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The VCE Valedictory Dinner is always an occasion of great celebration, and it was no exception for the Class of 2003.

Pictured enjoying the evening with Director of Music, Colin Iversen (right at front), are (back row from left) Jacob Kinniburgh, Ben Muir and Hannah Moore, while at front are Anna Melville and Laura May.

As has been the case with all our Year 12 classes, our students had plenty to celebrate after obtaining excellent VCE results. Details are on page two of this edition of Veritas.

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Most of the School community is by now aware that I will be leaving Gippsland Grammar at the end of Semester 1 to take up the position of Headmaster of The Illawarra Grammar School, known as TIGS, near Wollongong, NSW.

I therefore approach the next six months with mixed emotions.

I am excited by the prospect of new challenges, new people to get to know and a new culture.

However, I am sad at leaving such a wonderful school in which much has been achieved in the past nine years. These achievements have been the result of a team effort and I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as Principal. I have made good friends both within and without the School and my family and I have been blessed by being in Gippsland at a great school.

So you well may ask, why leave? For us, it is a matter of following God's calling in our lives and Jenny and I both believe that God is calling us to serve in another place. The work is not finished here, but it never will be if the School is to remain a dynamic and vibrant place.

New beginnings are exciting and daunting and I am sure whoever succeeds me here will carry on the work, perhaps in a new direction.

Making such a change in one's life gives rise to much reflection. I have reflected on the progress the School has made over the past decade and I note that God has blessed the School with a number of significant achievements.

The funding increase perhaps is the most significant, because it allowed a number of flow-on changes to occur. A decrease in fees meant greater enrolments and, with that, the ability



From the Principal

to build new facilities and implement new programs.

Perhaps most significantly, separate from the funding issue, has been the establishment of the Year 9 program that has brought significant benefit to the students.

I could make a list, but I do not feel that is necessary. I would rather focus on a principle that I learnt many years ago while still a student. That principle is to maintain the effort even if you are leaving or not continuing.

The circumstances of that lesson are a little complicated but I was placed in the position of having to discontinue my study of a course entitled "Ancient History" so that I could increase my courses in Mathematics, my first love.

I continued to make the effort with this subject until the end of the year because I enjoyed it. At the year's end, the teacher congratulated me on my continued good effort.

Because of that experience, one of my personal goals is the desire to continue to the end as if there was no end.

Therefore I am resolved that during the next six months I will not slacken my efforts and will pursue matters that I have begun. I therefore look forward to 2004 and hope to see a number of the projects well under way by the time Term 2 ends.

Perhaps the most significant project for me will be the Capital Campaign, which will provide the Junior School Library and the redevelopment of the Senior School Science facility.

To date we have raised more than \$230,000 of the \$500,000 required and I urge the School community yet again to consider making a contribution. I thank all those who have given to the campaign already and I am most grateful for those donations.

This School has been a blessing to many and it must continue to be at a high standard if it is to continue to fulfil its role in Gippsland.

In closing this message, I congratulate the Year 12 students of 2003 for their fine results in the VCE. Special congratulations go to Kirsty Irving, the Dux for 2003 whose ENTER of 98.80 is excellent.

Overall we had outstanding results, consistent with the results of the past 10 years. I congratulate and thank the teaching staff for their efforts and support of the students.

Tony Horsley

Excellent VCE results again

Our Class of 2003 has continued the excellent academic achievements of the School, with a pleasing highlight the fact that more than half of our VCE students received an ENTER score placing them in the top 20 percent of students in the State.

The School was delighted that 53 percent of last year's students were ranked in the top 20 percent, the best such result since the inception of the VCE.

A quarter of the students were ranked in the top 10 percent, and 86 percent in the top 50 percent.

The most pleasing aspect is that our students are achieving consistent scores right across the year group.

There were a number of students who achieved excellent individual ENTERs, as is the case at most schools, and they are to be congratulated.

According to Principal Tony Horsley, that is very pleasing but it is also important that all students achieve the best result they can.

Our scores this year and last, with around 90 percent in the top half of all students state-wide, demonstrate that our overall standard is rising.

The average ENTER score for VCE students this year was 74.34.

Kirsty Irving was the Dux of the School with an ENTER of 98.8, while Hannah Shoemaker (98.25) and Clare Francis (97.45) also gained excellent results.

Our own Igor on tour

A special musical concert led by Australia's virtuoso violinist, Igor Oskolkov, will form part of an exciting fundraising event for the School, to be held in March at the new Wellington Entertainment Centre.

The famous Russian-born violinist, who teaches at the School a couple of days a week, is also part of the group 'Concertino Trio.'

The trio consists of Igor, cellist Alex Begelfor and pianist Vitaly Barishnikov; however, the local concert will also feature Igor's award-winning granddaughter, Dasha Moloksher, Gippsland Grammar Old Scholars Alex and Julian Hua and pianist, Anatoly Gelback.

The group will stage a special concert entitled "Concertino Trio and Guests", at the new Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre, in Foster St, Sale, on Friday, March 12, in support of the Gippsland Grammar capital fundraising campaign.

Concert tickets are \$25 (\$20 concession), while a package including dinner at Sale's Gippsland Palace and show tickets is \$55.

Numbers for the dinner are limited so interested people should book now.

Bookings can be made through the Development Office by phoning 5143 6388.

The evening has been organised by the Gippsland Grammar Foundation, which is raising money to build a new Library Resource Centre at the School's Junior Campus and to re-develop the Science Wing at Senior School.

The Concertino Trio has performed around the world, including the Melbourne Festival, Apollo Bay Festival, The Blue Note Festival, the Singapore Community Life Arts Programme (CLAP), The Art Jeonju Sorri-Festival and at the White Hill Festival and Seoul Festival in South Korea. It plays a diverse range of music including classical, eastern European, colourful world folk, contemporary and classical pop.

Igor had a distinguished music career in Moscow before relocating to Australia.



Following his graduation from the Moscow Conservatorium in violin, piano and composition, Igor worked as a composer and arranger in the Russian film and television industry.

Since moving to Australia he has collaborated with many of Melbourne's leading jazz musicians, including Marc Fitzgibbon, Joe Chindamo, Phillip Rex and Doug de Vries and has been an integral member of various bands such as Hot Café, Gypsy Fingers, The Hot Club Quartet and Quintet, Gypsy Swing and of course the Concertino Trio.



Capital campaign target within reach

The Capital Campaign to raise funds for building development is progressing, with the School aiming to turn the first sod of the Junior School's new library as part of St Anne's Day celebrations on July 30.

The celebrations, which have special significance this year as it is the 80th anniversary of the formation of the original Church of England Girls' School, provide an appropriate date for the Capital Campaign target of \$500,000.

More than \$230,000 has been pledged to the Gippsland Grammar Foundation since the appeal was launched. A further \$250,000 or so, will guarantee a new library at the St Anne's campus and redevelopment of the science laboratories at the Senior School.

The Capital Campaign will help the School realise its vision and mission, to provide quality facilities, quality staff, quality programs and a quality culture for the people of Gippsland.

The Information Services Centre at Garnsey Campus is a reminder of what can be achieved with the support of the school community.

School parents win raffle

A fundraising raffle held by the Gippsland Grammar Foundation as part of its Capital Campaign has proved as success, especially for School parents Peter and Carlene Tovey.

Mr Tovey won the major prize of a Nissan Pulsar STL Manual Sedan valued at \$23,325 in the Foundation raffle, drawn at the School's annual prizegiving ceremony in December.



Old Scholar Shane Bennett, of Sale, won the second prize of a Sony 68cm Trinitron Wega Television worth \$1199, and Junior School student Sophie Crooke of Rosedale, took home a DVD player.

Gippsland Grammar Foundation Chairman Philip Davis congratulated all the winners and acknowledged the support of Sam Gould Nissan in Sale, Nissan Australia and Sale Retravision.

He said more than \$30,000 worth of tickets were sold in less than a month and he looked forward to the Capital Campaign reaching its target of \$500,000.

■ *Looking comfortable in the driver's seat of his new Nissan is Peter Tovey of Bairnsdale. Gippsland Grammar Foundation chairman Philip Davis (back) handed over the keys to Peter, his wife, Carlene, and son Andrew at the School just before Christmas.*

Lisa Burgess**Director of Early Learning Centre**

Lisa comes to us from Bilbungra Kindergarten where she was the Director in Charge. She has a wealth of experience in early childhood and is looking forward to applying that knowledge as Director of the Early Learning Centre at Gippsland Grammar. Lisa and her family are looking forward to moving to the Gippsland area where they can indulge in their interests of camping, bushwalking, cycling, travelling, theatre and gardening.

Masami Sugisaki**Teacher of Japanese**

Masami completed her Graduate Diploma of Education at Monash University in 2003. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Japan and she is qualified to teach Japanese at both primary and secondary levels.

Damien Hoban**Teacher of Science/Maths in Year 9**

Damien comes to us from Maffra Secondary College. His teaching subjects include Science, Biology, Mathematics, Environmental Studies and Information Technology.

Kai Dettburn**Teacher of Mathematics and Physics**

Kai completed his Graduate Diploma of Education at the University of Melbourne last year, with his final student teaching placement at Gippsland Grammar. He was so impressive that we offered him a teaching position for 2004 before he left.

New Staff, 2004

Linda Vale**Year 6 Teacher**

Linda will be working as Year 6 Teacher at the School for 12 months, after working at Longford Primary School. Linda has a Bachelor of Education and a Diploma of Teaching (primary).

Lorraine Greenwood**Teacher of Mathematics and Science**

Lorraine previously worked at Catholic Ladies College in Eltham and is an experienced Mathematics and Biology teacher. She has a Bachelor of Science (Education) from the University of Melbourne and a Graduate Diploma in Mathematics Education.

John Edwards**Teacher of Information Technology**

John completed a Bachelor of Applied Science at Monash Gippsland and a Graduate Diploma of Education at Monash Clayton and has been teaching at Lavalla College in Traralgon. His teaching methods are Information Technology and Mathematics.

Julie Jago**Year 1 Teacher**

Julie comes to us from St Thomas' Primary School in Sale, and will be working at the School part-time, teaching Year 1 with Kirsten Rich. She has completed a Diploma of Teaching and a Graduate Diploma of Religious Education.

Justeen Hahn**Teacher of English**

Justeen comes to us from Salesian College. She is really returning to Sale as she did her secondary education at Sale Catholic College. She has an Applied Science degree in Physical Education and English Literature, a Diploma of Education and two Post Graduate Diplomas – one in Student Welfare and the other Hearing Impairment.

Andrew Nicholas**Physical Education Primary Teacher**

Andrew completed his Bachelor of Sport and Outdoor Recreation and his Bachelor of Education at Monash University in 2003. Andrew brings with him experience and involvement in Vicswim where he was Swim Teacher and Teacher in Charge.

Bob Breakspear**Clerk of Works**

Bob had a 20 year career in the RAAF as a Warrant Officer and Flight Engineer. He has also worked as the Project Manager for Beresford Homes, been self-employed as owner/manager of a corner store in Stratford and most recently employed by Wellington Shire as the Swimming Pool Operator and Leisure Service Officer.

We also welcome returning Junior School staff, Mrs Kristen Rich, Mrs Jean Hopman and Mrs Tracey Grubb. Kristen will work part time teaching Year 1, while Tracey is also part time, teaching Year 4. Jean will teach Year 5.

Edward Menzies Crooke**(11 December 1915 – 24 August 2003)**

Edward Crooke was one of Gippsland's prominent citizens.

He was a great supporter of our School, serving on many committees when his children, Richard and Ian, attended in the early years and as a grandfather of current Year 5 student, Sophie Crooke.

He was also on the committee that organised purchase of the land on McGhee Street for the Garnsey Campus, while another of his notable efforts was on the fundraising committee of 1967 that sought to raise \$60,000 for a library, classrooms, administration office and a recreational space.

Mr Crooke was the former patriarch of The Holey Plain, Rosedale, one of Gippsland's oldest grazing runs and stately homesteads, which is still owned and operated by the Crooke family.

OBITUARIES

Vyvyan George Bauer**(10 February 1917 – 1 October 2003)**

After a battle with cancer Vyv Bauer of Sale died aged 86.

Mr Bauer, married to Helen (Chalmer), was heavily involved with the School in the early days and one of those who assisted in the plans for the amalgamation of the two original schools.

The couple's daughter, Barbara, attended St Anne's during the late 1950s and into the 60s.

As a trained accountant, Mr Bauer worked as Assistant Manager at Gippsland Base Hospital for many years.

In retirement he enjoyed playing bowls and golf and was a member of Rotary and the Sale Men's Club.

Athol Leslie Relph**(25 October 1919 – 5 October 2003)**

A hard working businessman who was actively involved in the community is the best way to describe Athol Relph.

Educated at Scotch College, Mr Relph served in the Second World War in the Second Field Regiment.

Later he worked in the family business, W.D. Leslies of Maffra and Sale, before setting up his own enterprise, Relph's Hardware in Maffra.

As a Maffra resident he was actively involved in many Maffra community groups.

In 1969 he married Deirdre (Page) and their two daughters, Sally and Katy, both attended Gippsland Grammar during their secondary years.

Today Deirdre continues to be an active member on the School Foundation.

Farewell Stan the Man, welcome Bob the Builder

Clerk of Works Stan Doak, affectionately known as "Stan the Man", has retired after 23 years at the School.

He has been replaced by Bob Breakspear, who, naturally enough, has quickly been dubbed Bob the Builder.

Plenty of reminiscing coincided with the 64-year-old Stan's decision to retire.

"The biggest change for us (the maintenance crew) has been the three different workshops. We started in the blacksmith's shop behind Lorna Sparrow Hall, moved to the house at 15 McMillan St, previously rented by teachers and then moved over the road to the best workspace anyone could ask for (the former Gas and Fuel Building in McMillan St).

"When I first started here, we used to bale the grass on the oval (at Gamsey Campus) every Christmas...it was pretty untidy."

Today the School boasts well-groomed grounds all year round, which has been attributed to Stan's desire to "do things right."

That characteristic was entrenched by the 25 years he spent in the Royal Australian Air Force. He was a warrant officer in the catering division, responsible for running and organising functions.

His decision to join the Air Force brought him to Sale where he met the love of his life Margaret Taylor, who was soon to become his wife.



The couple had two children Rodney and Traci (Boulton) and together they travelled the country with the Air Force but always seemed to gravitate back to Sale.

"I love Sale, it's the greatest place on earth. I love the people. I love walking down the street and being about to say hello to people, to my friends," Stan said.

Stan left the RAAF and was working as a swimming coach at Sale Swimming Pool when then Principal, Jim Beard, encouraged him to join the School's maintenance crew.

Since accepting the offer, Stan has enjoyed the diversity of the job. He says one minute the maintenance crew are required a change a light globe and the next they could be liaising with architects and builders about new classrooms.

Stan is also renowned in the School for his poetry, usually about everyday occurrences, and with the occasional devastatingly funny profile of School staff members. Since 1981 Stan has penned hundreds of verses about the happenings, the buildings and people at Gippsland Grammar.

Stan's decision to retire has been promoted in part by a strong desire to learn to play golf. "I play bowls and now I want to learn to play golf better before I get too much older," he said.

His successor, Bob Breakspear, has experience in some ways similar to Stan.

He worked as a project manager for a couple of different organisations within the employment and building industry. Prior to that he had 20 years in the Air Force as a flight engineer and a flight instructor.

School celebrates its roots

A number of events are being planned to mark the 80th anniversary of the St Anne's Church of England Girls' School, which has grown to become our School, Gippsland Grammar.

In 1924 the St Anne's Church of England Girls' School Sale was opened in the Cathedral Parish Hall under the direction of Deaconess Marie Sundell (Sister Marie), a highly qualified teacher who had come from England.

Four pupils started on the first day and 12 others enrolled later in the year. School furniture consisted of a

borrowed table from the Church Guild and chairs and a blackboard from the Sunday school.

Sister Marie would even take the children home to the Deaconess House, on the corner of Dundas and Macalister Sts, Sale, each day for lunch.

Gippsland Grammar School, a similar facility for boys also run by the Anglican Church, was opened in 1960 following the success of the girls' school.

It was the amalgamation of the schools which formed St Anne's and Gippsland Grammar School, eventually shortened to Gippsland Grammar, the School we are so proud of today.

The entire school community - Old Scholars, parents and teachers - is invited to join in the 80th anniversary festivities to be held in July.

Committees to organise the celebrations are currently being formed and anyone interested in being involved should contact the School on 5143 6388.

It is hoped the anniversary will uncover additional School memorabilia that has not yet surfaced. School archivist Tim Gibson is always interested in stories, photographs and the like to help "fill the gaps" in the School history.

Student discovers democracy

John Droppert, now in Year 11, saw democracy first hand in Canberra recently as the Victoria winner of the National Discovering Democracy competition.

As well as receiving a medallion, John enjoyed a three-day trip to Canberra with the other winners and runners-up from each state and territory.

The competition, which was open to all Year 9 and 10 students in the country, was designed to provide a greater knowledge of Australia's history, its political and legal systems and the principles that underpin our democracy.

The winners were selected on the basis of an essay on the topic, "What values do you think are important to Australians living in a democracy?"

Summer school adds up

Two of our senior students took part in the Australian National University Summer Mathematics School in Canberra over the Christmas vacation.

Year 12 students Douglas Brumley and Nick Dawkins joined 73 other students from throughout the country at the invitation-only convention from January 4 to 17.

Both Douglas and Nick believed the fortnight was well worth the hard work and hope it will help them through the year and into university courses.

■ *Year 12 students Douglas Brumley and Nick Dawkins have been recognised as leading mathematics students and have just returned from the prestigious ANU Summer School.*



Award puts a smile on the dial

Year 9 students from the School have played an important – not to say timely – part in the development of Wellington Shire Council's award winning environmental play area near Lake Guthridge.

As part of their horticultural studies, some of last year's Year 9 students constructed an impressive sundial in the play area between Lake Guthridge and Lake Guyatt.

The analemmatic sundial was built with the utmost precision from sandstone blocks and a unique mosaic centrepiece.

To use the sundial, a person stands on the correct 'mosaic' month with their arms in the air. The shadow falls on the sandstone pillars, with the time calculated according to which pillar

is covered. The analemmatic sundial is thought to be one of the most accurate sundials in the world.

The idea for the local creation came from a website featuring one of similar construction found in England, which of course is in the Northern Hemisphere.

However, that did not deter our students; they simply called upon the School's Mathematics Department to convert the computations, transposing the dimensions to the Southern Hemisphere and the correct longitude and latitude for Sale.

■ *Students Caitlin Hull, Hamish Black, Renae Cooke and Kimberley Adams put the finishing touches to the extraordinary sundial at the new award winning children's play area in Sale.*



Boys on the (net) ball

Netball is traditionally a game played by females but that hasn't deterred two of our male students excelling at the sport.

Pictured are (left) Jon Knight, of Bairnsdale, and Jackson Zaal, Sale, who have been selected to represent Victoria in the Under 19 Men's National Netball Competition.

Declaring they "love netball", the boys, both in Year 12 this year, admit they have become more dedicated since being invited to try out for the state team following the School's participation in the All School's Men's Netball Competition last year.

The pair now travels to Melbourne every Sunday to train with the new state squad and take part in various team-bonding camps in preparation for the national event in Melbourne from April 9-13.



2004 prefects selected

The 2004 School Captains and Prefects were announced at the 2003 prizegiving ceremony in December.

The School Captains, Robert Tilleard and Tess McLaren and Vice Captains Marianne McCormack and Douglas

Brumley are pictured with Principal Tony Horsley at the prizegiving ceremony.

Other Prefects for 2004 are Justin Bush, Elese Cartledge, Madeleine Davies, Penelope Davis, Stuart Kent, Jon Knight, Chelsea Oliver, Thomas Plunkett, Lisa Scott, Harrison Wraight and Jackson Zaal.



Sport runs in the family

Famous tennis player, the late John Bromwich, had a reputation for not giving in easily, a trait he seems to have passed onto his granddaughter Mikhaila Bromwich.

Mikhaila's sporting ability has been recognised by her selection as one of the House Sports Captains for this year for Tisdall-Hotham.

All of the Sports Captains, House Captains and Cultural Captains for 2004 were inducted at a special service late last year.

They are as follows:

Blundell-Bogong: House Captains Ashley Kerr and Elese Cartledge, Sport Captains Daniel Moore and Adele Beasley, Cultural Captains Rob Chapman and Phoebe Smith.

Cranswick-Dargo: House Captains Harrison Wraight and Lisa Scott, Sport Captains Jackson Zaal and Megan Kenny, Cultural Captains Sam Rankin and Emily Rawlings.

Tisdall-Hotham: House Captains Stuart Kent and Sophie Morelli, Sport Captains Matt Love and Mikhaila Bromwich, Cultural Captains Jon Knight and Roisin Kinsella.

Wellington-Binks: House Captains Rob Tilleard and Tess McLaren, Sports Captains Fergus Anderson and Marianne McCormack, Cultural Captains Robert Sciberras and Mira Guirguis.

For Mikhaila, sport runs in the family, with the name Bromwich a famous one in Australian tennis.

John was part of Australia's first winning Davis Cup team back in 1939, but is perhaps better known as part of the legendary doubles combination with Adrian Quist, winning eight Australian Open titles between 1938 to 1950.

John Bromwich was also a highly regarded singles player, winning the Australian Open twice.

John Bromwich died, aged 80, four years ago.

However the love of tennis continues in the family. Mikhaila plays tennis for Bairnsdale Tennis Club, as have all the Bromwichs. The Bromwich name is prominent in the School, with triplets Damon, Randall and Todd, in Year 7.

■ *Mikhaila Bromwich and her parents Jan and Graham at the Sports Captain induction.*



Top science student rewarded

Year 12 student Marianne McCormack has just returned from the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra.

Identified as one of the nation's top science students, Marianne was selected from 2000 Australian applicants to take part in the two-week residential program.

Maffra Rotary Club nominated the budding scientist for her inclusion in the highly regarded forum.

Marianne said it gave her a real feel for a career in science.

"I always dreamed of being a veterinarian but now I am leaving my mind open for other career possibilities."

Marianne joins quite a list of Gippsland Grammar students who have attended the prestigious event.

World ranking for maths student

Gippsland Grammar student Daniel Candy has won a major Maths award that puts him among the best Mathematics students for his age in the world.

The Year 8 student's efforts in the Australian Mathematics Competition placed him in the top 0.3 percent of all students who took part in the competition, which amounted to about 480,000 from 37 different countries.

Daniel also received the award for the best standardised score at Gippsland Grammar.

Many of our students did well in the competition. High Distinctions for scores in the next 1.7 percent were awarded to Nicholas Dawkins, Richard McKimm, Brett Hicks, Wayne Madden, Will Goss, Shaun Knowles and Luke Madden.

A total of 137 Certificates of Credit were presented to senior school students.

Old Scholar is high on charity

While most of us are slowly coming to grips with the realities of a New Year, Old Scholar Simon Gregory is already operating on a much higher plane.

In February, Simon will tackle three of South America's major mountain peaks, all in the name of charity.

Now living and working in London, Simon is an experienced mountaineer, with previous climbs including to the Everest Base Camp in Nepal, Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Chamonix/Mt Blanc in France and Mt Elbrus in Russia.

This series of climbs, which aims to support the work of UNICEF, will see Simon tackle the summits of Cotopaxi, Chimborazo and Aconcagua.

He has a web site, www.climb4unicef.co.uk on which he describes the series of climbs as "the greatest challenge I've ever undertaken."

"During my first week I'll undertake several training climbs at altitude to aid in acclimatisation; however, my first major peak will be Mt Cotopaxi (5897m). This is one of the highest (considered by some to be the highest) active volcanoes in the world.

"Mt. Chimborazo will be my second climb. At 6310m this is the highest peak in Ecuador, but what really differentiates this mountain is the fact that its summit is the highest point on the Earth's

surface. Due to our planet's equatorial bulge, the peak of Chimborazo is 3219m further from the centre of the Earth than Everest's summit.

"Aconcagua is the final peak in my itinerary. The "Stone Sentinel" is located in the central Andes close to the Argentine border with Chile. At 6962m, it's the highest mountain in the world outside the Himalaya. The high altitude, cold temperatures (-20/-30°C) and strong winds make this a very challenging climb."

While Simon's personal aim is to conquer the summits, he also wants to help raise money for UNICEF.

His web site says the United Nations Children's Fund is the only global organisation working specifically to support children and their rights. The charity works with local communities and governments in 158 countries to help every child reach its full potential through long term and emergency work on health care, education and protection for children at risk.

None of the money donated will contribute towards the cost of the Simon's endeavour.

Details of the climbs and about how to support UNICEF are available on the website.



REUNIONS

20 years on for Class of '84

The Class of 1984 will host a reunion on the long weekend in June.

It will begin with pre-dinner drinks in the School's Chapel of St Anne from 6pm, followed by a spit roast dinner from 7pm on June 12.

Next day (Sunday the 13th) from 12 noon Old Scholars and their families will be invited back to the Senior School for a tour and barbecue in the Neil Forest.

Natalie Walsh (nee Dyer) and Victoria Jones (nee Brown) are the key organisers and should be contacted if you know the whereabouts of any 1984 Old Scholars. Natalie can be contacted via email natalie.walsh@gippsandgs.vic.edu.au

...and 10 years for '94

A 10-year reunion for the class of 1994 is also being organised for this year.

It will be held on Saturday May 22 at the Palace Hotel, 505 City Road, South Melbourne, from 7pm.

It's a casual gathering with finger food at a cost of \$10 per person.

Everyone's invited, including those in the year who left prior to Year 12. Attendees should phone Nicole Honey on 0415 129399 or make contact via email at nic2610@hotmail.com by May 8 to establish numbers.

People are encouraged to try and get a table of school friends together, which will help ensure the night is a success.

New look Old Scholars' committee

There is a new look Old Scholars' Committee.

Estelle Gannon is now President, Danielle Ford Vice President, Shane Bennett Secretary and Natalie Walsh Treasurer.

Committee members include Bruce Erbs, Scott Rossetti and Meredith Johnston.

For further information regarding the Old Scholars' Association contact the School on 5143 6388.

15 year reunion held

A 15 year reunion was held at Sale's Café Rossi in November, and while numbers were a little down, those who did attend had a great time.

About 20 Old Scholars and some partners turned out for a dinner on the Saturday night and a get together at the chapel on the following morning.

The event was held on the Sale Show weekend and while the organisers were hoping for more of the class to attend, it was successful enough to prompt thoughts of more frequent gatherings, possibly even annually.

Anyone who could not attend last year's function but would like to be informed of any future get-togethers should email Allison Wolf at alliwolf71@hotmail.com

■ Pictured above right at the reunion are Matt Bayliss and Alison Clarke, while at right are Jackie Harrap and Liz Hackford.

