

# KaleidoScope



## Scopus builds for the future

The development programme announced for our campuses at the Annual Parents' Meeting last month is the most exciting and far-reaching improvement of our facilities for a generation.

Within five years we plan to benefit from a brand new Upper Primary school and a significantly enhanced environment in the Secondary school and at the Gandel Besen House campus. The result will be a learning environment that is more comfortable and can meet the modern challenges of teaching and learning.

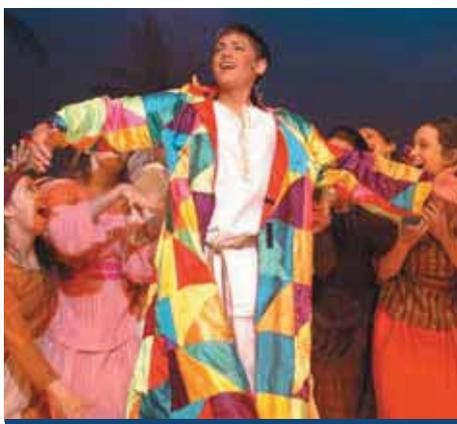
One of the many advantages is that the new Upper Primary school will be created in a way that allows its students to take full advantage of the facilities of the Secondary school, and hence we will create even more of a seamless College, easing the transition from one stage of education to the next.

But we must always remember that a school is much more than bricks and mortar and the uniqueness of Scopus transcends any physical environment.

The new facilities that we will build do not represent the end of the story; they will provide the setting which will help Scopus to do what it does best – achieve academic excellence; provide all-round education and personal growth, and create inspiring and exciting Jewish learning experiences.

**Rabbi James Kennard**  
Principal

## Joseph was amazing



JARRED KIESER AS JOSEPH

Scopus students showed their true talents in four sensational performances of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Presented by the Eva and Marc Besen School of Music and Susie and Eric Stock School of Drama, the show saw students from Years 7 to 12 stage this colourful, toe-tapping musical.

From start to finish the show was outstanding, with great music, amazing sets and non-stop colour and movement on stage.

As well as actors, dancers, musicians, backstage crew and front of house, a 20 strong Year 7 choir completed the show.



JACOB (SCOTT SAME) AND HIS SONS

## From the new President

As I take on the role of President of the College, I ask myself, "Why is this school different to all other schools?" The answer became obvious as I thought about my years at the school as a student, as a parent and as a member of the Council. Scopus is different because it is more than a school. It is a community. The Scopus community enables each child to develop to the best of their potential, whether it be academic, sporting or artistic. At the same time Scopus provides opportunities to involve our students with the Jewish and wider community, encouraging them to become leaders and contributing members in their own right.

The school aims to offer the finest facilities and the most innovative educational programs whilst continuing to provide financial assistance where needed. I hope to ensure that Scopus delivers the best in secular and Jewish education to our children. I am keenly aware of the responsibility to meet the needs of the students and their families and in order to do so, good communication is essential.

I consider it a great privilege and challenge to become President of the College and look forward to the support and involvement of the faculty, the parents and the students in continuing to build an exciting future for Mount Scopus.

**Lisa Kennett**  
College President



## Council Update

We take this opportunity to thank **Kevin Slomoi**, our retiring Treasurer, who has given so much to the school. Kevin set in place the sound financial management that enables school fees to remain at a reasonable level and allows us to continue to offer financial assistance where required. We welcome **Gary Hershman** to this role and look forward to his contribution to the school.

We would also like to thank **Martin Szwarc**, **Alan Wein** and **Mark Cherry** for their contributions to the College Council. We know that their commitment to the school will ensure they will continue to remain involved in pursuing the best interests of Mount Scopus. We welcome **Ronn Bechler** and **Adrian Cohen** as new members of the College Council as well as re-elected member Anton Grodeck and look forward to their contribution.

## Premier's Awards



CLOCKWISE: DANIEL BAKER, GIDEON SZENTAL, DANIEL WHITE, JARROD WHITE, RABBI JAMES KENNARD.  
(ABSENT: ELLI TAMIR, MELISSA FREEDMAN, OSCAR SCHWARTZ)

Mazal Tov to the following students who were awarded Premier's VCE Awards based on their outstanding subject results in 2006:

- **Daniel Baker**  
– English and Religion and Society
- **Melissa Freedman**  
– Religion and Society
- **Oscar Schwartz**  
– Religion and Society
- **Gideon Szental**  
– Art
- **Elli Tamir**  
– Health and Human Development
- **Daniel White**  
– Media
- **Jarrold White**  
– Religion and Society

VCE Premier's Awards are presented to the top 5 students in each subject (top 10 in English) by the Department of Education and Training.

These awards for academic excellence were gained by students who also fully immersed themselves in school life, held leadership roles, took part in musicals, Jewish life and generally embraced all that Scopus has to offer.

## Thank you Ann

Ann Wollner began her involvement with Mount Scopus as a student, graduating in the class of '73. She returned to the College as a parent of four children, soon becoming involved in the lay leadership as a member of the Parents' Association, the Council, the Executive, as Vice-President and finally as President.

Her passion for Scopus has never diminished. At all times, Ann has acted with integrity and strived to ensure the best for the College. She has done so with a clear vision. She worked tirelessly to ensure that the highest quality of Jewish and general education was provided throughout the school, whilst at the same time attempting to keep school fees at a reasonable level and provide subsidies where needed.

Ann's presidency has seen an exciting time in the history of our school. She presided over the opening of the Slezak Multimedia and Technology Centre and the Szalmuk Family Early Learning Centre. She also directed the international search that led to the appointment of our dynamic new Principal, Rabbi Kennard.

Ann is a hard act to follow. I hope I can build on the outstanding leadership she has provided.

**Lisa Kennett**  
On behalf of the College Council



KEVIN SLOMOI AND ANN WOLLNER

## Mark Regev inspires



NATALIE TAVASSOLI (SCHOOL CAPTAIN), MARK REGEV AND SAMSON ADAMS (SCHOOL CAPTAIN)

Old Collegian ('77) and Israeli Foreign Affairs spokesman, Mark Regev, shared his personal journey from the corridors of Scopus to the corridors of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs when he spoke to secondary students.

Being available 24/7 to answer questions from the world's media and put the case for Israel made Mark the face of Israel during last year's second Lebanon War.

He told students, "If you believe in something it's not enough to be a passive onlooker, you have a responsibility to be involved and to make a difference – be a participant".

Mark spoke of Israel's desire to embrace its neighbors who want to live in peace, and urged students to put Israel's case for peace forward with confidence and pride.

He told the audience that Israel is full of Scopus Old Collegians who are contributing to the country every day.

## Shalom Rabbi Ralph

At the end of this term we farewell Rabbi Ralph Genende as he leaves the College after 10 years of outstanding dedication and service.

A farewell function will be held on 24 June and a full appreciation to Rabbi Ralph will appear in the next edition of *Kaleidoscope*.

## Strength and Courage to Build our Foundation for the Future

To become a Mount Scopus College Foundation member or to discuss making any gift, bequest or scholarship endowment, please contact Marilyn Simon, Foundation Executive Director.  
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Email: msimon@scopus.vic.edu.au  
The Mount Scopus College Foundation, Mount Scopus College School Building Fund and Scholarship Fund are all tax deductible entities.

## Yom Ha'atzmaut



FINK KARP IVANY STUDENTS BRENDAN KLEIN, UPPER KINDER AND JAMIE ROSENBAUM, PREP

Yom Ha'atzmaut was celebrated with great 'ruach' (spirit) and energy at all campuses.

Israeli dancing, games, quizzes, concerts and plenty of falafel and birthday cake ensured everyone had a wonderful day.

59 blue and white balloons were also released in the quad by secondary students, to mark Israel's birthday.

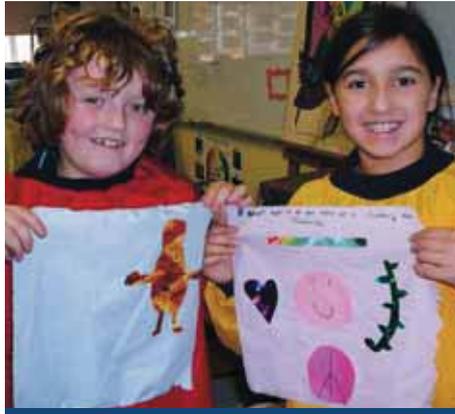


## Goodness and Kindness

The Goodness and Kindness Project is an anti-prejudice and personal development program, initiated by the Victorian Department of Education. We were lucky to be one of a small number of schools to participate.

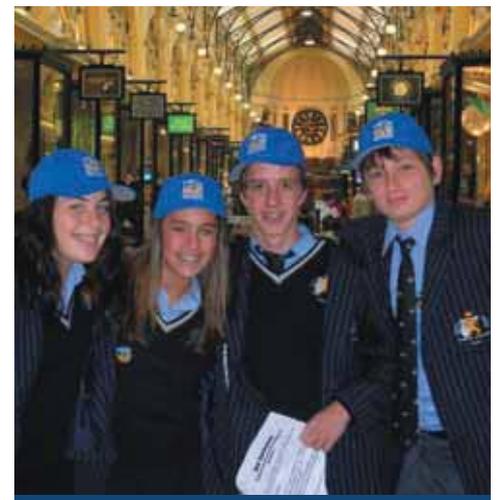
In this innovative program students engage with Christian, Islamic and Jewish role models as they learn to see past stereotypes to our common humanity and shared values. Adina, Keith and Zulfia from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim Association of Australia showed the children a quilt of squares that recorded acts of goodness and kindness from another school. Each of our Years 4 to 6 students will be making a personal square for our school quilt.

As part of the process our students are joining with people of all cultures and faiths, working together for a better world by doing 40 acts of goodness and kindness in 30 days.



YEAR 4 STUDENTS JULIAN KELLER AND AMY SILVER CREATE THEIR SQUARES FOR THE SCOPUS QUILT

## Year 9 Achshav Initiative



BELINDA MOSKOVITCH, LAUREN DAVIS, DANIEL LOFF AND DANIEL WROBY UNDERTAKE A RESEARCH ACTIVITY IN THE CITY

Undertaking St John first aid training, researching at a city campus in Melbourne's CBD, community service opportunities at the Scope Shop and MS Society and the REACH Foundation self esteem and confidence workshops. These are just some of the exciting experiences Year 9 students have participated in during semester one, as a part of the College's inaugural עכשווי Achshav Initiative.

The program aims to involve students in an experiential and reflective education program with a focus on issues and activities outside of the traditional classroom format, and incorporates the philosophies and objectives of the IB Middle Years Program curriculum model.

Students have embraced the Achshav Initiative. After the REACH workshops, many students said it was the most inspiring activity they had ever taken part in at school.

The City Cite program has opened students' minds to their own city and the students who have taken part in community service have said how fulfilling it was to give back to the community.

Exciting Achshav opportunities for students in semester two will include REACH and Starlight Foundation workshops, community service, and a farm stay experience. The program will continue to enable students to express themselves, achieve their goals and 'reach for the sky'.

## Sharing their simcha

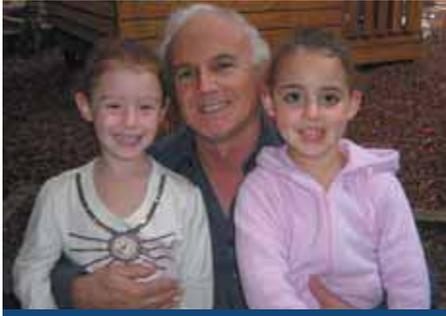
Thank you to the family and friends of **Chloe Lew**, who generously donated to the College on the occasion of Chloe's Bat Mitzvah.

Thank you to the family and friends of past President **Ann Wollner**, who also generously donated to the College on the occasion of her 50th birthday.



CHLOE LEW AND RABBI JAMES KENNARD

## Special visitors



INDIA ALFASI AND HALLI KLINGER WITH THEIR GRANDFATHER, BILL KLINGER

Grandparents and Special Friends were celebrated and welcomed into kindergarten in a very special way this term.

Every Monday and Thursday morning the Grandparents/Special Friends of a few children were invited to come and spend some time in our kindergarten classes.

Prior to the visit, each child brought in photographs of their grandparents or special friends and short stories about what life was like when their grandparents/special friends were their age. This information was compiled into a poster and read to the class.

The special visitors took part in morning Tefillah and enjoyed interacting with their grandchildren in the intimate atmosphere of our kindergartens. It has been such a memorable experience for both children and special friends that we plan to continue this format in the future.

## Manuel Gelman Professional Development Scholarship



RABBI JAMES KENNARD, SYLVIA GELMAN, SHIRLEY FUNG

We congratulate Shirley Fung, the recipient this year of the Gelman PD Scholarship. Shirley, along with colleague, Bianca Miranda, will attend an IT conference at Monash to improve her skills to assist the progress of the MYP program.

We thank Sylvia Gelman AM MBE who endowed and builds this scholarship, which is awarded annually to teaching staff to enable them to attend conferences. We recently welcomed Sylvia to the College for a full update briefing on

the MYP program, in which she is vitally interested and which she has financially supported since its beginning at Scopus. Sylvia's genuine care and concern for our educational initiatives and for our staff is warmly appreciated.



STANDING: VICTORIA WEIN, YVONNE FAYMAN, LILA RASKIN, CARLY NANKIN, MERAV BLOCH, ANDREA KLEID, DEBBY SCHACHNA, ROMY PRINS, DEBBIE NOSSBAUM.  
SEATED: ITTA SCHACHNA, LYNETTE SCHACHNA, ALICE FARKAS, ELYSE WEIN, CAROLINE WEIN, SHIRLEY SWEET, MANDY SLADE.

## Parents' Association

Mazal tov and thank you to **Elyse Wein '02** and **Sam Schachna**, whose pre-wedding celebrations were shared between Mount Scopus and Emunah Shalhevet. The Parents' Association appreciates the hospitality of hostess Mandy Slade and the support of the many guests.



PRIMARY PURIM CELEBRATIONS, CIRCA 1960

## It could be you...

The Archive center is awash with photos. If we are lucky, they are named and dated on the back. But those are few and far between. Most are anonymous. Smiling faces. Serious faces. All ages, all stages. Assemblies, sports days, Purim, Yom Ha'azmaut, musicals – faces, but no names and no dates.

And...it could be you.

We need your help to identify our photos, so please visit the Old Collegians Online Directory to see if you can find yourself, a friend, or someone you know. Every name helps. We'll be adding to the photos regularly, so please keep checking.

Go to [www.scopus.vic.edu.au](http://www.scopus.vic.edu.au) click on 'Old Collegians Directory' and log-in (to register, please click on 'First Time?'). Once logged in, click on 'View the Photo Board' then on 'Archives'.

Please let us know who you have found by emailing Helen Synman at [archive1@scopus.vic.edu.au](mailto:archive1@scopus.vic.edu.au)

We appreciate your help.

## Be a sport @ Scopus

From the excitement of our young students, to the enthusiasm of sports staff and the pride of parents, the Junior Primary Sports Day is one of those wonderful traditions that unite our campuses, students and parents.

Through the IB Primary Years Program, Sports Day allowed us to demonstrate the teaching and learning that has been built into our daily programs – being well balanced, caring and encouraging of others, and being risk takers. Our students also demonstrated their communication skills by listening to the sports marshals, cheering for their friends and showing pride and satisfaction in completing their races.

The emphasis of our Junior Primary Sports Day was not on winning ribbons or who came first, but on completing a task to the best of your ability and participating and cooperating with others.

Thank you to our staff, students and parents for a wonderful day.



## Reunions

The **Class of 1987** had a great time at their 20 year reunion. Over 120 Old Collegians and past teachers attended, including level convenor, Stan Watt. Everyone enjoyed the chance to catch up and see the Scopus of today. Thank you to the organising committee of Jodie Hymans, Elana Melzak, Michael Carp, Wayne Krongold, Paul Velleman and Natalie Shostak. Thank you also to Adam Pincus and Darren Binstock for their kind words on the night.



NIV LANG, ELLIE BECHLER, SAMUEL JACOBS, BRADLEY BERGMAN, NICKOL ABRAMOV AND JASMINE BADER

## Join the club

Homework club is the place to be on a Thursday after school.

Initiated and run by the Student Services department, Homework Club is open to all secondary students. Encouraged by the quiet work environment and the access to teachers, Homework Club attracts up to 15 students each week.



SAM UNGER, YEAR 8, MR BRAHAM MORRIS AND DANIEL SPIVAK, YEAR 10

Held in the student computer lab in the Slezak Multimedia and Technology Center, Homework Club is staffed by both a language and a maths teacher each week, to ensure students receive individual attention with their homework queries. The ideal venue for completing group projects, Homework Club will often see small groups of students work together on a task. At the end of the session, students catch the late bus home in time for dinner.

## It's right around the corner!

Our Annual Giving campaign for 2007 is opening soon and **Super Sunday** is **26 August**. We need your support – as volunteers, phone canvassers and especially as donors. Your generosity helps make Scopus a great school.

To volunteer, please call Bev Blode on 9888 9011 or [bblode@scopus.vic.edu.au](mailto:bblode@scopus.vic.edu.au)  
Thanks in advance!

## Scopus. We've Evolved.

A crowd of young alumni recently gathered at the home of Lisa Farber and Justin Liberman to meet and hear Principal, Rabbi James Kennard. The night, initiated by Lisa, was an outstanding success, allowing graduates of the years 1988-2000 to learn about the Scopus of today and renew acquaintances. Many commented they wished they could return to school! We warmly thank our hosts and also Amy Hershan who assisted with the planning of the evening.

(Please refer to Kaleidoscope insert for photos.)



LISA FARBER, RABBI JAMES KENNARD, NIKKI PERZUCK, ANDREA AND BENJAMIN ROTHSCHILD

## Dor le Dor – Generation to Generation

Please continue to keep us informed by sending your news to [kaleidoscope@scopus.vic.edu.au](mailto:kaleidoscope@scopus.vic.edu.au) or calling 9808 5722.

### BIRTHS

Naomi Bishops '85 and Richard Raber '87, Aki Aimee (Odell) '92 and Paul Southwick, Lyla Mandy (Meltz) and Glenn Kirsh '91, Sam Caryn (Shapiro) '97 and Daniel Kave '93, Georgia Michelle (Ben-Simon) '88 and Alan Kaye '79, Montana Melanie (Wed) and Craig Levin '85, Taylor Revital (Nirim) '95 and Adir Shiffman, Liam Melanie (Bloom) and Glenn Poswell '88, Samuel Naomi (Isaacs) '94 and Matthew Goldman '97, Chloe Melanie Super '90 and David Cohen, Jade Sharon (Shtrauser) and Andrew Schachter '88, Ben and Matthew Mahima (Edwards) and Dennis Krongold '63, Anika Shylee (Rabaiov) '89 and Andrew Grossman, Drake Nicole (Bell) and Robert Swiatlo '87, Olivia Tali (Weiss) '85 and Benji Pushett '85, Sivan Rochi (De Jong) and Jeremy Goldstein '96, Eliyahu Annie (Strum) and Steven Irons '89, Natalie Gaby (Wolf) '90 and Nick Fischer, Leo Deborah (Edelman) and Dean Schmideg '94, Zoe Emily (Wolf) '93 and Trevor Cashmore, Zachary Jenny (Grinwald) '81 and Harold Ben Porath '81, Ariella Carly (Keshet) '94 and Eric Cohen '94, Eden Tammy (Aronson) '94 and Aryeh Seligman '88, Jemima Rachelle (Jagoda) '96 and Simeon Goldenberg '95, Lexie Mia (Linden) and Simon Frid '89, Tessa Jodi (Lewis) '93 and Yaniv Levy, Talyah Dina (Felman) '94 and Andrew Rubinfeld '89, Aidan Debbie (Pack) '89 and Brad Lyons, Lily Liat (Staub) '92 and Andrew Cukierman '91, Maia Roslyn (Gross) and Danny Gunn '88, Jethro Ronit (Fagenblat) '93 and Michael Joel '90, Charlie Ellise (Wroblewski) '97 and Darren Mehl '91, Jake Natalie (Nirens) '94 and Kane Siegel '94, Luke Justine (Kaplan) '88 and Martyn Jacobs '85, Madison Esther (Belleli) and Michael Hofman '92, Rebecca Natalie (King) '83 and David Weissman '83, Woody Lara (Alexander) '84 and John Wayne, Shoshana Sandy (Schilling) '88 and Avee Waislitz '85, Mia Naomi (Irlight) '88 and James Gobbo, Georgia Miriam (Schreiber) '88 and Michael Wynne, Zara Amanda (Susskind) '91 and Quentin Miller '88, Gabriel Tammy (Goldberg) '98 and Bradley Tempelhof, Izak

Amelia (Guttmann) '90 and Nissim Kalifa, Noa Caroline (Coops) and Alex Wolff '86, Sophia Gaby (Stach) '90 and Paul Cabelli '86, Joel Leora (Goldberger) '93 and Eyal Cohen '93, Peaches Shelley (Grynberg) and Danny Pollak '97, Noa Vered (Zinreich) '92 and Joshua Norton, Tahli Nicole (Groch) '88 and Jonathan Mor, Jaya Jacqui (Boymal) '91 and Marlon Dubs, Max Michal (Gelberg) '92 and Alex Rybalov, Jordan Rebecca (Boulton) '94 and Jason Gullaci, Lucy Tehillah (Nahary) and Bradley Urban '93, Yoni Jodi (Honig) and Andrew Gostin '90, James Sharon (Projekt) '90 and Saul Milner, Mia Danielle (Elisha) '92 and Sammy Wainrit '92, Oliver Natalie (Okun) '87 and Andrew Bassat, Emma Miriam (Shrimski) '89 and David Elsner '91, Ryan Naama (Telman) and Doron Boltin '96, Nadav Dana (Nadelman) '90 and David Felbel '89, Jesse Nadine (Berk) '95 and Nicholas Gold, Chloe Maya (Levi) and Daniel Layton '91, a son Ronnit (Katz) '96 and Joshua Hoppe '90, Coby Fiona (Kaplan) '82 and Billy Reizner, Zoe Michelle (Whytcross) '93 and Matt Bellotti, Abby Masha (Bendersky) and David Gold '88, Amalia Jodie (Jacobs) '94 and Adrian Kagan '94, Myah Silvia (Camiselle) and Anton Levine '89, Sacha Melissa (Dowling) and Jeremy Sternson '90, Rupert Michelle (Lewis) '93 and Adam Gordon '91, Jeremy Eva (Salomon) and Jonathan Rado '86, Maddisen Shari (Maver) '89 and Andrew Diamond, Pia Victoria (Stern) and Michael Friedman '90, Milo Kylie (Elfman) '92 and Dion Appel '92, Josslyn Tina (Sutton) '91 and Ari Maidenberg, Nadia Sharon and Michael Givoni '78, Jasmine Sharon (Talmor) '86 and Jeremy Branicki '87, Jess Sharon (Hoffman) '87 and Solly Rabinowicz '84, Mia

### MARRIAGES

Natalie Freeman '97 and Gary Adler Galit Amstel and Justin Ben-David '94 Natalie Landsberg '98 and Damien Suss Simone Marsicovetere and Ilya Belobrov '99 Roslyn Kaye '01 and Paul Hamer '93 Jessica Rosenbaum '00 and Jonathon Cohen Lara Winter '95 and Dan Krasnostein Samana Mendelsohn and Adam Trayer '90 Sandra Jason '82 and Andrew Easton Elyse Wein '02 and Samuel Schachna Nathalie Sebbag '94 and David Zurnamer



Nicole Stein and Stephen Nash '95 Ilana Hoffman '98 and Bronson Ritterman Danielle Silverman '98 and Darren Sacks Ilana Prince '99 and Adam Steinhart '99 Jade Bloom '97 and Yossi Shmaltz Rebecca Lasky '97 and Hayden Lipsitz '97 Sandra Jacobs and Marc Alperstein '97 Jackie Peker '98 and Marc Lewinsohn '93 Amanda Fraser and Jeremy Wrobel '91 Naomi Barson '94 and Andrew Simpson Irit Herson '00 and Josh Harris '96 Tamara Collaton and Wayne Lasky '93 Naomi Lissauer '00 and Joel Basist '96 Claudia Hack '98 and Guy Greenstone

### IN MEMORY

Evelyn Bloom (Wingens) '67

### CONDOLENCES

The Scopus community extends its sincere condolences to the family of long serving and respected teacher **Issy Segal**, and to past Principal, Aleks Ranoschy and family on the passing of **Maria Ranoschy**.

## 2007 Reunions

Please visit the Scopus website and register as an Old Collegian to receive your reunion information and reconnect with fellow classmates. Log on to [www.scopus.vic.edu.au](http://www.scopus.vic.edu.au) click on 'Old Collegians' and follow the prompts.

### Class of 2002

Thursday 20 September 2007  
Natalie Kirschner:  
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### Class of 1997

Ashley Midalia: [ashmidalia@gmail.com](mailto:ashmidalia@gmail.com)

### Class of 1977

Sunday 25 November 2007  
Jeanette Mass (Krechman): 9523 8332  
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### Class of 1967

Sunday 18 November 2007  
Miriam Suss: [msuss@bigpond.net.au](mailto:msuss@bigpond.net.au)



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Old Collegian leads Monash  
The Scopus community wishes  
**Dr Alan Finkel** (School Captain 1970)  
a hearty Mazal Tov on his appointment  
as Chancellor of Monash University.