



Rev. Jackie Stoneman,
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A word from *Jackie*

Dear Friends,

We love springtime at College! The flowers that adorn Sydney Square, the ability to arrive at and leave work in the daylight, the feeling of hope and newness that surrounds us...we love it all!

Most of all, we really enjoy preparing the timetable for the next academic year. We are busy with that task at this very moment, and are pleased to let you know that you will be receiving your College Course Brochure for 2016 in the mail within the next few weeks!

I want to ask you to prayerfully consider who it is that you can encourage to consider studying with us. It may be your mother, your daughter, your sister, your minister's wife, or your whole Bible study group...or even yourself!

For someone who is thinking about studying with us, the best thing to do is to attend an Open Day. We are just about to do another series of Open Days, at our main city campus as well as at our Emu Plains and Dapto campuses. Our students tell us that attending an Open Day was the best thing they did. Not only did it give them the chance to become familiar with the environment and some of the people at College, but it also gave them the *confidence* to sign up. The thought of studying after a very long break is completely daunting.

Attending an Open Day takes all the mystery away. You can ask any questions, find out about financial help, and gain absolute assurance that you will not be left to struggle on your own.

One of the things that our Open Day visitors always love is our library! We are currently in the process of loading our entire library onto a new computerised system that will make borrowing and returning so much easier for our students. Many of you contributed to our recent appeal to fund this system. Thank you so much! Getting every book onto the system is a huge job, but we are slowly getting there. In our next newsletter, I hope we will have an update on how it is going. (The pictures at the bottom of this page show Sophie, hard at work preparing the books!)

I am so thankful to know that there are many, many people who support Mary Andrews College in so many ways. I am particularly grateful for the prayers of so many saints over so many years.

Yours in Christ's service,

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OPEN DAYS

at Mary Andrews College

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| Where: | When: 10am-12pm |
| Mary Andrews College Level 1 464-480 Kent St, Sydney 2000 | Tuesday 17th November Wednesday 18th November Thursday 19th November Monday 23rd November Friday 27th November Wednesday 27th Jan 2016 Monday 1st Feb 2016 |
| Join us to experience a taste of life as a Mary Andrews College student. | Or at |
| | Dapto Anglican Church 100 Moombara St, Dapto Tuesday 10th November |
| | Emu Plains Anglican Church 26 Short St, Emu Plains Monday 16th November |



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Meeting Kate and Kerrie

Mary Andrews College is constantly changing, evolving and updating in many different ways. Every time a new person joins the faculty or staff, we have an injection of fresh energy, ideas and innovations.

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Recently two new people have joined us, and they have energised us already!

Our parent organisation, Anglican Deaconess Ministries, has gained a new Chief Executive Officer in Dr Kate Harrison Brennan. Kate comes to us with a background in international development and in

government. Just before she joined ADM, she was running a tech company that she founded.

Kate has really enjoyed meeting the students at Mary Andrews College this semester and is looking forward to leading Anglican Deaconess Ministries into the next chapters of its story. She says,

Dr Kate Harrison Brennan



Director of Studies Jackie Stoneman, CEO Kate Harrison Brennan and Development Officer Robyn Powell

I was drawn to work in international development because I had a passion for justice. This came from my passion for the God of justice. My doctoral research, on the impact of the World Bank's rhetoric on poor and vulnerable populations in Ethiopia, took me to centres of global power in Washington D.C. and New York, to the capital of Ethiopia, and to the margins of the country, close to the Eritrean border. These experiences compelled me to explore what it means for Christ to be at the centre of all things. For example, how does the God who says 'Blessed are the poor' (Luke 6:20) shape and govern our response to structural injustice and organised cruelties seen in developing countries, in government and in organisations?

Following my doctoral studies, I had the opportunity to work in New York for the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and then to return home to Australia to be Advisor



to Prime Minister Julia Gillard, for whom I'd worked previously in the portfolio of Social Inclusion. Working in the centre of national power gave me the opportunity to reflect on how to handle power when following Jesus – how to use God's good gift of power for the flourishing of others.

After leaving Canberra, I felt compelled by God to explore further the nature of beauty – particularly how it relates to

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God's justice and truth, his nature as Creator, and our roles as cultivators. Timothy Keller, in his book 'Generous Justice,' expands upon the fact that the beauty of God, the primary beauty, is the basis for just living. Secondary beauties are part of God's reconciling, bringing all things together in Christ.

In response, I established a digital storytelling platform,

to increase customers' desire for beautiful products, made responsibly and sustainably, because I saw this as a way to bring about gospel-centred renewal. This had a number of aspects but one of those is that the beauty of these goods draws attention to the social relations in which they were made. Indeed, many of these sorts of goods are made by women's artisan enterprises in developing communities – the sector that is the second biggest employer of women in developing countries, after agriculture.

Throughout, my passion has been to see women practically and publicly engaged, with the theological formation to see how their work participates in the work of God in the world. The opportunity now to lead Anglican Deaconess Ministries, and contribute directly to raising up women for this purpose is a gift. I look forward to working with all of those involved in Mary Andrews College - to grow our Christian learning community, and our engagement.

Kerrie Newmarch has joined the staff at College as the Manager of Ministry Training Programs. What this means is

that she will be developing and implementing the opportunities for women to be trained theologically and gain practical skills through the ADM traineeship program.

Kerrie comes to us with a rich background in education, chaplaincy and parish work which makes her ideally suited for this role.

I started out as a primary school teacher, and taught in both public and Christian schools. I've always had a passion for Christian education, so when I left work to have my children, I redirected that passion into Scripture teaching and parish children's ministry. I began writing Scripture material for Anglican Youthworks and then worked as a children's minister in a parish. I realized I lacked theological training, so at the age of 42, I began studying for a Diploma of Theology, and eventually gained an Advanced Diploma of Ministry as well. I joined the faculty of Youthworks in 2004, where I lectured in many subjects and became the Dean of Students. Most recently, I worked as the Chaplain of the Professional Standards Unit (the unit in the Anglican church which deals with allegations of abuse).

There is no doubt that Kerrie's track record is long and impressive, but now she is looking to the future.

I am so excited to be able to help people get ready to take on more ministry. I think it is wonderful that our current culture provides great opportunities for women. My primary job will be caring for the ADM trainees as they navigate unfamiliar study and work schedules. I am confident that this is where God wants me to be, and I see it as a huge privilege to work in partnership with our parishes. I am so grateful that ADM has had the vision to support women's ministry in this way, and that in Mary Andrews College an ideal training pathway is provided.

Please keep Kate and Kerrie in your prayers as they begin their challenging new roles.

Kerrie Newmarch



The Trainee, the Tattoo and the Opportunity

When the Rev David O'Mara at St Mark's, Sadleir suggested that Katrina Smith apply for an ADM traineeship, she was shocked. She thought that God had found her wanting.

When I first became a Christian, I became an evangelist...but things didn't go well. I was afraid that God could never use me again. But I have seen God at work, where he uses my own past sins and hurts in a way that helps others to want to know Jesus.

Though she remained an enthusiastic and active member of her church, the possibility of deep study had never occurred to her.

Financially, I would never have been able to attend College and I thought my usefulness was at an end. Then the ADM traineeship came along! What a joy to be given a chance to learn, to be supervised, and to grow!

When you first meet Katrina, you are struck by several things... her fabulous hair (she used to be a hairdresser), her deep and charming voice, and her arms, covered in tattoos.

In my first days as a trainee, I was at an Anglicare op shop, as part of my community outreach. I got talking to a lady who noticed my tattoos. I'd become really embarrassed about my tattoos, but a friend at church assured me that God could use them!

The lady I met was particularly interested in one tattoo of an owl. She thought it was the Eastern god she prayed to. I explained that it was just an owl, and that I'd love to tell her about the one true God. We talked for over an hour and a half, and we prayed. As a result, she came along to a Christianity Explained course and became a Christian!

So I want everyone at ADM to know...that lady is a Christian because of the traineeship you provided. Thank you so much!

Katrina is a constant joy to us all at College - staff, faculty and classmates. We look forward to seeing how God continues to use her in ways that play into her own skills, personality and abilities, aided by the training she receives at Mary Andrews College.



Katrina Smith

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