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STAGGFair was a fabulous success this year, raising a grand total of \$32,341.63.

It is one of the highest amounts raised in many years and Principal Tony Horsley credited its success to the organising committee and magnificent helpers, the fine weather and good attendance.

It is hard to estimate how many people enjoyed the carnival atmosphere in the charming grounds

of St Anne's Campus but one thing for sure is that they all had fun. The smiles on the faces of, pictured above, from left, Norbert Fuessel, Lynne Patten-Malouf and Wendy Fuessel tell the story - and they were just serving!

More photographs by School photographer Lisa Baker are on page five.

For the first time since I have been the Principal I am teaching a Year 12 course. I have taken on the responsibility of teaching Units 3 and 4 Physics because there is a shortage of such teachers in the state and there is a genuine need for me to do this.

The role of Principal is extensive and to have this responsibility is quite daunting, but I have had the opportunity to come to terms at first hand with the scope of responsibility for each teacher at senior levels. This situation has provided me with the important opportunity of being involved with students again in the teaching/learning situation at this vital level.

Education is vital at all stages, but in Year 12 the students actively agree with the proposition and the importance for them is heightened by the approaching VCE, ENTER and university course selection.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this experience. Teaching is a real joy and I have gained much from the young people that I have been teaching.

I hope my efforts will bring them great success. I know this is the hope of all of our teachers, but I am now more acutely aware of the pressure this personal expectation brings.

As our School develops, the need for it to be a responsibly run business grows, with all the attendant corporate considerations. The CEO of a business has the task of directing, overseeing and leading the organisation. An independent school is a business with a special mission, to educate children.

To achieve this, the School needs a well thought out business plan. The tradition that has been established for this School is the development of a Strategic Plan. Sometime ago the Board signed off on its third such plan since 1990. The current plan has been in operation since late in 2002 and of course we have been following its direction.

In order that it may be shared with the general school community it was necessary for a plain-speaking summary to be produced and this is included with this issue of Veritas. This publication is not a detailed document of every action but it does show where the School is headed over the following three years. I commend it to you and hope that you will become enthused by its vision.

It agrees with my personal vision for the School and that is that the School



should indeed be a School of excellence; excellent students, excellent programs, excellent facilities and excellent results, all in the context of a Christian ethos. I don't want elitism because that is selective and exclusive.

Our strategic plan contains hallmark words of "plan", "improve" and "monitor" and that is why it contains a set of values that reflect Christ's teachings. The full document does contain some detailed actions but all such actions need to be researched before they are implemented. Priorities need to be established and opportunity often can dictate which occurs and in what order. A middle school, a swimming pool, a hockey field, a revised outdoor education program and a campus in addition to those in Sale are all included and more besides.

In some cases dollars will determine whether these dreams are near or far, other influences may overtake us, but we mean to pursue each initiative with vigour. A plan is something to follow but not with blinkers. We need to be alert to the opportunities and to the climate of the day and we must respond to those external factors with imagination and courage.

The School needs the support of its wider community, those who are perhaps beyond the immediate current enrolment and I urge this community to reflect on that need.

The most obvious support that can be given is through monetary donations, but much more than that is needed. Your passionate interest, your personal involvement and your convictions about the School are crucial in contributing to the reality that our School is one that continues to make a difference!

Having said how much the School needs your support, I turn your attention to the Capital Campaign. This campaign seeks to raise funds for a Junior School Library and for the redevelopment of the Science wing.

We hope to raise \$500,000 of the \$800,000 required and so far the total stands at about \$170,000. This is a good start but it is not close enough to the target for us to begin building.

The campaign seeks to gain pledges over a three-year period and once we have those pledges made then work can begin. It is our hope that both projects will start at the beginning of 2004 and that is only six months away.

If we are to be a school of excellence in all we do then these two projects will assist the School to achieve that goal.

The Information Services Centre at the Senior Campus has made an enormous difference because it has focused the academic program for the secondary students. Its booking sheets are tight and it has become the true academic hub of the School. Such a facility is needed at the Junior School and it is our desire to provide it as soon as possible.

The Science wing was built in 1971 and has not been improved since then. Teaching methods and the whole learning situation have changed quite markedly in the ensuing years and a redevelopment is well overdue.

May I then appeal to you who are the wider community of Gippsland Grammar, to show your support through a donation? If you could - and any size gift is acceptable and greatly appreciated - then please contact the Development Office at the School. Mrs Jenni Demarte is in charge of the Campaign and I know she would love to facilitate your gift.

I am always pleased to report on student successes and so far this year they have again excelled in many ways. This issue of Veritas highlights some of the successes of the year so far and I commend each report to you.

The School goes from strength to strength in many ways and our success as a school is indicated by the growing enrolments. It is expected that as we begin Term 3 the enrolment will rise to 784 and we are anticipating an enrolment for 2004 of approximately 830. Waiting lists exist, particularly at Years 6, 7 and 8.

Given that enrolments fell to 570 in 1998, it is exciting to see the trend of adding about 40 to 50 extra students each year. The ceiling will soon be reached and the Board is considering the implications of four streams for

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Capital Campaign launched by footy legend

Football great Jim Stynes shared stories of his tough childhood days as he helped launch the Gippsland Grammar Foundation Capital Campaign.

Addressing an audience of about 150 School family members in the Chapel of St Anne, Mr Stynes told of the antics of his school days and how his life had evolved and led to helping Australia's youth.

An important part of his message was the important role that a school family like that of Gippsland Grammar played in guiding today's youth on the "right path."

Mr Stynes is a former Melbourne footballer and Brownlow medallist who has proved to be an inspirational role model to children. As a qualified teacher with a passion for youth affairs, he is co-founder of the non-profit youth organisation, Reach Youth, which helps more than 25,000 young people annually, many of whom battle significant personal and family issues.

Mr Stynes helped the Foundation kick start the School's capital campaign, which aims to raise \$500,000 to build a new library and resource centre at the Junior School and redevelop the science laboratories at the Senior School.

The school community is excited by the opportunities the new state-of-the-art facilities will create for students.

Students' fees largely fund the day to day running of the School, and the Commonwealth and State governments contribute about 39 percent of the recurrent costs. Simply, this means support of the School family is required to fund extra capital works.



■ Above, Foundation Chairman Philip Davis, Appeal Chairman Dr Rob McKimm, Principal Tony Horsley and Jim Stynes are pictured at the launch.

■ Below, among the audience was, from left, Margaret Lovatt, Jane Gerrand and Gillian Meade.



Anyone wanting to help with the appeal or wishing to donate should contact the Development Office on 5143 6388.



Welcome!

The Junior School Welcome Picnic was again well attended and enjoyed by all.

The Welcome Picnic provides new families with a chance to catch up in an informal setting and get to know each other.

■ Pictured are some of the families who attended and enjoyed the day out.

Anna earns ANZAC award

The outstanding leadership qualities of Year 12 student Anna Melville have been recognised by the Sale branch of the Returned Services League.

Anna was awarded the Jack McMillan ANZAC Day Youth Citizenship Award, presented at a special ANZAC Day ceremony.

Each year, one student from each of Sale's secondary schools is nominated for the award.

At the service in Sale, Gippsland MHR Peter McGauran told the congregation Anna was a worthy recipient who was a fine ambassador for Gippsland Grammar.

Anna read the requiem at the mid-morning service at the Sale Memorial.

■ Warrant Office Neville Gibbons and Gippsland MHR Peter McGauran present Anna with the Sale RSL's Youth Citizenship shield.



Oops!

In the last edition of Veritas, we inadvertently left out a student who did exceptionally well in her VCE study score last year.

Congratulations to Kirsty Irving, who while a Year 11 student scored 42 in Theatre Studies as a VCE subject.

From the Principal

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all secondary years. Currently there are four streams in Years 7 and 8 and we will be enrolling four streams for Year 7 in 2004.

Whilst it is exciting to see such growth, careful consideration is being given to the overall effect of increased numbers and the possible loss of the personal nature of the environment. The Board and I do not want to lose that special atmosphere that is prevalent in a "small" school.

Such challenges are great to have and, as I said before, this is an exciting place to be.

Tony Horsley

Educational tour of Vietnam

A group of senior Geography students will tour Vietnam during the Term 2 holidays - a first for the School.

The 12-day educational tour includes visits to the country's main cities and attractions with a large component of the tour concentrating on the cultural, historical and geographical understanding of the fascinating country.

The tour was prompted by the Year 11 Geography students of the last few years and was the brainchild of Senior Geography teacher Rob Parry.

He explained that students in Year 11 studied "Vietnam - A Changing Place" which created loads of enthusiasm and instigated the trip.

Mr Parry is one of four adults accompanying the 16 Year 11 and 12 students.

He said he, like all the others in the group, was looking forward to experiencing the sights and smells of a culture quite different from ours.

Students will tour the unique South-East Asian country using local transport including buses, trains and domestic planes and to fully immerse themselves in the culture they will spend a night on a boat in Ha Long Bay and a night in a homestay situation in the Mekong Delta region.

Tailor Made Vietnam, a company specialising in education tours of Vietnam, designed the program especially for Gippsland Grammar.

The group departs on June 23 and will return on July 4.



All the fun of the STAGGFair



■ Clockwise from above, sisters Prue (Year 8) and Claire (Year 12) Ferguson reflect on a great day out; Caroline Severs and Sally Price enjoy some of the fare of the fair; the Souvlaki stand proved to be a winner all day; and Fiona Scarlett leads one of the many School ensembles that entertained throughout the day.



Scholarships available

A number of Senior and Junior School scholarships are offered each year at Gippsland Grammar.

Examinations for the Senior School have already been held for 2004 and the Junior School examinations will also be held earlier than usual.

Applications close late July, so those interested should consider applying very early in term three. The examination date will be Saturday 2 August.

Old Scholars offer scholarship

The Gippsland Grammar Old Scholars' Association has made available a non-means tested scholarship for a student seeking to enter Years 10 or 11 in 2004.

Preference will be given to the child of a past student not currently attending the School, but other students not currently attending the School may also apply.

Application forms are available by ringing the Registrar, Mrs Jenni Demarte, telephone 5143 6388.



Teachers share J.A.T. Beard Scholarship

The J.A.T. Beard Travel Scholarship for teachers at the School has been shared this year by Early Learning Centre Director Merilyn Rose and Junior School Japanese teacher Jan Chalmer.

Jan will attend the national conference in July of the Australian Federation of Modern Language Teachers' Associations in Brisbane, while Merilyn will attend the biennial conference of the Australia Early Childhood Association, this year being held in Hobart during the July holidays. The four day conference includes National and International speakers and is a rare opportunity for Merilyn as so few such events are held.

Jan wants to keep up with the new directions and latest trends in language teaching, something that has changed dramatically in the last few years.

The scholarship that will assist both Merilyn and Jan is provided by the Gippsland Grammar Foundation in the name of former principal, Jim Beard.

The scholarship is in place to provide some financial assistance for staff to undertake further education that will be beneficial to both the staff member and the School. The funds assist with travel expenses, course fees, accommodation or other needs.

A prerequisite for the recipient is to provide a written report or presentation to the Foundation on return from the course, explaining the benefits for the School.

A further report is required one year later, updating the status and evaluation of any implementations that have occurred as a result of the undertaking the course.

Teacher earns Gippsland Service Award

The work of Gippsland Grammar teacher librarian Marianne Lee has been recognised by the Australian College of Education, earning her a Gippsland Service Award.

A staff member since 2000, Marianne earned the award through her work as the convenor of the School's Information Literacy Skills committee.

The award acknowledges the "high degree of innovation and professionalism" in her role.

She is dedicated to the School's Information Literacy Skills program, which provides students with the skills necessary for lifelong learning.

On behalf of the Information Services Centre, Marianne produced a 90-page booklet entitled 'Teaching and Learning at Gippsland Grammar', which emphasises the importance of literacy skills. The booklet is a valuable tool for the curriculum rewriting process that Gippsland Grammar is now undertaking.

Marianne has also been heavily involved with the introduction of the School's Intranet, which will be utilised by the entire school community.



Marianne Lee introduces the School's Intranet to Taylor Grumley.

Grandparents' day

Our grandparents turned out in droves for the Junior School's annual Grandparents' Day celebrations.

Special guest was Anne Turner, the wife of Brian Turner, the Dean of the Cathedral and a director of our School. As part of her presentation, Anne was joined by Brian to sing a catchy tune that had the entire congregation joining in.

Fellowship was held in Loma Sparrow Hall before students treated the special friends to a guided tour of the St Anne's Campus to show off their classrooms and recent work as well as share morning tea.



Above, Brian and Anne Turner set the mood for Grandparents' Day during Fellowship.

Below, Jack Dawson took great delight in showing grandparents Margaret and Peter Thorp and godmother Elizabeth Kong around the Junior School.



Old Scholar leading the science world

Old Scholar Dr Simon Gregory is now regarded as one of the world's leading scientists, thanks to his work on genetics.

Originally from Baimsdale, in the past decade Simon and his team have been responsible for many of the world's genetic breakthroughs.

Working at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute at Cambridge in Britain, the group identified the gene that caused breast cancer and the faulty gene responsible for the severe facial disfigurement in babies known as cleft lip and palate.

But most of Simon's time at the Sanger Research Centre was dedicated to solving the greatest conundrum: the genetic code that defines human life.

He was part of the International Mouse Mapping Consortium, which has proven a valuable resource in the

hunt for mouse, and more importantly, human genes. The mouse map and sequence allows researchers to fully compare mouse and human organisms and by doing so, serves to highlight genes and conserved regions that are involved in controlling them.

The work is particularly important as understanding gene function and regulation will provide crucial insights into the mechanisms and, hopefully, the cure for many diseases.



So how does a boy from Baimsdale become one of the world's leading scientists?

After completing his secondary schooling at Gippsland Grammar and graduating from Melbourne's RMIT, the young scientist went abroad on a working holiday.

Thirteen years later, after the time at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute at Cambridge, he has just taken up an Assistant Research Professorship position at the Centre for Human Genetics at Duke University, a prestigious medical school located in North Carolina in the United States of America. There he is working on neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Simon is highly regarded in his field, evidenced by invitations to sponsored international summits and speaking engagements all over the world.

Question: What is the connection between Gippsland Grammar, soccer star David Beckham, celebrity Jude Law and singer Robbie Williams?

The answer is the clothes they wear, or more particularly, the person who designed those clothes, Old Scholar Theo Vanderzalm.

Theo is one half of what is described in the British media as the "sizzling hot Aussie Menswear label Stonewood and Bryce."

According to an article in a London newspaper recently the Australian fashion team, discovered in London four years ago, is making its mark in international fashion.

Simply described as luxury sportswear but cleverly complicated by streetwear and military influences, the label is being stocked in growing numbers of department stores, from Barney's in Japan and New York, to London's Harvey Nic's.

The directional yet functional designs are also bought by Fred Segal for his famous LA boutique,

Theo's making a fashion statement

where they are racked with \$3000 circa-1980 Levi's originals.

Not bad for two Aussie guys, one from Sale, the other from Canberra.

Theo Vanderzalm and Peter Mikic met studying fashion and textiles at RMIT. They finished studies in 1990 and Theo moved to London and worked as a visual merchandiser for Harrods and Selfridges, and later became a stylist to pop star Gina G, working on her videos, appearances and album covers.

Theo and Peter reunited some years later and Stonewood and Bryce was born.

Now their busy Shoreditch workroom is a stone's throw from trendy Notting Hill, with a bird's eye view of the famous Portobello Road, which is said to provide lots of inspiration.

The label is more about original, pinpoint looks than replication of fashion trends. "It's not about cloning; it's more of an attitude, a spirit of individualism," says Theo.

However, in the newspaper article Theo said they were still discovering themselves as designers and that they would often learn of their celebrity fans by accident, often when the stars are pictured wearing their clothing in the social pages of popular magazines.

The duo was commissioned by British boy-band Westlife to design 20 outfits for a world tour which Theo described as "fun and a chance to get a bit more experimental."

He said Stonewood and Bryce hoped to develop a women's line and open its own retail stores in the future - perhaps even in Australia.

Books help a family survive

Coming to terms with the death of a son or brother, is one of the hardest things anyone will ever have to do.

For the family of Old Scholar, Jeremy McNess, writing a book about the experience has helped.

Jeremy died on September 13, 1993, when the F-111 he was flying crashed during a Royal Australian Air Force simulated bombing raid over Guyra, NSW.

He was the eldest son of former Gippsland Grammar Deputy Principal Norm McNess and his wife Jan, and brother of Kathryn and Andrew.

A book chronicling the life and death of the 26-year-old pilot, the family impact and the battle to have the RAAF acknowledge some responsibility, was launched by his mother earlier this year.

After Jeremy's death, Jan said her world became almost grey and producing the book, *The Thirteenth Night*, was a long haul but the reaction since had made it all worthwhile.

"He was unhappy as a child but turned himself around and grew into an

outstanding young man - a writer, a computer buff, a musician - and he wanted to be Superman," she said.

He joined the RAAF in 1985 aiming to fly FA-18s and F-111s and that he did. It was his great love. At the end of 1992 he was dux pilot.

The Thirteenth Night was launched in Western Australia where Jeremy was born and almost daily Jan says she receives letters from people who have been inspired by her story.

"Yesterday I received a note from a young lady, the wife of a pilot, thanking me for the book. She said it had helped her understanding her husband's passion (for flying) and that it had made a difference to her life."

The book was penned over eight years and published by Fremantle Arts Centre Press in the hope it would help encourage parents with children who found it difficult to fit in, reassure those in grief and improve bureaucratic treatment of distressed relatives.

When Jeremy died the McNess family, like many families in similar situations, struggled to come to terms with their heartache. They turned to

literature but found very few Australian books available.

In a bid to help fill this void the family, as a unit, has another book in the pipeline.

It will be written from four different perspectives - from a mother, a father, a sister and a brother, all independently.

It's hoped to be in the hands of the publishers by the end of this year and in bookstores later in 2004.

The McNess family lived in Sale from 1978 to 1982 and now calls Geelong home.

Kathryn, 34, is Deputy Travel Editor at *The Age* newspaper, while Andrew is completing his PhD in sociology at Deakin.

Norm has just retired from teaching after 46 years and reportedly loves every minute of it.

Jan and Norm will soon embark on a trip to Guyra to absorb the tiny town where their son lost his life and where two memorials have been set up.

Old Scholar a top class 'coder'

Old Scholar John Dethridge, 23, has finished in front of a field of more 700 people from around the world to win an international coding competition.

The mathematician is doing a PhD in the field of combinatorics, which involves counting configurations of objects and is useful in physics, chemistry and computing.

His skills earned John \$US50,000 by winning the highly regarded competition organised by TopCoder in the United States.

As reported in a profile article in *The Age* newspaper, Dethridge discovered that he had more than an average ability in mathematics while at Gippsland Grammar.

However, the maths gene seems to run in the family - his sister is an

electrical engineer, his grandfather was an engineer and so was his great-grandfather.

TopCoder (or topcoder.org) holds weekly competitions online. There are four knockout rounds and

the top 16 coders are invited to Connecticut in the US to participate. Dethridge, who now lives in Melbourne, won the trophy by more than 50 points and has every intention of defending his title.

Former School Captain awarded an APA

Former School Captain Libby Rumpff (1996) has been awarded an Australian Postgraduate Award to undertake a PhD at Melbourne University.

Libby recently graduated from Melbourne University with a Bachelor of Arts, (Honours) in Geography, and a Bachelor of Science, Environmental Science.

She will do her PhD in Geography.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

As time goes by

As each year passes our history grows, which is why Tim Gibson is always busy in his role as the School archivist.

Slowly but surely Tim is naming old photos and collating memorabilia into its years. But he needs your help.

Anyone who knows the names of the people in these photographs or possibly the reason why the photos were taken should contact him by phoning the School on 5143 6388.



Overseas students create multicultural environment

Multicultural is the best way of describing Gippsland Grammar.

At the moment the School boasts many overseas students - some in a full fee-paying capacity from China and Japan and others on exchange programs.

We also have an exchange teacher from Japan who is undertaking a Language Assistant's Program.

We are actively encouraging appropriate exchange and education programs as these help not only overseas students, but also our local students.

Cultural exchanges give students the opportunity to appreciate other people, their culture and their traditions. One of the key aims is to broaden the knowledge and understanding of all societies, an important outcome as the world steadily becomes 'smaller'.



That's also why for 11 years Gippsland Grammar has fostered a sister school relationship with Hikarigaoka Girls High School in Okazaki, Japan. Each year about

■ Chinese students Johnson Wang, Macy Xu, Jack Liu and Darcy Shen are at home at the Senior School.

30 girls from Hikarigaoka participate in our Home Stay Program.

Tradition highlighted at House Captain induction

The emphasis on Gippsland Grammar as a family is encouraged through a wide variety of customs and traditions at the School.

One of those is the installation of the Junior School House Captains by their older 'brothers and sisters', their Senior School counterparts.

Each of the Year 6 House Captains was elected through a process that involved nomination, presentation of a prepared speech, election and written acceptance of the offer of the position.

The selection process emphasises the importance placed on the position and takes advantage of the learning experiences offered to Year 6 students.

■ Pictured at the service are, from left, Head of Junior School Mr Garry Gray, Nick Fairweather, Emma Jackson, Rory Oates, Bianca Beasley, Natalie O'Connell, Madison Naidu, Rohan Lay, Ryan Crawford, Simon Connley, Charlotte Goss, Rosalie Richards, Head of Senior School Mr Martin Oates, Kirsty Irving, Jessica Cristofaro, Todd Ripon and Patrick North.



Our students 'write' for life

A new program has been introduced at the Junior School that will help students deal with the pressures of growing.

The program, titled ProgramAchieve is basically a personal development program based on the belief that children, parents and teachers have the capacity to positively influence each individual's achievements in all areas of life.

Through a structured weekly program, students are taught to apply the four foundations of confidence, persistence, organisation and co-operation.

These foundations are being integrated into the School and classroom ethos and also provide an important way for parents to focus on positive behaviours at home.

Tasman Year 6 launched the program at Fellowship recently, where each student was presented with a small "pencil" representing one of the foundations. Larger pencil symbols are located around the School to remind students that they can "write" their own successful life.

■ *Young students come to grips with their 'Write' program.*



High drama an honour for our students

Our Speech and Drama students have proved that the term 'high drama' can actually be a good thing.

All of our Junior School students who took part in the highly regarded Australian Guild of Music and Drama exams performed exceptionally well, every one of them passing with honours.

Speech and drama is an extra-curricular subject offered to Junior School students and clearly is proving a success.

Pictured at the presentation of certificates are:

Front row from left to right: Scott Dennis, Chloe Cousin, Anthea Todd, Bradley Walsh, Joshua Darby.

Second row from left to right: Gabrielle Watts, Shona Connley, Sophie Crooke, Jakob Malouf, Elizabeth Cameron.

Back row from left to right: Lachlan Ford, Rachel Gunn, Bernice Emms, Caitlyn Andrews, Sally Price, Mark Droppert, Andrew Skehan and teacher Liliias Lovatt.



Missing from the photograph are Jessica Cristofaro, Simon Connley, Camaro Ridgeway and Anna Brownlee.

Other Gippsland Grammar students who also passed with honours include Year 7 students Saada Malouf, Sarah Crowe, Sam Brumley, Thomas Robinson,

Andrew Horsley, Olivia O'Connor, Alice Kernaghan and Luke Madden, Year 8 students Nayomi Perera, Rebecca Roberson, Sarah Hollonds and Sarah Nelson and, from Year 9, Philippa Davies and Alexander Davies.

Dedicated service recognised

After 11 years at Gippsland Grammar, Gillian Finlay has left the School.

Mrs Finlay has retired from her position as Personal Assistant to the Principal - Campbell Bairstow (three years) and Tony Horsley (eight years) - to return to her home in England.

A farewell function attended by about 100 Gippsland Grammar staff and friends was held at the Hacienda International Hotel in Sale.

Mr Bairstow and Michael Beazer, the predecessor of current Head of the Senior School Martin Oates, made the trip to Sale from Melbourne and Paynesville respectively for the occasion.

Mrs Kelly Warren is Mrs Finlay's replacement and started work at the School recently.

■ Gillian Finlay cuts a cake at her farewell.



Teacher delivers a lovely double

Junior School teacher Tracey Grubb and her husband Marcus are the proud new parents of twins.

The couple was blessed with the arrival of Taryn Janelle and Fergus Ashton on April 3.

The babies were born prematurely by caesarean section

and weighed only 1.98kg and 2.11kg respectively.

However they are doing well, gaining weight daily and fighting each other for their mother's attention, so needless to say Tracey had a rewarding first Mother's Day.

"We are just so lucky - double the love and double the fun," she said.

Speaking of babies, Prep teacher Kristen Rich and husband Harley are expecting their first baby later this year. Kristen began maternity leave at the end of Term 2.

■ Below, Tracey Grubb and her husband, Marcus, with newly born twin bundles of joy, Taryn and Fergus.





Elizabeth Balderstone

The importance of independent schools was instilled in new Board member Elizabeth Balderstone from an early age.

Elizabeth says her father was a great mentor in this aspect of education and, as a chairman of the Scotch College Council for a number of years, had a lot of experience to pass on.

Elizabeth was educated at Fintona Girls School in Melbourne and went on to earn a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Melbourne. She put this training to good use as a Social Worker and Family Counsellor with the Child Care Service of the Uniting Church, before marrying and moving to Gippsland, and becoming an active partner in the family woolgrowing and beef production enterprises at Darriman and Woodside.

Elizabeth is now the owner manager of the property at Darriman where woolgrowing and beef production have been complemented by farm tourism, prime lambs, irrigated lucerne and grain growing.

Her community involvement is widespread, including membership of the Victorian Farmers Federation at both Branch and District Council level, Woodside Landcare and Yarram Yarram Catchments Group, West Gippsland Catchment and Land Protection Board and the East Gippsland Rural Financial Counselling Service.

Eldest daughter Alice, now doing a Bachelor of Agriculture at Melbourne University and Kirsty, who is undertaking Year 12 at the School, have both "loved and thrived on their time at Gippsland Grammar," according to Elizabeth.



Elizabeth Davis

New Board member Elizabeth Davis brings a diverse background in the farming industry and educational roles to her position on the Board of Gippsland Grammar.

A graduate of Glenormiston Agricultural College with a Diploma of Farm Management, Elizabeth has put her skills and qualifications to good use in Gippsland.

She worked with stud Herefords in Australia, the United Kingdom and New Zealand after graduating from Glenormiston in the 1970s, before returning to Gippsland to manage the family sheep and cattle property near Bairnsdale. During this time Elizabeth obtained a Professional Woolclasses Stencil at night school to add to her other qualifications.

She became managing partner of the farm she and husband Philip ran at Giffard West. The couple now lives in Sale, but Elizabeth continues her involvement in community and farming activities.

As well as being a past president of the VFF Gippsland Pastoral District Council, she is a committee member and former chairman of the Gippsland Rural Financial Counselling Service, a former deputy chairman of the McMillan Rural Studies Centre Advisory Committee, and a past member of the East Gippsland TAFE's Agricultural Advisory Board.

Elizabeth and Philip have two children in the Senior School.



Doug Treasure

Doug Treasure has been a member of the Gippsland Grammar Board for 12 months.

Boasting a strong sense of community, he is an advocate of many district organisations and now Gippsland Grammar is benefiting from his knowledge.

A graduate of Marcus Oldham Agriculture College with a Diploma in Farm Management, Doug runs a property at Stratford and leases land in the High Country and travels frequently to Dargo.

Many local people would know him through his candidacy in Federal politics, standing at a number of recent elections as an independent.

Doug is involved in the Mountain Cattleman's Association and is a former Apexian.

In the late 1990s he was chairman of West Gippsland Catchment and Land Protection Board, which was responsible for overseeing the research and collation to produce the Regional Catchment Strategy.

In his spare time he enjoys aeroplane building and home renovating.

We also farewell and thank two of our staunch, long term Board members.

Viv Braham has retired after 13 years and Helene Booth after eight. The contribution of both has been greatly appreciated.

New Board members

Presentation Ball a success

Forty six couples have continued the grand social tradition of 'coming out' to society by taking part in Gippsland Grammar's 2003 Presentation Ball.

The students were presented to The Bishop of Gippsland, The Right Reverend Jeffrey Driver and his wife Lindy in the presence of School Principal Tony Horsley and his wife Jenny and Gippsland Grammar Board Chairman Dr Martin Kent and wife Sandra.

Prepared by Sue Kennedy and David Lambourn, the young couples performed the Progressive Evening Three Step and Progressive Jive Medley, the Lucille Waltz and the Sally Anne Cha Cha.

Sale Memorial Hall was decorated in a black and white theme for the special evening.



- Above, Months of dance practice culminated in an excellent Presentation Ball.
- Above left, the boys also had a good night out, from left, Riley Van Donkelaar, Tom Plunkett, Rob Sciberras and David Elliman excited about the event.
- Left, Miranda Woods and Trent Norkus enjoyed the Presentation Ball.



Runners collect silver medals

Despite competing against other students much older than them, four Gippsland Grammar runners managed to win medals at the Victorian All Schools Cross Country Relay Championships.

The local Under 20 boys team was placed second and won a silver medal, finishing ahead of schools such as Marcellan College, Scotch College and Melbourne College. Frankston Secondary College won the event.

James O'Connor (15 years old), Craig Huffer (14 years), Dean Huffer, who was the only team member

competing in his own age group and Tyson Popplestone (16 years) made up the Gippsland Grammar team.

At the championships each team member ran four kilometres finishing the course in a total time of 57 minutes and 46 seconds. Their individual respective times were 14:40, 15:01, 13:40 and 14:25.

The most notable local individual performances in the girls' events came from Morgan Todd, Lydia Dowsett and Sarah Crowe who completed the three kilometre course in 13:26, 13:28 and 13:33 respectively, which placed them

amongst the top runners at the event, which was held at Harold Stevens Athletics Track at Coburg on May 17.

■ *Happy after its medal winning performance is the Under 20 Boys team consisting of James O'Connor (15 years old), Craig Huffer (14 years), team coach Joe Carmody, Dean Huffer, who was the only team member competing in his own age group, Tyson Popplestone (16 years) and Jenny Dyke, teacher in charge of athletics and cross country running at Gippsland Grammar.*



Nic a State rowing representative

Year 12 student and School Captain, Nic Marton represented Victoria at the National rowing championships in Tasmania in April.

He was entered in the sculling events in the Schoolboy and Under 19 levels and won the Schoolboys B final - a great accomplishment at such a high level.

To earn his place at the National Titles, Nic won the State Junior Single Sculls Championship at the State

Rowing Centre in Nagambie by an astonishing 15 seconds. As well, he won the Victorian Senior Schools' Single Sculls Championship at Nagambie, which was a separate event.

Frank Stone, Nic's and Gippsland Grammar's rowing coach, said he believed Nic had a great future in rowing if that was what he wanted to pursue beyond school.

Nic's effort at both the national and state events attracted the attention of reputable coaches and he has been

invited to join the Victoria squad for the Australian selection trials in Sydney later this year.

Coping with training, VCE study and duties as School Captain requires good organisation, and Nic has proved he is more organised than most of us.

He undertakes a minimum of five rowing training sessions a week, combining exercise on water with gym work.

Gold at international shooting titles

Clay target shooters Rohan Lay and James Clancy have won gold for Australia, at the Oceania Shooting Championships in New Zealand.

The students, 16 and 17 years old respectively, made their international debut as part of the three-member Australian Field and Game Federation Under 21 Sporting Clay Shooting Team.

Individually Rohan received a silver medal and James bronze. Their team mate, Chris Brown, of Geelong, took out the event enabling the team a clean sweep of the individual medals.

Previously known as the Grand Prix of the Pacific, the prestigious competition included teams from Australia, New Zealand, Tahiti, New Caledonia and Fiji, over three days.

Now regarded as among the best shooters in the world, the locals have qualified for the World Cup championships to be held in the United States of America in July.

This highly regarded win and invitation to the world titles is an impressive achievement for the Gippsland Grammar students, both in Year 12.

For nearly four years Rohan and James have been enjoying the challenge of the sport of field and game shooting.



They are usually archrivals on the shooting field - pushing each other to the limit, which ultimately has made them the world-class shooters they are today. Outside of competition they are great mates.

Last year they both demonstrated outstanding shooting skills and fought their way neck and neck through both the Field and Game Federation and

Field and Game Australia shooting series.

James won the first national event by one target in front of Rohan but later in the year Rohan got his own back to reverse the order of the placings.

The pair plans to defend its national titles in Tasmania immediately after completing final exams in November.

Old Scholars' reunions

School reunions are a great chance to rekindle friendships and track down classmates.

Many say they take you back and make you feel young - and that's sure to be the hope of the Class of 1973!

School captain of that year, Colin Pierce, is among a small group looking to get together on October 4 for a 30-year reunion.

It will be held at the Royal Hotel in Loch, South Gippsland, and anyone interested should phone Colin on 95847066.

It's also the year to mark 15 years for the class of 1988 and ten years for the class of 1993.

A gathering is planned for the weekend of November 1 and 2 with a dinner at Blackwood House on the Saturday evening and a service, school tour and recovery barbecue at the Senior School on the Sunday.

Allison Wolfe can be contacted about this one. Her phone number is 5381 2031 and email alliwolf71@hotmail.com

A '10-Year Out' reunion is also being held this year for the 1993 year. Those interested in attending should contact Dana Kroenert (Bicknell), whose email address is danakroenert@yahoo.com

Gippsland Grammar and the Old Scholars' Association encourages reunions and are always keen to learn news of the School's Old Scholars and

their whereabouts. Feel free to phone the Development Office on 5143 6388 or Old Scholars' President Rita Eremin at rita.eremin@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au

Please note for the purpose of reunions, year groups are based on the year that HSC/VCE was undertaken.

