

News of Old Scholars

Births

Andrew Cooper (2001) and his wife Rebecca welcomed their first child, Angus Robert Andrew Cooper, on 28 August at the Royal Women's Hospital, Melbourne. First grandson of Glenn Cooper (1968) and will be the 6th generation of Coopers at PAC.

Ryan George (2001) and his wife Jessica, welcomed William Dowling George on 1 May 2019 at St John of God Hospital, Subiaco, Perth. Charlotte (big sister) is very excited to have a friend to play with and Dad is happy to have a future Princes Man!

Simon Miller (1993) and his partner Nicole Tape were overjoyed to welcome twin girls Florence May and Audrey Grace in May.

Tim Pyragius (1992) and his wife Carmen welcomed their third child, Sophia Grace on 2 October 2018. A little sister for Abigail and William.

Ioshua Tirrell (1998) and Indiana welcomed their first child, Willow May Tirrell on 13 February 2019. A niece to Sam Tirrell (2003), Nick Tirrell (2007) and Hayden May (2013). Granddaughter to Anthony May (1973).

Andrew Williams (1993) and his partner Sarah Burgemeister were joined by Arthur Boris Randolph Williams on 25 June 2019 in Melbourne.

Engagements

Edward Brockhoff (2001) and his partner Spurgeon Smith, whom reside in New York, announced their engagement whilst in Adelaide in May.

Andrew McKinnon (2006) announced his engagement to Kate Olsson on 12 August in Cambridgeshire, UK. Kate is the daughter of Old Red, Andrew Olsson (1975) and sister of Charles (2008) and Henry (2011).

Charles Olsson (2008) announced his engagement to Eve Raets on 17 August in Melbourne. Charles is the son of Andrew Olsson (1975), and brother of Henry (2011).

Tom Teague (2009) proposed to Emily Riall in Centennial Park, Sydney (with their dog, Dexter) on 10 August.

Weddings

Dr Alan John Branford (1975) and Mr Hoai Nam Duong were married in a Service of Holy Matrimony at St Andrews by the Sea Uniting Church, Glenelg on Saturday 15 June, 2019, solemnised by Reverend Esmond Dowdy, followed by a reception and wedding banquet in the Crystal Room of the Stamford Plaza Adelaide Nearly 100 guests were in attendance, including nine family members who had travelled from Việt Nam.

Jamie J. Messner (1998) married Isadora Vigier de Latour of 3 May 2019 at Notre-Dame Auxiliatrice de Cap Malheureux near Isadora's hometown of Grand Baie, Mauritius. Old Red Michael Hartstone (1998) was Best Man and gave a heartfelt speech at the reception recalling his and J.J.'s years of debating together for PAC. Following French-Mauritian wedding convention, J.J. also gave a speech - in English, French, and Spanish. The wedding was attended by nearly 200 people from 25 different countries, including from the couple's current home in the United States, the bride's home countries of Mauritius and Colombia, and of course J.J.'s mum and friends from Australia. J.J. and Isadora then spent their honeymoon on the islands of Mahé and Praslin in the Seychelles before returning to Washington, DC.

Nicholas Pontt (1995), married Ruth Bennett at St Michael's Church, Bray, Berkshire, UK, on 20 July 2019, with the reception held in nearby Ascot. Other Old Reds in attendance were his brother Tom Pontt (1996), George Chirakis (1995), Groomsman and Master of Ceremonies, Justin Munt (1995), Toby Moritz (1996), Angus Carracher (1995), David Gray (1962), and Tom Clarke (1999).







1. David Grimes (Alan John's Best Man), Alan Branford, Hoai Nam, LE Hoàng Nguyễn (Hoai Nam's Best Man and nephew) in St Leonard's Chapel of St Andrews by the Sea Uniting Church, prior to the Ceremony 2. Jamie and Isadora Messner

3. Nicholas and Ruth Pontt