I can’t believe it’s been a year already. Though achieving significant progress in reaching the broader old scholar community, I feel we have barely made a dent in all the projects the Association would like to deliver.

POSA has restructured its financial support from the School to ensure its future ability to support the ever increasing number of reunions and functions, as well as fully meet the needs of its members. As a result, the Association generated a significant surplus of $25,390, recouping deficits in recent years as the number of functions and operational costs increased.

Also resolved has been the use of the Kings name for School and Old Scholar affiliated clubs. This brand has traditionally been used by the Old Scholar football club who have agreed to its more general use as a strong brand, embracing the values and history of the School.

Functions:
POSA hosted 6 Pembroke school reunions. All were great successes and well attended. I thank the respective committees in their assistance in organising these events.

The annual Kings tea, a Kings luncheon and a Girton luncheon were also held. School principal, Mr Luke Thomson spoke at these events and noted the history and rich tradition the School is lucky to have. Special thanks to Philippa Hook (Vice President), Dean Kennett and Peter Noblet, our committee members representing Kings and Girton, in organising these successful events.

Also of significance was the 95th Anniversary of Girton School held in the Margaret Bennett Courtyard (Girton Campus).

Old Scholar affiliated clubs:
The affiliated clubs all continue to thrive.

I enjoyed attending various football, cricket and soccer games during the season – a highlight being the first time all 5 soccer teams had wins on the same day.

The Association is again pleased to be able to offer bursaries to children of Old Scholars. Applications have been received and bursaries will be awarded shortly.

In celebrating the achievements of Old Scholars, of which I cannot mention them all, I would like to highlight the academic achievements achieved by Chris Wong (’00 –’04), in receipt of a Rhodes Scholarship and also to Gus Shrader (’01 – ’05) who was awarded a Fulbright scholarship.
The Association is also embracing new technology.
Peta Harries has also taken on responsibilities for School archiving and in conjunction with the School, I feel we are now making significant progress in the development and retention of historical records, as well as contribution of information. The Generations project is capturing information and school history for 3 and 4 generation families that have attended the School. Technology has now been identified to enable us to scan and save old publications in a searchable format for inclusion in the archives.

The Association has also commenced the use of social media to reach the new generations of students leaving the school, in the form of LinkedIn and Facebook. I thank David Dall for his assistance in this new initiative.

I thank the School and the Council for its continued support and Peta Harries, our long serving secretary for her amazing efforts at keeping myself and the committee organised and focussed on the tasks at hand.

I have been ably assisted by the executive, namely Philippa Hook (Vice President) and Weng Wong (Treasurer), whose efforts have been highly valued. In addition I thank the committee and affiliated club representatives for their input and assistance in continuing to achieve the Associations objectives.

I look forward to continuing in the role of President in 2012

Scott Peters
(1982-1986)