



Avila Old Collegians

Avila College acknowledges the Wurundjeri people, the traditional custodians of the land on which the College is built.

December, 2011

From strength to strength

Avila's reputation as a provider of quality education for young women in a Christian environment was further strengthened in 2011 by the diverse range of achievements of students.

The year ended on a particularly high note with the announcement that Year 10 student Ruby Roberston is our third student in as many years to be awarded a place in the coveted Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program at Melbourne University; and Genevieve Townsend, also Year 10, is our fifth student in five years to be awarded a Father James Wall Bursary Leadership Achievement Award sponsored by the Catholic Development Fund.

In addition, Avila ranked as the number one school in Italian worldwide in a recent international competition, the Language Perfect Online Olympics. See page 3 for more details of student achievements in Semester Two.

In a celebration of student achievement throughout the whole year, the following awards were made at the 2011 Presentation Evening at the Robert Blackwood Hall on November 28:

Ms Filomena Salvatore College Dux Award, 2010: Alexandra Saltis

Sister Patricia Carroll Award for Service to Sport: Lillian Smith

Sister Raymonde Taylor Award for Creative Arts:

Music Performance - Meera Fernandes

Drama Performance - Alexandra Height

Visual - Rachael Albicini

Sister Josepha Dunlop Award for Christian Leadership: Fiona Canny

Patricia Ryan Award for Love of Learning:

Fiona Canny and Georgia Delaney

Public Speaking Award: Victoria Radnell

Avila/Mazenod Musical Award (Bye Bye Birdie): Sarah Bradwell

Susan Puohotaua Orchestra Award: Gabrielle Rolfe

Monash Prize for Excellence (Year 11): Phoebe Tapley

Mulgrave Country Club Scholarship (Year 11): Li-Chun Chen

Marie Boyle Year 10 Excellence Award (Mrs Boyle taught at Avila from 1979 until her retirement in 2003): Anita Coffa

Staff Alumni 'Service to the Wider Community' Award: Amy Tremewen

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Awards:

Year 10 - Carlie Saunders

Year 11 - Rubini Ball

Year 12- Fiona Canny

Spirit Awards:

Year 7 - Olivia Frisch

Year 8 - Gabriella Macpherson-Caldeira

Year 9 - Olivia Staffieri

Year 10 - Genevieve Townsend

Year 11 - Sally Boxall

Year 12 - Mia Lentini and Josephine Dwan



2012 student leaders

College Principal Ms Louise Gunther with 2012 student leaders, College Captain Sarah Genovese (third from left) and, from L-R, College Vice Captain Sashika Harasgama, Liturgy Captain Kiara Goldsmith, and Liturgy Vice Captain Monica Stubbins.

National teaching honour

Mrs Christine Valladares is one of six teachers nationwide to be honoured with a 2011 Australian National University Prize for Excellence in Secondary Teaching.



Mrs Valladares with Connie Chong who visited Avila recently.

The award recognises inspirational teachers who helped shape the lives of ANU graduates. Mrs Valladares was nominated by 2004 College Captain, Connie Chong, who has recently graduated from ANU with a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery.

Mrs Valladares has become an institution at Avila since she joined the staff in 1987. A dedicated teacher, she is well known and loved for her care and concern for all students, past and present, and her passion for social justice and Reconciliation. She has also been a driving force behind public speaking and debating at Avila for many years. With her quiet unassuming manner, Mrs Valladares is a leader by example and a wonderful role model for all students. She is a strong advocate for giving young women, leaders of tomorrow, a 'voice' and a deep sense of social responsibility.

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21st tribute for Mrs Dalwood

In a moving tribute to the late Mrs Chris Dalwood, Frances and Michelle Walker (Class of 2008) asked guests at their 21st birthday celebrations to make a donation to a scholarship trust established in honour of Mrs Dalwood, rather than give them gifts. An amazing \$1500-plus was raised for the trust which aims to fund a student each year to progress from the Vanessa Grant Girls School in Kenya to university.

A staff trivia night at Avila raised more than \$2000 for the trust.

Donations are welcome and can be made to: Chris Dalwood Memorial Trust
Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
GPO Box 1851, Melbourne VIC, 3001.
Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



A 21st to remember, from L-R, Kate Burgess, Lynne Bui, Laura Adcock, birthday girls Frances and Michelle Walker, Natasha Simons, Elise Colgrave, and Nicole Lentini, and Jess Box and Maddi Cleary.



Helping the homeless

As part of a Year 12 program, senior students help out at Rosies, a Youth Outreach ministry run by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The students join with other young volunteers outside Flinders Street Station to serve tea and coffee to the homeless and marginalised. Whilst tea and coffee warmed the body, the conversation and compassion helps warm the hearts of Melbourne's disadvantaged.

It is inspiring that some students continue as volunteers with Rosies after they leave Avila.

Pictured from L-R: During one of their evenings with Rosies, Year 12s Mary Canagaratnam, Lillian Smith and Madeleine Giuliano were delighted to catch up with 2009 College Captain, Caitlyn Petrie and Adriana Pitarresi (Class of 2009).

Invaluable help

Past members of the teaching staff, Mrs Anne Vadivelloo and Mrs Mary Saunders returned to the College in Term 3 to share some of their invaluable expertise and wisdom as educationalists.

Mrs Vadivelloo, who retired in 1999 after teaching at Avila for 21 years, is considered to be the mother of the Reconciliation Movement at Avila. She visited the College to share her knowledge with the group of Year 10 students who were preparing for the 2011 Santa Teresa immersion trip. Mrs Vadi recounted the interesting history of Avila's connection with the community of Santa Teresa which dates back to the 1980s.

Meanwhile, Mrs Saunders, Director of Music at Avila from 1987 until her retirement in 2001, conducted a master class for students preparing for their VCE Music Performance examinations. Since her 'retirement' from Avila, Mrs Saunders has been very active as an educationalist and as a performer.



Pictured. Above: Mrs Vadivelloo with some of the students from the 2011 Santa Teresa immersion trip. and right, Mrs Saunders provides Rubini Ball with some helpful tips.

Student achievements across many disciplines

The following list of student achievements in Semester Two is testimony to Avila's reputation as a provider of quality education for young women; and what can be achieved through commitment and hard work:

- In the Language Perfect Online Olympics, Avila received the following worldwide top awards: Top School - Italian; 2nd student worldwide - Samantha De Martin (Italian); 3rd student worldwide - Courtney Lindeman (Indonesian). A total of 8 Gold, 7 Silver and 21 Bronze medals were awarded to Avila students.
- In the ACER tests, the following students, achieved 100% perfect scores: Karen Sulaeman - Indonesian Listening (Certificate 1); Carla Timi - Italian Listening (Certificate 1); Jessica Harianto - Indonesian Listening (Certificate 2); and Tanya Lin - Indonesian Listening (Certificate 2).
- In the Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition Avila students were awarded a total of 13 prizes in the recitation and original poetry competitions. In the Recitation Section, Kala Gare, Year 9, was awarded 1st prize, and Stephanie Fraser, also Year 9, was awarded 2nd prize.
- Aspiring film director, Year 9 student Olivia Staffieri, has taken out the people's choice award at the 2011 Monash Youth Film Festival. Olivia was the youngest finalist and was up against university students. Another Avila student, Emily McCarthy, Year 12, was also a finalist.
- Year 11 student Cassandra Lemalu attended World Youth Day in Madrid in August.
- Visual Communication and Design student, Paige D'Souza placed 8th in the 2011 National Schools Packaging Design Challenge. Last year, Avila students Stephanie Berlangieri and Nicole McMahon placed third and fifth.
- Shalini Harasgama, Year 11, is the State junior winner of the Victorian Rostrum 'Voice of Youth' competition.
- Phoebe Tapley, Year 10, was awarded a place in the Melbourne Theatre Company's ambassador program. Fiona Canny was a recipient in 2010.
- Three tech savvy Avila students presented a workshop at the Victorian Information Technology Teachers Association (VITTA) annual conference and expo to show teachers the basics in creating apps for mobile devices. The students shared billing with a guest from Norway, among others.
- In the 2011 ICAS Science Competition, several Avila students were in the top one to three percent worldwide. The competition is an international initiative run by Educational Assessment Australia of the University of NSW.
- Year 7 students took out the top honours in a national Refugee Week competition. This is the second consecutive year that Avila has won the competition organised by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC).
- SPORT: Jessica Harley, (Melbourne Tigers) and Mikala Viney, (Dandenong Rangers) played in the Australian under 14 basketball championships in Darwin. Belinda Mason played with the Under 15 Victorian State Hockey team in the nationals in Sydney. Emily Wright secured a silver medal at the Australian gymnastics championships in Perth. Meanwhile Brittany Davison, 8 Gold, is the 2011 Victorian champion in national level 7. Madeleine Heyn, Year 9, and Sarah Lambourne, Year 8, are members of the Mount Waverley-based Action Replay team which has been runners-up in two national competitions in 2011. Lauren Passarelli, Year 10, has been selected into the Under 17 Girls Victorian State Softball team for the nationals in Hobart in January 2012.



Class of 2010 reunion

More than 120 members of the Year 12 Class of 2010 gathered at Avila on September 6 to enjoy each other's company and catch up on the varying directions they have taken since graduating at the end of last year.

Year 12 Co-ordinator, Mrs Louise Swift said it was a delight to mingle among the happy young women, full of optimism and enthusiasm for their futures. She said they have committed themselves to university studies, gap years, and employment.

She added that it was rewarding to hear their praises of Avila and the exceptional education they received which has helped facilitate the realisation of the next step towards achieving their ambitions.





Mr Russell Green

From administration to IT niche

Little did Russell Green realise how diverse his employment path at Avila would be over the past 19 years. From administrative assistant to year level co-ordinators, to collating and entering VCE results into the VASS system, to helping draft the school timetable, to Information Communications Technology (ICT), Mr Green has accomplished much.

In more recent years, Mr Green has worked as an ICT support technician, a role of constant challenge and change, mirroring the ICT revolution. Initially Mr Green was responsible for the administration of 'Markbook', the school's reporting system, as well as looking after the school's specialist computer rooms and general ICT needs. He was also involved in trialling a number of electronic methods of recording student attendance.

Mr Green's role rapidly expanded as the College network grew, from a small system of three class rooms to the current 600-plus machines. With the assistance of funding through the Digital Education Revolution initiative, the College moved from a Windows platform to Apple Macs and this has required yet another entirely new set of skills. More recently, Mr Green was involved in the distribution and maintenance of the school laptops and in managing the IT Help Desk, assisting both staff and students.

Avila thanks Mr Green for his 19 years of service to the College and wishes him every success in the future.

Mr Russell Curr, System Administrator and Mr Phil Cornell, fellow golf and football fan

Much achieved in just five years

Mrs Sarah Macdonald has certainly contributed generously to many facets of life within the Avila community in the past five years. She has taught with enthusiasm and innovation, taken on leadership roles, and engaged in or initiated a range of social justice events.

Mrs Macdonald has taught Year 7 General Studies, Religious Education, Information Technology and English. She endeared herself to staff and students alike, being always enthusiastic and innovative in her teaching. In her second year at Avila she became General Studies Co-ordinator, a challenging position she held for two years.

Mrs Macdonald demonstrated her competence as an English teacher, teaching Year 12 English this year. She is widely read and knowledgeable about all forms of media and integrated technology seamlessly and effectively in her teaching.

As an RE teacher, Mrs Macdonald certainly lived out her faith. She is compassionate and respected by students and colleagues alike, always at the ready with a sympathetic ear and a friendly smile. In 2010 and 2011 she was part of the Team Avila who completed the Oxfam 100km walk. Before coming to Avila in 2007, Mrs Macdonald taught in Japan for a year; after the tsunami, Mrs Macdonald established a group to make 1000 cranes and raise money for the victims.

Mrs Macdonald was instrumental in establishing a Saturday morning walking group for staff, she competed in the London marathon, coached Avila's hockey team and attended many school camps.

Avila College has been enriched by Mrs Macdonald's presence and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

Ms Geraldine McKenna, colleague and friend



Mrs Sarah Macdonald

Vibrant personality, quality educator

Catherine Ohlsen started her time at Avila as an enthusiastic student teacher in 2003. Her skill and talent as an educator were apparent immediately and subsequently she was offered a permanent teaching position on staff, commencing 2004.

Always ready to embrace a new challenge and contribute to the many facets of College life, Miss Ohlsen has undertaken several leadership positions including Year 7 Co-ordinator and Transition Co-ordinator and worked in the Religious Education, General Studies, English and Drama departments. She has also been an integral and creative spirit in preparing for Creative Arts festivals, Drama Performance evenings, and even managed a vocal solo at Music Festival!

Miss Ohlsen is an exceptional teacher who extends her students' skills and knowledge, imparts a passion and love of learning, and has the kindest heart. A team player, she works with her colleagues to develop creative and interesting learning programs. She has attended many years 7 and 9 adventure camps, travelled to Italy and Santa Teresa with our students, and prepared many memorable liturgical reflections.

Miss Ohlsen is much loved by staff and students. Her vibrant energy, creativity, compassion, and gentleness are embedded in all her interactions with the community and she will be missed dearly by all.

Our community has been blessed to have dear Miss Ohlsen in our midst and we will never forget all that she has taught us along the way.



Miss Catherine Ohlsen

Passions create legacy in library

After more than 21 years as a Teacher Librarian at Avila, Mrs Kathy Evans will leave an indelible impression on the College. Her passion for books and all that they represent is something that generations of both students and staff will carry in their memories.

Mrs Evans' expertise, as well as her broad and deep knowledge of literature, has made working with her both a pleasure and rewarding. She has been a constant source of information in a wide range of genre in both children's and adult literature. In addition, she helped nurture in others her love of history through the resources available and acquired, and her many eye-catching displays.

When it came to students needing to complete research, a subject teacher, with his or her class would always find the task was filled with purpose and have confidence that the library would have the necessary resources. A wide range of information was guaranteed. Mrs Evans always kept abreast of the needs of the topics being covered in all subjects. For example, when the new Geography course at Year 8 was being established, resources were needed on a wide range of new topics. Within days an extensive and comprehensive collection was added to the shelves, ensuring that all students were catered for in a variety of areas. Mrs Evans would know not only what was available, but also how to get it quickly!

Adding her personal touch, Mrs Evans' love of greenery, as well as frogs, could be seen in the variety of pot plants brightening up the library and cute little characters emerging from little nooks here and there.

In the staffroom, conversations were readily shared about new books and aspiring authors. Her life has always been filled with varied travels and her passion for opera. A widely traveled person, Mrs Evans has not been one to shirk away from exotic locations such as Egypt, China and rural France. She also visits tropical Queensland regularly.

During her 21 years at Avila, Mrs Evans has seen many changes in the way libraries operate as well as user expectations. Books are no longer the sole purpose of libraries: cards are no longer the way to access the catalogue: quiet time is not always expected in a productive learning environment. Mrs Evans has managed those changes with flair and competence. Her arrival at Avila was on the back of the design and establishment of a new facility at another school. Her energy and vision has continued right through to her retirement.

So, what to do now she is retiring from Avila? Mrs Evans will enjoy her family, especially her adored grandson. She will try to remain fit by walking great distances and swimming when able. She will continue to indulge in her passion for fine clothes and fashion. She will have more time for her beloved opera and view it in its many locations and forms.

All the very best for your future, Mrs Evans. Retirement will, hopefully, be full of interests, health and family.

Mr Paul Ekers, colleague and friend

In the late 1980s, Mrs Evans and Mr Ekers were colleagues at Kingswood College, Doncaster.



Mrs Kathy Evans



New arrivals

Three current and former teachers have welcomed the arrival of their first-borns in the second half of the year.

Head of Drama, Mr Justin Cash, and his wife, and former Avila teacher, Sally (nee Druitt) welcomed Oscar Montague on September 14, weighing 4.15kg (9.2 lbs).

Mrs Johanna Chavez (nee de Leon) and husband Raul, welcomed Maya on August 25, weighing 3.4kg (7.8lbs).



Former Avila teacher, Mrs Chelsie Miller (nee Middleton) and husband Renton welcomed son Max who was born on June 24, weighing 3.75 kg (8.3lb).



20 years each @Avila

Congratulations to Mr Emilio Bernardo, Head of Commerce; Mrs Melinda Lloyd, Mathematics teacher; and Mr Russell Curr, Information Systems Manager (pictured above from L-R); and Ms Margaret Shelley from administration who have each notched up 20 years at Avila. A special presentation was made to each of them at the annual College Board cocktail party recently.



Attitude v Altitude

Summitting Mount Kilimanjaro earlier this year gave elite netballer and past Avila student, Shae Bolton, a whole new perspective on attitude, as well as altitude. Standing at 19,341 ft (5,895 metres), the altitude of Africa's tallest mountain certainly challenged Shae who recalls having to stay positive during the 17-hour climb, in order to push herself successfully to the summit. Shae, Avila's 2007 Mackillop House Captain, climbed Kilimanjaro in Tanzania to raise funds and awareness for the Ladder organisation which tackles youth homelessness.

As a young girl, Shae was involved in many sports, but by age 15 her mid court talent had landed her with a contract for the Melbourne Kestrels Under 17s second side. Juggling school with netball training was a challenge, especially in VCE. However Shae's dedication to her sport, and her personal philosophy, that you are capable of achieving a little bit more, kept her going.

After Avila, Shae studied at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra for a year. She was then offered a contract for the West Coast Fever netball team in Perth, for whom she still plays. Whilst a serious shoulder injury meant Shae was unable to play for a year, her passion for the game and her positive attitude encouraged her speedy recovery and return to the sport she loves.

Shae has just completed her second year of university in Perth, studying for a Bachelor of Communication, specialising in Fashion and Journalism. She is in an Elite Athlete Friendly Program whereby she trains in the morning and evenings, leaving the rest of the day for study.

One of Shae's greatest netballing achievements was winning the toughly contested World Youth Netball Championships in 2009 when she played in the Under 21s team.

Looking to the future, Shae hopes to win an ANZ Championship for Fever and to play for Australia at the Commonwealth Games and World Championships. She would also like to draw on her netball career to promote women in sport and being a positive role model for girls. Realistic about the playing lifespan of an elite netballer, Shae hopes to find a career niche, combining her love of writing, design and creating fashion.

Interview conducted by Year 11 Business Management student, Gabriela Cincotta, as part of a unit on Public Relations.

Niche in the business side of medicine

Class of 1990 graduate, Nicolette Thein (nee Sholl), has carved herself a rewarding career niche on the 'business side of medicine' as a health information manager (HIM).

She described a HIM as the perfect fit for anyone with a leaning towards business management and an interest in health and/or medicine, without being hands-on with patients.

Health information managers (HIMs) design and manage information systems in the healthcare system. They collect and generate records and reports about patients who are being treated by doctors and other clinicians. HIMs use their clinical knowledge of disease and surgical procedures, technical knowledge of computer systems and databases and their management skills to set up and monitor these systems. HIMs also play a key role in the security and legal use of people's medical records and health information by establishing appropriate procedures and handling and protecting personal data.



Nicolette Thein

'Positioned at the heart of the health care system, HIMs contribute both to the healthcare system and to people's health by providing the information systems and data central for medical decision-making and patient-care planning,' explained Nicolette who has further specialised as a clinical coder.

'HIMs are essential for hospitals to function; for Victoria and Australia to have good quality information about the health status of Australians; for patients' information to be kept private and confidential; and for the future planning of healthcare services.'

One of the key organisers of a 20-year Class of 1990 reunion last year, Nicolette said she was privileged to hear many girls' reflections ... 'there's no doubting that the College fostered true friendships, school spirit and belief in self'.

'I know my time and studies at Avila encouraged me to be an independent thinker. I never doubted that whatever I chose to do in the future, my efforts would be rewarded ...The friendships I formed have remained lasting and strong,' said Nicolette.

Music was one of Nicolette's passions at Avila and one that she continues by singing and playing the violin at her local church.

'Our School hymn and School song will never be erased from my memory and I continue to sing the hymn to my children (on request!) at bedtime.'

Nicolette's younger sister, Alicia Sholl, (m.Hedding, Class of 1992), is a purchasing manager in Mackay, North Queensland.

Interview conducted by 2011 VCAL students, Celeste Fisher and Olivia Dwyer

Caroline leads State's legal eagles

Initially inspired by her brother, Caroline Counsel (Class of 1978) has not only become a respected legal practitioner but is also President of the Law Institute of Victoria (LIV), the peak body of the law profession in the state.

Caroline is the fifth female president of the LIV, a paid position which she juggles with the demands of her own city-based family law firm.

Driven by her strong desire to help people, Caroline gravitated towards family law which has provided her with a challenging and satisfying pathway.

In her second year of an Arts Degree at Monash University, she decided to switch to law which her brother was studying. Caroline initially found the course tough going but her determination and willingness to work hard enabled her to rise to the challenge.

Caroline is quick to dismiss the 'racey' image of the legal profession portrayed on popular television shows. She impressed that there were no shortcuts, a lot of hard work and the usual fair share of disappointments along the way, even more so for females in a still predominantly male dominated profession. Caroline noted that she worked extra hard - 14 hours days were not unusual - so she would be invited into a partnership. Strongly determined, Caroline soon established her own law firm, but, all the while, keeping her eye on the bigger picture of law and the far-reaching impact of the legal system in Victoria and throughout Australia. Becoming the fifth female president of the LIV is quite a professional coup and one that allows Caroline to raise the profile of the legal community and promote its activities, and contribute to the decision-making process at government level to continually improve the legal system. Within the next few years, Caroline will be promoting around Australia a new practice in family law, collaborative law, which focuses more on working with separating couples outside of the court system. Caroline, a collaborative practitioner, will also be training lawyers in the new practice..



Reflecting on her time at Avila, Caroline said: 'Avila gave me somewhat of a blueprint of how to think clearly and objectively, how to work as a team member, to respect and care for others, and to appreciate friendships.'

Caroline's strong Avila friendships have been life-long. She is still in regular contact with her best friend and past College captain, Jenny Diggle (m.Green). Caroline and Jenny were both in the 1978 leadership team.

**Interview conducted by
Year 11 Business Management student,
Lauren Dell'Arciprete, as part of a unit on Public Relations.**

Flashback: Caroline Counsel (foreground) during her student days at Avila College.

Invaluable lessons on Cook Islands

In combining her love of travel and her ambition to become a teacher, Lauren Snell, (Class of 2004) has already contributed much to the community and school in the Cook Islands.

Lauren was part of a group of 27 primary and secondary student teachers from Monash University who spent a month in the Cook Islands earlier this year undertaking volunteer work in the areas of education, health and physical activity.

'It was so rewarding, and challenging, to be able to work with the children and teach in the Cook Islands,' said Lauren who is undertaking a Diploma in Education.

Initially Lauren completed a double degree in Art and Health Science, majoring in nutrition, health promotion, Indonesian language and culture and psychology. After working full time in research and education under South Health, the Jean Hailes Foundation and Monash University, she decided to undertake a teaching diploma because she wanted to extend her experience working with children. Lauren volunteered for the Cook Islands program because it offered a great opportunity to work with students from a different culture in a different setting.

'The experience in the Cook Islands strengthened our resolve as teachers, challenged our notions of teaching and learning, and taught us the importance of the small things in life' said Lauren. '... It was a process of mutual learning; a true experience of community ... We learned to enjoy the small things in life, the things we often take for granted. Each day was an adventure, something different, something new.'

Upon completion of her teaching diploma, Lauren is looking forward to starting her new appointment in a Catholic primary school in Melbourne. She hopes to return to the Cook Islands to teach in the future.

Interview conducted by Year 11 Business Management student, Abby Dougherty, as part of a unit on Public Relations.

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Caroline Counsel



Lauren Snell with some new friends in the Cook Islands.



Kayak honeymoon in Whitsundays

Two weeks kayaking around the Whitsundays was how Liz Dunn (Class of 1992) and Kamahl Barhoush chose to spend their honeymoon after their winter wedding in Victoria in July.

Liz is an executive assistant at a construction company and Kamahl is a business coach.

Liz, one of four sisters to attend Avila, and Kamahl are pictured above with their siblings, standing L-R, Angela McQuie (Class of 1993), Gabrielle Dunn (Class of 1998), Kate Dunn (Class of 1996), and Julian Dunn. Seated from L-R, Anthony Barhoush, Liz's step sister Zoe Stanton, and Maree Dunn.

On track with animal welfare

Class of 2006 graduate, Allison Dore, has found her niche in the animal welfare arena.

From helping out as an animal handler at Wildlife Wonderland at Phillip Island, to working as a volunteer at an elephant nature park in Thailand and assisting with other projects, to securing a position with the Greenpeace organisation in Sydney, Allison is on a definite mission. Her dream is to crew Greenpeace's Rainbow Warrior to help prevent the unnecessary slaughter of whales and dolphins.

Allison and her mother, Alannah, spent two weeks earlier this year, as volunteers at the elephant park in Chiang Mai. Not only did they help look after the elephants, they also planted trees and taught English at the local school as a thank you to the villagers for providing fruit and vegetable scraps to feed the elephants.

After Year 12, Allison completed a beauty therapy course and whilst there is an irony in her qualification, she is philosophical about educating people about using products that do not involve any cruelty to animals. Her work financed her trip to Thailand as a volunteer and will help pay the bills until she moves to Sydney to take up her position in administration with Greenpeace in February.



Greeting cards showcase student talent

Avila College has produced a set of six general-purpose greeting cards featuring student artwork.

The packs are available from the General Office (telephone 9831 9600) at a cost of \$5 and are ideal for sending personal notes or as gifts for family and friends.



Avila friends at wedding

Pamela Anderson (nee Addicott-Whyte, Class of 1997) was joined by some of her Avila friends for her marriage to John Anderson at St Dominic's Church in Camberwell on June 12, 2010.

After exchanging vows, the couple, together with close family and friends, continued the celebrations at the Clarion on Canterbury in Forest Hill.

Pamela is a marketing and development executive while John is a tram driver and union representative.

Safe arrival

Elizabeth Bui (Class of 1998) and her husband, Jonathan Lim, and their daughter Amber, 5, welcomed the safe arrival of Isaac Kiat Lim on October 2. Elizabeth, a Maths Science teacher did some relief teaching at Avila earlier in the year.



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