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Old Scholar Matt Cooke (1999) with Year 9 students: Chris Riley, Sam Brumley, Katherine Woods, Abbie Minter and Corey Somerville. See story Page 10

## Old Scholar makes 'Flying Visit'

Dust was flying and students stood in awe when Old Scholar Matt Cooke revisited the School recently. Sub-Lieutenant Cooke, who's now in the Navy,

landed a helicopter in the grounds of the senior school to share his love of his career with students and teachers.



Doug Brumley  
Dux scores 99.9

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# From the Principal's Desk

Having been at the school for only a few weeks, I am still engaged in the long battle to be able to put names to faces amongst students, staff and parents. As far as the broader school family is concerned, old scholars, friends and supporters within the community, I have hardly begun to get to know you.

Despite this, I have to confess that I already feel very much at home here. I have not moved schools very often because I enjoy the sense of community which comes from being in one place for a good length of time. On the other hand, there is undoubtedly an energy associated with a move and this sense of excitement is aided by the warm and positive support which I have already received from the school community. I look forward to a long and fruitful association with Gippsland Grammar and the broader Gippsland community.

I arrive at a school which is obviously thriving, with good results both in and out of the classroom, typified by a top ENTER of 99.9 for Doug Brumley and many other outstanding VCE results. Healthy enrolments continue in the Senior School and also at the Early Learning Centre which must make us optimistic about future enrolments at the Junior School. Nevertheless, there are some interesting challenges for the years ahead



and I am currently working with the School Board and the Executive to establish our priorities for the next few years, particularly in the area of capital developments. We are exploring the possible establishment of an additional Junior School campus in the Bairnsdale area and this may happen as soon as 2006, though there is much work to be done if that is to be achieved. We are also looking at developments on our two existing campuses and I will be happy to outline these proposals in the next issue of Veritas.

Those within the school community will no doubt have gathered something of my philosophy of education from various addresses I have given but for those of you whom I have not yet met, I offer a brief outline.

Phrases such as 'lifelong learning' and 'education for a changing world' have become clichés though I believe that I have been spouting them from well before they became fashionable. However, to achieve these things, students have to experience the joy of discovery and the pleasure that comes from setting and achieving significant personal challenges. If education is fun, then there is much more chance that students will continue with it! Striving for excellence is not, of course, incompatible with enjoying yourself – ask any earnest sportsperson. To aim to achieve to our potential is to respect ourselves and the others who make the commitment to our growth. Excellence obviously applies to our academic, sporting and cultural goals, but must also be a part of our spiritual and social development. Above all, we want to produce young people who excel in their values, who excel in the capacity to give to others, who will make us proud of their achievements as role models within our society.

It appears to me that this is very much the philosophy of the school and it will be my aim to ensure that this spirit of personal endeavour is continued. I look forward to working with you.

Mike Clapper

## VCE Results

Overall the School again achieved excellent VCE results, with a highlight that 43 percent received an ENTER score that placed them in the top 20 percent of students in the State.

Over one quarter (27 percent) of the students were ranked in the top 10 percent, and 86 percent in the top 50 percent.

Head of Senior School, Martin Oates said, "We are really pleased that we are achieving consistent scores right across the year group. It is important that all students achieve the best result they can. Our scores this year and last, with almost 90 percent in the top half of all students state-wide, demonstrate that our overall standard is very high."

The average ENTER score for VCE students this year was 72.32. There were a further seven students with an ENTER score above 95; that is, in the top five percent of the state.

**Median score 76.80**

**27% in top 10% of State**

**43% in top 20% of State**

**86% in top 50% of State**

**Average ENTER score 72.32**

**21 students scored 90 or more**





## We welcome our new Principal

The School has welcomed new Principal Michael Clapper.

Mr Clapper comes to Sale with more than 30 years' experience in the teaching profession.

His early career began in England after completing a Mathematics degree at Queen's College Oxford.

He held a number of different positions including Head of Computer Studies, Head of Curriculum and Deputy Principal at English schools before relocating to Australia with his family at the end of 1986.

He was appointed Director of Curriculum at St Leonard's College, Melbourne in 1987 and held that position until he moved to Hunter Valley Grammar School as Principal in 1998, and it's from the Hunter Valley that he moves to Sale.

Mr Clapper is a keen musician and a passionate sportsman. He also has a love of literature and a particular interest in philosophy.

He has worked for VCAA and the NSW Board of Studies and is currently a member of the problem-setting committee for the Australian Mathematics Competition.

A special commissioning service, performed by The Right Reverend Jeffrey Driver, Bishop of Gippsland, was held in the quadrangle at the end of the first week of School. At the service, various groups from within the School were represented and offered the new Principal the School banner, blazer, Bible, student roll, academic gown, books, House Shield and Old Scholars' tie as symbols of their desire and intention to help the School.



## Dux Offered Prestigious Scholarship

**Our Dux of 2004, Doug Brumley, is one of only ten Victorian students to be offered a prestigious scholarship at Melbourne University.**

Doug, from Nicholson, was offered a Melbourne National Scholarship after scoring an ENTER of 99.90 for his VCE year. Doug's scholarship offer includes HECS exemption on annual fees and a \$5,000 annual allowance for five years and was awarded on the basis of academic merit, school references and awards and activities.

The offer was another highlight in an excellent week for the 18 year-old. As well as close to the

highest ENTER score possible – the maximum achievable is 99.95 – he also scored two perfect study scores of 50, for Physics and Mathematical Methods.

Head of Senior School, Mr Martin Oates, said, "Only 606 study scores of 50 were achieved throughout the State and only one other student at Gippsland Grammar achieved a score of 50, which puts Doug's achievement into perspective."

As well as being the School Vice Captain, Doug was involved in a wide range of activities at School.

"Doug is to be congratulated on his academic achievements while at Gippsland Grammar and

particularly on his overall achievements within the School," Mr Oates said. "Doug is a confident and strong young person. He possesses excellent social skills and is popular among his peers and well respected by staff. Few people can achieve in all areas of the school without appearing vain or insular. The ovation he received as a Year 11 student at the 2003 Prizegiving Ceremony, is testament to the esteem in which all members of the School hold him."

Congratulations also to Miranda Woods, Stuart Kent and Harrison Wraight, who were all awarded Melbourne Access Scholarships. The scholarships, awarded by Melbourne



University, give HECS exemption and a \$2000 allowance for four years. Other universities are yet to notify of scholarship recipients, so we will have this information for the next issue of Veritas. If you have any information regarding scholarships, please contact our Careers Advisor, Julie Ripon, at the School.



# Students with 90+ ENTERs



Douglas Brumley

**99.90**



Penelope Davis

**97.85**



Nicholas Dawkins

**97.65**



Robert Tilleard

**97.55**



Paige Ellis

**97.05**



Harrison Wraight

**96.20**



Sophie Morelli

**96.10**

Mikhaila Bromwich

**94.75**

Fiona Scarlett

**92.45**

Darcy Shen

**91.20**

Kate Robertson

**94.75**

Mira Guirguis

**92.45**

Robert Sciberras

**90.75**

Elese Cartledge

**94.10**

Jaimi Dickson

**92.45**

Roisin Kinsella

**90.40**

Luke Vella

**93.55**

Belinda Crossley

**91.85**

Marianne McCormack

**90.00**

Thomas Plunkett

**92.85**

Chelsea Oliver

**91.65**

## 2004 VCE Individual Study scores 40+.

Study scores are the scores achieved in each subject.

The maximum score achievable is 50.

Studies undertaken in 2003 which received 40 or above have not been reported again in this list.

Mikhaila Bromwich

Further Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ **45**

Douglas Brumley

Chemistry \_\_\_\_\_ **43**

English \_\_\_\_\_ **47**

Mathematical Methods \_\_\_\_\_ **50**

Specialist Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ **48**

Physics \_\_\_\_\_ **50**

Glenn Campigli

Further Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ **41**

Elese Cartledge

English \_\_\_\_\_ **44**

Legal Studies \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Belinda Crossley

English \_\_\_\_\_ **43**

Studio Art \_\_\_\_\_ **41**

Madeleine Davies

English \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Penelope Davis

English \_\_\_\_\_ **43**

Legal Studies \_\_\_\_\_ **44**

Nicholas Dawkins

Specialist Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ **42**

Mathematical Methods \_\_\_\_\_ **49**

Jaimi Dickson

English \_\_\_\_\_ **44**

Physical Education \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Psychology \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Paige Ellis

English \_\_\_\_\_ **43**

Further Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ **46**

Mira Guirguis

Business Management \_\_\_\_\_ **47**

English \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Legal Studies \_\_\_\_\_ **41**

Paygen Holmes

English \_\_\_\_\_ **41**

Roisin Kinsella

English \_\_\_\_\_ **45**

Sophie Morelli

Business Management \_\_\_\_\_ **46**

English \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Legal Studies \_\_\_\_\_ **41**

Sarah O'Connor

Business Management \_\_\_\_\_ **42**

Chelsea Oliver

English \_\_\_\_\_ **41**

Psychology \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Thomas Plunkett

Further Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ **44**

Kate Robertson

Further Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ **44**

Emma-Lee Ross

Further Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ **41**

Lisa Scott

English \_\_\_\_\_ **45**

Anneka Taborsky

Further Mathematics \_\_\_\_\_ **41**

Kara Taylor

Media \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Robert Tilleard

English \_\_\_\_\_ **47**

Luke Vella

English \_\_\_\_\_ **43**

Physical Education \_\_\_\_\_ **44**

Harrison Wraight

English \_\_\_\_\_ **46**

## YEAR 11 STUDENTS UNDERTAKING A YEAR 12 STUDY

Mitchell Barnett

Business Management \_\_\_\_\_ **46**

Amy Batchelor

Health and Human Development \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Katie Butcher

Information Technology: Processing and Management \_\_\_\_\_ **45**

Aleah Connley

Psychology \_\_\_\_\_ **45**

John Droppert

Business Management \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Milly Hams

VET Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ **43**

Louise Hellenen

Business Management \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Danielle Herbert

Business Management \_\_\_\_\_ **42**

Abbey Hughes

Business Management \_\_\_\_\_ **49**

Tess Kelsey

Business Management \_\_\_\_\_ **46**

Megan Kenny

Theatre Studies \_\_\_\_\_ **49**

Richard McKimm

Information Technology: Information Systems \_\_\_\_\_ **41**

Leigh McLeod

Information Technology: Information Systems \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Phillipa Mowat

Business Management \_\_\_\_\_ **40**

Emily Rawlings

Media \_\_\_\_\_ **44**

Anna Steer

Physical Education \_\_\_\_\_ **50**



# Where do they go from here?

The Class of 2004 has obtained excellent results. From information available to us, we have compiled a list of courses that have been offered and career paths that have been chosen by the students. We have been informed that some students have chosen to defer their studies for twelve months. 70 out of 74 students achieved first round offers for a university place, with the majority obtaining their first preference. Congratulations!

## **Fergus Anderson**

Electrical pre apprenticeship  
EVGT/Sale

## **Chloe Batchelor**

Commerce  
Deakin University/Melbourne

## **Mikhaila Bromwich**

Occupational Therapy/  
Behavioural Science  
La Trobe University/Bundoora

## **Douglas Brumley**

Science  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Justin Bush**

Engineering-Electronics &  
Computer Systems  
Swinburne Uni Of Tech/  
Hawthorn

## **Glenn Campigli**

Engineering-Electronics &  
Computer Systems  
Swinburne Uni Of Tech/  
Hawthorn

## **Else Cartledge**

Arts/Law  
Deakin University/Melbourne

## **Nichole Clarke**

Nursing Bridging Program  
EGIT/Sale

## **James Clyne**

Agriculture  
Charles Sturt Uni/Wagga  
Wagga

## **Joshua Coleman**

Engineering-Civil  
(Advanced Diploma)  
RMIT University TAFE/City

## **Belinda Crossley**

Studio Textiles & Design  
RMIT University TAFE/  
Brunswick

## **Emma Davey**

Social Science  
Swinburne Uni/Lilydale

## **Madeleine Davies**

Arts  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Penelope Davis**

Commerce/Arts  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Nicholas Dawkins**

Commerce/Science  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Jaimi Dickson**

Arts/Education (Primary)  
Monash University/Gippsland

## **David Elliman**

Business  
Swinburne Uni/Hawthorn

## **Paige Ellis**

Physiotherapy  
La Trobe University/Bundoora

## **James Fleming**

Industrial Design  
RMIT University/City

## **Mira Guirguis**

Law  
Deakin University/Melbourne

## **Gregory Hall**

Science  
Monash University/Clayton

## **Julia Harris**

Administration  
RMIT University TAFE/City

## **Sarah Hatton**

Graphic Arts  
GippsTAFE/Newborough

## **Chloe Hollonds**

Event Management  
(Tourism)  
NMIT/Preston

## **Paygen Holmes**

Arts  
University of South Australia

## **Tristan Howard**

Environmental  
Management  
Deakin University/Melbourne

## **Matthew Jackson**

Management  
Victoria Uni/Footscray Park

## **Lisa Johnston**

Animal Care &  
Management (Animal  
Technology)  
Box Hill TAFE/Whitehorse

## **Paul Joyce**

Foundation Studies  
Monash University/Gippsland

## **Stuart Kent**

Music  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Ashley Kerr**

Media Arts  
Deakin University/Melbourne

## **Roisin Kinsella**

Medicine/Surgery  
Monash University/Clayton

## **Jonathan Knight**

Biological & Chemical  
Science  
Deakin University/Geelong

## **Melissa Knight**

Animal Science  
La Trobe University/Bundoora

## **Rohan Lane**

Electrical pre-  
apprenticeship  
GippsTAFE/ Newborough

## **Matthew Love**

Sports Management  
Deakin University/Melbourne

## **Simon Marrow**

Arts  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Marianne McCormack**

Science  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Patrick Mcivor**

Arts  
Monash University/Gippsland

## **Tess McLaren**

Sport & Outdoor  
Recreation/Education  
(Primary)  
Monash University/Gippsland

## **Sophie Morelli**

Commerce/Law  
Deakin University/Melbourne

## **Elsa Murray-White**

Visual Arts  
RMIT University TAFE/City

## **Joshua Newman**

Fisheries  
Aust Maritime College/  
Tasmania

## **Julia Noble**

Nursing  
Monash University/Gippsland

## **Trent Norkus**

Arts/Commerce  
Deakin University/Melbourne

## **Sarah O'Connor**

Nursing/Rural Health  
Practice  
Monash University/Gippsland

## **Chelsea Oliver**

Social Work  
Deakin University/Geelong

## **Victoria Peavey**

Valuation  
RMIT University/City

## **Adam Phillips**

Personal Fitness Training  
AIF/Melbourne

## **Cathleen Pike**

Commercial Cookery  
ACTH Management/City

## **Thomas Plunkett**

Pharmacy  
La Trobe University/Bendigo

## **Samuel Rankin**

Film & Television (Screen  
Production)  
RMIT University TAFE/City

## **Kate Robertson**

Biomedical Science  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Emma-Lee Ross**

Information Technology  
(Professional Practice)  
University Of Ballarat/Mt  
Helen

## **Kim Round**

Nursing/Rural Health  
Practice  
Monash University/Gippsland

## **Chloe Saunders**

Hairdressing  
Tresses & Jewels

## **Fiona Scarlett**

Music  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Robert Sciberras**

Engineering/Science  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Lisa Scott**

Nursing/Rural Health  
Practice  
Monash University/Gippsland

## **Robert Scrivenor**

Building Surveying  
Holmesglen TAFE/Chadstone

## **Patricia Sellings**

Photography  
VCAL

## **Darcy Shen**

Commerce  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Yuta Shiraishi**

Digital Art  
RMIT University/City

## **Haydn Smith**

Industrial Design  
RMIT University/City

## **Christopher Stevenson**

Engineering Technology  
Deakin University/Geelong

## **Anneka Taborsky**

Occupational Therapy  
La Trobe University/Bundoora

## **Kara Taylor**

Advertising  
Swinburne TAFE/Prahran

## **Rhiannon Templeton**

Psychology & Humanities  
Monash University/Gippsland

## **Aimee Thomas**

Commerce  
RMIT University/Bairnsdale

## **Robert Tilleard**

Commerce/Arts  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Riley Vandonkelaar**

Security Industry Training  
Melbourne

## **Luke Vella**

Exercise & Sport Science  
Deakin University/Melbourne

## **Brendan Walker**

Engineering-Electrical &  
Electronic  
Victoria Uni/Footscray Park

## **Ashlee Ward**

Teaching-Primary  
Deakin University/  
Warrnambool

## **Tamsin Williams**

Sports & Remedial Therapy  
Vic College Health Ed/  
Moorabbin

## **Miranda Woods**

Horticulture  
University Of Melbourne/  
Burnley

## **Harrison Wraight**

Architecture  
University Of Melbourne/  
Parkville

## **Elliott Yeates**

Information Technology  
(Network Engineering)  
Swinburne TAFE/Hawthorn

## **Jackson Zaal**

Civil & Environmental  
Engineering  
Monash University/Gippsland



# Prefects 2005

One of Mr Clapper's first tasks as Principal of Gippsland Grammar was to induct 16 Year 12 students as Prefects.



New Principal Michael Clapper (centre) the other leaders of the school (back, left to right) School Captain Rob Chapman, Head of Senior School Martin Oates, School Captain Phoebe Smith, Tess Kelsey, Milly Hams, Tim Whelan, Louise Hellenen, Chris Monash, Anisha Sarkar, Zach Smith, Megan Kenny, Carly Minter, Sam Harrison and (front row) Vice-Captain Emily Rawlings, Vice-Captain John Droppert, Stuart Malady and Kylie Lilburne.

## Enhancement Studies

The University Enhancement programme in which our students participate, enables students to undertake the challenging study of a first year Monash University subject.

A variety of subjects were undertaken in 2004: Mathematics, History, Media and Communication, and Accounting. Students achieved excellent results. There was 1 Credit result, 4 Distinction results and 5 High Distinction results awarded to a total of 10 students who were accepted into the programme.

Sophie Morelli was awarded the Monash University Media and Communication Prize and Chelsea Oliver won Monash's Accounting Prize.

## Students in Great Online Race

Geography students from Gippsland Grammar were the Victorian winners of a national online competition recognizing the traditions and culture of Asia.

The syndicate competed against 16,000 other entries and achieved fourth place overall and first in Victoria. The syndicate, comprising Year 8 students Claire Morrissey and Elbert Hayes and Year 10 students, Keegan Joyce, Sophie Jennings, Jim Medew and Kevin Hua, traveled to Parliament House in Melbourne for the award presentation.

The Great Race is a new online contest complementing the 'Asia Wise' competition held earlier in the year that Gippsland Grammar annually participates in.

A total of 23 of our students were chosen to take part in the online battle after receiving credits, distinctions and high distinctions in the 'Asia Wise' competition.

Schools throughout Australia were challenged by the 30 online questions concerning Asia that had to be completed within an hour.



Photo: Pictured at the award ceremony are (Back L to R): Jim Medew, Claire Morrissey, Elbert Hayes, Kevin Hua and Ms Gabrielle England, President of the Victorian Association of Social Studies Teachers (Front L to R): Keegan Joyce and Sophie Jennings.

Our syndicate led the race for some 20 minutes with its score of 26/30, in the quickest time; however, the eventual winner with 29/30 was Sydney Girls' High School which lodged its answers 30 seconds before the deadline. Competition organizers, the Victorian Association of Social Science Teachers Incorporated, hosted an afternoon tea for the students, teachers and parents following the medal presentation.



# Science for Students

The National Youth Science Forum was established for prospective Year 12 students who have an interest in a science or medicine related career path.

The two-week long forum, held in Canberra, gives students the opportunity to gain knowledge about science along with other like-minded, enthusiastic and generally awesome people. You do not learn science, you learn about science as a career.

We were selected as two of 288 students from over 2000 around Australia. The forum gave us the opportunity to visit some of Australia's top research and University Institutes located in Canberra.

The second week included some personal development seminars during which we were taught communication skills, negotiation skills, interview techniques (i.e. for jobs or university scholarships) and public speaking. We also attended a presentation given by a chief designer for Holden, one of the sponsors of the NYSF. Other highlights of the week were the chance to have one on one discussion with representatives from the top universities in Australia and a tour of the Governor General's residence.

Although the NYSF sounds like a science camp and therefore a 'nerd' camp, it is entirely the opposite. We have made many friends for life, none of whom are 'nerds'. Attending the NYSF was an awesome experience and we recommend that students in Year 11 consider applying in the future. For us, it was the chance of a lifetime!

Chris Monash and Anisha Sarkar  
Year 12

# High Mathematics achievers

During 2004, our Year 6 students participated in the Australian Primary School Mathematics Olympiad (APSMO).

This activity involves the students participating in five problem solving Olympiads over a period of several months. Each Olympiad is made up of five problems that have to be solved in a specified time. Jordan Meiers and Sarah Christie were placed in the top 25% of all competitors in Australia, New Zealand and other competing countries. Caroline Severs and Jake Malouf were placed in the top 10% of all competitors.

Photo: Caroline Severs and Jake Malouf were top scorers in the APSMO.



## Top Music Results

**A number of our music students finished 2004 on a high note with perfect records driving them through into 2005.**

It seems all the brass students who sat Australian Musical Examination Board tests and the new Australian and New Zealand Cultural Arts assessments passed and most passed with high distinctions.

One such student is Year 10 trumpeter, Daniel McKimm, who received first class honours, an A+ High Distinction, for the fifth consecutive year.

His perfect record identifies him as a musician of the future, along with many other students.

Year 7 student, Isobelle Hanger, was awarded the Music Scholarship for Senior School following her success at junior level.

The young musician sat both the grade 3 and grade 4 trumpet AMEB exams last year and received A+ for both. It's the third year she too has received such honours.

Among the other up and coming musicians are: Max Boonzaayer, A+, grade 1 trombone; Tom Chalmer, A+, grade 3 trumpet; Bonnie Dawson, A+, grade 3 French horn; Jackson Harrison, A+, grade 1 euphonium; Joshua Oliver, A+, grade 1 trombone; Anthea Todd, A+ grade 1 trumpet.



Trumpeter Daniel McKimm's music is rewarded for the fifth consecutive year.

Demonstrating her skills on the cornet is Isobelle Hanger. She played the processional in front of a large crowd at the Year 6 Valedictory Service late last year.



# Peace Quilt

The Peace Quilt began following the aftermath of 11 September 2001, and was inspired by this letter written to the Editor of "The Age".

## Australians all let us unite

Christians, Jews and Muslims in Australia share the world's horror at the tragic loss of life in New York and Washington. Together we mourn for the victims and grieve with those whose loss is so great.

It is time for Australians to stand as one, united by our compassion for those whose lives have been so tragically affected.

For Australians of all faiths and of none, the tragedy should provoke a new affirmation of our shared commitment to peace and human dignity.

We call on members of our three faith communities to respond to the terrible events by strengthening the ties of faith and mutual respect that bind us together.

Our compassion for the victims and our horror at the inhumane deeds must not

become an excuse for hatred or bigotry or be exploited by those who seek to divide us on the basis of religion or ethnic origin.

Together we call upon our people to respond to the evil by uniting, as Australians and as human beings, in reaffirming respect for life, for human rights, for peace and justice.

As people of faith, we pray for peace and call upon world leaders to respond to this tragedy seeking justice, not revenge.

May the beneficent God protect us all.

### Jeremy Jones

National Vice President

Executive Council of Australian Jewry

### David Gill

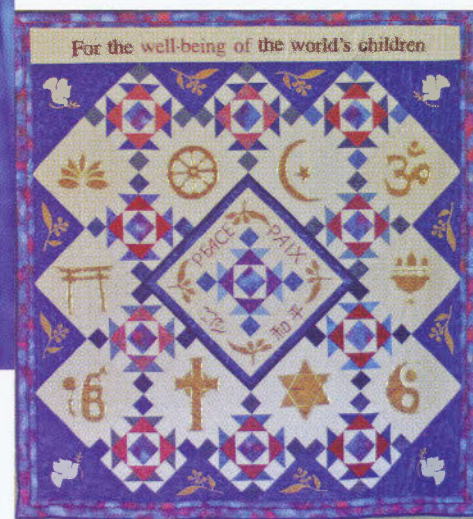
General Secretary

National Council of Churches in Australia

### Amjad Ali Mehboob

Chief Executive Officer

Australian Federation of Islamic Councils



*Friends in the Block Busters Patchwork Group, several of whom are members of the School Community, made the pieced blocks, and the designs for the religious symbols came from the book "Religions" by Anita Ganere. The words for Peace, and the statement "For the well-being of the world's children" were adapted from a UNICEF Christmas card.*

*The quilt was machine pieced, the symbols were appliquéd by hand, and the quilting was done by hand and machine. The quilt was presented to the Chaplain for display in the Chapel of St Anne.*

## Just a stroll in the park!



That was the motto of the 22 adventurers who braved the elements as they walked their way along the Overland Track in Tasmania in December last year.

This trip was more than 'just a stroll'. The six-day walk from Cradle Mountain to Lake St Clair was challenging, but not even the wet and cold conditions could dampen the enthusiasm of those who made the journey.

There were sore feet and blisters, aching shoulders, wet boots and tents and many cries of "not up hill again!" but a lot of fun was had along the way. The Overland Track is famous for its spectacular scenery and the group enjoyed the opportunity to chat with people from many parts of Australia and overseas. It didn't take long for Gippsland Grammar to make its mark on this 'stroll in the park'. Our reputation for having fun and enjoying ourselves, even when rain poured, was noticed by many a walker along the track. Thanks to everyone who came on this adventure, especially Aleah Connley, who helped organise the trip as part of her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

If you would like to join our walking group or have an idea for our next adventure, please give me a call at school.

David Jones



# New Staff



**Mr Peter Bennett**  
Teacher of Music

The Music Department will be boosted by the arrival of Peter Bennett. He is an accomplished guitarist (Peter Bennett Trio) and musician as well as a teacher. Peter comes to the School from Nagle College where he taught Instrumental Music. Peter has keen interests in music composition, sailing, restoration of wooden boats, photography and art.



**Mr Christopher Brennan**  
Teacher of Mathematics

Chris brings significant experience to the Mathematics Department and will be working at the School part-time. Chris has completed a B.A., Diploma of Education and studies in Mathematical Statistics. Chris comes to the School from Holmesglen TAFE where he taught VCE Mathematics. His prior employment includes a period as a building manager on the Gold Coast.



**Miss Serrin Gardner**  
Teacher of Physical Education

Serrin has recently completed a Bachelor of Applied Science – Human Movement at Victoria University and a Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) at Charles Sturt University (NSW). Serrin will be teaching in the Physical Education Department and also brings experience to the School as a qualified rowing coach. She is a keen sportsperson and accomplished in many sports.



**Mrs Deborah Moy**  
Teacher of Science and Health

Deborah undertook work placement at Gippsland Grammar whilst completing her Diploma of Education at Monash University, Clayton. Prior to this Deborah attained a Bachelor of Science Degree at Swinburne University. Deborah will be teaching Science and Health at the School.



**Mr Hugh Berryman-Brook**  
Teacher of English and SOSE

Hugh will teach English and Studies Of Society and Environment (SOSE) at the School. Hugh comes to us from Robinvale. He worked most recently for short periods at Ivanhoe Grammar and Adass Israel School. Hugh has completed a B.A., Graduate Diploma of Education and Diploma of Information Management. Hugh brings with him a wealth of experience including two years as a field assistant at the Bluebird Gold Mine in Meekatharra, Western Australia.



**Mrs Elizabeth Dawson**  
Classroom Teacher

Elizabeth will be working at the Junior School part-time as a Classroom Teacher. Elizabeth recently completed a Bachelor of Primary Teaching at Monash University and has previously completed an Integration Aide course, also at Monash. Prior to her training as a teacher, Elizabeth was a Registered Nurse with experience in midwifery, surgery and anaesthetics.



**Mrs Faye Kennedy**  
Teacher of English

Faye comes to us from Sale College where she was a Literacy Coordinator and teacher. She completed a Bachelor of Arts and Graduate Diploma of Education in 2001 and 2002 respectively. Faye lives locally with her husband and two daughters and her interests include family, literature and horse-riding.

We also welcome a returning Junior School staff member, Miss Kate Ray. Kate is returning to classroom teaching after one year's leave.

We also have a number of new trainees for 2005. Emma Davey will be the Year 9 assistant, whilst Kylie Freitag will work in the office. Julia Noble will be the sports assistant and Jonathan Knight and Tess McLaren will assist with Outdoor Education. Emma, Julia, Jonathan and Tess are all ex-students, having completed VCE last year. Two new English GAP students are here for the rowing season: Matthew Ball, from Burton-on-Trent and Shaun Pope, from Southport.



# Monash and Malmo Prizes for Megan



The Monash Prize for general excellence in Year 11 has been awarded to Megan Kenny.

Megan, now a Prefect in Year 12, proved to be the best all round Year 11 Gippsland Grammar student for 2004.

This prestigious award is presented annually, sponsored by Monash University.

Monash University Representative Phillip Higgins, who was previously a tutor at Gippsland Grammar Boarding House and a past parent, visited the School to present Megan with her prize.

It seems Megan is no stranger to receiving recognition for her achievements, dedication and contribution to Gippsland Grammar. She has also won the Malmo Memorial Scholarship for 2005.

Announcing her win, Malmo Memorial Trust secretary Jakob Malmo, described Megan as a very worthy winner of the district award and an excellent ambassador for her School.

The Malmo scholarship is open to all Year 11 students in Sale and Maffra and is in memory of the late Sigurd Malmo, a local veterinarian, who died tragically as the result of a car accident in 1970.

Megan strives to achieve high results in everything she does. She won a Melbourne Theatre Company Scholarship in 2004 and this year is a sports captain for Cranswick Dargo and School drama captain.

Photo: Mr Phillip Higgins presenting Megan with her Monash Prize.

## Old Scholar makes 'Flying Visit'

Dust was flying and students stood in awe when Old Scholar Matt Cooke revisited the School recently. Sub-Lieutenant Cooke, who's now in the Navy, landed a helicopter in the grounds of the senior school to share his love of his career with students and teachers.

Influenced and motivated by the Roulettes and our local Airforce base, Matt graduated from Gippsland Grammar in 1999 and immediately moved to Canberra to begin study at the Australian Defence Academy.

In the beginning he signed up with the Airforce to train as a Navigator; however, after a year and a half, he said he was "looking for more of a challenge and something more hands-on" and successfully applied for a transfer to the Navy as an Observer.

He has been in the military for five years now and still loves every minute which he said was the key to his success.

Talking to interested students he encouraged them to work hard at school and strive to reach any goal they wanted.

"It (being in the military) is extremely challenging and staying focussed is the key. You've got to make sure it's what you really want to do before you start because otherwise it would be easy to lose sight and fail or quit. Staying focussed is easy when you love what you are doing."

He said the most exciting part of his job so far was flying to New Zealand as part of the year-long basic flying training course which he undertook at RAAF Base East Sale; however, next month he expected to travel

overseas which would probably supersede the New Zealand trip.

Matt is currently based at H.M.A.S. Albatross in Nowra, NSW.

He is the eldest son of Christine and Ian Cooke, Paynesville, and his brother Tim

also completed secondary school at Gippsland Grammar.

The visit was a joint presentation between the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Photo: Matt Cooke points out some of the finer details onboard the Navy helicopter.





# Out and About

## **Adrian Coghill (1995)**

Completed a Bachelor of Veterinary Science at Melbourne University in 2001. He has been doing locum and full time veterinary work in Victoria, New Zealand and UK. Adrian has just commenced a job in Maffra, focusing on cattle and equine medicine. Adrian married fellow vet, Fiona Mackinnon, at Emu Bottom Homestead in November 2003.

## **Elise Coghill (1998)**

Is in her final year of Medicine at the University of Tasmania.

## **Simon Crane (1990)**

Attended Melbourne University, studying Agricultural Science. During his studies, Simon took a year off to travel overseas. After completing his degree, he worked in a number of rural locations and is currently working at Landmark in Bendigo. Simon has a great interest in travel and trekking and has traveled to Argentina to trek Mt Aconcagua in the Andes and to Pakistan where he trekked to the K2 base camp. Simon is married and has a son, Will.

## **Kate Fraser-Hanley (Hanley 1994)**

Attained a Social Science/Psychology degree at Monash University. She works for the Department of Education and Training as a Secondary Welfare Officer but is currently on family leave, taking time out with her 14 month old daughter. In 2004, Kate and her family moved back to Gippsland after spending 8 years in Melbourne. They now live on a property in Glengarry.

## **Simon Holloway (1994)**

Completed a 12 month Rotary exchange to Denmark after leaving school. After completing a Commerce degree at Melbourne University and post graduate studies in Environmental Science at Monash University, he now works for the Shire of Yarra Ranges as Manager of Sustainable Communities. Simon lives at Healesville with his wife **Lucy Etheridge (1995)** and their daughter, Ruby. Lucy completed a BA (Public Relations) at RMIT and did post graduate studies in Wine Marketing at Adelaide University. Since 2001 she has worked in the Yarra Valley wine industry and is currently working part-time for the family company, Yarrowalla Wines.

## **Darren Langshaw (1978)**

Has been working in the hospitality industry. He owned a business in Southport QLD for 8 years and after spending time traveling in NT and WA, is now working at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club in Perth as the Member Service Manager.

## **John Reisinger (2000)**

Studied Computing after leaving school and is now one of the owners of Wideband Networks, a company providing Wireless Broadband Internet to people without access to ADSL in Tinamba, Heyfield, Rosedale, Denison, Nambrok, Seaton, Morwell, Traralgon, Glengarry, Toongabbie and other areas in the Gippsland region.

## **Simone Savage (2002)**

Has completed her second year in Applied Science (Sports Coaching and Administration) at Deakin University in Burwood. She is a senior squad coach at Nunawading Swimming Club and works for the Victorian Institute of Sport, working with elite athletes in the professional development program. Simone also works at the Lexus Centre, developing and conducting swimming recovery programs for the Collingwood Football Club.

## **Michelle Work (1994) and Hamilton Gerrand (1986)**

Exchanged vows in a beautiful garden and marquee setting in Sale on November 13, 2004. Maid of honour was Melissa Work (2000), with Tanya Niziolek and Georgina Wright (1994) as bridesmaids. Hamilton's brothers, Andrew (1991) and Stewart (1988), were part of the wedding party, along with good friend Troy Jefferies. Old Scholar, Garry Leeson (1970), was Master of Ceremonies at the reception for 130 people. Michelle and Hamilton live in Sale, where Hamilton assists in running the family property at Stradbroke and Michelle is the Director of Gumnuts Early Learning Centre.



Photo: The happy couple, Hamilton Gerrand and Michelle Work on their wedding day.

## **10 Year Reunion Class of 1995**



**Saturday 19 March 2005**

at 'Sails' The Star Hotel  
Raymond Street, Sale

**\$10 per head**

**RSVP: Fiona Mills (Neumann)**

**Phone: 5149 2549**

All past students who would have completed Year 12 in  
1995 are warmly invited to attend.

Please pass on this information to those who may not be on  
our mailing list.





And the winner is...

Justin Bush checks out his new wheels after the 2004 Prize giving ceremony.

Friday 10 December 2004 is a day that Year 12 student, Justin Bush, will remember forever.

As he sat down to enjoy his final Prizegiving ceremony at the Memorial Hall, he had no idea that he was about to receive a very special 'prize'.

Chairman of the Gippsland Grammar Foundation, Philip Davis, had the pleasure

of drawing Justin's name as the winner of the Foundation's major fundraising raffle.

Justin won a Ford Fiesta LX 5-Door Hatch, valued at over \$20,000. When Justin's name was called, the audience erupted into cheers and loud applause for the popular winner. Justin is the son of Old Scholar, Craig (1977) and Andrea Bush.

School families also won both second

and third prizes. The Barnett family from Bairnsdale won a Sony television and the Snell family of Winnindoo won a DVD player.

Mr Davis congratulated all winners and acknowledged the support of Prestney Ford and Sale Retravisoin. Thanks are extended to all those who supported the Foundation raffle. All proceeds will be donated to the Capital Campaign.

## Capital Campaign Update

The Gippsland Grammar Foundation should like to extend its thanks to all who have supported the Capital Campaign. A list of donors was published in the Spring 2003 Veritas and we would like to acknowledge the following donors since that time.

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