have with it. I always go for the baklava. I can't go past it.

The Food

The food at the dinner was the best I have experienced. I sat with Sophie and her brother Nick. We had never met before but had entertaining conversations while I watched what they ate. My vegetarian food was delicious, but I queried Sophie and Nick on what they were eating through the entrée, mains and dessert. They were enthusiastic.

Well, no surprise there, as after the dinner I met the head chef Nick who just happens to be George Diakomichalis' mate on his television program and co-owner of the Pavilion with Dimitri Lioulias who is an old scholar of Adelaide High School.

I viewed the program on the following Sunday and watched Nick prepare a dish. He proved to be an artist. That explained why the food was presented beautifully and tasted so good.

The food is served as an 'alternative drop' but people happily swapped meals with others who preferred something their neighbour had. For those who did not attend the dinner the menu consisted of: -

Entrée – Mushroom Arancini or Thai Chicken Salad

Mains – Lemon Herb Barramundi or Lamb Shanks in Red Sauce, Rosemary & Thyme

Dessert – Apple Pie and Ice cream or Sticky Date Pudding and Ice cream.

Coffee, tea & chocolates

The quality of the food certainly added to the ambience.

It was an incredibly happy night.

Hopefully we will see you all next year.

Heather Smith

☀️ 🌀 Thank you 🌀 ☀️

Thank you to everyone who came to the dinner and to those who bought raffle tickets.

When we had sold our entire offering of 400 tickets, people still donated money to the raffle.

Old scholars have always been generous because they know that their money goes towards paying for prizes that the Old Scholars Association awards to students. It is our way of supporting the school and encouraging students by recognizing their contributions. It is also a way of supporting and encouraging the younger generation. We do this in collaboration with the school.



Another Thank you

Many thanks to Barry White from Gomersal Winery who donated bottles of wine for the raffle as well as vouchers for wine and cheese tastings at his winery.

He is yet another old scholar who supports the school and the Old Scholars Association, by being on the Committee and through his generous donations.

