



From the Development Office

I hope this latest newsletter finds you and your family well.

This issue is filled with details about many

wonderful simchas celebrated by you and your peers, as well as interviews with three alumni and some School-related news we thought you might like to know about.

We would love to hear what you have been doing since leaving school, so please get in touch to share your journey too. If you haven't been back to the School for a while and would like a tour of the campus and/or you have news to share, please let me know: snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au and don't forget to keep us updated if you have moved and/or changed your email.

If you did not receive the last newsletter from July 2019, you can see it and all past alumni newsletters at:

www.emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au/Gesher

We welcome our youngest alumni, the Class of 2019. We hope you stay in touch with us and allow us to share in your journey post-School. This cohort set two Emanuel milestones – the first student in the initial intake when the School opened in 1983, to have their child graduating Year 12 – **Nadine (Weinberger) Ben-Mayor** ('90) and her daughter **Chloe** ('19), and a student from the first Year 12 graduates, the Class of 1989 – **Katie (Levenson) Narunsky** and her daughter **Alexa** ('19).



Nadine & Chloe Ben-Mayor



Katie & Alexa Narunsky



Class of 1999 Reunion

The Class of 1999 celebrated their 20-year reunion mid-September with an evening at The Golden Sheaf in Double Bay. Thank you to **Nicole (Ruttenberg) Ungar** for organising this event and for sharing great photos from your get-together. How wonderful that some of your teachers could be there too. The Class of 2009 held their 10-year reunion at The Clovelly Hotel in early November and we thank **Sivan (Feigen) Stern** and **Nicola Kobilski** for all your efforts to arrange your event. Reunions are a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old school friends and teachers and to chat about life after School. We encourage you to join your year group for the 5-yearly reunions and if you would like to help get yours organised, please let me know.

Our wonderful School P&F, with co-president alumna **Jen Opit** ('96) recently launched "The Family Meal", Emanuel School Community Cookbook, which is available for purchase online: www.trybooking.com/BFSUL If you would like to order a copy, please do so soon, as the book is a big hit and is nearly sold out.

Back to Emanuel – an opportunity to reconnect

Our amazing School is 36 years old this year and on 18 September close to 100 alumni, past parents and staff joined us for our Back to Emanuel School event. Stories were exchanged and memories retold.

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Jes (Taylor) Moreto from the Class of 2006

said "I totally forgot I designed the logo for the school house I was in – Rabin. I was a logo designer even back then! Not bad for a Year 8 kid", and her business today is a well-known Logo designer company:

www.longstoryshortdesign.com.au



Past HISE teacher John Nairn emailed me after the event "I am a latecomer to teaching, having previously been in banking for many years. I have the fondest memories of Emanuel of any school where I have taught. I was there for 2002 and 2003 only, though I kept in touch with the HSIE staff afterwards. After leaving Emanuel I taught full time at Masada, closer to home, for several years before 'retiring'. I have taught at many schools since then for part of each year. I taught Term 1 at Queenwood in 2019, where I met up with Jo Keeling (an ex-Emanuel HSIE teacher) again. It is always good to revisit Emanuel, to catch up with staff and former students, and to wonder at the amazing changes that have taken place on the campus. The latter are a tribute to all the staff, students, and its supporters. Long may the school continue to prosper! It was a pleasure to visit again last week. Thank you for your continuing invitations to events like these."

From Leonie Powrie, another past teacher "Thank you for your lovely welcome last night. It was such a happy event. My husband was Head Prefect at Melbourne Grammar but said "This is the school I would have loved", how funny! Coincidentally, his nephew, **Alex Vickery Hoskison**, is an Emanuel alumnus ('13). It made my night to run into **Jamie Hilton** ('97). He took photos of some of the pages in my book and kept saying how amazing it was to see his younger self. Some of my Year 10 girls put it together as a going away present so it is special to me. Congratulations to all for the wonderful development that has taken place over the past 36 years. Rabbi Fox and Susie Brieger, especially, would be so proud."

Family connections amongst past and current students was evident on the night, including **Shaun Jankelowitz** (Head Madrich, Class of 2004), and his first cousin Daniella Goodridge, one of the VET Hospitality students who prepared and served the most scrumptious supper for the event. Several alumni here on the night very excitedly told us that they will be back next year as new parents, with their own children following in their footsteps as Emanuel students. Past parent Rita Prager whose two daughters are alumni, said "it was beautiful to go down memory lane after almost 20 years since Jeanine left Year 12. I can't wait to see my granddaughters Lila and Ruby here next year!" **Zoe Feigen** ('07), now a practising Veterinary Surgeon in Melbourne flew up especially for the event and came along with sisters **Sivan** ('09), **Daniela** ('11) and their parents Cheryl and Lindsay.

Read more details about this event in Andrew Watt's report below. If you missed the evening, we hope you can join us next year for another opportunity when you and your families can come back to School and see how things have changed since you were here as a student. We would also love to hear about your ideas on how you would like to connect with us.

As we all know, it is not just about the destination when it comes to careers – the journey is also really important. Many school leavers are bamboozled by the choices of courses and universities and/or trades/businesses available upon leaving school. For the past five years, Clare Pech, our School Careers Advisor and I have organised a careers event for our senior students where we invite alumni back to School for a morning, giving our students the opportunity to meet with you and share in your own experiences and journeys.



Jess Moreto



Leonie Powrie



The Feigen family



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Please get in touch if this careers event is of interest to you for next year – the event will be held at School on Wednesday 27 May 2020 from 8:30 am to 11:00 am.

As we near the end of 2019, we thank you for your support of Emanuel School throughout the year and we look forward to staying in touch. We wish you and your family a happy and safe summer break and we look forward to sharing more Emanuel news with you all next year.

If you have news to share, please send to:
snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

Sonia Newell, Development Officer – Alumni & Community Relations



Connecting the Emanuel School Community

At the end of July this year, I took over as Chair, Gesher Committee from Daniel Knoll who stepped down from this role after 8 years at the helm. I have big shoes to fill following Daniel's passion and enthusiasm for Gesher during his tenure, and we sincerely thank him for that. At Emanuel, we are unique as we do not just stay connected with our alumni – our Emanuel School community also includes parents both past and present, grandparents and friends too, and anyone who has an interest in the School. In the coming year, you will see a more cohesive approach to friend-raising through Gesher to deepen our connection to our community. I thank all the committee members for sharing their enthusiasm and ideas at our meetings throughout 2019.

Thank you to Sonia Newell, our Development Officer, for her production of our alumni newsletters – we hope you continue to enjoy reading news about your ex-classmates and other alumni, as well as what's been happening at your old School. We love that many of our alumni come back to School, some as parents, others to help with activities for our students such as homework club, debating and coaching some of the sports team, just to name a few.

We appreciate your efforts to stay connected and look forward to your continued involvement and connection with Emanuel School. If this year coincided with your School reunion, we hope you attended and enjoyed the event. I am certainly privileged and honoured to have taken over as Chair of Gesher and look forward to leading the committee into 2020, as we have a very exciting year ahead. Should you wish to know more about Gesher or have ideas on how we can connect better with you and the wider Emanuel Community, please do not hesitate to let me know. I hope you and your family have a relaxing break over the summer holidays.

Natalie Goldman, Chair Gesher Committee

Emanuel on Social Media

The School recently employed a part-time Digital Marketing & Community Engagement Assistant and we are very excited about the imminent changes to the ways in which we connect with you our alumni, as well as all members of our School Community – watch this space!



Alumni Facebook Page

This page was created to foster a sense of community among our former students and to keep the ruach and spirit of the School alive long after your days at school have passed. We now have close to 850 members. Please join and stay in touch. Check it out and feel free to post on this page if you want to connect with other alumni and/or just let us know what you are up to. This page is yours and we would love to hear from you. Here is the link to join:
www.facebook.com/groups/emanuel.oldscholars/



LinkedIn

As we update our Emanuel School LinkedIn page, we encourage you to connect with us, and don't forget to include the School on your profile:
www.linkedin.com/company/emanuel-school

Emanuel Shuk

This is the place to swap, sell, buy and advertise pre-loved and new items, holiday homes and cars...in fact anything that is of value (actual or perceived) can be advertised here. If you have a business, you are welcome to tell us what you do, but please make it interesting and a special offer for the Emanuel community is always a bonus! There are rules to posting – please check out the pinned post for these. Here is the link to join: www.facebook.com/groups/Emanuelshuk/



From the Principal's Desk

As we reflect for a moment on the 2019 school year, we have much to celebrate. It has been a huge year, with our students involved in music, drama, chess, camps, sport, debating, Duke of Edinburgh, clubs, fund-raising for charity, overseas trips, climate rallies, and so much more! There has been

something for everyone – we encourage our students not to stand passively on the sidelines and watch, but rather to find something that ignites their interest, and to throw themselves into it.

Back to Emanuel evening

As you read in Sonia's introduction, on Wednesday 18 September, a large number of our past parents, alumni, teachers and friends of Emanuel returned to our campus. For many, this was their first visit to Emanuel in a long time and amazement was expressed at the new buildings. They were wonderfully hosted by our VET Hospitality students, who prepared a range of tasty foods. We were entertained by our student 'Green Man' Jazz Band, as we enjoyed viewing the eighteen School history storyboards and took a tour of our wonderful facilities. Many stories were exchanged, and I learned much about our past from a range of guests, whose love of Emanuel remains unabated. I have included a small excerpt of my welcome speech below:

"Whilst our numbers have grown and our facilities have been developed, the 'essence' of Emanuel – that which makes it special – has remained unchanged. I have heard students still refer to us as 'the Emanuel family'! Our commitment to being small enough to know and care for everyone, whilst being large enough to enjoy diversity across year groups and an expansive range of subject offerings, also remains unchanged. We are and always have been, a safe, happy, caring and inclusive community of learners."

We received very positive feedback from our guests and plan to reconnect with our alumni and past parent community again next year.

Innovative Schools Award

We were recently honoured to be recognised as one of Australia's most innovative schools by The Educator Magazine, a publication that advises senior education professionals and decision makers on education policy and practice. Emanuel is one of only 11 in NSW and 44 schools Australia-wide to make this year's prestigious List of Innovative Schools' for "making the most profound and exciting impact in K-12 education today".



Emanuel's excellence in innovation is due to a number of key initiatives that encourage creativity and critical thinking among our students and foster authentic connections between student learning and the real world. Some of these innovation programs include:

- Hands-on digital technologies – education in digital systems, visual programming, computational and systems thinking commencing from primary school.
- Annual Innovation Festival – a showcase of creative solutions in areas of sustainability, renewable energy, ethical eating and space exploration.
- Imaginarium After Hours Program – a research-informed initiative launched in 2019 to foster the interest, confidence and aspirations of Year 4-5 students in STEM learning, through engagement in projects with a strong social impact.
- STEAM Program – an innovative, trans-disciplinary program that integrates aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. STEAM students experience hand-on design thinking project work.
- Business Creators Program – an entrepreneurship program enabling students to connect with industry in an extended 'brand development' project that builds critical, creative and innovative thinking.

Emanuel presence at Sculpture by the Sea

Mazal tov to Joel Adler ('11), the alumnus who designed our beautiful staff recognition tree in Reception. Joel created a sculpture in Sculpture by the Sea this year. The piece is called Viewfinder and allows the viewer to look into the water below the cliff. It looked magnificent perched up on the rock along the Bondi to Tamarama walk. Joel will be visiting Emanuel to talk to our students about his design process. We recently received the great news that Joel's sculpture was awarded People's Choice, Children's Choice and Artist's Award.

Nominations for 2019 HSC Showcase

We were delighted to receive notification from NESA that the Visual Arts Major Works of Saachi Owen and Sarah Sharwood have been nominated for consideration for inclusion in ARTEXPRESS 2020. Additionally, Saachi Owen's Design and Technology Major Works has been nominated for possible inclusion in Shape 2019. These significant achievements follow on from Joel Ehrlich's nomination for possible inclusion in ENCORE, (a selection of performances and compositions from Higher School Certificate Music students) and Eden Sadra's nomination for the Dance 2019 Showcase. Mazal Tov to Saachi, Sarah, Eden and Joel, along with their teachers, Danny Burley and Eytan Messiah.

Andrew Watt, Principal

Our Youngest Alumni

Congratulations & welcome to our youngest members of the Emanuel School Alumni: Class of 2019.



Remembering Jeremy Spinak (Class of 2000) 1982 to 2018

What a mensch, what an enormous loss: the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies (JBOD) dedicated its November plenum to its former president, the late Jeremy Spinak. From an article in the Australian Jewish News, 22 November 2019 by Gareth Narunsky: “Just over a year ago Jeremy stood here and asked that you not forget him – and you have not.” Those heartfelt words were spoken by Jason Spinak at the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies (JBOD) plenum, which was dedicated to the memory of his younger brother, former JBOD president Jeremy Spinak.

A year on from Jeremy’s passing due to a rare form of cancer, his legacy is very much alive. Tuesday night, 19 November saw the announcement of a new Garvan-Weizmann fellowship in Jeremy’s name, two graduates of the Jeremy Spinak Young Leaders Program speak of their inspiring journeys and the inaugural JBOD President’s Award bestowed upon a communal stalwart.

“Jeremy was dedicated to his work at the board, he was very proud of his Jewish identity and it really mattered to him to build a socially harmonious community through his work at the board embracing his Jewish values,” Jason said.

“The inaugural President’s Award in Jeremy’s name, the Jeremy Spinak leadership program and so importantly the announcement of the Spinak fellow at the Garvan-Weizmann Institute – what you have put together for Jeremy’s memory is an infrastructure of remembering, of honouring, and of learning.”



The Garvan-Weizmann Spinak fellowship, funded by Jillian Segal and John Roth, will focus on the genetics of Crohn’s Disease – which Jeremy also suffered from – and look at the relationships between autoimmune diseases and cancer.

In announcing it, Garvan Institute executive director Prof Chris Goodnow – who reminisced about his own positive dealings with Jeremy – said, “It is all about people that make things happen.

“Jeremy is clearly one of those extraordinary people that made a great deal happen, and tonight, he’s making even more happen.”

JBOD President’s Award winner Josie Lacey OAM (an Emanuel past grandparent), earned the honour for her decades of work with interfaith communities, WIZO, JBOD, the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and other state, national and international forums.

Accepting the award, she recalled Jeremy visiting her home when he became JBOD president, saying “it was very special” to share her knowledge with him.

She also noted that her daughter, integrated oncologist Dr Judith Lacey (an Emanuel past parent), cared for Jeremy as his sickness took hold.

JBOD president Lesli Berger recalled texting Jeremy in the last days of his life for advice on a communal issue.

“He was so dedicated ... that even on his deathbed he took the time to make sure that he responded. What a mensch, what an enormous loss,” he said. “Jeremy’s left a real void at the Board of Deputies; however, the executive continues to work in his spirit of collegiality and creative problem solving.”

Remember September 2019

Ben Wilhelm ('08)

Ben with the support of his friends, many of whom are peers from his school days here at Emanuel, started Remember September nearly five years ago, to raise awareness and funds for pancreatic cancer research. Ben, together with his brother David, has organised this annual event in memory of their late father Danny, who died from Pancreatic Cancer at the age of 63, as too did their 33 year old cousin Danielle, sister of alumnus **Ari Feller** ('00). This year's event has seen a new record set, with \$53,780 raised for 2019, bringing the grand total to \$230,000 in 5 years.

rememberseptember.gofundraise.com.au

Staying in Touch

We thank you for sharing your news. Mazal Tov to these alumni:

- **Rikki Stern** ('16) – Westfield

Bondi Junction Local Hero Award winner for her work in founding Cancer Chicks Australia. Rikki says, following the Awards ceremony on 18 October: "Today was a really special day. I started @cancerchicksau because I found there was a lack of support in our Australian community for young women fighting cancer and I wanted to fix the problem. I never intended to be recognised like this and to be honest, after meeting the other incredible nominees I feel impostor syndrome because they are so inspiring. I wrote in the speech I made today that 'a hero to me is someone who aims to make the world a better place and without the generous work and donation from @westfield local hero grant and all of the friends, family and strangers who voted for me, @cancerchicksau's work would not be possible. So in my eyes, you are all hero's just as much as I am.'"



- **Hannah Beder** ('12) won the 2019 Young Urban Inspirational Women's Award, "established to recognise women and young women who best exemplify Rotary's motto of Service Above Self (ie the community service the individual performs above and beyond their normal role.)"



- **It Takes a Village**

This truly inspirational documentary about our very own **Genna Radnan**, alumna ('09) and Emanuel School Nurse and her charity, Gennarosity Abroad premiered on ABC Compass on 20 October and the following Sunday afternoon, around 200 supporters heard more from Genna in person about the Karunga Emanuel Kindergarten and all the amazing things she and her charity are doing in Kenya. The documentary which received rave reviews in the media was co-produced by Adam Dostalek and past parent Judy Menczel whilst alumnus **Sam Weiss** ('12) composed the musical score. www.gennarosityabroad.org

- We wish Mazal Tov to **Joel Adler** ('11) for winning the People's Choice, Children's Choice and Artist's Award in this year's Sculpture by the Sea exhibition with his amazing work titled "Viewfinder".

- At the end of October, alumnus **Daniel Weltlinger** ('95), world-renowned violinist now living in Berlin, performed with one of our School music teachers, well known Sydney jazz pianist Leonie Cohen and her Three Plus Three Quintet, for an evening of music that embraced our Jewish culture – what a treat for the audience! Class mate **Russel Bergman**, who has lived with his wife and two children in Macau for years, was in town and was amongst the audience in our Millie Phillips Drama Theatre.



- It is always exciting to have past students come back at School and it can be for so many different reasons. **Hayley Chester** ('14) was with us for Term 3, for her final placement for her Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education – birth to 12), a four-year degree at Macquarie University. Hayley was teaching one of the 6th classes, 6 Herzilyah, under the supervision of class teacher Ms Haddix. Hayley says "it was really nice to be back at Emanuel School and to be on the other side, as a teacher rather than a student. It has been great to see how everything has changed and how the school and community have grown over the last five years since I graduated Year 12."
- It's not quite the same as when alumni return to School as staff members, but it is certainly quite special when the partner of an alum comes here to teach. The start of Term 3 brought us a new Year 6 teacher, Eamon Lukins, whose partner is **Carly Mooney** (Head Madricha, '06) and Nicole Zines, wife of **Paul Zines** ('03) started as a Casual teacher here at the end of August.



Viewfinder by Joel Adler

Staying in Touch

Engagements

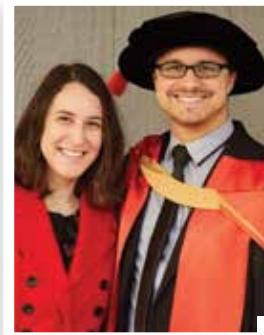
- Rikki Avenaim ('03) and Will Storey (1)
- Rachael Benda ('03) and Jonathan Janssen (2)
- Eleanor Hartstein ('08) and James Dunn (3)
- Kira Medalie ('08) and Jordan Tonkin (4)
- Alyse Hyman ('09) and Joshua Bell ('09) (5)
- Ronny Schneider ('09) and Samantha Marks (6)



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Weddings

- Sonia Isaacs ('11) and Matthew Underwood
20 July 2019 (7)
- Abigail Holman ('06) and Christian Papandreas – 6
October 2019 (8)
- Dee Golran ('09) and Vitaly Tsitalovskiy
27 October 2019 (9)
- Elysha Taylor ('09) and Luke Williams
2 November 2019 (10)
- Jordan Kahn ('10) and Michael Hofstein ('10)
24 November 2019 (11)



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Births

- **Carly Mooney** ('06) and Eamon Lukins
a girl, Neave, born 13 May 2019 (12)
- **Jeremy and Maya (Greenberg) Pollak** '01
Isabel Judith, born 13 June 2019,
sister to Felix and Antonia (13)
- **Anita and Tommy Biller** ('04)
Rafael, born 1 July 2019 (14)
- **Brandon and Floria (Broneva) Wax Polishuk** '08
Romeo Samuel, born 23 July 2019 (15)
- **Matteo and Sarah (Grolman) Bisori** '09
Massimo, born 15 August 2019 (16)
- **Ilana and Albert Gammer** ('95)
Zoe, born 22 August 2019 (17)
- **Lisa (Shapiro) '01 and David Greenberg** ('01)
Samara, born 29 August 2019,
sister to Ariel and Isaac (18)
- **Rikki Avenaim** ('03) and Will Storey
a son, Onyx Wilder Storey
born 2 September 2019 (19)
- **Darryn and Lexi (Feitelson) Teperson** '01
Jonah Harry, born 25 October 2019,
brother to Halle and Summer (20)
- **Paula and Dan Shakenovsky** ('00)
Mia Rose, born 7 November 2019, sister to Eli (21)



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Where are some of our Alumni now?

Shaun Jankelowitz Class of 2004, Head Madrich

After finishing Year 12 in 2004, I immediately took a gap year working and travelling around Europe with some of the boys from our year. I then went to University of NSW for four years, took another gap year and a half after that to work and travel. This included living overseas in France before returning to Australia to start working at Coca Cola where I stayed for six years. In 2017 I left the corporate world behind me and started my own tech start up in the online car repair space called DingGo, where I still am today.

Did I follow my field of study at the time, you ask – I did a combined Commerce and Science degree at UNSW and then a CPA during my corporate life. As these are quite broad degrees, I believe I have more or less followed my field of study and I use all the skills and education to run my business today from psychology (science) for people management and user design through to commerce and accounting.

I've been fortunate to have many opportunities to travel and I think my goal with working is just to have the means to travel for the rest of my life. I have lived in France, travelled through Europe, NZ, Asia, USA, Mexico, Middle East and Southern Africa.



Wow, my fondest memories of Emanuel School – there are really so many. Probably anything that took place in the MPH. I think we lived through some of its finest years – we always comment, even with my Moriah friends, how blessed Emanuel was to have a hall that did so much. It was the place of music concerts, theatre, student protests against pigeon cruelty, vicious sporting games, assemblies,

prayers, naming and shaming over computer theft scandals or complaints from neighbours about the destruction of toy robots by fireworks, and numerous other shenanigans that I shouldn't mention in this forum.

We are so fortunate to have such a close group of friends in our year group at School. We still regularly hang out today and reminisce about the glory days at Emanuel. Many school-mates are still my best friends.

What is your current occupation? Interests and hobbies? I am currently the CEO and Co-Founder of a tech start up, DingGo. My interests are travelling, socialising and sport particularly rugby, basketball and beach volleyball.

As for future plans, I am getting married in January, in South Africa. We plan to stay in Sydney and keep living the dream!

Where are some of our Alumni now? continued

Terryn Sesel

Class of 2008, Head Madricha

I loved my days at Emanuel School. I have a lot of nostalgia for the Friday kabbalat shabbat, inter-house music festivals, school camps, sports carnivals, and my amazing teachers and friends. It was such a warm and supportive environment to grow up in and I remember reaching the end of high school and having the confidence instilled in me to do anything I wanted with my adult life. I wasn't set on any particular career pathway but I knew I wanted to study further at university and that I wanted to spend the majority of my time creating meaning through helping others. Vet science or Medicine seemed like attractive options...

When the HSC results came out I was devastated. I did not score as highly as my teachers had predicted and I felt I let everyone down despite trying my best. My score was not high enough to get into undergraduate Medicine, so I elected to undertake a Bachelor of Medical Science at UNSW with the goal of later studying postgraduate Medicine.

Cells...cytokines...molecular transmitters...microscopic "minutia"! But I wanted to work with people! I realised quickly I am not passionate about scientific research, although I have enormous respect for those who pursue it because without it, modern medicine could not exist. I honestly did not enjoy those three years of studying Medical Science, and apart from my love of playing soccer for UNSW, I remember it as a time tainted by youthful existential angst and self-doubt.

However, my disillusionment with young adult life drove me to escape on a volunteer trip in Nepal over uni break, solo at 20 years old. The volunteer work involved going to schools and orphanages and creating health promotion workshops. I taught the small children about dental hygiene and hand-washing and the older children about first aid and adolescent health. I had to get creative because of my language barrier so there were lots of posters, more charades, and recruiting the help of the teens who could speak English.

These three months were spent living in a remote mountain village with a host family in their home made of mud bricks and a thatched roof. Picture Himalayan mountains and subsistence



farming throughout the valley. How charming! But also picture lack of plumbing and electricity. I learnt to use squat toilets, to eat meals with my hands, and the basics of Nepalese language quickly or else risked being the laughing stock as I routinely played charades to make myself understood.

What a stark contrast to my privileged and consumeristic life back in Sydney! I absolutely loved it. It was humbling to live in an environment that lacked excess and had completely different definitions of "success" – life was all about shelter, food, security, health, and spiritual devotion. It's a harsh life but it also revealed to me the joy in basic human

interactions and appreciating the simple things, such as sharing a warm spicy cup of chai on a cold morning or a full moon that would light the pathway between the rice paddies at night so I could find my way. I felt so connected to people and to nature.

My ability to navigate through this challenging and beautiful experience reinvigorated my self-belief that I can make a difference in the world and strengthened my calling to become a doctor.

Later on, I was lucky enough to study postgraduate medicine at the University of Notre Dame, in Fremantle WA. I loved the city, the studying, and my friends there, though the 5-hour flight was a bit far from my family with whom I am very close.

Many adventures arose from medical school and I soon discovered a passion for serving rural communities. I learnt Spanish and undertook my medical elective in Ecuador with a mobile surgical unit. We would perform free surgery in remote communities in the back of a semi-trailer converted into an operating theatre. I worked as a junior doctor in the mining town of Kalgoorlie WA and embarked on a 5000km road trip from Perth to work in tropical Darwin.

This year I started specialist training as a Paediatrician at Sydney Children's Hospital in Randwick...just around the corner from Emanuel School! So, I really feel like I've come full circle back to the beginning like a boomerang!

Where to from here? Well I truly believe that one of the keys to success is an unconditional acceptance of life and all that it brings, so without overprescribing too many conditions or goals upon myself, I am awaiting to watch it all unfold...

Have some news to share?... Send us the details and share it with your fellow Alumni

Anneliese (Anna) Apps

Class of 2011

After finishing Year 12 at the end of 2011, I travelled a lot. I studied at UNSW for a year (which I LOVED), I took classes in just about everything creative, and then I studied at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) for three years. Oh yeah... and all of this while trying to 'find myself'!

I was always pursuing a creative path, and I have continued to do that since graduating. This has led me on a dynamic journey with lots of changes, ebbs and flows. I started off studying a Bachelor of Arts at UNSW, and I am so grateful for that experience. I loved the university so much, I even arrived early most days just to 'hang out' in the library (as you do). The only issue was, I enjoyed hanging in the library, investigating all of the different clubs and societies open for membership, and spending time trying out different classes (like hip-hop and French) so much, that I sometimes forgot that I was actually meant to be completing a degree.

I think I went to study arts at university to find out what I was really interested in. I wouldn't take it back for the world. I had such a great time, and there were just infinite opportunities and experiences to be had there. Maybe I just needed to 'buy' some time to figure out where I wanted to go next. After my first year at UNSW, I applied for WAAPA, and couldn't believe that I actually got in. I had learnt that I really enjoyed acting when I had the opportunity to play Lady Macbeth in the Emanuel play of Macbeth. From then on, I used to dream about going to drama school, but it always felt like a distant dream when I was in Year 11. And then, it happened! It took time and experience and trying different things and adventuring and going to university for a year before I was ready for WAAPA (and ready to go and live in Perth...the most isolated city in the world).



With best friend Alex Popper

Throughout Year 11 and 12, the content of many of my day dreams were filled with travel and adventure. I always intuited that I would have the travel bug once given an opportunity to explore that side of myself. And yep, this intuition was on point! After school, my best friend (Alex Popper, also in my year at Emanuel) and I went travelling around Europe and South East Asia. Since then, I have travelled to New Zealand, Israel, back to Europe, and have plans to explore some of Australia and America over the next year.

What are your fondest memories of Emanuel School?

I'm sure we must have had one of the quirkiest year groups that has ever been through Emanuel. And remember, I went to DRAMA SCHOOL for three years which is absolute 'Quirk-ville', but my Emanuel year group still came out on top with our eccentricity. I remember High School being a laugh a minute, with all the 'characters' in my year finding new and adventurous ways to generate funny moments. The teachers at Emanuel were also just so kind. I have the fondest memories of them. A big thank you to Ms Bauer and Mr Haesler for encouraging my early learning and love for acting!!!

You ask if I am still in touch with my group of friends from School?

Well, Alex (travel buddy) is still my bestie, and yes, I am really good friends with a few people from school. A couple of them I actually became much closer with after graduating. I see people randomly every now and

then, which I love. Jessica Loeb (also from my year at Emanuel) and I just did a play at Sydney Fringe Festival together, after not seeing each other for years.

What is your current occupation?

Interests and hobbies?

It's safe to say that I'm still a 'creative'.

I have had some wonderful acting opportunities since graduating from WAAPA, and I love being able to play roles in meaningful storylines. I also teach acting a lot to kids, teens and adults, which I am really passionate about. Over the past few months, I have also been learning salsa. I have always loved watching dancers move with such freedom and expression, and I wanted to know what that would feel like.

As for future plans, I have loved where following my instinct and passion have taken me so far...so I will keep following that. I would love to tell some more great stories. I plan to keep on training in my craft and I also plan to keep teaching and tutoring acting – so if you want to learn...I'd love that Emanuel connection to continue!

I want to say (because we are at the end of the interview), that I am truly grateful for the experience that Emanuel gave me. It gave me a really nurturing start to my adult life and I'm so thankful for that. Thank you for all of the teachers and staff who helped, and still help, to make the school such a wonderful place to learn and to grow.

From the Editor: Some of you may have recognised Anna on the big screen this year, in the much acclaimed Australian film "Ride Like a Girl", about Michelle Page, the first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup. Anna played Brigit Page, one of Michelle's sisters.

Reunions

Class of 1999 Reunion



Class of 2009 Reunion

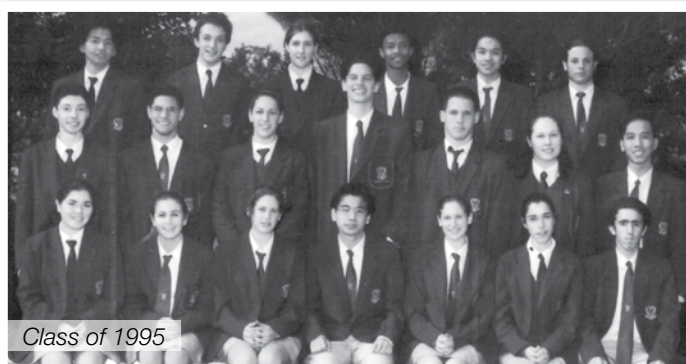


THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED WITH EMANUEL SCHOOL

- **Send your news and photos for publication:** We love to read what our old school friends have been up to, so please send in your news and photos for the next issue of our Emanuel School Alumni newsletter.
- **Help to organise and/or attend your reunion:** Class reunions are held every five years, and get-togethers can be arranged at any time. Organising social events can be great fun and if you cannot organise one, make sure you attend.
- **Speak at a School event:** Past students are invited back as guest speakers at events, assemblies and in classes. If you have a topic of interest, please let us know.
- **Contribute to our School Archives:** Have you been wondering what to do with your school photos, uniform, publications, programs? Please do not throw them away. They may be important to us.
- **Visit us:** If you would like to visit the School and see how it has changed since you left as a student, please let us know and we can organise a tour of the campus.



Class of 1990



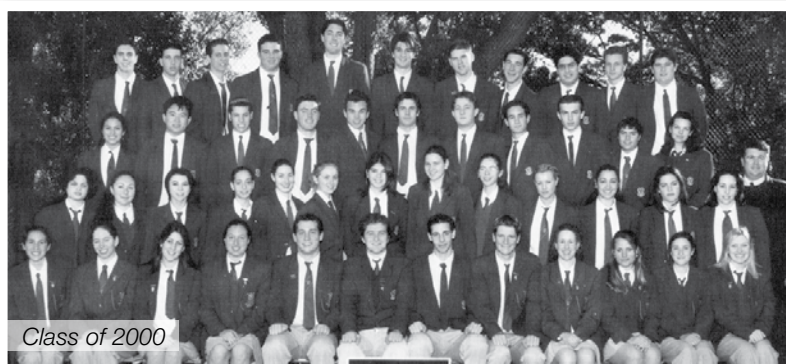
Class of 1995

2020 School reunions:

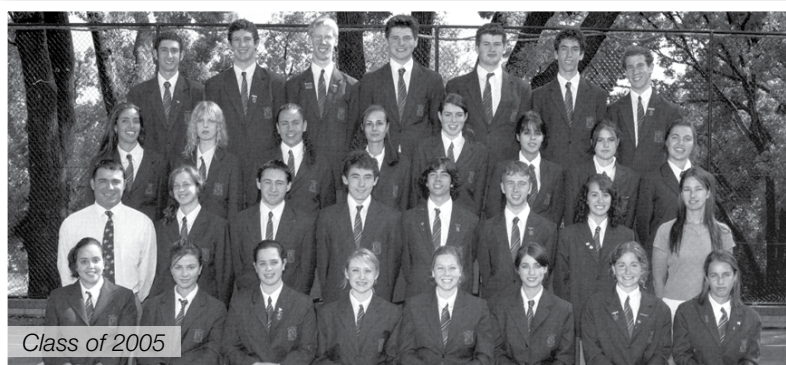
Seeking one or two representatives from the following year groups to help with your respective reunions next year:

- Class of 2015 – 5 years
- Class of 2010 – 10 years
- Class of 2005 – 15 years
- Class of 2000 – 20 years
- Class of 1995 – 25 years
- Class of 1990 – 30 years

Please let me know if you can help:
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Class of 2000



Class of 2005



Class of 2010



Class of 2015



Class of 2010

The Emanuel School Family 1983

We are now only missing five names..... hope you can help complete this list of our first ever official Emanuel School photograph. How good is your memory? **Can you help us identify them?**



- Front Row (L-R): Bianca Gehl, Naomi Tarsis, Mela Medvedovsky, Zoe Spiegel, Kate Ratner, Jasmin Streimer, Alanah Zitzerman, Christina Lemkin, Simone Havin, _____, Talia Deutsch, Susan _____, _____, Georgia Teiperman, Janine Israel.
- Second Row (L-R): Alla Nock, Miriam Fox, Jenny Spinak, Jessica Bures, Ondine Sherman, Mandi Smith, Eli Haski, Daphny Ravy, Natasha Cherny, Khara Weisz, Svetlana Goltsman, Rachel Spiegel.
- Third Row (L-R): Benny Sharon, Daniel Vasin, Russel Bergman, Rueben Newhouse, Danny Sharon, David Jeffries, Julian Bures, Perlita Benhayon, Kolya Miller, Ben Fox, David Ratner, Jacob Kaplan, Alex Strizhevsky, Jonathan Hirst, Simon Glasser, Eric _____.
- Fourth Row (L-R): David Koteck, David Sorauer, Guy Ravy, David Hirst, Greg Weisz, Anton Boski, Lindi Smith, Felicia Meric, Nadine Weinberger, Marina Goldshmid, Solonge Boski, Sarona Pilcer, Denis Zilberman, Maxim Bolkovsky, _____, Ryo Hino, Adin Pilcer.
- Back Row (L-R): Hezie Lazarous, Nick Deutsch, Daniel Sorauer, Michael Fooks, Leonid Goltsman, Harry Derunovsky, Alan Jeffries, Eugene Freeney, Ronnie Aron, Ari Marks, Christian Charnas, Yonaton Miller, Ben Donally, Ronen Stoler.
- Staff:
- LHS left to right: Sandi Einstein, Shirley Holt, Linda Zurnamer.
- Middle of photo left to right: Lou-Anne Folder, Tom Wiedenman (Principal), Sarah Friend.
- RHS left to right: Debbie Levy, Jeanette Streimer, Carol Perry.

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.

Thank you to our staff and other members of our Emanuel School community for your invaluable contributions to this newsletter.

We believe the information included is correct at the time of printing. Any errors are regretted.



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