

# FAHAN SCHOOL SCH

Fahan School Page Team: Amanda Jackman, Bridget Hilliard and Amanda Wallace

# Pride fosters success

was established in 1935 by Miss Travers and Miss Morphett when Lower Sandy Bay was a farming community.

"Fahan is a school proud of its staff, its students and its performance," said principal Tim Waley.

A number of additions and upgrades to its fa-cilities have taken place during the past decade, providing the students with the best environment in which to learn.

State-of-the-art science laboratories. modern boarding accommodation as well as a middle school are just a few of the new additions.

Along with these improvements come opportunities that will enable students to be the best they can be.

The size of the school allows staff, including the principal, to know each student as an individual.

"We are equally excited for a student who achieves the best of which she is capable, as we are for a student who



achieves a TER score of 100," Mr Waley said.

Fahan's core aim is to provide students with a happy, challenging and caring environment and to prepare them to fulfill a positive role in society.

"It is important to challenge students and

it is important for students to be excited by these challenges.'

Mr Waley, an affable, easy-to-talk-to principal, has great plans for the future of Fahan.

"We intend to incorporate the construction of a gymnasium, aimed

at starting before the end of 2005, as well as a music centre and extensions to the current auditorium," he said.

"Fahan encourages maximum participation in the wide range of academic, artistic and sporting activities that it

I came to Fahan in 2001 for first year high school, a blow-in from Sydney. Now, four years later, I'm still here. Fahan has given me a lot, and it's going to be hard for me to leave.

**FOCUS:** 

Principal

students

(from left)

Renee Di

Benedetto,

Feldmann

and Alice

Williams,

read the

Fahan in

Focus

sary

anniver-

and

Tim Waley

**AMANDA WALLACE** 

#### **Fahan School** 1935 - 2005

IN 2005, Fahan celebrates its 70th anniversary.

While there have been many changes over the years, what has remained constant is the commitment to providing a quality education for girls and ongoing resource and facility developments to assist this.

#### Chronology

1935: School opened as an independent, nondenominational school, situated at 272 Sandy Bay Road. Founded by Miss Morphett and Miss Travers, the school consisted of 19 students and four boarders.

1936: School moved to Lauramont, 361 Sandy Bay Road.

1942: As a result of World War Two, the school was moved to Interlaken for two terms.

**1946:** Construction of new (now main school)

1948: Whole school moved to Nateby (present location in Fisher Avenue, Sandy Bay).

1955: School's population grows to 300 pupils.

1956: The school's founders, Miss Travers and Miss Morphett, retire.

**1958:** South wing of school built.

1961: Entrance scholarships were offered for first time.

1964: Parents and Friends Association formed.

1969: Science block opened. 1971: New Library opened.

1978: The Octagon (Early Learning Centre) opened.

1988: Hedgelands purchased.

1995: 60th anniversary.

1997: First international students enrol as part of a program to diversify the school's cultural base.

2001: Refurbishment of science/art blocks

Forest to Fahan — students walked, cycled and rafted from Lake Pedder to Fahan though the Tasmanian wilderness

2002: New senior boarding residence constructed giving single room, modern accommodation to Year 11/12 students.

Reggio Emilia adopted as part of the Early Childhood educational offerings. This philosophy focuses on acquiring knowledge through a deep understanding.

Introduction of artist-in-residence from Kindergarten to Year 2.

2003: New Middle School commenced. New school uniform.

2004: New Middle School opens.

Master plan for next decade completed.

2005: Introduction of new student leadership model, involving all Year 11 and 12 students. Priority building program, included gymnasium, music centre and hall extension determined.

## Arts-loving author gives old school credit

FAHAN has educated many highly successful people over its 70 year history.

These women have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavor.

One such person is wellknown producer and arts loving author Posie Graeme-Evans.

Posie Graeme-Evans credits Fahan with allowing her to discover her interests in the arts as well as helping her develop into the determined individual she is.

McLeod's Daughters, Nine Network television drama, is produced by a company owned by this old scholar of Fahan School.

Posie, who now lives in Sydney, co-produces the all-Australian drama with her husband and she also writes many of the songs included on the soundtrack.

Posie not only created the original idea of McLeod's Daughters, she also cocreated the children's television program, Hi-5.

multi-Currently  $_{
m the}$ talented Posie is concentrating on completing her latest

Set in 15th Century England, the third installment of

her trilogy, The Chatelaine is near completion and will be ready for release later this year.

Posie was awarded Aus-Independent Protralian ducer of the Year and McLeod's Daughters received four Logie Awards in 2004.

Posie's passion for writing was established at an early age, originally inspired by her mother, Eleanor Graeme-

During her years at Fahan, Posie's talent was nurtured and developed as she explored her love of the arts.



**PROUD:** Author and former Fahan student Posie Graeme-**Evans** 

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