



## Cantabrian Girls Ex-Students' Association

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### February, 2018 Newsletter

- Diary Notes:** 1. 2018 Mix Berry Fest will be held at the school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm to 8pm.  
2. March Meeting will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 2pm in the Cantabrian Hall.

**Dear Members:** Firstly, a belated very Happy New Year to you all. Hopefully 2018 will be a more successful year for our association.

Last October Bev Lane and I interviewed eleven students for our annual scholarship award. After much consideration we again had to give the award to two students, Georgina Kirkwood and Evana Cataldi. They will share the \$800. Coco Wang our 2016 scholarship winner was Year 11 Dux last year.

Unfortunately as we only had 29 acceptances to last year's luncheon we had to cancel the event. A letter/email was sent to those who had paid and as a result most of the ladies donated all or part of their ticket back to our association. These donations totalled \$700. Thank you again ladies for your generous donations.

The school will be hosting its first **Mix Berry Fest** on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm to 8pm. This is a festival open to staff, students, alumni and the public. It is intended to be an afternoon/evening full of music, a variety of ethnic foods, a white elephant stand, photo booth, rock climbing (for the young ones!) etc., an art competition plus many historical school items being placed all along the lower hallway. The art competition is open to everyone. The painting must be on canvas of 90cm or smaller. Other artwork will be accepted. Please list name, title of artwork and phone number on the back of the piece if submitting. All applications must be delivered to the school before Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. The winner will be chosen by a People's Choice.

Sue Holden (Principal) feels this festival may be a great way for former students to catch up with friends, see "old" teachers again and have some fun.

We will be "manning" our Association stand for the six hours with assistance from three teachers who were ex-students. We are hoping that we may get more interest from recent former and current students. We can only try. The school is putting together a data base of former students and the teachers on our stand will have a computer to input details of interested girls who may like to join our Association. **If anyone can spare an hour or so to assist in the manning of our stand on the day, please contact Carmen on 96486694 or 0403154663. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.**

As always we will have our Association history booklets, tea towels, pens, badges etc. for sale at this meeting,

Please bring a plate for afternoon tea after the meeting and a small prize for the raffle if possible.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our March meeting.

**Carmen Malins**

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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Firstly, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy and healthy 2018 and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

That's the good news, now for the bad. For the first time in over 30 years we were unable to hold our Annual Luncheon due to insufficient numbers. I cannot tell you how disappointed I and your committee were to have to cancel the event. Our Association relies on the money received from the raffles on that day to continue to support the school with the scholarship and trophies for awards.

However I must give a **big Thank You** to all those members who donated the money they had paid and didn't take a refund. This will allow us to pay for this year's scholarship and dux prizes without having to break our fixed term deposit.

Thank you to Bev for attending the School's Recognition Day in December and presenting the 2018 Scholarship plaque to Georgina Kirkwood and Evana Cataldi.

On 15<sup>th</sup> February I attended the Academic Achievers Assembly and presented the 2017 Dux Awards for students from Years 7 to 12. Our Association was acknowledged and thanked for supplying these awards and book vouchers. Many thanks to Marion and Carmen for once again organizing these awards. The guest speaker was Kia Ferrell, School Captain in 2012. Last year Kia completed her Bachelor of Science with Honours and received the University Medal for her thesis.

At our next meeting we will be discussing our hopes for the future of our Association. Please try to attend this important meeting.

**Merle Chalmers**