From The President

I have been President of the CPS Old Boys' Union for over 10 years and the name ‘Old Boys' Union’ has often struck me as an odd term for a primary school where students depart at the ripe old age of 12 and they are all of a sudden Old Boys.

The CPS Old Boys Union was established by Mr Trevor Wagstaff, in conjunction with former Principal Mr Nick Brown with the intention of keeping in touch with the friends they had made in their early school years. Some of the original Old Boys' Union members, fondly referred to as ‘Vintage Old Boys' continue to meet at the annual old boys lunch.

When I took over the position as President from Trevor both of my sons were still students at CPS. They are now in their early 20s and when I look at the circle of friends they keep, it is pleasing to see that many of them are CPS Old Boys. This gives me great confidence in the strength of the Coogee Prep community well beyond school days.

An idea we have talked about during the past few years is the reinvention of the Old Boys Union to include the wider CPS Community. A student’s time at Coogee Prep is a family commitment, friendships are made on the sidelines at Saturday sport, school concerts, carnivals and class and school social functions. We would like to ensure this sense of community endures beyond the school years and boys as well as their families remain connected with Coogee Prep.

Based on this motivation we are launching ‘The Alpha Club’. This will act as an umbrella, bringing together all facets of the Coogee Prep community, such as Old Boys, past parents and families and current students and their families.

This does not replace the Old Boys Union but rather adds to the community by including families of past students. It is often the parents of our students that do much of the work behind the scenes volunteering their time to help with school and P&F activities. We would like to ensure these valuable members of our community remain connected to CPS for years to come.

With this in mind we would like future events to be very inclusive and open to anyone who has been connected with the school.

We have a number of events planned for the latter half of the year, including the annual Old Boys Lunch on the 22nd September at the Randwick Labor Club. We are hosting a lawn bowls afternoon at Waverley Bowling Club on Sunday 23rd October for younger Old Boys and their families as well as the annual Golf Day on Tuesday 8th November. The golf day is a great opportunity to catch up with friends or even invite work colleagues for a day on the course at Moore Park.

We are particularly excited about the Mothers and friends of Coogee Prep lunch to be held on Friday 16th September at Centennial Park. This is following on from a similar and very successful lunch held during the Centenary Year. We look forward to your support and seeing you during the year at one or more of these events.

Brett Jowett
PRESIDENT
COOGEE PREP OLD BOYS’ UNION
Welcome to the latest edition of the Coogee Prep Old Boys’ newsletter.

There have been some exciting developments with the completion and launch of the Centenary Book as well as the formation of the Alpha Club. I encourage all families with any association with Coogee Prep to invest in a copy of the Centenary Book - it is a beautifully produced coffee table book that captures the essence of Coogee Prep and is a wonderful addition to any household.

The overall experience at Coogee Prep is more than just educating boys. The friendships and sense of community amongst parents are a very important part of the fabric of the school. There are currently two bodies that focus on fostering this sense of community, The Parents’ & Friends’ Association and Coogee Prep Old Boys’ Union.

As a school, we are keen to nurture the greater sense of community that exists at Coogee Prep by maintaining engagement with past parents and families, as well as current families and old boys. In order to keep this link with the wider community, the Coogee Prep Alpha Club has been established. The Alpha Club will encompass the entire Coogee Prep community including current families and students, old boys and past families and friends. There will be a number of Alpha Club events throughout the year to engage elements of the community and motivate (re)connection with the school.

The Alpha Club is key to preserving the legacy of Coogee Prep, strengthening the overall community and encouraging families to stay connected once boys have left school as well as complimenting the current work of the P&F and Old Boys’ unions. All members of the Coogee Prep community past and present will be considered ‘members’ of the Alpha Club. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of the upcoming events.

Post Centenary we find ourselves looking forward. It is a time to leverage the good will, progress and positive change, which will continue to drive a clear vision steering the School into its next phase. At the heart of this vision is a student-centred, value-driven education formed around a comprehensive and rigorous curriculum. As educators, our goal is to nurture and develop boys into students who are motivated, enjoy learning, and who go on to fulfil their potential. It is this combination of knowledge and academic skills attained in a contemporary environment, underpinned by traditional values and an emphasis on strength of character, that form the core of the education experience at Coogee Prep.

Our focus on the development of challenging programs across all Key Learning Areas still remains an essential element and contributing factor in the academic success of every boy as they transition through the school. Our commitment to investigation through IT, Working and thinking mathematically and scientifically in the classroom constantly exposes the boys to new learning processes and exciting experiences. The integration of the Spelling Mastery, mini and multi-lit programs and the ‘Magic Words’ has resulted in an obvious upward spike in the boys’ spelling, reading and writing proficiency throughout the school. Differentiated programs such as these enable all students to build on prior knowledge and consolidate their understanding.

Our Curriculum has also embraced and exposed all students to the creative and practical arts – including the fine arts, music and drama along with a number of co-curricular activities such as chess, debating, and band. These programs help boys to express themselves creatively, develop new skills and build confidence through group work, competition and performance. The success our boys experience in these areas can be measured not only by credible results, but also by excellent preparation and a huge growth in confidence even when faced with the toughest competition.

After 14 years and 7 successful Rugby and Soccer tours to New Zealand, 2015 was the final trip. I would like to thank and commend Mr. Brett Jowett and the CPS staff, parents and boys for supporting what has been a most unique and wonderful experience for all those involved. From 2017 the school moves in a completely different direction, offering the senior students opportunities to travel within NSW and inter-state to learn first-hand more about their own country and to experience life and culture in our rural and country areas. We look forward to this new chapter in our CPS story.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the range of events on offer during the next couple of months. The mothers lunch, first held in the Centenary Year, is back again this year and I would ask you to spread the word to any mothers, grandmothers, carers. This is a great opportunity for the mothers of current students and old boys to catch-up with friends and stay in touch as part of the wider Coogee Prep community.

Kind Regards
John T. Dicks
HEADMASTER
We are excited to announce the Coogee Prep Centenary Book is now available to purchase!

This beautifully produced coffee-table book captures the essence of Coogee Prep through a series of stories and photographs featuring old boys, headmasters, long held traditions and events, school symbols and many more.

It is a book that all members of the Coogee Prep community will want to own.

Get in early and buy a copy for your family now!

After receiving his copy, the school Patron, Mr Geoffrey Davison wrote,

'The Centenary Book is quite literally a fabulous and extremely professional, very high quality production. I’m really impressed. The content more than equalled if not exceeded, that of the hard covers. It’s a credit to all involved and to the very hard work, skill, and dedication that goes into producing a publication of this nature.'

How do you get your copy?

Direct deposit to ‘Coogee Boys’ Preparatory School’:

Bank: Westpac
BSB: 032 056
Account No. 270073

Books are $65 (plus $15 postage) per copy

Please send a copy of the transfer receipt and your address to Mrs Tessa Morris, office@coogeeprep.nsw.edu.au and the book will be posted

Books will also be available for sale at each of the Alpha Club and Old Boy events Please contact Mrs Tessa Morris on (02) 9398 6310 with any queries
Ioannis Benardos, Coogee Prep Old Boy 1991 and owner of Bernie’s Diner in Moss Vale, tells of his memories of Coogee Prep and reconnection with the school through his cafe.

I was in transition at CPS in 1985 and went all the way through until 6A in 1991. My parents lived (and still live) on Lenthall street in Kensington. So travelling up Anzac Parade and then Alison Road was a motif in my childhood. I have so many great memories from those years but meeting the boys in my class, many of whom I am still in touch with, is a highlight.

When I left CPS I went to Scots College and then studied for a diploma in Applied Science and my commercial pilots licence. I was always passionate about flying and aircraft - I can still see the models that were hanging over Mr Brown’s desk in the 5/6 classroom. I spent alot of time looking at them and not concentrating in class.

I decided in my mid twenties that I did not want to pursue a career in the airlines and focused my attention to my other great passion - food. I worked in many restaurants and bars, here in Australia, in the USA, England and Canada. I was married in Vancouver, Canada and when we came back to Australia I was looking around to open a food business and the lease for the shop my grandfather opened in 1925 was on the market. The business was still being run as Bernie’s so I came in and rebuilt it as an art deco american diner similar to what it was originally. We have not looked back! It has surprised me how many people crave family continuity in a business.

The CPS boys that come to Moss Vale to play Tudor House often come here after the game for celebratory burgers and fries! My CPS cap sits proudly on a bookshelf in my office and I was proud to bring it out last time a sporting team of CPS boys came though the doors.

My son is enrolled at CPS to start in 2018, which is very exciting for me!

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Members of the Coogee Prep community and friends are warmly invited to attend the annual golf day

**Tuesday 8th November 2016**

**Moore Park Golf Course**  
Cleveland Street, Sydney

18 holes - Registration from 7am, start 8am  
$120 pp includes breakfast followed by light lunch after golf  
Green fees and electric cart

Please **RSVP by Friday 4th November**  
www.Trybooking.com/205528  
Contact - Brett Jowett 0414 567 245
Profile on Old Boy - Oliver Pether (OB 2011)

Oliver Pether is a recent old boy who is currently a Year 9 student at Waverley College. He is rapidly developing his photography and editing skills as part of the school's Media Group and hopes to continue a career in this area.

Thank you Oliver for telling your story.

‘I have always liked photography since I was very young and my mum and dad never really minded me using their camera because I always made sure I looked after it. When I started at Waverley College I took my camera to take some photos of our rugby team and really liked the photos and I decided to continue to take photos of other teams. In senior school the games were more intense and I started to take photos of the Rugby first fifteen.

One day when I was taking the photos a year 11 boy approached me and asked if I wanted to join the media group and I said yes straight away, not really knowing what it was. Usually boys in year 7 are not allowed to join because in the past a student had damaged the school camera so they decided only boys in year 9 and above were able join. I felt very privileged to be able to join the media group. For the first year I used my own camera and sometimes I got to use the school lens which was pretty expensive. The teachers have really liked the photos I have taken and the editing I do for school videos. For the last two years I have been given the job of producing the end of year video which is a compilation of all the things that have happened throughout the year and it is played at our speech night. I really enjoy seeing the end result and that everyone has the opportunity of seeing the photos I have taken of them.

I would really like to be a filmmaker when I leave school and feel that this opportunity at Waverley College is a stepping stone for me. I have also been given the opportunity to be the photographer for Endometriosis Australia at a fundraising event. I loved photographing the action on the red carpet and it was exciting as this was my first night job. During the summer months I am the official photographer for Coogee nippers which I really enjoy also. I particularly like photographing around my local area and the beaches - this seagull shot is one of my favourites. I am happy where my hobby has taken me and look forward to seeing how I can take it further.’

Spotted - Old Boy Jay McDonald (OB 2008)

Past Student Jay McDonald (2008) returned to Sydney this month to visit his family. Jay was school captain in his final year at CPS, he then attended Waverley College briefly before his family relocated to France.

After graduating from high school in Phonon Les Bains, he attended University in Grenoble studying Psychology. He has put his study on hold to follow his passion in music. Jay is moving to Dublin, Ireland, to start at BIMM Institute to study all facets of music and hone his talent as a drummer following in the footsteps of his older brother, Axel McDonald (2004) who also attends the same institute studying the guitar.

We wish him well in his endeavours.

Jay with his father Ken and CPS OBU President Brett Jowett
Vale Stanley Keith Austin - OB 1933

Janet Austin writes, my father, Stanley Austin, attended Coogee Prep from 1926 until 1933. Mr Nimmo, as Headmaster then, must have made a great impression on him as he often spoke about him with great warmth. He obviously won the young boys respect and was an inspirational teacher. My father’s love of mathematics and languages was nurtured at Coogee Prep as was his life-long interest in cricket. I believe he was Dux of the school before going on to Sydney Grammar. Dad went on to have a successful career as a mechanical engineer. He died on 19th June, 2015, aged 93 years. He is survived by his wife Judith. They were fortunate to see three generations of their family - their 6 children, 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Vale Ian Pearce - OB 1936

Ian Pearce born 18 June 1924, passed away on 17th July 2015 aged 91yrs.

After leaving Coogee Prep in 1936, Ian went on to Sydney Grammar School. As a teenager he loved cycling and cars. Not content with the speed of a normal billy-cart, he designed an engine that would fit on the back of the billy-cart and the rest is history as they say. The invention was noticed and he was filmed by Movietone News and the story went all over the world, he had his moment of fame.

Like so many his age, he could not wait to enlist to serve his country. Following his passion for aircraft and fascination for flying, he enlisted into the RAAF. Due to him wearing glasses, he was not allowed to fly. He was based in Darwin during the war and serviced the Spitfire aircraft which became his second passion, next to my mother, Denise whom he married in 1955 and she has since passed in 2014.

After leaving the service he wanted to study medicine to become a surgeon but his father was commissioned to move to Singapore, so the family moved and established the ACI Glassworks factory, however his father thought it better to follow engineering and that was that.

A love of motor cars also entailed and he would own MGs, Jaguars & Rileys taking enormous joy in restoring and driving them over many years. If he could not find a part, he would make one.

His family always called him a frustrated doctor and he found himself in a specialty field of medical instrumentation including Chromatography which he enjoyed working in and was still dabbling in during his late 80's. He designed specialty equipment that went to the USA to be produced.

A gentle, kind, loving and dearly loyal man with a great sense of humour, he is survived by his son Richard and daughter Danielle, his beautiful presence is deeply missed.
Sad Philip Heathwood passed away in Santa Rosa, California on December 7th 2015, survived by his wife of 52 years, Anne Heathwood. Philip graduated from CPS in 1951, the same year as Nicholas Brown. They were lifelong friends despite Phill living a large fraction of his life in the USA. Phillip and Anne moved to California with their children Karen, Matthew and Lyndal where they happily became part of the “American Dream” when Australia was going backwards in the Mid 70’s. The family regularly visited Australia to see extended family.

Phil was the brother of Paul, the father of Matthew and the uncle of Scott, Paul Jnr and David. He was the great uncle to James, Oliver, Sam, Callum and Luca - all Heathwoods who attended or are in attendance at the school. Nick Brown clearly didn’t know what he was in for with an avalanche of Heathwoods, Reeds and O’Sullivans when he was swapping sandwiches with Phil during the Second World War in Alison Park.

Phil and Paul were locals from Judge Street, Randwick. Phil played centre in rugby and he was a very keen cricketer. His year 6 cricket team proudly greets the boys as they run up the stairs to class every morning. After he graduated from CPS he proceeded onto The Scots College.

Phil worked as a Construction Consultant and Estimator for more than 30 years in Santa Rosa and the greater Bay Area. Phil loved travel, college football, rugby, jazz music and spending time with family. He is a proud part of the CPS diaspora.
Spotlight on year five student - Mitchell Chen

Mitchell Chen is a year five student who is making his mark in the swimming world. He has had a busy 2016 having represented Coogee Prep at IPSHA (Independent Primary Schools Heads Association), CIS (Combined Independent Schools) and most recently at NSW PSSA (Primary Schools Sports Association) state finals.

We asked Mitchell a couple of questions about his swimming and goals for the future.

What are your goals, what do you hope to achieve?
My goal this year for swimming is to compete at a National level in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke and Butterfly. In March this year I made it to the NSW PSSA State finals for 50m Breaststroke representing CPS and CIS which was awesome so it would be amazing if I made it to Nationals. It has always been my main goal and I would be the 1st CPS student to make it to Nationals for Swimming. Next year when I am in Year 6, I would also like to be CPS Swim Captain and the House Captain for McKeown so I can encourage the infants at CPS to take on challenges and join in more races at our annual Swim Carnival and be included in the House Relay. But my big goal is to make it to The Olympics and swim for Australia.

What is your training regime?
I train 2-3 times a week at Sydney University Aquatic Centre and I swim for Sydney University Swimming Club in Local, Regional and State meets.

What sportsmen or women do you look up to? Who inspires you?
I like Mitch Larkin and I look up to Ian Thorpe and to Geoff Huegall who is now my coach at Sydney University Swimming Club. He won an Olympic Bronze Medal at the 2000 Sydney Olympics in 100m Butterfly and Silver in the 4 x 100 m Medley Relay. He gives me tips on the butterfly style that he used to win Olympic Medals which is amazing. Geoff is 6 foot 4 and he always says ‘believe in yourself’ and ‘push to the limits’. At SOPAC there are photos of Geoff, Ian and all the Australian Olympic medallists lining the hallway on the way to the marshalling area and that really inspires me to go faster as I can’t believe Geoff is my actual Coach. He is going to bring in his Olympic medals to show me at training.

What are the next steps for you?
My next steps are to move up to the Bronze Squad at Sydney Uni and to train 4 mornings a week. I also have the State Short Course Championships coming up in August which I have qualified for. If I come 1st, 2nd or 3rd here then I will make it to Nationals. I am also going to compete at the AIS in Canberra in August in the lead up to the State Championships which is going to be awesome. We go down for the weekend as a Club and hopefully we will do well.

How has Coogee Prep helped with your swimming and what do you enjoy about Coogee Prep?
CPS has helped because all the teachers including Mr Travers, Mr Dicks, Ms Gershon, Mr Foss and Miss Ginis always encourage me by cheering me on and sending me messages before my carnivals. They always put my results in The Chronicle to encourage other boys to do well too. Every Friday after the carnivals at our school assembly, Mr Travers will interview me and I tell the school my progress and I show everyone my medals. The infants boys really loved seeing my medals when I went around to their classrooms to show them and to talk about swimming.

Even though CPS is a small school and have a small school carnival, we take swimming seriously. We have swim trials at UNSW and you can then get selected to represent the school as a member of the CPS Swim Team at inter school carnivals with Trinity, Grammer, Newington Prep and Mosman Prep in the lead up to IPSHA. It’s great practice, and as a member of the CPS Swim Team you then get to go to IPSHA and compete against all the other Independent schools like Trinity, Scotts, Grammar, Riverview and Shore at SOPAC. The best feeling is when you get a ribbon or a medal for the school and getting personal best times. At the big Carnivals at SOPAC, all the CPS Swim Team and Teachers sit together and cheer each other on. I like them cheering for me and I cheer as well for my other CPS swim mates. This year at IPSHA for the first time the CPS Junior Relay Team also made it to CIS. It was amazing as we all swam PB's and we almost made it to PSSA by placing fourth. It was a great achievement and I was really proud to be part of the team. I really want us to all be great swimmers and achieve lots together as a school.

My nickname at CPS from Mr Gowland is “Fish Out Of Water”!! and I also love to play rugby.
Year Six 2015 - High schools for 2016

Congratulations to Coogee Preps newest Old boys. The class of 2015 will be indicted into the Old Boys’ Union in November 2016 at School when they are presented with their medallions and certificates. We hope they are enjoying high school and look forward to seeing them at the end of the year to hear all their news.

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Letter from George Cheney - CPS OB 2015

Hello Mr Travers and Mr Bartelme,

Its George Cheney. These past 3 terms have been excellent and the advice you have given to me has helped me along the way through year 7. Term 1 was difficult settling in and making new friends but it has all worked out well. I have embarked on the exciting and thrilling sport of target shooting. I think I am doing well in the sport and have been given a good opportunity as part of the GPS team which is exciting. Mr Travers, every Saturday I go out to Malabar Rifle Range and I would be glad to bump into you one day in the near future. Mr Bartelme I have found a friend just like you who I trust dearly and he is also very interested in Marvel and collecting POP Vinyl figures. I hope I see you both soon and if not I would like to say that it has been an honour.

Sincerely, George

P.S Don't worry Ms Morris I haven't forgot about you. Also thanks to all the Coogee Prep staff.
Upcoming events

Coogee Boys’ Preparatory School Old Boys’ Union

Invites you to the annual Old Boys’ lunch at
The Randwick Labor Club

Thursday 22nd September 2016

meet at the school at 11.30am for a gathering in the Church
followed by lunch at 12.30pm
Tickets $60 per head (all inclusive)

Please RSVP to Mrs Tessa Morris on (02) 9398 6310
email: office@coogeeprep.nsw.edu.au
www.trybooking.com/211636

Enjoy an afternoon of
bowls with family and friends

3pm Sunday 23rd October
Waverley Bowling Club
163 Birrell Street, Waverley

$12 per person (includes light snacks)
Family and friends welcome
RSVP: www.trybooking.com/219232
Contact: Lucy Regan 0405 626 916
Upcoming events

Mothers, grandmothers, carers in the Coogee Prep community warmly invite you to the CPS Mother's Lunch

Friday September 16th
12:00pm onward
Centennial Parklands Dining Room
Grand Drive, Centennial Park

$80 per head
includes canapes & champagne on arrival, followed by lunch.
Why not organize a table of 8 with friends!
Guest Speakers

Try booking number: www.trybooking.com/219238
Email RSVP to Tessa Morris office@coogeeprep.nsw.edu.au
Have we got your email address?

This includes younger old boys who are still registered with their parents’ email.

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