Hello and welcome to the Marsden Old Girls’ Association Newsletter the first for 2014.

Heartiest congratulations to Jean Gilmer as she celebrated her 100th Birthday on 23 April. Principal Jenny Williams had a wonderful morning tea with Jean. Her Fitzherbert Tce school reports were gifted to the school.

I am delighted to note that Hall of Fame Laureates, Claudia Batten and Miranda Harcourt are keynote speakers at the upcoming Alliance of Girls’ Schools Conference being held in Wellington.

It’s always lovely to see our Old Girls come back to Marsden and on 3 July our senior students will welcome Katrina Batten of Radio NZ as the guest speaker at Senior School Lunch.

Jenny Williams enjoyed meeting Old Girls in Auckland at the Anna Miles Gallery 20 May.

We wish Jenny all the best on her Sabbatical.

We will email you from time to time to keep you up to date with what is happening with MOGA and with the school.

Best wishes
Mandy Britnell, President

Do you still have your Leavers’ Ball dress?
The Parents’ Association committee organising this year’s Leavers’ Ball would like to display a retrospective of Leavers’ Ball dresses over the decades and would love to hear from you if you still have yours and would be willing for it to be put on display. This is a wonderful opportunity for your dress to be seen at its glamorous best once again! Please email Ginny Morrison ginnymorrison@xtra.co.nz if you can help.

Marsden Old Girls’ Scholarship exam
Each year we offer a scholarship to a pupil entering Year 9 who is a daughter, grand-daughter or great grand-daughter of a past pupil. The exam this year will be held on June 14 at 1:30pm. If you would like your daughter or grand-daughter to sit the exam, please see the Marsden website for information about the day and download an application form by clicking on this link: http://www.marsden.school.nz/marsden-karori/admissions/scholarships

Applications close on Wednesday 4 June at 4:30pm.

Quiz Night for Samoa Trip & Rosemary Poland Scholarship
Come to the Parent organized Quiz Night June 20 from 7pm in the Cultural Centre. For more details email Jenny Joyce jdjoyce@xtra.co.nz

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Marsden High Tea
Indulge yourself at the Marsden Parents’ Association hosted afternoon tea in the Cultural Centre on Sunday 29 June 2-4pm. For more information email Ginny Morrison ginnymorrison@xtra.co.nz

Swainson Memorial Music Competition
Wednesday 6 August, 7:30pm, Auditorium
Old Girls’ are cordially invited to attend this competition which showcases our student soloists in music and voice. The support of the MOGA for the Nell Clere Music Scholarship is appreciated. For more details email martine.foster@marsden.school.nz

Mid-Winter lunch
We will be holding a mid-winter lunch on Saturday 9 August at Seasons (formerly Country Life) in Waikanae. All Old Girls over 60 in the lower North Island will be invited to attend so please save this date in your diary now. Please email Mandy in the meantime if you have any queries mbritnell@hotmail.com

Young Old Girls’ drinks events
Young Old Girls from Wellington will be invited to drinks events in Wellington mid-September - we look forward to seeing you there. Any queries please email Martine martine.foster@marsden.school.nz

Old Girls’ Day 2014
Old Girls’ Day on Friday 31 October is a wonderful day which includes a Communion Service in our Baber Memorial Chapel, Old Girls’ Assembly, morning tea, tours of the School and evening drinks followed by dinner.
This year we are thrilled to have Katherine Dienes-Williams as our speaker at the Old Girls’ Assembly. Katherine is from the 1984 decade and is a celebrated organist living in the UK.
Just to remind you that your decade is celebrated by the year you were in Year 10 (fourth form). So if you were in the fourth form in a year ending in a “4” that is 2004, 1994, 1984, 1974, 1964, 1954….. this is a special year for you and we look forward to seeing you back at Marsden.
We are also trialling having a demi-decade dinner this year for those that were in 4th form in 1959. Please contact Janne Shewan jj.shewan@xtra.co.nz if you are from that year and are interested in joining us.
The decade co-ordinators are happy to answer any queries. Their email addresses are as follows.
- 1954: Lou McDonald: lou@paradise.net.nz
- 1964: Juliet McKee: juliet@mckee.co.nz
- 1974: Ali Beaumont: gbeaumont@xtra.co.nz
- 1984: Julz Britnell: julzbritnell@gmail.com
- 1994: To be confirmed
- 2004: To be confirmed

Please see the Marsden website for information about the day, the coordinators for your year and a registration form by clicking on this link: http://www.marsden.school.nz/marsden-karori/community/old-girls-association

Update your details
Please let us know if you change your address or any of your contact details. Or if you know of any other Old Girls that have! Your contact details are used by MOGA and the school. Please email Rosalba and she will update our records rosalba.finnerty@marsden.school.nz

Marsden website
Do please have a look at the school’s website for up to date information about everything that is happening at the school. We’d love to hear from you with any news that you have about Old Girls.
http://www.marsden.school.nz/

Keep in touch!
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