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From the Development Office continued

In mid-January, we welcomed Andrew Watt as our new Principal. See page 3 for his first alumni newsletter report.

Pages 8-9 feature just a few of our alumni and their journeys post-school. We would love to hear what you have been doing since leaving school, so please get in touch. If you haven't been back to the School for a while and would like a tour around the campus and/or have news to share, please let me know: snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu Also keep us updated if you have moved and/or changed your email.

If you did not receive the last newsletter from December 2017, you can see it and all past alumni newsletters at: www.emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au/Gesher

Our 2018 Senior Chamber Choir and Alumni Choir Concert will be held in August – date to be confirmed. If you would like to be part of this year's event, please let us know.

Recording our history and seeking donations of School memorabilia

We are fortunate to have employed Enid O'Carroll as our part-time archivist. She is busy cataloguing photographs and other items that are an integral part of our history. Please email me if you have some old School-related items you wish to donate: snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.au

Sonia Newell, Development Officer



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

What an amazing start to 2018 and to think we are already half way through the year, with so many fabulous ways of connecting our wonderful Emanuel community. We thank you, our past students, for all the things so many of you have done to help our amazing School. For those of you who participated in Careers Space last month, thank you. You have allowed our senior students the

opportunity to hear about your journey post-school and to get an understanding of what the world has on offer career-wise. Our graduates are an integral part of Emanuel School and we look forward to seeing many more past students come back, whether it is to talk to our students or coach them in sport, debating or other activities, and/or enrolling your own children as students of the School.

We truly welcome you all and appreciate your efforts to stay connected and look forward to your continued involvement and connection with Emanuel School for many more years to come.



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

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

Careers Space 201



On 23 May, 21 Emanuel alumni came back to the School for our annual careers event for Years 11 and 12 students. They were each asked to provide a short bio to help the students pre-select two of four Q&A-style sessions, based on a variety of careers, including STEM, business/finance, arts/humanities/law and media/health/TV. The event started with our presenters and students meeting informally in the MPH over a light breakfast and the opportunity to chat.

We are grateful to the following presenters:

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- [Name] – Software Engineer, Airtasker ('07)
- [Name] – Atlassian, Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, UNSW Co-Op Scholar ('13)
- [Name] – PhD Science ('06)
- [Name] – Software Developer, Start-Ups ('15)

Allied Health and People Professions

- [Name] – Life Coach ('92)
- [Name] ([Name]) – Psychologist ('05)
- [Name] – Naturopath ('07)
- [Name] – Radiographer ('09)
- [Name] ([Name]) – Occupational Therapist ('06)

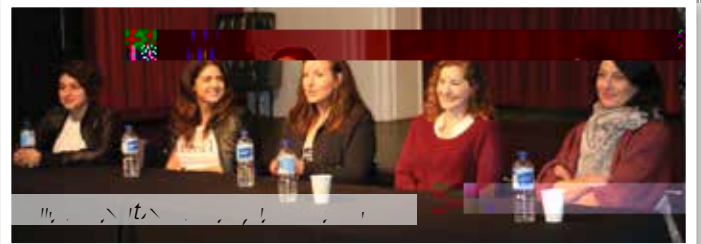
Business/Commerce

- [Name] ([Name]) – Real Estate Agent ('04)
- [Name] v [Name] – Chartered Accountant, Manager, Forensic Accounting ('09)
- [Name] ([Name]) – Chartered Accountant, Owner, Startup ('04)
- [Name] – Small business owner – MuggShot (mobile barista) ('01)
- [Name] – Business Process Management, UX Eclipse ('01)
- [Name] – B Commerce/Computer Science, UNSW ('15)

Law, Education & Creatives

- [Name] – Lawyer and Academic ('08)
- [Name] – Make-Up Artist ('08)
- [Name] v [Name] ([Name]) – Early Childhood Educator ('09)
- [Name] v [Name] – 3D Animation and Interior Architect ('98)
- [Name] ([Name]) – Journalist, Media – Fox Sports ('98)
- [Name] ([Name]) – Artist, Jewellery Designer, Creative ('02)

If you would like to be part of our 2019 careers event (date in May 2019 TBC), where our senior students have the opportunity to hear about life after school and career choices, conventional or not, please let me know: snewell@emanuelschool.nsw.edu.



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Sam Butt (Finger)

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Engagements

Where are some of our Alumni now?

Sarah Kummerfeld

Class of 1997

W a d d d a r e Yea 12?

After finishing Year 12, I studied Science at Sydney Uni. From early on in high school I knew I wanted to do something science/engineering related. I was super interested in genetics and I had been hearing about the deluge of data that biology would be seeing soon. I wanted to be part of it and that meant I was going to need to understand biology and how to manage lots of data, so I majored in Biochemistry and Computer Science.

D d i e a d e e ? O e e a

After finishing my undergraduate degree, I wanted to stay in research, which took me to graduate school. At the time, the human genome was just being sequenced for the first time and genomics was a huge growth area. I wanted to join a lab that was using all this new data to tackle interesting problems. I moved to Cambridge (UK) to do a PhD in computational biology. My work focused on trying to understand what the newly-sequenced genome-sequence meant and how it is altered in disease. Once I finished my degree, I moved to the US for a postdoctoral fellowship on the genetics of aging at Stanford. There I met my husband who was a PhD student at Stanford and here we are still in the SF Bay Area, 12 years later with 2 kids.

W a a e i d e e e / E a e Sc ? There are so many! In the mid-1980s there was a path that went all the way around the school, just inside the fence. The PE teachers at the time had us run laps as a warm up and once a year they held the TES cup, a race around the school. As you can imagine, those hills were brutal! I also have great memories of the many music groups. In about 1990, Brian Strong ambitiously decided the fledgling string group should play Vivaldi's Winter. The orchestra was made up of a

dozen kids who had been playing violin maybe 2 years plus Daniel Weltlinger, who was already an excellent violinist at age 12. Mr Strong drilled us newbies (and I guess simplified the parts!?) until we had it down and Daniel did an incredible job playing the solo part which I'm sure helped prevent the audience listening too closely to the rest of the orchestra. Later in my time at Emanuel I have fond memories of the Jazz band playing gigs all over the place, from donor dinners to real estate auctions.

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Sc ? Only sporadically, being so far away had made it hard to keep up. I have bumped into old friends here in the Bay Area from time to time which is always so much fun.

W a c e c c a ? I e e a d b b e ? I am a Scientist at Genentech, a biotech company based in the San Francisco Bay Area. My group uses large datasets from clinical trials to understand human disease and identify candidate drug targets. It's a fast moving field keeping every single day interesting. I love doing research that is directly applied and being able to see first-hand how the medicines we develop help patients. A recent highlight for me was meeting a young Rheumatoid Arthritis patient whose life was changed by one of the drugs I worked on.

When I'm not working or chasing after my kids, I am usually running. I was a late bloomer when it came to athletics. After being the most un-athletic kid in my class at Emanuel, I discovered cross country running and track while in Cambridge and was hooked. I also still play the violin in amateur orchestras just for fun.

F e a ? My immediate future plan is to move back to Sydney! I will be moving with my family this July to take up a position

Aliza Hofbauer (Denenberg)

Class of 2000

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"After I finished School in 2000, I went on Shnat with Netzer – this consisted of 4 months on a leadership program, 'Machon', based in Jerusalem, 6 weeks of leading on a summer camp for American and Israeli kids, called 'machine Shimshon' based on kibbutz between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, 2 weeks volunteering on a tourist archaeological dig and living in an apartment in Jerusalem and 3 months living and working on a kibbutz near Eilat.... I highly recommend the program to anyone/everyone who can go and hope it still exists in some form so my kids can go on it. I then travelled around Europe for 2 months with friends and spent time with my grandparents and family in the UK. It was pretty much a life changing year all in all.

I have to say that most of my memories of my time at Emanuel School are positive ones – I had a great time at school. I was there for 13 years and it pretty much became my second home. We really had a lot of fun over the years. I do have a pretty good memory and have many, many stories from over my years there. Most of my memories involve the great personalities we had in our year and of course the close friends I had growing up there. A lot of them also involve the teachers-their eccentricities and the care and support and laughs they provided over the years.

Some stand-out memories though include: Earlier: playing dummy disease (some version of tip as far as I remember) at recess and lunch; taking home the class guinea pigs over the weekend; the annual MS readathon and crazy olympics (I cannot remember their proper name); Frosty Fruits, mammee noodles and macaroni and cheese from Gaby's tuck shop; painting a giant dinosaur mural on the wall; Assembly in M11; our Year 6 graduation; Library with Mr Jones. Later: French class with Miss Webb and her frog puppet; the many swimming and running carnivals; Purim dress up days; fashion parades; watching movies in Mrs Markovics'

history classes; D&T and hospitality with Miss Olovitz; shenanigans in the Year 12 demountable locker room.

Even as I write this I can't help laughing and thinking of more and more stories.

I went away after school with my high school bestie Stanya who was at Emanuel since Year 3 and we still remain just as close and now we are lucky enough that our husbands and kids are just as close too. I rekindled my friendship after school with my best friend from Primary School at Emanuel, Lea, and now our families are great friends.

I am in touch with others from school too and always love running into those from Emanuel around the place.

When asked the questions what is my current occupation? Interests and hobbies? I'd have to say my main occupation, hobby and interest right now is being a mum – I have a 5-year-old son, Sammy and 18-month-old daughter, Abi and they definitely keep me on my toes. We have also been looking after a girl once a month for the last 9 years. Originally this was in a respite care arrangement but now just because we all have a relationship with her.

I studied Social Work at UNSW and my Masters in Social Work through Charles Sturt University in SA, and have worked for the last 8 years at the City of Sydney Council. I have done a few jobs there, but currently work as Senior Social Programs Officer. This involves developing and managing programs designed to improve the social wellbeing and resilience of the local community. My interest and background is with young people aged 12-18 as I worked as an Adolescent Counsellor after finishing university and then ran a Youth Centre in Pymont, so most of the programs I work on are targeted at that age group.

My 3rd job at the moment is working behind the scenes and the odd shift here and there at my husband's cafe bar in the city called Bandit's Roost, It's in Sussex Lane near Wynyard Station and specialises in coffee and whiskey and also has an awesome

menu designed by the guys at Lox Stock and Barrel in Bondi. So it has yum NY deli style food. My husband, Adam, previously worked at this same site running a business called Shirt Bar with partners and recently we decided to take it over, lose the shirts and give it a revamp. The name is actually from a photograph that I stumbled across-based in the slums of lower east side NYC – it was taken in the late 19th century and Theodore Roosevelt came across the photo and said that it was this picture, the Bandit's Roost, that inspired him to improve the conditions for people living in poverty – so that's me trying to incorporate my social work background into the bar. It also links in to the NY deli theme food. I am gradually learning some social media, graphic design and drink pouring skills needed to help with stuff around the bar but boy is it a different world to social work!

As for hobbies and interests, I have always



We hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter and we look forward to your contributions in the future.
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