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STAGGFair success

The 2002 STAGGfair has again been hailed a great success.

Parents' and Friends' Association president Kim Bowring said it was the most successful in years, thanks to fine weather and the support of the entire community.

In the serene and historic grounds of St Anne's Campus, a huge crowd basked in the sun and indulged in refreshments and delicious food in styles from all around the world.

Youngsters enjoyed pony rides, jumping castle and other activities on offer including the ever popular spinning wheel and raffles.

There were the usual and unusual, with competitions like the junior school bottle stall and even a snail race.

The other feature, as always at these events, was the fine music played by our students.

■ Above, Enjoying the fun of STAGGfair are junior school students Elise Di Sipio, Claire Purcell and Natasha Pittorino.

■ Below, Graeme McLennan and Frank Marocco, with a little help from the flamboyant clown who entertained the multitudes at STAGGfair, serve up a selection of fine wine and delicious food.

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From the Principal

In the middle of this year, my eighth as Principal, I have paused to reflect on the success of the School as a provider of quality education.

Enrolments are still increasing and we look to an enrolment of 760 in 2003 and perhaps 800 by 2004. However enrolment figures are not everything and certainly they should not be seen as the main measure of success. In fact if that were the case I think we would have lost sight of the School's *raison d'être*.

However enrolment numbers are an indication of a healthy climate and anecdotal accounts from parents of prospective students tell us that the School is riding high. The context of my reflection is the formation of the next Strategic Plan. The second plan has run its course with most of its objectives attained and the Board and the community consultation group are considering where to go next.

The history of the School shows that in the late 1980s its enrolments were very strong and it should have been looking forward to a very strong future. Unfortunately the collapse of the National Safety Council and the decision of Esso to move its Head Office from Sale to Melbourne saw the enrolments eventually fall to 570 in 1998. How could the Board and the management of the School at the time have foreseen such negative circumstances?

Now, in this time of relative prosperity, it is prudent for us to face the challenge of protecting the School against a similar unforeseen negative situation. My experience of playing sport tells me that the best form of defence is attack and thus I see the next strategic plan as really about the 'offensives' that we should adopt.

The initiatives, which are contained in the draft plan soon to be published for the consultative community group, are possible actions to buttress the School's healthy position so that the quality education can be maintained.

Very shortly and well before a further edition of *Veritas* is published, I will be

looking to form focus groups to react to the plan. Those invited to be part of a focus group will not be drawn from the members of the consultative group. They will be people with a common interest in various areas of the School. The Old Scholars are one such group and another might be the Parents and Friends Association.

It is my hope that when people are asked to be part of a focus group they will respond positively. We need to test our proposals against the hopes and expectations of the major stakeholders. The maintenance of Gippsland Grammar as a leading independent school is very important to the development of our region and the strategic plan is a major instrument for this purpose.

A prominent development of leading schools is the use of computer technology in the teaching/learning environment. A number of schools have responded with the introduction of a compulsory laptop program. This has saved the schools considerable expense by obviating the need to provide an adequate number of computers for every classroom.

I have resisted this innovation because I was unconvinced as to the magnitude of the benefit to the students and I did not feel it was appropriate to pass on such an expense to parents.

Gippsland Grammar has long recognised the importance of computer technology and has provided its students with computer laboratories of both general and special needs and is working to spread the facilities to individual classrooms.

The School is therefore addressing the need for ready access everywhere in the the School. A very good alternative to the compulsory laptop program is the provision of an Intranet that is available within the School and at home.

It is predicated on there being an adequate number of computers throughout the School and that every family has a computer at home that has access to the Internet. Over the past seven years of interviewing students as they enrol for Year 7, I have become aware that the overwhelming majority of families are in this position or are intending to be so by the time their child enters Year 7.

The trend is so strong that all students entering Year 7 in 2003 have home Internet access. Increasing bandwidth provision further enhances the viability of a home accessible Intranet.

Thus the School has signed an agreement with a Melbourne firm, IMPAQ, to provide a home accessible Intranet. The School already has a developing Intranet service within the Senior School provided by IMPAQ and over the next six months we will be developing "home" section ready for full implementation at the beginning of the school year for 2003.

An essential feature of this agreement is "Professional Development" for staff, parents and students. Professional Development strictly speaking is for those in the relevant profession, and in this case the provision is being extended to parents and students.

Trial groups will be established in Term 4 or earlier if possible and I have every confidence that this service will greatly benefit the whole School community.

As I write of this exciting development I hear the questions from many, "what is an Intranet and how will it benefit us?" In short it is a closed Internet, that is it provides all sorts of information and two-way communication for the School community only. The ability to instantly communicate with every individual in a meaningful way is the aim.

Teachers will post homework, assignments, teaching programs and information sheets for all members of their classes to access. There will be no excuse for not knowing what is homework, even if you have been away from school. Daily bulletins, the diary and a personalised "My Day" will be readily available. This will greatly assist those who are forgetful and parents who wish to know more than what their children are telling them. There is much more to tell but space here is insufficient for me to further elaborate. Let me say that I believe this to be an exciting development that will again set us apart as a leading educator.

Tony Horsley

Chinese students welcomed

Gippsland Grammar is attracting overseas interest as an educational centre, with two senior students from China starting at Gippsland Grammar this month.

The School has welcomed its first full-fee paying students from the world's most populated country, with Xuepeng Jia and Tong Wang from Weifang City, Shandong Province.

The pair will complete their Year 11 and 12 VCE studies at Gippsland Grammar, which, as well as providing an excellent education option for the students, will help foster a multicultural environment throughout the School.

It is expected that the relationship between Gippsland Grammar and China will be an ongoing one, with further students interested in an Australian education.

Our Principal Tony Horsley has welcomed the students and says attracting overseas students is an important multicultural step for the region.

Xuepeng and Tong have come here to do their VCE unlike exchange students. It's an experience that is enriching for all concerned. The overseas students fulfill their dreams and it helps each and every student in the School foster understanding, tolerance and respect for different cultures.

The new students are living at the Gippsland Grammar School's Boarding House and both are extremely



positive and motivated and enjoying life at their new school.

Xuepeng Jia and Tong Wang will study English, two Mathematics, Information Technology, Business Studies and Accounting, while taking in some one-on-one language classes and curriculum support classes.

The only English the pair knows is developed from reading and writing, and both have developed exceptional skills in this area.

Studying is a bit different with 17-year-old Xuepeng saying "School

■ Our Chinese students Xuepeng Jia and Tong Wang have settled into class well.

in China starts at seven in the morning until six in the evening and after other studies we get home at nine or ten.

"China is very busy, it's much more relaxed here. Conditions and education are better [at Gippsland Grammar], more interesting, we have spare time to develop other areas."

Xuepeng and Tong both plan to continue studying in Australia after completing their VCE at Gippsland Grammar.

Weddings, holidays - anything goes at auction

Another Gippsland Grammar Auction Dinner will be held in Sale on Friday 16 August and its look like the range of items will be very diverse.

Already the School has been donated a free wedding, including use of the Chapel of St Anne, with the School Chaplain Rev'd David Jones conducting the service with the offer valid until 2004.

Other donations of goods and services are currently being sought.

Items that always prove popular at dinner auctions include use of holiday home or boat, catering services and a farm holiday. Items that would be welcome include food hampers, bottles of wine, magazine subscriptions, handmade crafted items or works of art.

Everyone is asked to use their imagination when it comes to items to donate and all items will be gratefully received. All funds raised will go towards future programs to support the School.

The other way to support the Dinner is to book a table for the dinner. As well

as current School families and staff, Old Scholars are invited to get a table or two together and catch up while supporting the School.

For information about donations and the night itself, contact Chris Harrison in the Development Office, email chris.harrison@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au, phone 5143 6315 or fax 5143 6347.

It is a joint event being organised by the Old Scholars' Association and the Parents' and Friends' Association.

New date for Old Scholars' reunion

The Boarders' Reunion originally planned for June will now be held on the weekend of July 27 and 28.

There are three distinct groups of boarders - the Old Girls, Old Boys and those from STAGGS - and it is anticipated each era will be represented. Ideas, boarding memorabilia and expressions of interest are being sought.

It is hoped the weekend will help compile a history of the Gippsland Grammar Boarding Experience because there has never been a history specifically written about the boarders.

Contact Head of the Board House, Rita Eremin, by phone on 5143 7133 or via email, rita.eremin@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au or Chris Harrison in the Development Office, email chris.harrison@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au, phone 5143 6315 or fax 5143 6347 for more information or if you would like to assist.

Foundation Committee member dies

One of the people whose vision helped establish the original Gippsland Grammar, former School councillor and well-known Maffra resident, Dr Alan Jenkins has died.

Dr Jenkins was a medical practitioner in Maffra and a member of the Gippsland Grammar School Interim Committee leading to the formation of the Boys' School.

The committee became the school council from 1960.

Dr Jenkins was married to Dr Rita Jenkins, who now lives in Bendigo, and the couple's two sons



Andrew and Stephen attended the school. Stephen was a foundation student.

GREETINGS FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL



Gippsland Grammar Junior School students have created a series of greeting cards suitable for everyday use, which are now available for sale.

Purchasing a set of six mixed cards supports both the artistic talent of our students and the School, as all funds raised will go back into School projects.

In this set of artwork, the colour, imagination and style of our children have been captured.

Each of the works is printed in full colour on glossy art stock that brings out the vibrant colours so popular with our young students. The inside of each card is a matt stock, which is left blank so it is suitable for you to write any message to suit the occasion.



The cards are only \$5 including GST for each set of six mixed cards, with another \$1 for postage and handling if required.

To obtain your small piece of history while supporting Gippsland Grammar, please contact the Junior School.

New look Board of Directors

There's a new look Gippsland Grammar Board of Directors, following the retirement of long-standing chairman Peter Wallis and former deputy chair Joy Brand.

Dr Martin Kent was appointed as the new chair at the annual general meeting. Among other changes to the Board was the appointment of Anglican Bishop of Gippsland, The Right Rev. Jeffrey Driver, as Deputy Chairman and we also welcome new Board members Elizabeth Davis, Doug Treasure and Alan Marchant.

The service provided by Peter Wallis has been outstanding. A director of Gippsland Grammar for 13 years and chair of the Board since 1995, Peter says he has seen the School through some major ups and downs.

He arrived in the middle of the Esso downturn and the National Safety Council demise, which not only placed great strain on the School but the entire region. Student numbers were down and it was a difficult time for the Board, the staff and Principal of the day.

Peter was part of the team that negotiated the change in funding and also established the Senior School's Information Services Centre and Year 9



■ Peter Wallis



■ Dr Martin Kent



■ Joy Brand

Program. The chapel - an important facility in the School family - was built during these years.

His greatest personal achievement, he says, was returning the School to profitability. Creating strategic directions, goals and policies made the turnaround possible.

Peter is heavily involved in the Anglican Diocese as Registrar of Gippsland. His wife Janet is an Anglican rector in their hometown of Mirboo North and the couple's three children, Katherine, Tim and Amanda, all attended the School.

Joy Brand first came on to the Board in 1994 as a representative of the Bishop-in-Council.

Joy was also a member of the Marketing and Enrolment Committee, which she chaired for the past 12 months and in 2000 was Deputy Chair of the Board.

Joy is an old scholar of St. Anne's Church of England Girls School and both children, Fiona and Matthew, attended the school.

Joy's parents Janie and Wilbur Saxton were also heavily involved in the School, so much so the Saxton Building at St Anne's Campus was named in their honour.

The School community owes much to the contribution of Peter Wallis and Joy Brand.

Board Member Profiles

Anglican Bishop of Gippsland, The Right Rev. Jeffrey Driver, is one of the new Board of Directors.

He was consecrated as a Bishop in Melbourne on November 17 and was installed as our new Bishop on December 22 in St Paul's Cathedral, Sale.

His work with the Anglican Church began when he was ordained in 1977 and later he served in the parishes of Orange, Mid-Richmond, Grafton, Jamison, Young and Manuka in Canberra.

For three years he was executive director of St Mark's National Theological Centre, in Canberra, and Head of School of Theology for Charles Sturt University, where he has a continuing relationship as a lecturer.

He has been a director of Canberra Grammar and helped establish the Riverina Anglican School at Wagga Wagga.

Brian Turner is the new Dean of the Anglican Gippsland Diocese and a director of our School. Trained as a carpenter and

joiner, Brian has had 25 years experience in the Ministry. He moved to Sale this year with his wife Anne from Orange, NSW, which is in the Bathurst Diocese. Anne lives with a rare neuro-muscular disorder known as Central Core Disease, which limits her to a motorised scooter or wheelchair.

The Brian describes himself as an energetic extroverted leader looking forward to the challenges surrounding him in his new role.

Peter Jennings is a former secondary school teacher who has a great interest in

community development. He is the Parents' and Friends' Association representative, and lives at Giffard with wife Nicky and children, Kate, who's in Year 11, and Sophie, Year 8, where he operates a merino sheep farm.

Until recently Peter also did off-farm work, like rural financial counselling.

Taking a leadership role is not new for Peter, as he is a former member of the Yarram Secondary College Executive and was also a shire councillor.

Profiles of other Board members will appear in the next Veritas.



■ Bishop Jeffrey Driver



■ Brian Turner



■ Peter Jennings

Old Scholar hits the boards

Old Scholar Nicholas Moore has been awarded a \$3000 scholarship by Monash University.

The Faculty of Arts offered the Honours Scholarship to Nicholas in recognition of his excellent academic record and commitment while completing his Bachelor of Arts.

The money will help research children's theatre, a focus for Nicholas this year.

As an avid thespian, Nicholas played the principal role in a recent Melbourne show called "Sunday in the Park", a Stephen Sondheim play, which received great attention from leading figures nationally.

While he prefers to act, Nicholas has also dabbled in directing and production management - "the more technical side of things", according to the former Class of 1998 student.

Students get their hands dirty

The new Horticulture and Landscaping Program has enhanced the Year 9 Centre at the Garnsey Campus.

The Year 9 students have planted, built and maintained the gardens, fountain and hedges within the area as well as establishing a productive vegetable and herb garden on the southern side of the playing fields.

The program is aimed at developing the knowledge and the skills to build and maintain a garden and all the features associated with it. For example, the students have been working with cement, mortar and concrete, learning how to mix and apply them when mending concrete tanks and laying pipes under concrete paths.

They have also been propagating and growing plants from seed and cuttings in addition to learning about soil preparation, planting, growing and harvesting vegetables and herbs.

Former teacher dedicates Japanese garden



A teacher's love for her school and students was highlighted at a special ceremony at Senior School involving retired teacher Helen Patton.

The former teacher of Japanese worked at the School for more than 10 years and after retiring in 2000, donated funds as a symbol of her affection for the School and the community. The result is a special Japanese garden that is a feature of the McGhee Street entrance to the Information Services Centre.

At the opening Mrs Patton dedicated the garden to her late husband, Brian Patton, who was killed in a forestry accident many years ago.

"I hope they [the garden and trees] bring lots of enjoyment to those at the School and in Sale for many years to come," she said. "It's quite a sobering thought really, the trees have the potential to blossom for a 100 years, long after we've gone."

The garden is also a symbol of the effort Mrs Patton put into developing the extensive Japanese program the School boasts today.

She was the driving force behind establishing the sister school relationship with Hikarigaoka Girls High School in Okazaki, Japan, and escorted students to that country on many occasions.

Mrs Patton now lives at Surf Beach, near Bateman's Bay, NSW, and took the opportunity to visit many friends while in the area for the garden opening.

One of Mrs Patton's former students Fiona Neumann, a qualified nurserywoman at Garden Cottage Nursery in Sale, advised the School with plant selection and landscaping ideas.

■ Above, Mrs Patton and Principal Tony Horsley enjoy the garden.

■ Below, the plaque that is displayed in the Japanese garden.



Peter's tops in biology



Year 12 student Peter Reisinger is one of Australia's best biology students.

Peter was one of 20 Australians invited to attend a special Rio Tinto Biology Summer School, held in Canberra, in preparation for entry into the four-member Australian Science Olympiad team to represent the nation at the International Biology Olympiad to be held in Latvia.

He didn't make the team but still impressed with his results.

Speaking at School Assembly, Peter said being involved in biology at such a high standard was a great experience and the hardest and most intense times of his life.

"The camp was designed to find the top four Australian students to represent Australia overseas and I am proud to be ranked among those 20, actually it was 16, because four didn't complete the fortnight (at the summer camp).

"During those two weeks I learnt a whole first year university biology course and I worked harder than I have ever worked in my life," he said.

"It was up at 7.30am, leave the dining area by 8.45am, lectures until 10.30am, 10 minutes break, lectures until 12.30pm, lunch for 30 minutes, lectures until 3pm, another short break, lectures until 6pm, then 40 minutes for tea, then lectures until 10pm. Bed by 11pm, up again at 7.30am and so on.

"As a break from lectures, we had theory and practical exams...the four-hour exam not only had 32 short answer questions, it also had 220 multiple choice, which is more than I've ever seen on one exam in my life."

He learnt things about the respiratory tract of worms, the development of a frog embryo, plant viruses, eyes, blood, evolution of radial species, Dolly the cloned sheep and literally hundreds of other things.

Peter lives in Toongabbie and is the only Gippsland Grammar student to be selected to participate in such a noteworthy experience.



Bound for the UK

Year 12 student David Phillipson is one of only three RAAF Air Cadets from across Australia who will travel to the United Kingdom in July as part of cadet exchange program.

David has been a member of the Royal Australian Air Force Cadets at East Sale for five years and was nominated to take part by his superiors.

For an entire month, he will be an ambassador for Gippsland and the Australian Air Force Cadets as he visits various military bases throughout England.

The aim of the International Air Cadet Exchange is to foster knowledge of the defence force and give young people an insight into the organisation on the world scale.

David is a member of 409 Squadron, which meets at the RAAF Base East Sale every Tuesday night.

David, an Air Cadet Flight-Sergeant, was involved in a stringent interview process in Melbourne before being selected for the exchange. He is one of a few from Gippsland ever chosen to take part.

He believes the Air Cadets have given him good grounding as he works towards making a career as a commercial pilot.



Rowers enjoy successful season

It's been another successful year for the strong Gippsland Grammar rowing team.

Frank Stone coached the senior boys and the scullers, with John Tilleard and Malcolm Ralton coaching the Year 10 boys. Scottish GAP student Dave McNeill coached the senior girls, while Emma Charrington, a GAP student from Sydney University, coached the Year 9 and Year 10 girls.

The senior boys started the season with Daniel Gooch in the stroke seat, and Mark Tyndall 3, James Sundermann 2, and Tim Cooke bow, with the experienced David Kent coxing.

Early in the season Daniel suffered a back injury and James was forced to step into the stroke seat and Andy McDavitt joined the crew. The crew started competition without much initial success but improved its placing with every regatta.

The season climaxed with the Australian National Championships at Nagambie Lakes, where the boys placed 4th in the U19 coxed fours and 4th in the schoolboys' coxed fours. Nick Marton, who had sculled all season, also competed at the Nationals, placing 2nd in the C final of the schoolboys sculls and 7th in the A final of the U17 division.

The Year 10 boys also had a very successful season. Stroked by Harrison Wraight and coxed by Rob Tilleard, the crew of Rob Scrivenor, Jackson Zaal and Brendan Walker won the Victorian U16 4+ title, the Victorian Schoolboys Year 10 coxed four title and the U16 coxed four Victorian Country Championship.

Sadly, Stuart Kent, who had rowed with this crew in Year 9 missed out on a seat in the boat. Next year, they will all be competing for seats in the first four with Dan Gooch and James Sundermann.

The girls' crews were full of enthusiasm and worked very hard throughout the season with mixed success.

The senior girls coxed quad scull had a succession of rowers in the bow seat, including Terri Lea Joyce, Tami Taumololo and Claire Francis, who all had to drop out through injury and illness. Katherine Clyne stepped up from the seconds to fill the breach.



■ One of the girls' teams prepares for action.

The crew was Briannon Avery stroke, Kate Jennings 3, Kate Treasure 2 and Katherine Clyne bow, with Lauren Zwierlein coxing. The crew was coached in the second half of the season by Jim Kent and competed in five regattas, becoming more competitive throughout the season.

The final regatta of the season was the Schoolgirls Head of the River on the Barwon River at Geelong. This year all the crews were entered in a division higher than last year. The seniors and the Year 10 and Year 9 crews all rowed in division two, while sculler Jessica Wraight rowed in division one.

The senior firsts ended the season with a third in the Petit Final of Open Division two. Rowing in the senior girls seconds were two Year 12 beginners - Yuka Matsuoka, our first Japanese exchange student rower, in the 3 seat and Rebecca Walker, stroke. With the problems in the firsts, they lost Katherine Clyne.



At the Schoolgirls Regatta, with GAP student Emma Charrington [coach] in the bow seat and Alice Tovey [Year 9] in the 2 seat and coxed by replacement Marianne McCormick, they won the Petit Final division 4 Open Schoolgirls which was a great result.

The Year 10 girls stroked by Victoria Peavey, with Madeleine Davies, Hayley Cowie, Alice Tovey and coxed by Marianne McCormick and coached by Emma Charrington, rowed consistently throughout the season for some excellent results. At the Schoolgirls Head of the River they advanced to the semi-finals of division two.

The Year 9 girls' quad scull had a great season, rowing in five regattas and nearly always winning a B final. At the Schoolgirls, rowing in division two (one higher than the rest of the season), they rowed tenaciously to win the Petit Final by three lengths. The crew comprised Amanda Scrivenor, Kylie Lillburne, Katie Butcher and Phoebe Smith, coxed by Leigh Ting and coached by Emma Charrington.

Jessica Wraight who only took up single sculling this season, improved her competitiveness with every regatta. At the Australian National Titles, she was placed 2nd in the C final of the U19 women's scull and 1st in the B final of the Schoolgirls scull. At the Schoolgirls Head of the River, Jessica placed 3rd in the semi-final, consolidating her position as the 4th fastest schoolgirl sculler in Victoria.

Jessica is joint Captain of Boats with Mark Tyndall.

■ The under 16 Victorian Coxed Four team of, from left, Harrison Wraight, Brendan Walker, Rob Tilleard, Rob Scrivenor and Jackson Zaal celebrate after receiving their medals at Ballarat.

Sports the Japanese way



All of the Junior School students recently participated in a Japanese Sports Carnival as part of its second language program.

The day of fun activities resembled a sports day in Japanese primary schools, according to visiting Japanese teacher Mayuko Mimura.

Each child wore an 'hachimaki', or head band, in traditional Japanese red and white colours to depict teams and rotated throughout the school grounds participating in team activities, which is exactly how a primary school in Japan would conduct its sport days.

"Sport is a great, fun way of learning other country's traditions and culture," Mayuko said.

"It really reminded me of home but the best part of the day was the enthusiasm of the children and their smiles."

Mayuko has been working with students at Gippsland Grammar as an assistant teacher since the beginning of the year and will continue until the end of term two.

Babies' Prom hits high note

Music can delight people of all ages and the proof was on show at the now annual Gippsland Grammar Babies' Prom Concert.

The special concert was designed to introduce music to the region's young children, an aim it successfully achieved. The Prom was a huge success with more than 60 youngsters and about 50 parents in tow.

Faces beamed as they listened intently to the different sounds made by each orchestra instrument played by our students. It was an interactive concert, which gave the children (and parents) an opportunity to dance and sing with the Gippsland Grammar orchestra as well as play the instruments.

Children from as young as two took part in the fun-filled hour, which because of its success last year and again this year has now be secured as an annual event on the calendar of the Gippsland Grammar Friends of Music.



■ Christopher Dennis of Glenmaggie gets a helping hand on the trombone from Year 12 student Edward Moore.

Extra special guests at Junior School

The Junior School has again welcomed more than 150 grandparents and special friends at the annual Grandparents' Day celebrations.

In fact the day has become such a fixture that one couple travelled all the way from England for the occasion. Alan and Molly Moseley are the grandparents of the Gunn children - Hannah, who's just started in Prep, Sarah, in composite Year 3 and 4, and Rachel, Year 5.

Parents Kerry and David Gunn also attended the special morning. "It's just great to have Nanny and Grandan (that's what she calls them) here, they actually came last year and liked it so much they decided to come back," Rachel said. "They planned their holidays around it."

The Day was also an opportunity to officially welcome the new Dean, The Very Rev. Brian Turner, to the Junior School.

As part of the event, children treated their guests to a guided tour of the School, their classrooms and other meaningful areas of the picturesque grounds surrounding the historic buildings.

Head of Junior School Garry Gray emphasised the significance of the annual event.



He said the School valued the assistance and support of grandparents and special friends.

■ Above, Brothers Jayden and Shaun Knowles offer their grandparents Margaret and Tom Trotter a cuppa and a bite to eat after a tour of the school on Grandparents Day.

■ Right, Prep twins Liam and Emma Harris show their grandfather Barry Alps around their new school.



STAGGfair a great success



■ Above, Entertaining the large STAGGfair crowd is the Gippsland Grammar Concert Band.

■ Left, Year 7 students Pollyanna Gibson and Kirsten Oliver 'ride' their snails to the line in the snail race - a first at the annual STAGGfair.

Gippsland Grammar 2002 Presentation Ball



In May, 74 of our students were presented to the Right Reverend Jeffrey Driver, Bishop of Gippsland and Mrs Lindy Driver, in the presence of Mr Tony Horsley, Principal of Gippsland Grammar and Mrs Jenny Horsley, at the Annual Presentation Ball.

It was a fun night for all, including Pageboy Jake Meade and Pagegirl Sarah Bedggood.

After being "presented", the students re-entered the hall and performed the Rumba, the Gypsy Tap and the Marilyn. Dance Co-ordinators Pauline and Ron Wilson did a marvellous job preparing the students for the evening.

To conclude the formal section, parents danced three dances with their sons and daughters.

The night was supported by many different people. The Parents' and Friends' worked very hard under the instruction of Cheri Hiron to transform the Sale Memorial Hall into a beautiful ballroom with an 'Autumn' theme. A network of friends have been formed through many hours of collecting and spraying autumn leaves, curling ribbons and creating magnificent table centres.

During the formalities the students and their guests enjoyed supper catered by 'Relish'. Twenty-six Year 10 students were trained by East Gippsland Institute of TAFE to wait on tables throughout the evening with Year 10 parents helping in the kitchen.

Co-ordinating the Ball was Ann Zaal, while Master of Ceremonies was Head of Senior School Martin Oates.

Students and guests danced to Bairnsdale group 'Encore' until 1am.

Our 2002 Debutantes and Partners are:

Back Row(L-R):

Andy McDavitt, Luke Ross, Mark Hooper, Stanton Morley, Callan Coleman, Ben Gannon, Matt Soutter, Daniel Gooch, Kim McLeod, Kristian Fuessel, James Sundermann, Ty Radnell, Jason Webster, Jacob Kinniburgh.

Fifth Row(L-R):

Claire Francis, Kali Bateman, Laura May, Kathryn Clyne, Emma Allchurch, Anna Dowsett, Katherine Toyer,



■ For one of the debutantes, Alison Macqueen, the hours of practice and preparation for the Presentation Ball almost came to nothing. Alison injured her ankle just prior to the big night and thoughts of sitting on the sidelines must have been going through her mind. However, with the expert assistance of local physiotherapist John Meade, Alison managed to get through the event, thanks to lots of dedication and a heavily strapped left ankle.

Mayumi Tomita, Rosalie Richards, Kathleen Connor, Terri-Lea Joyce, Ann-Christine Wohler, Brea Adams, Merinda Ries.

Fourth Row(L-R):

Brody Kennedy, Ryan Crawford, Rohan Lay, Michael Seton, Dylan Long, Patrick North, Greg Johnston, Chris Arnold, Josh Darby, Brenton Llewellyn, Nick Pribil, David Llewellyn, Nick Marton.

Third Row(L-R):

Anna Melville, Clare Ferguson, Amy Joyce, Lucy Vardy, Bianca Beasley, Kirsty Irving, Hannah Shoemaker, Sabrina Norris, Louise Rottenberry, Briannon Avery, Wendy Crawford, Kate Jennings, Lauren Zwielerlein.

Second Row(L-R):

Cameron Boyle, Will Flanagan, Tom Elliman, Lachlan Moon, Ben Muir, Mr Ron Wilson(Trainer), Mrs Pauline Wilson(Trainer), Justine Johnston, John Hewitt, Daniel Goodwin, Tim Black, Josh Newman, Michael Elliman, Nick Fairweather.

Front Row(L-R):

Natalie Day, Felicity Howden, Chloe Field, Eshini Perera, Stephanie Gray, Jake Meade, Mrs Lindy Driver, The Right Reverend Jeffrey Driver (Bishop of Gippsland), Mr Tony Horsley (Principal), Mrs Jenny Horsley, Sarah Bedggood, Natalie O'Connell, Kate Treasure, Trish Sellings, Winnie van der Wal, Alison Macqueen.

Back-to-back shooting success

Senior students have won the School's third consecutive interschool shooting title.

The team narrowly took the Howard and Schuback Full Bore Rifle Shooting Interschool championships from six other regional schools.

Only two points separated Gippsland Grammar and Lavalla Catholic College, Traralgon.

It's the third year in a row that we have won the annual event, held at Rosedale Shooting Range, and the 11th time we have won the perpetual trophy in the event's 17-year history.

As well we had the top shooter at the meet, Year 11 student Rohan Lay winning the Top Gun of the Day Award on a count back. He had a clean-shoot of 40 out of 40, which was the result of hitting eight bullseyes.

He teamed with other senior students Daniel Lade, Jon Clarke, Daniel Gooch and Alex Ries to win the event.

These senior students together with teachers at the School will now work with younger students in preparation for upcoming events on the shooting calendar.

■ Daniel Gooch, Alex Ries, Rohan Lay, Daniel Lade and Jonathan Clarke make up the victorious shooting team, which is coached by Jan MacLean.



■ Gippsland Grammar senior shooting team captain Daniel Lade shows style as he leads his team to victory.



Another win to Cranswick Dargo

Congratulations to Cranswick Dargo on winning the Senior School House Athletics. The final scores were: Cranswick Dargo 1497, Blundell-Bogong 1399, Wellington Binks 1388 and Tisdall-Hotham 1270.

Age group champions were: Pascale Yeates and Owen Budge, under 21; Natalie O'Connell and Stanton Morley, under 17; Julia Noble and Jackson Zaal, under 16; Megan Kenny and Harrison Wraight, under 15; Louise Sundermann and Nathan Moore, under 14; Jacinta Christiansen and Craig Huffer, under 13.



■ Above, the age group champions show off their awards, while Cranswick Dargo House Guy McGrath and Jessica Wraight, left, proudly hold the House Carnival Trophy aloft.

'Emergency' rams home safety message



This looks like a horrific car accident, but believe it or not, it's actually a science class.

It was all part of the Year 10 science curriculum and a new program being initiated at the Senior School.

Victoria Police and Rural Ambulance Victoria were also involved with a speed detection session using radar, laser and digitectors, and an accident and emergency talk about the consequences of bad driving.

The simulation made it a very real experience for senior school students, who gathered around the scene of the simulated car collision to watch the State Emergency Service personnel cut students out using the Jaws of Life.

It was an ordeal vehicle occupants, Julia Noble, Tristan Howard, Chloe Hollands and Tim Currie say they never want to experience again.

While they knew they were safe, the noise which engulfed the car, the vibration and the feeling of really not knowing what was going on, made it scary.

Senior Constable John McMillan, of Sale Police said it was the first time the Jaws of Life had been demonstrated at the school but hoped it would be an annual occurrence.

It all complements the national "Keys Please" program, encouraging learner drivers to ask their parents to drive in all conditions.

Cross country tradition continues

The great tradition of cross country running at Gippsland Grammar is continuing, with our team taking on the best schools in the State and earning a bronze medal at the Victorian Schools Cross Country Relay Championships.

There must be something in the Gippsland air, because the under 16 boys team, consisting of Harrison Wraight, James O'Connor, Tyson Poppleston and Craig Huffer competed brilliantly against 26 other teams.

It was an exceptional effort given that the Gippsland Grammar team had 12 and 14 year-old team members competing against older boys, but still completed the 12km course in a time of 55 minutes and 37 seconds, ahead of squads from Trinity Grammar and Wesley, Xavier, Scotch and Marcellin colleges.

Huffer, who is just 12, ran the third fastest time in the under 16 category, 10:14. Wraight's time for the three kilometre course was 11:33, while O'Connor ran 11:06 and Poppleston 10:30.

Peninsula School won the under 16 boys event in a time of 54:17 and Caulfield Grammar came in second with 55:13.

Private and public schools from throughout the State participated in the event held at the Harold Stevens Athletics track at Coburg.

Gippsland Grammar was one of only a few country schools to take part, and entered seven teams. The under 14 girls team made up of Morgan Todd, Maddie Walker, Nayomi Perera and Kerryn Pickard placed 11th as did the under 14 boys team of Steven Wright, Phil Cousins, Patrick O'Connor and Curtis Hiron.

Gippsland Grammar's teacher in charge of cross country, Jenny Dyke, says last year we also won bronze but this year's success is far more noteworthy because of the age of our team members.

State selection



Elizabeth Semmens will represent Victoria at the Australian Polocrosse Titles in Darwin in July.

It is the first time the 14 year old student has been chosen to play in a representative side and will be part of an eight-member under 16 junior mixed team. Elizabeth has also been awarded the role of team vice-captain.

The Sale Polocrosse player competed in five selection tournaments to qualifying for the titles, although the hard work is far from over with an intensive training period ahead. The Semmens family headed to Darwin in June to prepare for the titles.

Elizabeth's efforts also earned her a monthly Gippstar award.

Can you help us find these Old Boys?

If you know the whereabouts of anyone on the following list please contact Chris Harrison in the Development Office by phoning 5143 6315 or via email: chris.harrison@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au

- Ian Smith ■ Timothy Sligo
- Stephen Short ■ Gavin Matthews
- Martin De Ross ■ Leonard Newton
- Ian Prain ■ Andrew Pritchett
- Michael Lambert ■ Colin Peirce
- Peter Rochford-Webster ■ Ivor Lee
- Thomas Derham ■ Dale Wilson
- Graham Parr ■ Peter Jeffs
- Gary Cranston ■ John Brady
- Thomas Cameron ■ Robert Mulligan
- Malcolm Wrigglesworth ■ John Astill
- Graeme Martin ■ Glenister Maher
- Rodney Pattinson ■ Kevin Young
- Derek Kindschuh ■ Robert Bosworth
- Howard Wootton ■ Bevan Pearson
- Robert Bulmer ■ Rodney Dunlop
- Sandy McMicking ■ Stephen Colbert
- Brian Downes ■ Roy Buckton
- Rod Falcke

Old Scholar's boxing career in limbo

Former student Nathan Croucher made his professional boxing debut earlier in the year but now his career's in limbo.

The 24-year-old has been forced out of the sport, at least for the moment, after a compulsory brain scan found abnormalities following his first professional fight.

Nathan made his professional boxing debut in Melbourne in March, winning the high-pressure bout against former Australian and Queensland amateur champion Matthew Shaw.

Despite his success, the compulsory post-bout brain scan required by the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board showed an abnormality and he is now not in a position to fight.

Nathan had a successful amateur boxing career, winning 36 fights from 40 bouts including three Australian titles.

He is trained by James Slatter and former Scottish boxing great Pat McElhinney. Nathan's entry into professional boxing ensured the continuance of a strong family tradition that dates back 110 years.

It all started with Nathan's great-grandfather Harry in 1890 in



Southampton, England. Nathan's father Mick and his grandfather as well as other family members have competed in the boxing ring at one stage or another.

Nathan is a construction worker with Advance Pre-Cast Post Tensioned Concrete Systems, of Dandenong, and one of three Croucher children who attended Gippsland Grammar.

Bridie will graduate from Melbourne University later this year to work as a stockbroker while Rachel is undertaking a Melbourne University scholarship studying European History and German in Lithuania for 12 months.

The family moved from Gippsland to Melbourne in 1998.

Liah earns scholarships

Liah Clark, a student in Year 12 last year, has accepted two scholarships in recent times. After achieving a VCE ENTER score of 98.6, she was inundated with scholarships and offers. Liah has accepted a scholarship from Melbourne University to undertake and complete an Arts/Engineering course.



She also received an Invergowrie Foundation Scholarship of several thousand dollars to use during her studying years. Liah was second in Gippsland Grammar's order of merit last year. She now resides at Janet Clarke Hall at Melbourne University.



■ Old scholar Lanie Pacunskis graduated from the Victorian Police Academy earlier in the year. Constable Pacunskis, who finished Year 12 in 1999, is now stationed at Moe. She is the daughter of Bob and Joyce Pacunskis, Traralgon.

From the archives

The Gippsland Grammar archives are in the process of being catalogued. As part of that project, we are seeking to identify a wide range of photographs, some of which we will print in Veritas.

If you can help with any names on these photographs we would love to hear from you.

The first group is an un-named sports group, probably from the late 1960s or early 1970s, and the other photo from St Anne's is a 1950's choir.

Any information should be sent to the School, by fax on 03 51436347 or by post to Gippsland Grammar Archives, PO Box 465 Sale 3850.



Old Scholars Bursary

The Old Scholars' Association is again offering a bursary to assist the children of former students.

The bursary is being offered to children of Old Scholars who are not currently enrolled at the School and are entering Years 10, 11 or 12 in 2003.

For further information contact our Registrar, Mrs Jenni Demarte at the Senior School, 5143 6388.

Archers right on target

Four Gippsland Grammar students, Tom Hammer, Edward Bowring, Kyle Jones and Rachel Gunn were successful at the recent National IFAA Championships hosted by The Phoenix Archery Club of Sale.

Senior School students, Tom, Edward and Kyle competed in the Junior Boys' divisions, with Tom winning the Junior Barebow Compound A division, closely followed by Edward in second place. Kyle won the C division.

Rachel, who is in Year 5, won the girls under 12 compound barebow division.

She won in five rounds in front of two Australian champion archers. Not a bad effort considering she only took up the sport a little over 12 months ago and it was her first national title.

Dress donated

Donations of School memorabilia is always gratefully received, with the most recent addition to the School's archives an Indian dress.

Former student Deborah Skelton who attended the school between 1963 and 1966 owned the dress and donated it to the School. She wore the dress at the 1965 Year 11 boarders end of year celebrations, which was featured in Ann Andrew's written history of the School on page 59. The Indian dress is made from an old sugar bag and features embroidery.

Preps to Year 12s unite in the arena



An admirable demonstration of teamwork resulted in an overall second place for Gippsland Grammar horse riders at the prestigious Equestrian Federation Association of Victoria Interschool Championships.

A squad of 13 riders, boasting students across the entire school from Prep to Year 12, competed in the event that is regarded as the strongest on the State's interschool calendar.

We came a close second to Tintern Grammar, Melbourne. Toorak College was placed third.

The Gippsland Grammar squad was made up of Stephanie Bond, Erica Bromwich, Kathlene Connor, Alice Connor, Renae Cook, Sophie Crooke, Ashleigh Ellen, Hilary Gooding, Emma Gooding, Olivia O'Connor, Courtney Shears, Teagan Stephenson and Louise Sundermann.

Team leader Pauline Lay attributed the title to the riders' teamwork.

She said the great part of this year's success was that riders from Prep to Year 12 took part and commended the way they all worked together.

The championships were held at Werribee Park and attracted 97 teams and 475 individual competitors. It is the second time in the event's three-year history that our School has come runners-up, while a third last year means the team has always finished in the top three.

Jan Embling of Longford coached the local team, travelling to Werribee to lend a helping hand and offer advice.

This year the event was made up of seven different disciplines - best rider, smartest on parade, dressage, mounted games, handy mount, showjumping and showjumping equitation - with each team member required to take part in four and each team to compete in six of the seven.

The next event on the agenda is the Gippsland Secondary Schools Interschool Gymkhana, scheduled for term three.



Amendments

In the last issue we omitted a couple of names from last year's study score list. Study scores are achieved in each subject and the maximum score achievable is 50.

2001 Year 12 students Alex Marriot-Smith received 45 in Geography and Alison Wilde achieved 40 in English. Aaron Nelson-Mathews's tertiary destination was also left out; he is studying at the Australian Defence Forces Academy.