

Day One of a school year is always filled with anticipation for staff and students. What will my classes be like? What teachers will I have? What have my friends done over the holidays,..what will be different, what will be exciting..It's a bit different for everybody. This year, it's a bit different. ASHS turns 100, our school, Albany. Senior. High. School.

Today we had four additional guests:

- Mr Arthur Richards, ASHS Principal 1968-1979.
- Mrs Jo Lynch – Principal 1985-2002
- Mr Alan Carpenter – Former student and Premier of WA
- Mr Greg Stocks – former student and staff member and current Chair of the School Board

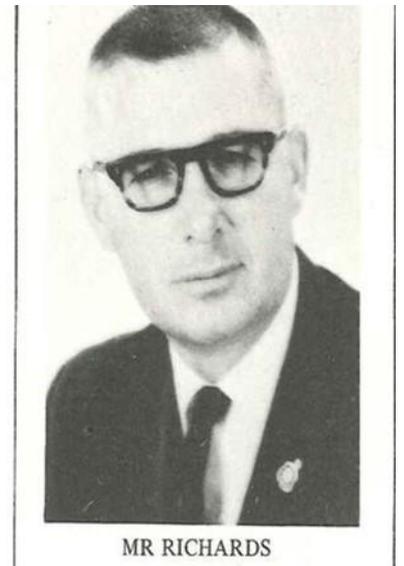
All guests gave us an insight in to ASHS, from a range of perspectives and some great humour.

Mr Carpenter highlighted the friendships we make at school, and that many of those are for life. School is a special time in life and you don't have to be the best at everything, to do well.



Mrs Lynch (formerly Miss O'Brien) broke some tough ground in being one of the first female principals in Western Australia, previously holding the position of Vice Principal at ASHS. The ability to become a principal wasn't previously available to females! Mrs Lynch's paid work was in an area she loves and she has continued to support education, at ASHS particularly, through her work in establishing the school Alumni. Mrs Lynch makes the best of opportunities provided to her and her work has been of great benefit to many.

Mr Arthur Richards was principal when Mrs Lynch was deputy (vice principal). At 95 Years of age, standing proudly before our 2018 cohort, Mr Richards ensured us there was no way he was going to miss today's assembly. Mr Richard's son, Will, was a teacher at ASHS until his recent retirement. Keeping the tradition strong, ASHS now has Arthur's great grandchildren, and Will's grandchildren, as current students at ASHS. A four generation connection, now how many can attest to that?



MR RICHARDS

Mr Stocks spoke of personal branding and image through his recount of his Year 12 photos from the Boronia, encouraging students to make sure those images are pretty good, because you are often reminded of them! That lesson probably extends beyond your year book photo in terms of 2018. The importance of what you promote or project about yourself publicly, can't be understated. In 2018 we have to contend with Facebook, Instagram, to name just the beginning of a long list of ways in which we are published!



You can't have a birthday, without birthday cake. As we celebrated the opening of the Centenary Mural, the staff appreciated the guests in a less formal setting, with 'Matilda' overseeing the cutting of the cake. Who is Matilda ?