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Welcome to the second edition of the Emanuel School Old Scholars' Association (ESOSA) Newsletter. We have had a great year, re-establishing contact with many Old Scholars and building enthusiasm to strengthen the Association, including the ability to stay in touch with other Old Scholars whether they live here in Sydney or anywhere in the world! Three reunions have been held in the past few months, including the Twenty Year Reunion for the Class of 1989. This was the first group of Emanuel students to complete Year 12 and it is very exciting to see that we have managed to contact nearly everyone from this group of Old Scholars, even those who have moved overseas to London, Shanghai and Hong Kong, just to name a few cities.

Let us know your news. Please send details to Sonia Newell, Development Officer snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au



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Report from The Board...

Upgrading Facilities

This Term sees the recent completion of some exciting building projects and the commencement of many others. These projects will help optimise our facilities in a practical and affordable way, and when complete, we will have a substantially upgraded school site.

Solar Panels have recently been installed on the roof of the MPH as part of the Federal Government's stimulus programme. This is an outstanding outcome for the environment and the School as the panels will generate over 9,000KWH of energy which will be put back into the grid, saving 9.6 Tonnes of CO2 annually and partially offsetting the School's energy bill.

Mechanised curtains have recently been installed in the MPH, which provide both light and heating/cooling control. This project was fully funded by our outstanding P&F, and together with the recently installed air-conditioning in the MPH, we expect to have a substantially improved experience in this building as we approach the hot summer months.

Significant upgrades to the Wolanski Family Specialist Learning Centre are currently underway. This is a major project for us and will see a vastly expanded and improved facility when it is completed for the start of 2010. The project includes enclosing of the previously central courtyard within

the Learning Centre and creating a number of individualised classrooms for one-on-one or small group learning that is so necessary for this Centre. This project has partially been funded through the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution Programme, and partially from the School's own resources.

Construction of our most significant building project, the new four-storey building next to the Canteen, has begun. The building will comprise underground parking, a new Primary School Library, four large and modern Science Laboratories, and an extra Primary School classroom. While having a contemporary design, the building has been given the nod of approval from the NSW Heritage Council, which felt that the proposal displayed significant architectural merit and showed that it was planned with regard to the various layers of cultural heritage on the site. The building has been funded by a significant grant from the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution Programme (\$2.5M), an extremely generous donation from Aron Kleinlehrer (\$1.5M) and the balance by the School. The project will be completed for the start of the 2011 school year. I would like to remind all parents and staff to avoid Chepstow Street during this period as it provides the only access point for the builders to the construction site, and they will need to bring in large vehicles like excavation and concrete trucks.

Jonathan Sesel,
President

Reunions



Class of 2004
5 Year Reunion,
also featured on front cover



Class of 1989
20 Year Reunion



Class of 1999
10 Year Reunion

What are some of our Old Scholars doing now?

Leigh Golombick ('01)

With my 26th birthday fast approaching, it gives me great pleasure to write this editorial for the Emanuel Old Scholar's Newsletter as it encourages me to reflect on the eight years that have passed since leaving Emanuel School in 2001. In 2002, although a little uncertain of what road lay ahead, I decided to begin a Commerce degree which I completed in 2005 at the UNSW. During these years I gained experience and knowledge through working for a mid-tier accounting firm, a diversity consulting firm and volunteering both for the Young Liberals and Central Synagogue. In 2006, I accepted and began the Ernst & Young (E&Y) graduate accounting program, and by 2008 had qualified as a chartered accountant and ranked as a senior financial analyst in their Financial Services Division. During these years I ensured that I maintained ties to both the local and Jewish community by doing volunteer work through the E&Y charity foundation, running the young adult committee at Central Synagogue and helping the UIA when needed.

Some highlights during these years included graduating both with an undergraduate

and masters degree, a three month visit to South East Asia, the many young adult events organised for Central Synagogue and the launch of a literacy program for underprivileged children through the E&Y foundation.

This year has seen quite a few changes in my life. With my career at E&Y coming to an end and my studies temporarily finished, I decided, with great excitement, that it was time to start increasing my involvement in the Jewish community. In August, I approached a women's Zionist organization called WIZO and six months later I, along with five other friends, are underway in launching a young adult WIZO group targeting women aged 20-35. Our group, WIZO Ahava, will aim to increase both Israel advocacy and awareness in our generation along with raising funds for a number of great WIZO initiatives in Israel, initiatives that I have had the privilege of visiting first hand. Awarded the Cecile and Max Merel Youth Leadership Training Award for 2009, I had the honour of representing Australia at the WIZO Aviv national seminar this year in Israel, a definite highlight for me. From touring the WIZO projects, seeing the sights of Israel, to hearing female politicians, soldiers and heroes, this conference was a



Leigh visits a WIZO project in Haifa

once in a lifetime experience. With our launch event scheduled for the 13 December and our list of fundraisers lined up for 2010, I am excited for the year that lies ahead.

Whilst the details differ, the success and Nachas as mentioned above are celebrated by all who graduated Emanuel School in 2001. A special mention and big Mazal Tov to David Greenberg, Lisa Shapiro and Ricky Friedlander who celebrate their engagements this month! Again, it is with great pleasure that I submit this editorial because as long past the days of school are, they and the wonderful memories Emanuel provided, are never forgotten.

Happy Chanukah to you all and good luck with the year that lies ahead.



Leah Grolman ('08)

I have just completed my first year of my Arts/Law degree at the University of New South Wales. I feel very much initiated into Law School and university life in general, intense reading load and all! In the Arts degree, I'm majoring in History and am looking forward to Australian and European history courses in 2010. I have also been studying Politics and a bit of philosophy – this is the beauty of an Arts degree.

I started volunteering at Montefiore Home in Randwick since I had a bit of spare time and I wanted to contribute something to the Jewish community. Also, my grandparents have been volunteering there for years and they've only ever said good things. I did an intense Montefiore Volunteer Training Seminar in July and now I go there once a week to do a variety of things. I just finished helping one of the Residents put together a photo book dedication to Montefiore. He'd taken photos of staff and volunteers with one of those "old-school" cameras and I wrote the text (since English wasn't his first language, although I must say that for someone of his age he knows how to use email very well!) I've also

helped with Dance Therapy classes for low care dementia Residents, which is lots of fun. It's really satisfying to interact with the elderly as they have so much life experience and they really appreciate energetic young people! Presently, I am editing the quarterly Vox Volunteers Newsletter, which is circulated between the three Montefiore campuses and recently started up a Young Volunteers Facebook Group to improve communication between Montefiore and its volunteers.

Over the summer, I am travelling to the United States to catch up with friends, spend five days at a US college for a glimpse of student life there, and ski with my family in Colorado. I am also looking forward to Tropfest early next year, as I currently have the privilege of being involved behind the scenes with one of the films being entered.

Check out the Emanuel School Randwick Alumni Facebook page

Staying in Touch Births

Daniel ('95) and Sarah Vasin, Rafi

Nikki (Ross) ('95) and Dean Michel, Jemma

Engagements

Kim Ruttenberg ('02) and Guy Klamer ('00)

Lisa Shapiro ('01) and David Greenberg ('01)

Ricky Friedlander ('01) and Amy Ephron

Marriages

Sarah Kummerfeld ('97) and Matthew Pellow

Ben Green ('99) and Kirsty Levin

Nicole Ruttenberg ('99) and Daniel Unger

Andrew Ross ('00) and Lynn Shakenovsky

Business Ventures

Adam Stern ('09) and Marc Shubitz ('09) with their band *Lemongrass Jam* had their first professional gig at the Beach Road Hotel, Bondi in mid November. It was a huge success and they have been invited back to perform again. We are confident this is the start of an illustrious music career.

Andrew Dolnikov ('98) completed design and architecture at UNSW. He also studied in Yeshiva in Israel and the US and completed his Rabbinic Studies. Four years ago he established Binyan Studios (www.binyan.com.au) a studio creating 3D Imaging and Animation for the real estate industry and currently splits his time between this business and as the Director of Adult Education at Chabad, Double Bay

On the move....

Michael Edwards ('03) recently relocated to Brussels for six months for an Internship with the International Crisis Group

Yoel Toledano ('04) now lives in Brisbane

Many Old Scholars are living and working interstate or overseas – we'd love to know where you are and hear your news!

Old Scholars attend Maccabiah, Israel July 09

- Kevin Jankelowitz ('01), Shaun Jankelowitz ('04) and Warren Kotzen ('04) were members of the Gold Medal winning rugby team
- Sam Benda ('07), Adam Fridman ('07), Samuel Kettler ('07), Lev Lewis ('08), and Sam Ozana ('08) enjoyed a great tour as members of the Australian Men's Futsal team

Congratulations

Jonathan Kummerfeld ('05) has just been awarded Australia's most prestigious postgraduate scholarship, The General Sir John Monash Award, recognizing excellent academic achievement and future leadership potential. It was presented by the Governor-General Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce. Jonathan who has a Bachelor of Science (Advanced) with first class honours and the University Medal from the University of Sydney, will study for a Doctor of Science in the USA. His research involves developing computational approaches to problems in chemistry, which he hopes will further the field of sustainable power generation and storage. Jonathan is also a trumpeter, a vocalist, and a long distance runner. We wish him all the best for his overseas studies.



We hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter and we look forward to your contributions in the future.

Please email your contact details to snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au so we can add you to our mailing list.

As 2009 draws to a close, we wish you and your family a Happy Chanukah and a safe holiday. Thank you to those who have provided contributions for the newsletters.

We look forward to exciting times ahead in 2010 and hope you continue to enjoy reading these newsletters, as well as sending us your news.



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