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Science of smiles... These Gippsland Grammar students have earned the right to have a big smile, after finishing in the top one percent of students in the Australian Schools' Science Competition. Each of this group received High Distinction awards, and was presented with their certificates by local scientist Jack Winterbottom.

The promising young scientists include (back left to right) Claire De Steiger, Emma Bush, Daniel Sealock, Emma Oates, Richard McKimm and (front) David Cristofaro and Matthew Iversen.

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From the Principal

The actions now taking place following the attack a little over a year ago on the World Trade Centre in New York, brings into sharp focus for all of us the issues of leadership and truth.

Ever since the terrorist attack, in which nearly 3,000 people lost their lives, the vowed intent of the American people is to deal effectively with terrorism, firstly in Afghanistan and secondly anywhere in the world where terrorism is supported.

Australia's strong support of the United States over this issue and calls for an invasion of Iraq means, I am sure, that we are included in the title of "The West".

The difficulty about this issue is knowing what is the truth. Recently the British Prime Minister, Mr Blair, released a dossier on the list of weapons being developed and stockpiled in Iraq that suggests that there is little doubt over the issue. The Russians on the other hand have dismissed the evidence as propaganda.

There is a strong call for Australia not to act in concert with the United States unless there is a resolution from the United Nations to take strong action. It is clear that Saddam Hussein has defied the UN resolution before.

The response of the international community to his defiance has caused significant problems for the Iraqi people but it seems that such sanctions miss the real targets.

Of equal and considerable importance to us is the plight of the asylum seekers who hoped that Australia might be a suitable place for them to seek refuge from oppressive regimes. On the face of it these are the sorts of people we Australians feel we must help.

But the government minister tells us that all is not as it seems and suggests that many of these so-called refugees are bogus.

The problem for all of us is: Where is the truth? What information can we trust?

Our desire in circumstances such as these is to do what is best for those in need. Our Christian heritage urges us

to help others who are in dire circumstances and to be generous.

But the most difficult aspect of these crises is ascertaining the truth. Not being sure can lead to hesitation or a refusal to act in case we do the wrong thing, while being too overbearing can create other issues.

Therefore it requires courage to be a strong leader, while leadership also requires compassion and sensitivity. We want those who lead us to look kindly on the weak and oppressed, to act decisively with those who perpetrate atrocities and ensure that all are treated fairly.

I often talk about the need for truth to be sought, which is reflected in our School motto and translates from the Latin to "Truth, Freedom, You."

It is important for the students to be encouraged to be passionate for the truth, especially as justice and truth have a strong alliance. Amnesty International, which has a Chapter within our School, seeks to ensure that justice prevails in all nations.

The students are concerned about such issues and I am pleased their concerns are being expressed in tangible ways. I am pleased too that they seek to exercise leadership in such matters. Leadership can be expressed in many different forms and I believe that students who join such organisations to work for peace and justice are demonstrating leadership, which has its foundations in truth.

I often talk about leadership and the School provides many opportunities for this for our students. The House Drama Festival held in the last week of Term 3 was one such opportunity.

The performances were outstanding and the scripts clever and humorous. I was as usual, struck by the leadership exercised by the students and the tight cooperation between all ages within the senior school.

Wellington-Binks was awarded best play and Eddie Moore and Kirsty Irving best actor and actress respectively. It can be a cliché to say that all plays and actors were deserving of these accolades, but in truth all plays were outstanding and many of the students gave fine performances.

The adjudicator for the Festival was former Head of Senior School (1994 - 2000), Mr Michael Beazer. He told me he had a great time and thoroughly

enjoyed the performances even though he had the arduous duty of choosing the best.

His involvement demonstrates once again the affection and strong ties that are developed by being part of the School community. Such strong feelings of attachment stem from the quality of the student body and for the ideals and standards to which we are all encouraged to hold.

Of equal significance in terms of teamwork and leadership was the efforts and performance of the School Cross-Country team. They competed in both the GIS and ICCES competitions winning both aggregate and handicap trophies at each. Their success was built on the community spirit that prevails in the School. They worked hard for each other under the careful and caring oversight of Miss Jenny Dyke.

Our School debating teams, who have been enjoying success over the past two years because of their dedication and strong leadership, impress me equally. Miss Dosser has prepared them well and they have risen to the challenge.

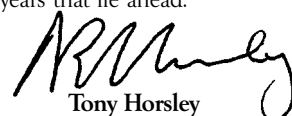
I cannot complete my article for Veritas without mentioning the tragic loss of young Stacey Lowe who lost her life whilst on a skiing holiday with her parents. Stacey was a Year 5 student at the School and had been a member of the School for about three years. Her sister Lauren is in Year 3.

In the days that followed her death the School sought to support her family and to assist the students to deal with this tragedy. I am grateful for the efforts of Mr Gray (Head of the Junior School), Rev David Jones (the School Chaplain) and Mr Jeff MacRaid (Stacey's Year 5 teacher) who made themselves available for support for whomever required it within the School community.

The students were magnificent and they too helped us to come to terms with the loss that was felt so keenly.

I was extremely proud of the leadership exercise by so many, particularly in the memorial service held at the School and the funeral held at the Cathedral.

We extend to Stacey's family our support and sympathy. May God give them comfort in the days, weeks, months and years that lie ahead.


Tony Horsley

Dinner Auction raises big dollars



The School's Auction Dinner in August was a huge success, raising more than \$21,000.

Many diverse items and services went under auctioneer's hammer, with a weekend for 10 people at Sorrento the top item, worth \$1,420.00.

Among some of the other auctioned goods were six trays of Hydroponic tomatoes which made \$180, six tap-dance lessons which fetched \$170 and a dinner at Parliament House raising \$420.

An Alpaca wether made \$520 and The Footy Show football, signed by Lou Richards, Eddie McGuire and Sam Newman, brought \$240.

During the fun and excitement of the evening, which also included a silent auction and raffles, everyone indulged in a three course Chinese meal but it was the tremendous community support that made the night such a success.

The special fundraiser was organised by the Old Scholars' Association in conjunction with the Parents' and Friends' Association, and money raised will help fund future programs.

■ Above: Getting big dollars for The Footy Show autographed football are John Duncan, Paul Harrison and auctioneer John Elliman.

■ Below: Alan and Katherine Hollonds take a closer look at the hamper they purchased at the Dinner Auction.



Scholarship winners

A number of students have been awarded scholarships to attend Gippsland Grammar.

Shaun Knowles, who is currently completing Year 6 at the Junior School, has been awarded the Lorna Sparrow Scholarship.

Others who received academic scholarships for Year 7 next year are Daniel Candy, Alycia Jacobs, Gordon Meredith and Abbie Minter while Mitchell Johnson was awarded a general excellence scholarship.

Science students in top one percent

Gippsland Grammar students have again demonstrated their ability to understand and apply various scientific concepts, with a number of students in the top one percent of the Australian Schools' Science Competition.

The School's best performance came from seven senior students who received High Distinction awards, placing them in the top one percent of students in the State.

These students were Emma Bush, David Cristofaro, Claire De Steiger, Matthew Iversen and Emma Oates from Year 7; and Richard McKimm and Daniel Sealock, both in Year 9.

Local scientist Jack Winterbottom visited the school to present students with their certificates. Mr Winterbottom is a Maffra veterinarian who says Science has enabled him to travel the world.

A further 49 of our students gained distinction certificates, placing them in the top 10 percent of the State. In all, 321 Gippsland Grammar students participated in the competition this year.

The entire competition attracted more than 450,000 students from across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Region.

It is an initiative of the Educational Testing Centre at the University of New South Wales and provides a valuable independent assessment of student scientific abilities. It is also regarded as being important in the planning of future teaching programs.

School combines study and service

Some of our students are set to tackle an important project to help eradicate the noxious weed, African Lovegrass.

The project, which will form part of the Year 9 Science course, will map the weed's distribution and help identify and report outbreaks throughout Wellington Shire.

The Contributing to Australian Scholarship and Science (CASS) Foundation awarded the School \$6000 to install special computer mapping software to carry out the project. The CASS Foundation is a private charitable foundation created to support and promote the advancement of education, science and medicine, and research in those fields.

In this case the support will help tackle the highly persistent summer-growing tussock grass, which is spreading rapidly in many areas of Wellington Shire, including Perry Bridge, Meerlieu, Stockdale and Briagolong. While the Department of

Natural Resources and Environment has introduced an eradication program, not much is known of the plant.

It is hoped the data gathering and research work carried out by the students will develop a useful database to help NRE fight the problem.

The initiative, called the Weedwatch Project, will be ongoing and is expected to expand to other regions and other weeds in the future.

African Lovegrass is a big issue affecting all Gippslanders and this project is a great way for students and the school community to rally together and help. It's also a great opportunity for students to participate in a 'hands-on' research.

In coming months students will prepare a questionnaire that will form the basis of the research.

■ Year 9 Science teacher Gregg Cook and Year 9 students Kirsty Melville and Tim Langford are all geared up to help fight the war against weeds.



Debating teams talk their way to the top

Gippsland Grammar is doing very well in school debating competitions across the State.

The School competes in three different competitions against many other notable schools including St Paul's Warragul, Chairi Christian School, Marist Sion Catholic Regional College, Mary McKillop Catholic College and Newhaven College.

The junior debaters (Year 7 and 8) have been incredibly strong and are undefeated with one debate to go for the year. If this team wins the next competition, it will have won everything in the last two years of competition. The team consists of Laura Swasbrick, Oliver Waters, Nicholas Tam (all Year 8) and Sarah Marrocco (Year 7).

At the Debaters Association of Victoria (All Schools) in Melbourne our A grade

team made up of Vicki Falconer-Pritchard, Mark Vella, Suzy Gordon, Michael Cherry, Tahlia Meredith, Brenton O'Connor, Tim Cooke and Peter Reisinger, placed fifth.

The Year 11 team of Stephanie Gray, Kirsty Irving, Libby Morris, Claire Francis, Emma Allchurch, Nic Marton, came sixth and the Year 10s, consisting of Elese Cartledge, Penny Davis, Robert Tilleard, Mira Guirguis, Chloe Saunders, Chelsea Oliver came third.

Gippsland Grammar won the both the ICCES and GIS competitions this year.

■ From left to right: Back: Oliver Waters. Middle: Jenny Cumming, Lucinda Walker, Anna Renaldson-O'Kane, Sophie Jennings, Victoria Lawrence, Tess Robinson. Front: Laura Swasbrick, Stephanie Bond. Absent: Nicholas Tam, Eliza Harrison and Sarah Marrocco (Sarah is the only Year 7 member of the team).



Students head to Science forum



Two Gippsland Grammar students have been selected to attend the prestigious National Youth Science Forum.

Year 11 students Nic Marton and Hannah Shoemaker will represent the School and the entire Eastern Victoria Region (Dandenong to Mallacoota) at the Australian National University in Canberra in January.

They endured a rigorous interview process before being asked to join other students from across the nation at the two-week forum during the summer holidays. In preparation for the trip, the two budding scientists will attend a Forum Orientation Day later in the year.

Nic and Hannah now join quite a list of Gippsland Grammar students chosen to take part in the highly regarded Forum.

■ Nic Marton and Hannah Shoemaker in the Science room.

Our school is beginning to develop a tradition of having representatives at this major event.

The Forum encourages excellence, helps develop communication and interpersonal skills, teaches time management and promotes the value of a balanced life.

The National Youth Science Forum is in its 19th year and seeks to encourage students to continue to a tertiary course and a career in Science, Engineering or Technology related fields.

The program features two weeks of a dynamic mix of seminars, debates, workshops, visits to laboratories and key sites of interest in and around Canberra.

Essay receives recognition



An essay written by Year 12 student David Kent has been recognised at university level.

Monash University presented David with a Silver Globie High Distinction Award for an essay about the world's critical fresh water shortages.

David is studying Geography at Monash as part of his VCE under the School's university extension program. Gippsland Grammar works closely with Monash University offering some students the opportunity to undertake higher level subjects.

David's essay highlighted the global water situation and received attention from the coordinator of the subject. It made up 35% of his mark for the semester. After completing his VCE the Maffra resident wants to pursue a Science course majoring in Geography.

Active Foundation ensures School growth

Gippsland Grammar Foundation has re-formed with Gippsland Province MLC and School parent Philip Davis at the helm.

One of the first tasks of the rejuvenated Foundation is to initiate a Capital Campaign to redevelop the Science wing at the Garnsey Campus and to construct a new library at the St Anne's Campus.

A recent meeting of members elected new office bearers. As well as Mr Davis, they include Di Rowarth as Senior Vice President, Hilary Rash as Junior Vice President, Michael Allan, Treasurer and the School's Development Officer, Chris Harrison, as Secretary.

The Foundation was first established in 1985 as the fundraising arm of the School and is incorporated as a separate body. It is administered by a voluntary board of management and invites parents, Old Scholars, staff and friends to take up membership.

By strengthening interest and financial support for the School, the Foundation helps provide for the future both in terms of buildings and educational resources.

In the past it has helped students in need by providing scholarships, bursaries and extra resources to enhance the curriculum, and annually it offers the JAT Beard Travel Scholarship to staff members to enable them to undertake professional development.

The School relies on the support of its community and everyone is being encouraged to become involved in the Foundation and its new and exciting projects.

If you would like further information about the Foundation, contact Chris Harrison on 5143 6388.

Top Geography students

Three of our students - Doug Brumley, Glenn Campigli and Daniel Nelson - have been ranked among the best Geography students in the nation.

The three Year 10 students received high distinctions in the Australian Geography Competition, an annual competition that this year included an incredible 64,115 students from 695 schools throughout Australia.

A number of our other students also did very well in the competition, with Belinda Crossley, James Fleming, and Victoria Peavy earning distinction certificates, and Tom Plunkett a credit.

The Royal Geographic Society of Queensland hosts the competition each year. Geography provides a framework for the understanding of so many of today's prominent issues - globalisation, climate change, immigration levels, land degradation and poverty.

Helping the needy

Year 7 student April Hunt presents Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, the Very Rev'd Brian Turner, with mountains of food gathered for those in need. The Senior School students rallied to collect pantry items for the Sale Cathedral's Pantry, which distributes food to local people in need. April's class (pictured in the background) organised and co-ordinated the School appeal.



Maintaining a great environment

The old maintenance shed and workshop at the Junior School have been demolished to make room for added recreational areas for students.

The building, facing McMillan Street, was originally a private residence and had been the home of the maintenance department for about 16 years. But as the building grew older and the School population just grew, it was time for it to go.

The maintenance crew has moved over the road to 14 McMillan St, the old Gas and Fuel building.

But while the crew has moved on, many of the memories remain. Clerk of Works Stan Doak remembered when the old building was a residence.

He said when he began at the School, back in 1981, the maintenance crew was housed in what had been an old blacksmith's shop directly behind Lorna Sparrow Hall.

The School purchased the home and used it as a staff residence for a number of years before the maintenance crew gutted it, making room for work benches and the like. Now though, with the building gone the added space at the St Anne's Campus will be utilised as an extended playground featuring netball courts and cricket nets.

The new 'home' for the six Grounds and Maintenance Crew will share its new home with the Archives Department. Archives will occupy the front offices

and showroom with the view of having Gippsland Grammar memorabilia on display frequently.

■ Left, Clerk of Works Stan Doak, at the door of his old maintenance office. Mr Doak has been working at the School for nearly 22 years.



Refugees share their experience



■ Year 5 students Simon Connley, David Bartlett, Rory Oates talk with visiting refugee Masoud Haqiqi.

Students had the opportunity to understand the plight of refugees first hand when three asylum seekers visited the School recently as guests of our Amnesty International Group.

The experiences of two Iraqi and a Somali refugee helped inform students on the national debate about Australia's treatment of refugees. One visitor told of his experience at Woomera Detention Centre after he fled Iran.

"Woomera was very, very bad, the worst detention centre I've been to. After six months in the detention centre, the ACM [Australian Correctional Management] gave us one television, one newspaper and a one-line telephone, for more than 100 refugees. It was very, very dirty, it was very hot in the day and very cold at night because we were in the desert."

The visit was organised in conjunction with the Fitzroy Learning Network, an organisation helping educate refugees upon release.

Exchange program in full swing

A mutually beneficial exchange program is in full swing at Gippsland Grammar, with new students from three countries now in Sale.

During term three the School welcomed 30 Japanese students from its sister school in Japan, as well as two Year 11 students on 12-month EF exchange, one from Switzerland and the other from Finland.

The cultural exchanges give our students the opportunity to appreciate other people,

their way of life and their traditions, an opportunity that is not always accessible in regional areas.

The School has a firm view that by offering a more multicultural environment at Gippsland Grammar we better prepare students for the future.

The School also has three full-fee paying Chinese students, two full-fee paying Japanese students, a Canadian full-fee paying student, a Year 11 Japanese exchange student and a Japanese student teacher.

For 11 years Gippsland Grammar has fostered a sister school relationship with Hikarigaoka Girls High School in Okazaki, Japan, with students of both countries gaining a better understanding of each other's cultures and traditions.

During their stay the visiting Japanese students take part in normal classes and everyday activities as well as an intensive English language course.

Junior School Art Show



■ Molly Jarvis, Year 4, takes a closer look at some of the work on display at the Junior School Art Show.

This year's Junior School Art Show undoubtedly impressed all onlookers.

It featured quality works in all shapes and sizes, crafted from all materials imaginable, produced by children from all areas of the School, including the youngsters at the Early Learning Centre.

It was formally opened on the morning of September 13 and the works remained on display until September 18 giving the entire school community an opportunity to inspect work produced by the up and coming artists.

Students exhibited two pieces of work each - one 2D and one 3D - and each class claimed a different theme around which the artworks were created.

High drama all year...

The drama room is always a busy place and this year has been no exception.

In Term 1, the VCE Drama class prepared three scenes from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' as part of this course work and then travelled to the Stratford 'Shakespeare By the River Festival' to perform the excerpts for the schools' day, 'Chill With Will.'

The students enjoyed the opportunity to present their work to a wider audience and see how other students approached Shakespeare's works.

Next on the agenda was the VCE Theatre Studies class production of 'Our Town,' in which each student must undertake responsibility for two areas of stagecraft and use the experiences as the basis of two SACs.

Jessica Wraight, Natalie Day and Peter Reisinger all chose Direction, in addition to Dramaturgy and Acting and presented a thoughtful and absorbing interpretation of Thornton Wilder's classic play.

The performances were excellent and in a three-act play that used the performance style and theatrical conventions of non-naturalism to present the message that one must savour each moment of our all too brief lives.

The annual School play, 'The Mouse that Roared', was an unqualified success. Justine Johnstone, as Grand Duchess Gloriana XII of Grand Fenwick and Peter Reisinger as her faithful High Commissioner, Tully Bascom, led a huge cast.

At one point there were 60 actors onstage and in Garnsey Hall, that was quite a feat of traffic management! Audiences for the three performances were most enthusiastic, enjoying the humour, the romance and the message of the play.

Term Three is always far too short, in the opinion of House Play directors! This year's theme, The Quest, was tackled by the four houses in creative and hilarious fashion. Tisdall Hotham's Anna Melville and David Kent, playwrights and directors, presented the quest to survive a Shakespearean tragedy, in a script which saw a number of the Bard's characters gathering at Macbeth's castle, led by a brilliant performance by Scott McLennan.



■ Peter Reisinger, and Edward Moore, foreground, with Rob Tilleard in 'The Mouse that Roared'

Wellington Binks playwrights Chris Arnold and Kirsty Irving set their House on a quest to teach womanising Dwayne Kwest in feminine politics. Rob Tilleard as the confident Dwayne and Kirsty as his nemesis Charlene were superb. Kirsty also co-directed with Natalie Day.

In Come Fly With Me, Cranswick Dargo sent exchange student Alice (played by Canadian student Beth Sunnucks) to a dark and sinister Wonderland, populated by some very twisted fairy tale characters in search of her stolen passport. Jessica Wraight and Edwina Lee wrote and co-directed the play, which featured some wonderful moments with the Lost Boys, dancing nightly in Peter Pan's nightclub.

■ Justine Johnstone, as Grand Duchess Gloriana XII of Grand Fenwick and Peter Reisinger as her faithful High Commissioner, Tully Bascom, led a huge cast in 'The Mouse that Roared' presented in Garnsey Hall earlier this year.

Blundell Bogong's Clare Ferguson wrote and starred in 'Kafuffle over Gruffel,' directed by Stephanie Gray. Concerned parents, Mr and Mrs Berrydale (Clare and Nick Fairweather) seek information about gruffels from a variety of sources - Hannah Moore, Felicity Howden, Cameron Boyle and completely mad Jacob Kinniburgh. As with most quests, the journey proved to be more significant than the goal!

Adjudicator Mike Beazer, our former Head of Senior School, found running the Senior School a simple task compared with the difficulty of choosing a winning play, as well as awarding individuals trophies for outstanding performances.

The 2002 Festival maintained the tradition of innovative and engaging plays, devised and executed solely by the students.

Don't miss the Visual and Performing Arts Evening, 28 November, when the Year 9 and VCE Drama classes will entertain with a series of short and entertaining pieces.

Esther Cribbes
Teacher in Charge of Drama.



...and Music, Music, Music

Showcasing the talents of our 2002 musicians was what the Senior School Music Concert was all about. The evening highlighted most aspects of the Music Department and was enjoyed by all who attended.



■ Above, Year 12 musician Scott MacLennan is in his element directing the orchestra at the Senior School's Music Concert. Scott was given the opportunity to conduct his fellow musicians by School parent Dr Rob McKimm, who at the Auction Dinner purchased the unique chance to be part of the concert. But because of a snow skiing accident he was unable to fulfil his dream and bestowed the role on Scott. Despite not being given any prior notice, Scott warmed to the position to the delight of Dr McKimm and the large audience.

■ Right, Taylor Grumley, Year 9, joins with fellow performers to entertain the large crowd.

■ Below, Year 7 student Nelson Woods on euphonium as part of the Grammar Sinfonia performance at the Senior School concert.



■ Above, Senior School Music Captain Vicky Falconer-Pritchard was the honour soloist at "Celebration" the Annual Music Night presented by the Senior School's Music Department. The Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra accompanied her.



On tour in East Gippsland

More than 50 senior music students hit the road early in Term 3 to be part of three special concerts in East Gippsland.

Our highly regarded musicians, making up the Sinfonia, Jazz band and Senior Choir, performed at Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance, collaborating with local students for two of the concerts.

It was a first for the students who have never played in these East Gippsland towns and follows last year's successful 'tour' to Omeo.

Our students presented a riveting show with Nagle College in Bairnsdale and moved on to Lakes Entrance for the second joint concert the following night.

The highlight of the tour was an amazing performance of "It Don't Mean a Thing, If It Ain't Got That Swing" enhanced by a vocal quartet featuring two of our students Vicky Falconer-Pritchard, Year 12, and Fiona Scarlett, Year 10.

The students hosted a Babies' Prom in Bairnsdale, introducing youngsters aged between two and six to music as part of the tour. It too was a great success.

The tour also broadened our students' experience, giving them a rare opportunity to work with musicians and music directors from other schools.

■ Fiona Scarlett (Year 10) and Vicky Falconer-Pritchard (Year 12) with Nagle students Alexis Naylor (Year 10) and Roisin Kinsella (Year 11).



Siblings team up for success

Many siblings fight their way through their teenage years, but it seems Christopher and Sarah Monash have got what it takes when it comes to making a good team.

Together they have been a winning combination, enjoying a successful year on the Rock 'n' Roll dance circuit.

For more than five years Christopher and Sarah, Year 9 and Year 8 respectively, have been learning rock and roll but it's only in the last 12 months that they have taken on the Lindy Hop style and that is bringing in most of the trophies.

Earlier in the year they competed in the Australian Rock 'n' Roll Dance Association championships in Queensland, winning the Junior Slow Swing title and placing second in five other events.

Most recently the pair won at the 2002 National Capital Rock'n' Roll Dance championships, held in Canberra, and now proudly display the Junior Harlem Swing title as well as the Junior Lindy Hop trophy on the mantle.

Christopher and Sarah also qualified to compete in the Victorian titles this year and took out the major overall title for junior dancers, along with the Junior Lindy Hop, the Beginner Lindy Hop and the Junior Advanced. They were placed second in the Junior Open event.

Dancing in the Monash household is a family affair; they are all members of the Lakeside Rockers Gippsland.



Formal fun for senior students

The annual Year 11 and Year 12 formal is an important event on the social calendar of the senior students at the Gamsey Campus. This year it was held at The Princeton in Sale and was well attended.



■ Above, Brea Adams, Evan Burns, Pascale Yeates and Shauna Zaal enjoying the evening.

■ Below: Year 11 students Michael Elliman and Kristian Fuessel looking suave at the annual event.



■ Above, Natalie O'Connell and Felicity Howden look great in simple dresses.

■ Below: Smiles were the order of the night as demonstrated by Claire Francis, Lauren Zwierlein, Chloe Field and Kavita Urie.



Student celebrates Indonesian honours

As one the State's highest achieving Indonesian students, Brenton O'Connor was chosen to attend the Indonesian Independence Day celebrations in Canberra in August.

The Year 12 student was one of only three Victorian students who stayed at the Indonesian Embassy for two nights.

What is most impressive about Brenton's success is the fact that he is the only student at Gippsland Grammar studying the diverse language and culture.

He has been studying Indonesian for six years, the last two by Distance Education.

During the Canberra trip Brenton visited the recently opened Indonesian Cultural Centre, which gave him an opportunity to use his Indonesian skills by bargaining for goods with Indonesian locals in a replica market.

Brenton visited Bali in 2000 but says he has no immediate plans to return to our closest neighbour; he wants to



concentrate on successfully completing his VCE. He is focussing his studies on Indonesian, of course, as well as Law and Commerce.

School mourns sad loss

The School has been mourning the loss of Year 5 student Stacey Lowe, who died in a freak accident at Mount Hotham early in September.

As a mark of respect the Junior School held a memorial service and the Senior School devoted its Chapel Service on the Thursday following the accident to saying farewell.

It was testament to the School's sense of loss and the great respect and affection in which Stacey and her family are held.

The whole School community extends sympathy to Robin, Joan and sister Lauren.

OBITUARY

Malcolm Watts
26 February, 1970 -
15 July, 2002

Old Scholar Malcolm Watts enjoyed a full and rich life despite being diagnosed with Dechenne Muscular Dystrophy at the age of six.

Malcolm attended Gippsland Grammar from Year 7 (1982) until Year 12 in 1987, later graduating with a Bachelor of Business from Monash Gippsland.

In 1991 he received a Community Service Award and was later heavily involved in Maffra Apex.

Old Scholar, Tony Pitman, delivered the eulogy at Malcolm's funeral, which was attended by many other former students.

Malcolm, the son of Ken and Gladys of Maffra, will be remembered for his wit, tremendous willpower and commitment to all things he saw as important.

Despite his gradual muscular decline and inability to move not much more than his wheelchair control stick, he was able to live an active and full life and contribute selfless acts of service for the benefit of the community.

Welcome!



Year 2 teacher Nicky Roberts and husband Jason haven't been able to wipe the smiles off their faces since the birth of their beautiful daughter.

Indie Raine Roberts was born at 3.23pm on August 2 at Central Gippsland Health Service, Sale. She weighed a healthy 2.59kg.

■ Nicky and Jason Roberts at home with little Indie.

Mrs Roberts began at the School in January 2001 and will return part-time next year.

She is the first full-time teaching staff member at the junior school to have a baby in many, many years.

From the archives

Debutante Balls and fancy dress balls were a feature of activities at St Anne's over the years.

These photographs feature Old Scholars and any help you can provide with names, venue and, for the fancy dress ball, the year, would be much appreciated.

Information about these photographs can be sent to Gippsland Grammar, PO Box 465 Sale 3850, by fax on 03 5143 6347 or by telephoning on

03 5143 6388. It is also worth noting that the Archives have now moved to a new location in McMillan Street, with maintenance staff and two mothers of former students, Ailsa Dawkins and Nan Sargood, helping with the shift.

Pictured below, Debutante Ball 1963. The girls are all named but their partners are not. Sometimes boys from the Grammar were partners. The young debutantes pictured here are in the back

row of girls, from left, Maureen Cawthorn, Lorraine Gardam and Anne Buckland.

In the front row from left are Anne Ide, Julianne Hurst, Elizabeth Durra, Heather Llewellyn, Dorothy Michael and Helen Lamb.

Pictured bottom, The Fancy Dress Ball is likely to be from the 1940s or 1950s, when such balls were a feature of the girls' school activities. Any help with names would be greatly appreciated.



Classmates reunite

Classes of 1981-1984 gathered together for an evening of reminiscing at The Flower Hotel in Port Melbourne.

About 60 attended and all had a good time. Preparations for the "20-year out bash" for the Year of 1984, to be held in 2004, are now progressing.

Anyone interested in helping organise the event should phone Natalie Walsh at the School on 5143 6388.

■ Pictured clockwise from top left, Mandy Robinson and Lyndel Moore; Ann Fernando and Michael Ross; Colin Radford and Bronwyn Ross; David Auld and Sally Morrison all enjoying the recent reunion.



Breaking into the world of glass

Old Scholar and hot glass sculptor Crystal Stubbs has been awarded yet another scholarship at the renowned American glass school Pilchuck, where she worked with Italian master Dino Rosin last year.

Crystal was chosen again this year from more than 3000 applicants worldwide. The technical difficulty of her sculpture so impressed the Italian

master last year that he nominated Crystal for the prestigious Corning Scholarship earlier in the year, as well as the second Pilchuck Scholarship.

The scholarship was for three weeks' tuition in Seattle, USA, during August. But taking advantage of the distance from home already travelled, Crystal travelled to Europe visiting many of the world's leading glass studios.

The 22-year-old is basing herself in Melbourne nowadays where her work is in great demand.

She is the daughter of Dawn and Chris Stubbs, Munro, and completed her VCE at Gippsland Grammar in 1997.

■ Crystal Stubbs working with master glass maestro Dino Rosin at Pilchuck Glass School in Seattle, USA.



Boarders reunion sparks fond



- Top left, Scott Fahey and Andrew Hollonds are former Gippsland Grammar boarders who attended the get-together.
- Top right, Former Boarding House Mistress Pat Jacques with current Head of Boarding House Rita Eremin.
- Centre, Alistair Dick, Mavis Berry [nee Cox] and Don McNaught.
- Above, Ros Harding, Judy Tulip, Joy Brand and June Hall reunite at the reunion.

The 2002 Gippsland Grammar Boarders' Reunion was a great success, renewing friendships and gathering mountains of archival material.

Among the memorabilia collected over the weekend were a number of different uniform items, books, photographs, badges and documents that were able to fill in some of the gaps for School Archivist Tim Gibson.

The reunion coincided with St Anne's Day festivities on July 26 with the weekend's functions attracting about 200 people in total.

Old Scholars travelled from as far as Queensland and Adelaide for the reunion. The Boarding House was set up in 1920s, as part of the original Church of England Girls' School.

There are three distinct groups of boarders - the Old Girls, Old Boys and those from St Anne's and Gippsland Grammar School (STAGGS) - and each era was represented at the reunion, including some who attended the School in the 1930s and 40s.

Current boarders, of whom there are nearly 30, also took part in the celebrations.

Plans for additional informal reunions are now being organised.

Old Scholars are being encouraged to host reunions in their own areas, which will, in most cases, alleviate travel expenses and result in Gippsland Grammar reunions being held in unison all over the country.

The School can help with class lists and some other information relating to past students.

Gippsland Fete pin

This old pin was rescued from a local antique dealer and donated to the School. Archivist Tim Gibson has not seen a pin like it before and asks anyone with any details about it to come forward. Inscribed around the School crest is "St Anne's C.E.G.S. Gippsland Fete 1st & 2nd May."



memories

- Right, Sisters Marion Hector and Heather Stewart (nee Traill) going through some of the memorabilia on display at the St Anne's Day luncheon.
- Centre right, Robyn Ingram, Glenys Phillips and Jan Ingram, the inaugural School Captain of the amalgamated school in 1971, look through some old photographs.
- Below, Former Physical Education leader Laurie Payne (at right) deep in discussion with Simon Friend (left) and Walter Battel, two Boarders from the 1970s.



- As part of the St Anne's Day celebrations students from St Anne's Campus welcomed old scholars to St Paul's Cathedral, where a special service was held. Pictured are (from left) Judy Langskaill, Stratford, Jessica Luke, Shirley Ferguson, Sale, Judy Tulip, Sale, Clare Cartledge, Jessica Bartlett, Saada Malouf and Karen Sanderson, Melbourne.

Prank remains a puzzle

We have an opportunity through Veritas to answer a question that has been puzzling one of our Old Scholars for nearly 60 years.

At a recent Old Girls' lunch in Yarragon, Doreen Wayman, reminiscing about the Boarding days, recalled an event in 1944 that led to all the Boarders having to remain silent for the entire weekend.

A prankster filled the beds in the Green Room on the balcony with powder, and we can now only imagine the results.

However, the culprit was never found and the girls had to endure a weekend of silence - a huge punishment for any group of teenagers!

Doreen is not seeking revenge but would still love to know who was responsible. Anyone who has any clues can contact the School and pass on the information, anonymously or otherwise.

Rest assured there will be no further punishment.

Old Scholars' AGM

All Old Scholars are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Old Scholars' Association, which will be held on Wednesday 23 October 2002 at 7.30pm at Garnsey Campus.

Please notify Chris Harrison if you can attend on telephone 03 5143 6388 or by email chris.harrison@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au

Nomination forms for officer bearers are available from Development Office.

Skiers on top of the mountain



A keen group of snow skiers represented the School at the Victorian Interschools Snow Sports Championships at Mt Buller in August, with great results.

Kate Dennis, Laura Jackson, Morgan Todd and Pollyanna Gibson, all of Year 7, made up one team, while Year 4 students Scott Dennis and Jakob Malouf combined with Scott's cousin, Thomas Pepin, to make up a second team.

Jakob achieved an excellent result, finishing second in the division five boys snowboard giant slalom ahead of many race-trained athletes from top Melbourne schools. His success was even more notable as he had never raced before and was using hired equipment.

Year 6 student Saada Malouf competed in the Division Four Girls Alpine Individual event and also performed extremely well, placing 27th out of 250 competitors. Scott Dennis was placed 136th out of 250 in the Division Five Boys' Alpine Slalom after a disappointing fall in the first run, while Jakob managed 52nd in this event.

The championships, held over six days, catered for primary and secondary school children throughout Victoria. It attracted more than 2000 entries from more than 140 schools.

The competition enabled entrants to compete for fun, fitness, their school, trophies and a state title in many different disciplines.

■ About to hit the slopes at the Victorian Interschools Snow Sports Championships are Kate Dennis, Morgan Todd, Pollyanna Gibson and Laura Jackson.

Earlier, our Year 7 team contested the Girls Alpine Division Three against 285 other skiers. Each team member skied the slalom run twice and finished with a combined time of 4:37.40, just over a minute behind the winners who recorded 3:22.27. Our team came an admirable 42nd out of 54 (with another 34 teams not in a scoring range).

Each year all our Year 9 students rug up and head to the snow - it's just one of the many great activities offered at Gippsland Grammar.

...and runners on a high



"Outstanding" is the best way of describing the effort and results of our runners at the Independent Country Co-educational Schools Cross Country Championships.

The team of students from Year 7 to Year 12 won the event convincingly with 893 points, well in front of The Scots School Albury on 717 and St Paul's Anglican Grammar on 667. In fact our teams won all age categories, except for the Year 11/12 boys who came a creditable third.

Individually, Craig Huffer won the Year 7/8 Boys section, James O'Connor came third in the same event, Megan Kenny was placed third in the Year 9/10 Girls, Tyson Popplestone second in the Year 9/10 Boys and Fergus Anderson third in the Year 9/10 Boys category.