

## STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES:

### Everywhere that Crinkle went, Miss Whitlam was sure to follow



Most of us enjoy a good “dog story” and PLC Sydney has a few doggy tales. Miss Freda Whitlam’s (Principal 1958-1976) beloved golden Labrador Crinkle, was a valued member of the College community for a decade.

According to Miss Whitlam’s biographer, Noelene Martin, Crinkle came to the 1966 Pet Show, where her owner hoped to find a new home for the young dog. By the end of the day it was clear Crinkle would be a new boarder.

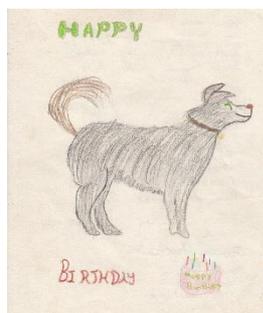


*Crinkle's “medal”*

Crinkle and Miss Whitlam became inseparable. She went to Assembly, woke up sleepy-headed boarders, rode in her mistress’ car to meetings, and slept beside her bed.

This recollection from Pamela Halliburton (née Carter), recently reached the Archives. Pamela was a boarder from 1964 to 1969.

“Crinkle came with our Year 9 Fete. I can remember we were surprised. Very surprised. We were a bit worried, and we had every right to be, as every time (well, not all) we seemed to be doing something wrong, Crinkle would appear, with Freda not far behind! Either way, we always knew Freda was nearby whenever we saw Crinkle!



*The students from Class 6S sent this card to Crinkle in 1973*

Halfway through Year 12, Freda insisted I drive her car one night to Sydney University for an Ancient History lecture. Our Ancient History teacher insisted we all attend. She rang and asked my parents for permission. (I was the only boarder doing Ancient History). So, I drove her car to the lecture and back again and the car (and I) survived!

Thereafter, every now and then Freda would send for me and I had to drive her car to the Burwood Mall to buy Crinkle some dog food.

There was also the famous time when, in Year 12, and after the exams, bored, we decided on a midnight swim – naked. We had a lovely time until I looked up and saw. . . Crinkle! Needless to say, Freda was not far behind. . . We were caught – naked – one could say. I think she was speechless!!!”

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