Life in the Wilderness

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#choosetochallenge

Jane Danvers, Principal

On Friday 5 March, Wilderness School was proud to host over 170 students from 10 schools for SA's Alliance of Girls Schools International Women's Day Breakfast. Led by our SRC Executive, the morning was an informative and optimistic occasion that promoted the 2021 theme #choosetochallange. It also provided a wonderful platform for student leaders to come together and discuss common goals and their plans for the year ahead.

We hope that each girl left feeling empowered to recognise and call out gender bias and inequality. It was an opportunity for all present to celebrate women's achievements and consider their role in striving for a more inclusive world.

As you read through this edition of Life in the Wilderness, I hope you enjoy the many exciting activities that the girls have participated in over the past weeks. Our 'Wilderness world' has certainly normalised this year, and we could not be more grateful and proud of the enthusiasm with which all members of our community are engaging in School life.

This afternoon will see our final intercollegiate trophy fixture played against Seymour College. As usual, I am incredibly proud of the sportsmanship our girls continue to

display both in and out of the sporting arena.

Next Saturday 20 March, our rowers are set to compete in Head of the River. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to celebrating their achievements and sharing their results.

I encourage you to mark the date of the 2021 Mother's Day Classic in your diary. To be held on **Sunday 9 May** at Peace Park, the event has become an inspiring, community-driven tradition for Wilderness School as we show support for a cause that affects so many. To learn more, please click here.















EARLY LEARNING

The Hatching of a New Project in Mamie House

Rebecca Williamson, Assistant Head of Junior School - Early Years

The Mamie girls have been thoroughly enjoying caring for their new baby chicks.

It was a very exciting time welcoming three little chicks and several eggs to their new home in the Mamie House, but that did not compare to the joy the girls have since experienced as they have watched the chicks hatch and learned to care for them.

With amazement, the girls have watched the chicks grow and witnessed their feathery friends building their strength and confidence every day. The girls too, continue to amaze us as they share their questions, ideas and wonderings about our chicks.

Mamie House meetings have held some particularly engaging conversations about just what has happened to our chicks, as well as some clever insights into the life cycle of a chicken.

Building Fairy Houses in the Annie House

This week has seen the Fairy Garden Project in the Annie House continue to come to life through the creation of clay houses and essential ornaments for the garden.

These clay pieces have woven together many different strands of learning. The girls have been required to use their fine motor skills to bring their imaginations to life. Carefully planned, it has bridged the gap between imagination and creation.

Here is a little snapshot into the thinking behind the creations:

I will make a hole so that the fairy can land on the top and they slide down.

I put some windows too.

I will do a big door so that the fairies don't fight when they are coming in.

I will make a hole for a gem too.

I will put a fairy chair outside so that the fairy can relax.

- Sofia

There is a door over here and a mat out the front. This is the hole where the fairy goes.

This is the window.

- Constance

Here is the window and here is the door. The dots are for the fairies, so they aren't scared during the night.

- Isabella

This is the top because you can see I made it a little up so that it's up. So I will also use the stick to make a little hole for the door. I will also use it to make patterns.

- Lily

We look forward to seeing the direction our girls take us in for the next step in these projects.

ELC/\(\Bullet \) Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents have now received notification of the Junior School Parent/Class Teacher Interviews to be held on:

Wednesday 24 March: 3.45pm – 8.00pm (with the last timeslot commencing at 7.45pm)

Tuesday 30 March: 3.45pm – 6.00pm (with the last timeslot commencing at 5.45pm)

The interviews are an opportunity to meet with your daughter's class teacher and discuss how she has settled into her class and year level, progress and growth areas.

We encourage parents to refer to the email for more details or click here to book their 10 minute timeslot.

Annie House Get Together

Annie House Class Representative Adriana Gomes Andrighetto thought the class could use this beautiful time of the year to get together at the Fringe. The idea is for a picnic after school followed by a show.

Friday 19 March

Picnic at Rymill Park from 3:30pm (please bring a snack and drinks).

Show: Petit Circus: Bön Appetit at 4:45pm

 $Purchase \ your \ tickets \ at \ www \verb|||.ade \verb||| laide \verb||| fringe \verb||||.com \verb||||.au$

Adriana will be taking some picnic rugs and will message parents on the exact location for the picnic once she finds and prepares the spot.

Please email her or call 0424 494 781 to RSVP or to ask any questions.























JUNIOR SCHOOL

A Trip Back in Time

Liz McCarthy, Head of Junior School

On Monday 1 March, the Year 1 girls happily visited Ayers House for a trip into the 'Olden Days'

They pretended they were applying for jobs to work as servants in the year 1890.

The girls displayed their talents at carrying trays with china crockery across the floor with 'grace not pace' and discovered the many new tools in the kitchen. They dusted the balustrade and learnt lullabies in the nursery.

The girls were very impressive to their prospective employees and greatly enjoyed their trip back in time.

Seeing Numbers Everywhere

Our Year 3 girls have been focussing on building their understanding of numbers, particularly consolidating their knowledge of the relationship between 10, 100 and 1000.

To support the girls, they were asked to make collections pertaining to these numbers, with some surprising new learnings!

We collected 1000 beads. We made bracelets by using 50 beads for each bracelet. We knew we had 1000 because we had 20 bracelets. We now know that 50 times 20 is 1000. – Maim and Alessia

We collected 1000 skittles. We counted by tens and recorded our groups so we could keep track of how many we had. We put 100 skittles in each cup, and we had 10 cups. This is how we proved that we had 1000. – Dani and Eliza

We created a number grid from 1 to 1000. We placed 1 piece of Lego on each square, so we knew we had 1000. This also made it easier for viewers to look at it. – Skyler and Aayana

We put the acorns that we collected into zip lock bags to make it easier to count. We put them into groups of 30, 40, 60 and 70, then we stuck the bags together to make 100. – Chloe and Maarisha

Year 4 Wingfield Waste Excursion

On Thursday 25 February, our Year 4 girls went to the Wingfield Waste Centre to have a close-up look at where all of our waste ends up if it is not recycled correctly.

This excursion supported their learning about sustainability and the impact that our waste management has on the environment.

It was clear how many items end up in landfill, which could have been recycled if they were separated before being put into the rubbish bin. Unfortunately, it was also evident just how much soft plastic is thrown out.

Students also visited Electronic Recycling Australia, where 95% of all 'end of life electrical equipment' is recycled.

The girls were amazed that the hills surrounding the Waste Management Centre were actually made of rubbish covered in soil and bark, and in some places, trees and bushes had been planted on these 'rubbish mounds'. They were also surprised by the number of birds which fly among the rubbish piles looking for scraps of food!

In class, we look forward to focusing further on sustainability and our impact on the environment after this eye-opening day out together.

2020 Early Learning Centre Graduation and 2021 Welcome to Reception Assembly

Our Reception parents are invited to attend our Junior School Assembly on **Thursday 18**March, at 8.40am, where our girls will receive their 2020 ELC graduation certificates and

be officially welcomed into the Junior School by Ms Liz McCarthy and Ms Jane Danvers.

All students will be presented with a certificate at this assembly.

We would love to see you there on this special occasion.

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NAPLAN

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Wilderness girls will participate in the **Nationally Coordinated Practice Test (NCPT)** on **Thursday 25 March** at 11.00am.

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Collection of Personal Information

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Class Representatives

The Junior School is still looking for a parent or two to nominate for Year 6. If this is something that you would like to do, please email Mrs April Ridgway, Director of Communications and Marketing.































MIDDLE SCHOOL

Adventurous Learning at Wilderness

Belinda Arnfield, Head of Middle School

In the spirit of adventurous learning, our Year 7 girls participated in a range of aquatic-based activities with the excitement of new opportunities and challenges on their recent camp.

Within this educational experience, the Year 7's embraced the beauty of the South Australian landscape and immersed themselves in sunrises and sunsets, sounds of nature's creatures, and a world that, for some, might have been outside their familiar.

Throughout the week, the girls nurtured the plants at our Crawford property, explored the Coorong and visited Robe and Meningie with a surfboard and sailboat at the ready.

The diverse range of activities enabled our girls to develop their relationships amongst the peers in their Form, where each girl encouraged and supported each other through collaboration and meaningful interactions and reflections.

This five-day program showed our girls' capacity to be courageous, and it was inspiring to witness their willingness to try new activities and overcome obstacles.

The shared opportunity for teachers and students to be a part of Outdoor Education enables growth in positive relationships and strengthens the responsibility for all to work together to ensure we can all be the best we can be.

'Sailing was an opportunity for us to be pushed and tackle big winds. It was nice to see everyone involved and giving something new a go.' - Holly Bahr

'Camp allowed us to create new friendships and bonds with girls from our Form and other Year 7s who we were able to work with.' - **Stephanie**

Greenwood

'Surfing was fun, especially being able to go on your own and try something yourself. There was an excitement to taking risks and being adventurous on the water.' - Willa MacLachlan

Mathew D'Aloisio

Teacher

International Women's Day

We began last week, celebrating International Women's Day, with a wonderful assembly organised by the Year 12 SRC.

Girls across the school were encouraged to take up this year's theme, 'choose to challenge', call out bias, challenge stereotypes and celebrate women's achievements.

Intercol 2021

This week we have had the excitement of Intercol, this year hosted by Seymour College.

Girls have participated or given their support with enthusiasm at rowing, water polo, volleyball, touch football, tennis, swimming and basketball.

On Tuesday the Intercol Assembly for girls in Years 7-12 was a great warm-up for events with some exceptionally loud cheering!

Cedar Day

Today we enjoyed Cedar Day with a much-loved theme – Pyjama Day.

A huge thanks to all of the Cedar staff and girls for providing a delicious lunch and 'midnight snacks'.

The Middle and Senior girls loved spending the day in their comfiest attire, particularly knowing that proceeds for the event go to the school we support in Bhadure, Nepal.

REALISE

Today was also particularly exciting for the first group of Year 9 girls to attend the

Realise program.

Leaving at 7.00am, the staff and girls set off to board the Spirit of the Coorong on their way to Crawford for three weeks.

In preparation, all of the Year 9 girls have been honing their cooking during their Artemis classes, keeping to a budget, and considering macro and micronutrients.

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Class Representatives

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SENIOR SCHOOL

The Consent Conversations

Ben Manifold, Head of Senior School

Over the last week, social media has been abuzz with commentary about the online petition started by 22-year-old former Kambala student Chanel Contos that delivered a disturbing list of allegations from respondents, who said young men who attended nearby Sydney private boys' schools had sexually assaulted them during high school or shortly after.

Sadly, many of these events take place at parties that involve children and alcohol. We cannot be naïve and think that this only occurs in Sydney schools. The testimonies are shocking and highlight the importance of sexual consent education and not supplying alcohol to underage children. Dr Tessa Opie, who spoke to our Year 11 parents last Tuesday, stressed this.

I encourage all senior school parents to take the time to watch this presentation so they can engage in conversation with their daughters about the importance of healthy relationships and sexual consent.

Please click here to view the presentation.

International Women's Day Breakfast

Last Friday, we hosted the Alliance of Girls School's breakfast to celebrate International Women's Day.

Given COVID-19 restrictions, the annual breakfast held at the Convention Centre was not able to take place. Still, it was wonderful to have nearly 200 leaders and staff from 10 girls' schools across Adelaide come together for breakfast and to watch the live stream of presentations by Natasha Stott Despoja AO and Senator The Hon Penny Wong.

International Women's Day symbolises the ongoing journey towards eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and girls.

Natasha spoke openly about the challenges faced by women in politics and the importance of change and setting defined quotas for female representation in parliament.

Unfortunately, there is a constant stream of stories showing gender disparities in both the workplace and home. As a male in a leadership position at Wilderness and as a father of two girls, I strongly believe that all men need to stand up and become part of the fight for gender equality. It is not the job of a woman to convince a male of the importance of gender equality; men should be responsible for their own prejudice and that of other men. It is only then that we will have a truly equitable society, and one in which there is no reference to gender in the corporate world.

Intercol 2021

This week we have enjoyed the range of Intercol games against Seymour College.

The girls have given their best and were in fine voice at Assembly when the Middle and Senior School joined for the School war cries. We have enjoyed supporting the girls playing Volleyball, Basketball, Water Polo and Touch Football and look forward to the final result.

Our Rowers are also busy in their final stages of training and preparation for the Head of the River which will be held at West Lakes on Saturday 20 March. Good luck to all teams!





















BOARDING

Taking in the Fringe Vibe

Rosie Broderick, Head of Boarding

Wednesday evening offered up a warm autumn night to provide perfect conditions for the girls to attend the opening night of the live music show Jackson vs Jackson.

The show featured our very talented Wilderness singing teacher, Joanna Arul Tropeano and Victoria (Tori) Lane as a member of the supporting Gospel choir.

Last Saturday a number of girls also attended 'The Pulse' performance.

The skill and agility level was sublime as performers clambered up human towers and leapt fearlessly between them.

The sheer scale of the human structures created by the performers was most impressive, as was the regularity with which these feats were performed.

Student Leadership in Action

The 'Bonding Weekend' was a great success with the girls very much enjoying all the activities planned for them.

Working in small groups across all year levels provided the opportunity to extend their connections and sense of belonging.

A huge thank you to Julie for setting up the Museum Scavenger Hunt, Tara for arranging the 'Girl Gang' workshop and to the staff who supported the leaders across the two days.

Also thank you to the captains and the student leadership group for their contribution to the day's overall success.

Getting to know our Student Leaders

Junior Boarding House Captains Safara and Jessica

Hi, I am **Jessica Schultz** from Naracoorte in the South East. I became a boarder as a Year 10 at Wilderness in 2020. My Mum (Emma), Dad (Bruce) and brother (Lucas) are incredibly supportive of me.

I love to participate in sport, as well as socialise with friends. I particularly enjoy contributing to the farm when home.

I find happiness in giving back to the community and the people around me, as I believe making someone's day a little easier can make a huge difference.

Being selected for the Junior Boarding House Captain role has provided me with the opportunity to encourage others to take shared responsibility for looking out for each other.

We encourage the Year 7 - 9 boarders to do lots of activities together as a way to build strong cross-year level friendships.

Getting to know each other well encourages kindness and helps create a happy and harmonious living environment.

So far, I have loved the boarding experience and have learnt many things about myself which has fostered my independence and self-confidence.

On finishing my Year 12, I hope to make my way into physiotherapy.

Hi, my name is **Safara Moyse**, and I have the privilege of being one of the Junior Boarding House Captains for 2021.

I come from a small town on the Eyre Peninsula called Wudinna, where I live with my Mum Elke, Stepdad Viv, sister Ricca, who has joined the Wilderness boarding family this year, and two younger brothers Wiley and Ryder.

I have been a part of the boarding community for just over a year and have enjoyed every diverse aspect of it.

Since joining the Wilderness Boarding House, I have felt a sense of genuine connection, undivided support and love from the girls and the staff. This was especially appreciated

during the unexpected and challenging times we all faced last year.

When running for Junior Boarding House Captain, my vision was to strengthen relationships across the year levels and make sure that every individual girl had someone to connect with, lean in on, and create unforgettable memories.

I come from a big family where supporting, caring, loving each other and providing guidance and advice is a significant factor in showing we care for each other. Providing this feeling to the juniors would create a sense of accomplishment to make sure that everyone feels happy, healthy and loved in this Boarding House.

Save the Date: Boarders' Fashion Parade

With the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccines, we hope that we will see less disruption to our day-to-day plans as the year progresses. Based on this hope, we have the Boarders' Fashion Parade date set for **Friday 30 July**.

For parents new to Wilderness, this event is a highlight in the School calendar. It raises funds to meet the operational costs of our Boarding House in Bhadure Village in the Annapurna Region of Nepal.

Our Wilderness Nepal Boarding House provides accommodation for up to 12 young Nepalese girls who live too far from the village to walk to school each day. Without our support, they would be deprived of an education.

Better than anyone else, boarding parents appreciate the impact distance can have on the choice of education services.

















SPORT

Let's Go Wildy!

Jon Trovas, Director of Sport and Recreation

We are down to the final two days of Summer Intercol matches.

Our Touch teams are facing off against Seymour tonight to compete for the Intercol Touch Trophy.

Tomorrow we will see our Volleyball and Division Tennis Teams' final matches as they compete for vital points determining the Summer Intercol Champion.

SSSA Swimming Championships

On Tuesday 2 March, Wilderness competed in the School Sport South Australian (SSSA) B Grade Swimming Championships at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Students from Years 8 – 12 are eligible to compete and race in age groups, and schools are seeded into grades based on the previous year's performances.

Points are awarded to each place in the individual divisions and relays for each stroke. Our Wilderness team competed very well throughout the night, placing in most events.

At the conclusion of the event, the Champion Girls and Boys School were announced.

It was an anxious wait as each school announced in reverse order, but an elated feeling as Wilderness was announced as the B Grade Championship winners with 714 points, 110 points ahead of 2^{nd} place.

Congratulations to all who competed, and thank you to the parents who made it out to support the girls.

IGSSA Swimming Championships

This Tuesday saw our swimmers compete in the annual Independent Girls' School Sport Association (IGSSA) Swimming Championships. There was plenty of excitement building off the back of our recent success at the SSSA B Grade Championships.

Our team was missing some key members due to unavailability and injury, but our girls competed exceptionally well against some of the top swimmers in the State.

Girls raced in individual events and relays in age groups competing for Age Group Championships and the IGSSA Swimming Championship overall title.

Our girls managed to place 2^{nd} in the U13, U14, U15 and U16 Age Group categories and finish 2^{nd} in the overall IGSSA Championship by only 40 points through consistent performances throughout the night.

This also meant the girls were successful in securing the Intercol Swimming win over Seymour, who finished in 4^{th} .

Congratulations to our swimmers on their results, the future for Wildy swimming looks exciting!

SAPSASA District Trials

Congratulations to our 15 Wilderness girls, who were selected to represent us at the SAPSASA North Adelaide District Trials on Tuesday.

Our girls were racing against the top swimmers from each school in the North Adelaide District for places and selection in the District Team to compete at the State Championships.

Congratulations to Katarina Czechowicz (Year 7), Isabella Beaumont (Year 7) and Rachel Chisholm (Year 4) who won their individual events.

Several of our girls also placed in their events, and we are eagerly awaiting the announcement of the final District Team to compete at the State Championships.

South Australian Wakeboarding Champion

Recently, the South Australian Wakeboarding Championships were held in Renmark.

This popular event attracts talented wakeboarders from local and interstate competitions to compete for the State Championship title.

Congratulations to our superstar, Chloe Siebert (Year 9) who won the 10-14 Girl's State Wakeboarding Championship for the fourth year in a row!

State Athletics

The South Australian State Track and Field Championships were held from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 February at the South Australian Athletics Stadium.

A number of Wilderness girls competed in the event for their respective clubs, and we are delighted to share some of their successes with you.

Mia Cardone (Year 10) placed 2^{nd} in the U18 Long Jump and 3^{rd} in both the U17 Long Jump and Triple Jump events.

Sienna Brown (Year 9) placed 3^{rd} in the U15 Women's High Jump and made the finals for the 100m and 200m events.

Sasha Hardin (Year 9) placed 3rd in the U16 Women's 1500m event.

Caitlin Hardin (Year 7) placed 4^{th} in the U14 Women's 1500m event missing 3^{rd} by just 0.04 of a second.

Congratulations girls on your fantastic results. We look forward to seeing you compete for Wilderness in our upcoming SSSA and IGSSA events during the year.











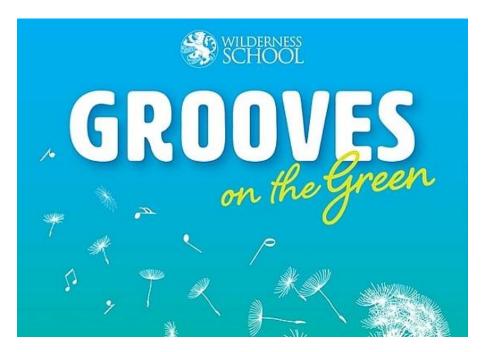












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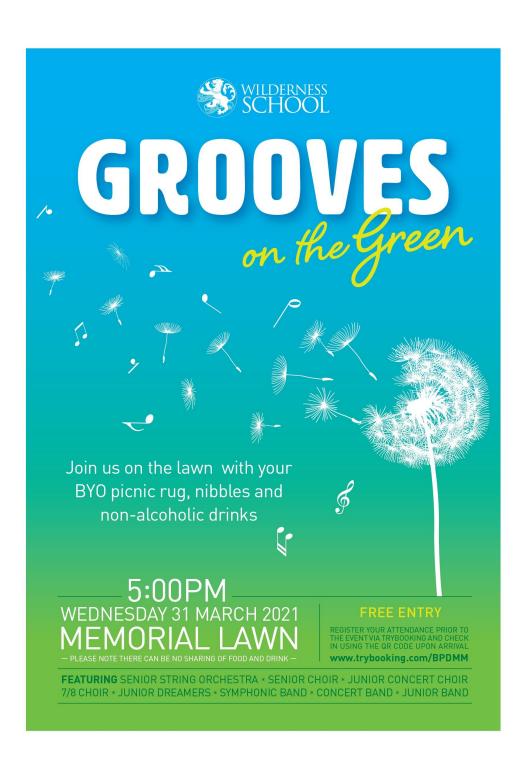
Grooves on the Green

Anna Lenartowicz, Head of Music

Join us on Memorial Lawn for an evening of music, food and fun!

Wednesday 31 March at 5.00pm.

Click here to register your attendance prior to the event and check in using the QR code upon arrival.





GLOBAL OUTREACH

Wilderness School in Nepal

Sally Nobbs, Teacher

Fifty-five girls and eight teachers should be boarding a flight from Adelaide to Kathmandu, embarking on a journey of a lifetime in early April.

While this is not possible, it is still very important to us that the Wilderness community stays in touch and continues to support our friends in Nepal. Perhaps even more so now, given the significant effect COVID-19 has had on the communities of Junbesi and Bhadaure. The collapse in tourism and trekking has become an economic disaster for its people.

Despite these challenging times, Wilderness School students are still involved in supporting these communities through fundraising and the 'Sew Nepal' project.

It has been great to see the girls at the Wilderness Bhadure Boarding House back at school, and we are continuing to support them and encourage them in their endeavours.

Priyankar Pariyar has completed Year 12 and is now teaching at another small school in her village. She is keen to go to university, and Danielle Kemp and Amelie-Rose are determined to see her have this opportunity.

There are currently 31 girls in Years 10, 11 and 12 at Bhadure who are continuing their education with financial support from members of the Wilderness community. Each were recently presented with their scholarship by Mr Ang Tshering Sherpa, the WIN Ltd Nepal In-Country Representative. We are so grateful for the Wilderness community's ongoing support and can't wait to see students continue to flourish.











CAREERS CORNER

Careers Corner

Caroline Rocco, Careers Counsellor

We strive to keep students up to date with university, further study and employment information across Australia and abroad. Please take a look at some of the opportunities available to our girls.

US Application Breakdown Webinar

Insights From A Current Student & US Application Experts Saturday 13 March 2021 – 9.30am Click here to register

UK Application Breakdown Webinar

Insights From A UK Admissions Strategist Tuesday 16 March 2021 – 6.30pm

Click here to register

Flinders University Course Information Session

Students are invited to The Chrysalis at lunch time to hear about Flinders University courses, including Medicine. Chat with Wilderness Old Scholar Charlotte Ruddenklau who is in her 2^{nd} year of her Medical degree.

Wednesday 17 March 2021 - 1.05pm

UNSW's Year 12 Medicine Information Evening

Prepare for a career in Medicine with UNSW Wednesday 17 March 2021 – 6.00pm

Click here to register

How to get into Stanford, Cambridge and Beyond Webinar Insights from a Harvard, Stanford & Oxford Graduate Wednesday 31 March 2021 – 5.30pm Click here to register



COMMUNITY

Mother's Day Classic

Jen Guest, P&F President

Please join the Parents and Friends in the fight against breast cancer as we walk/run together in the Mother's Day Classic.

Sunday 9 May

6.30am

Peace Park North Adelaide

Early Bird Tickets are currently available

REGISTER HERE

Join the Wilderness School team

If you would like to walk/run with Wilderness School, when registering your participation, at the section 'teams', please click 'search teams' and type 'Wilderness School'

The P&F will have a marquee in the Mother's Day Classic grounds where refreshments will be served.

We invite you to extend this invitation to your friends and family.

Galentine's Fundraiser

Thank you to all those who supported the recent Student Foundation Galantine's Day Fundraiser.

An impressive 530 bags of heart-shaped Belgian chocolates were purchased and gifted with love by the girls to their 'Galentine's' across the Middle and Senior School.

More than \$500 in net profit was raised, which will go towards funding a Middle School Foundation Prize.

Thanks to our Year 12 Representative, Gisele Wiadrowski and other girls from the Student Foundation for co-ordinating this activity.

Rebecca Foster

Head of Advancement