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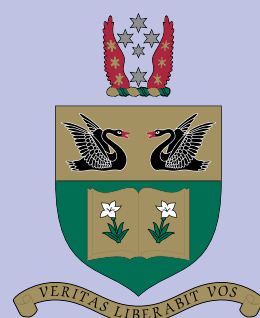
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From the Principal

We commence the second Semester of 2006 with a restructured executive team, following the departure at the end of Semester One of our Head of Senior School, Martin Oates and our Director of Staff Services, John Duncan. Both had served the School well over a number of years and become 'part of the furniture'. I believe that it reflects well on the reputation of Gippsland Grammar that both Martin and John have gone on into leadership roles elsewhere, Martin having been appointed Principal of St Luke's Anglican College in Bundaberg and John remaining in the area, as CEO of the new Australian Technical College in Gippsland.

Whilst we will miss them, it is also pleasing to report that we have been able to fill the gaps from within our own ranks.

Jan Henry, previously co-ordinator of the Year 9 program, steps up to the position of Head of Senior School, whilst Liana Cartledge, our Director of Curriculum, takes on the additional responsibility as my Deputy. Jan is an old scholar of Gippsland Grammar, having been School Captain in 1980. She won this position on merit, beating a very strong field of candidates from right around Australia. Jan is highly respected by staff, students and parents for both her passion and her intellect and I am very pleased to see her join our executive team.

Semester one has also been the settling in period for our new campus in Bairnsdale which, under the excellent leadership of Campus Co-ordinator Kate Arnup and our Head of Junior School Garry Gray, has gone from strength to strength. Continuing enrolment

interest has been strong and we anticipate beginning the next phase of the campus development at the start of next year.

Our new Early Learning Centre at the St Anne's campus is also proving a great success and we will be adding an additional day to the program for next year, which already has very strong enrolments.

On the Garnsey Campus, we will shortly commence building a new classroom block which will also accommodate a Food Technology Centre and a Lecture Theatre with a seating capacity for 150 people. This building will be on the site of the current canteen and administrator's office. The canteen will continue to be located in the new building whilst the administrator's office will move to the site of the current Year 12 common room, which in turn will transfer to the upper storey of the new building. The classrooms in this building will be primarily for senior classes and the building

will become our Year 12 study centre. The building will be constructed by Gamcorp engineering with input from the Melbourne based architectural firm, FMSA and is intended to be available for use for the 2007 school year.

Other projects which we expect to complete this year are the refurbishment of the Lorna Sparrow Hall and the redevelopment of the Junior School Library. All of these projects are possible because our enrolments are strong, currently standing at 890 and expected to be well over 900 next year. We are also fortunate to enjoy the strong support of our broader School community of parents, old scholars and friends. It is an exciting time to be involved with the School and I hope you enjoy reading this edition of Veritas, with its record of the wonderful achievements of Gippsland Grammar students, both past and present.

Mike Clapper



Gold Award for Aleah

Aleah Connley, who completed Year 12 last year, was presented with a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award by Prince Edward.

She was one of 33 young people who received their awards at the special ceremony at Government House in Melbourne.

Aleah was the only gold award recipient from regional Victoria. Aleah attained her gold award in just three years, one of six Victorians this year to achieve this in such a short period of time.

To achieve the award participants must

complete a community service, undertake an adventurous journey, develop a skill and a physical recreation and complete a residential project in an 18-month period.

Aleah worked as a volunteer at the Kilmany Care Opportunity Shop in Sale, played the guitar, mastered tae kwon do (she achieved her first dan in November 2005), hiked the overland track in Tasmania and participated in the Great Victorian Bike Ride.

Aleah also proved to be a top student, winning a full four year scholarship to Melbourne University studying Arts.

From Head Girl to Head of Senior School

Jan Henry has been appointed our new Head of Senior School.

No stranger to the school environment and its customs, she's an ex-student, former School Captain and House Captain and more recently a teacher.

Jan succeeds Martin Oates who left at the end of Term 2 to take up the Principal's role at St Luke's Anglican School in Bundaberg.

Jan was born in Maffra and grew up on dairy farm in Tinamba and later Nambrok with her parents Jim and Jean Henry (both deceased).

She completed her primary education at Boisdale Consolidated and her secondary years at Gippsland Grammar (1975-1980). She was School Captain.

After studying at University of Melbourne, Jan taught at Catholic College Sale and Goulburn Valley Grammar before returning to Gippsland Grammar as Head of the Humanities Department. She has since undertaken further study at Monash University.

Since 1998, as Head of Year 9, Jan has been responsible for developing and implementing a unique Year 9 program

which engages the students by recognizing their values and celebrating their experiences.

It has been a huge success for the students and the school. Now she's set for a new challenge.

"I am really excited by the opportunity to contribute in this way to education in Gippsland," Jan said.

"Gippsland Grammar has fantastic students, supportive parents and committed staff and I am looking forward to working with them on a different level."

Farewell Martin and John

At the end of Term 2, we said farewell to Executive Staff members, Martin Oates and John Duncan.

Martin has taken up the Principal's role at St Luke's Anglican School in Bundaberg, Queensland. Mike Clapper and several members of the School Board were delighted to attend Martin's commissioning, held at his new school recently.

John Duncan is now CEO of the new Australian Technical College in Gippsland. The college offers trade training, study and personal development strategies for young people.

A farewell function for Martin and John was held in the Chapel of St Anne on the last day of term. Our best wishes are extended to Martin and his wife Caroline and children Emma, Rory and Jock and to John Duncan and his wife, Pauline.



Farewell John! L to R: Rob Smith, Ted Collins, John Duncan and Gordon Cowling



Martin Oates and Jan Henry

Student receives the first ever Walter Land Scholarship

Old scholar Peter Hercules returned to school during term two to award one of the school's current students with a new and prestigious scholarship.

The inaugural Walter Land Scholarship was presented to Year 7 student Elizabeth Newton, of Bairnsdale.

Elizabeth's award includes full tuition fees for the course of her academic studies.

Formally conferring the scholarship, Peter said the terms of the scholarship were flexible and would range from part to full tuition fees and even boarding fees where appropriate.

Peter, who left the school in 1975 to study law in Melbourne, was happy to award the only such scholarship to a student who attended "his" school, about which he has many strong memories. Now a lawyer in Melbourne, he



explained the scholarship was in memory of the late Walter Land, who wanted to give others the chances he said life had given him.

"In his Will he directed his

executors to invest a large sum of money to fund a scholarship to reward young people who have the talent to achieve something special through the education system, which would

not be possible due to their particular circumstances," he said.

Walter Land was born in 1917 and died on June 8, 2002. He attended Haileybury College in Brighton. At the age of 14 he won a minor singles tennis championship and apparently pursued his studies with equal vigour.

After finishing school he studied aeronautical engineering, and then established a plastics moulding business which was his passion for the rest of his working life.

Peter Hercules said Walter Land was imaginative and was always thinking of new ways to do things or to do things better.

He developed a revolutionary braking system for aeroplanes during the Second World War and a patented drinking water filtration system to name just two of his innovations.

Foundation News

In 2006 the Gippsland Grammar Foundation has continued its support of students and staff alike. There are several new committee members and it is with great pleasure that we welcome past student and current parent, Stephen Chalmer, to the role of Foundation Chairman.

In May, the Foundation funded the **Lorna Sparrow Fellow In Residence** program. This year, the recipient was Sharyn O'Reilly, on behalf of the Junior School mathematics program. The committee awarded \$3500 towards expenses to bring mathematics

consultant, Michael Ymer, to the Junior School. Students and staff from both junior campuses will benefit from Michael's expert knowledge and exciting teaching methods.

The **JAT Beard Travel Scholarship** has been awarded to John Edwards, who will travel to Sydney in October to undertake a Neuro Linguistic programming course, titled Presentation and Platform Skills Training. John, who is Head of Information Technology, was awarded \$2500 towards his trip.

The **2006 Auction Dinner**, held in Garnsey Hall on Friday 4 August, was a

huge fundraising success. Over 200 people attended and contributed to an outstanding \$26000 being raised for the Building Fund. Collingwood fans will be thrilled to learn that the highest selling auction item was a signed jumper, which sold for \$1625. The Foundation extends its sincere thanks to all donors and guests.

Later this year, the Foundation will hold a **Major Fundraising Raffle**. This year, first prize will be a \$10000 travel voucher. Tickets will be forwarded to current families or you can order tickets from Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315.

Foundation – Donor Update

The Foundation should like to extend its thanks to all those who have supported the 2006 Annual Giving Program. All funds will be directed to the Lorna Sparrow Hall Appeal. The Foundation aims to raise \$100,000 for the project and all donations, large or small are sincerely appreciated. Contributions to the Building Fund are tax deductible.

Thank you to the following donors:

Ken Anderson

Michael Beard

Damian and Elaine Black

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Sue and Phil Vaughan

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Thank you to those donors who wish to remain anonymous and to those who have been acknowledged previously.

YOUNG ATHLETES GO FOR GOLD



Members of the Ghana Commonwealth Games Team inspired our athletes to strive higher during a visit to the school before the Melbourne Games earlier this year.

The visitors were treated to a tour of the senior school - impressed with the facilities - before presenting a stimulating and encouraging speech to some of our up and coming athletes.

The world-class athletes and team officials were 'adopted' by Wellington Shire for the duration of the Commonwealth Games.

Photo: Head of the Ghanaian Commonwealth Games Team, Charles Aryek, motivates up and coming athletes Matt Raidal and Monique Lawless during the team visit to Sale.

'The will to show you care' - leaving a bequest to Gippsland Grammar

The School that did so much for you or a member of your family by providing both education and lasting friendship will benefit from your gift.

Your thoughtfulness now will ensure that future students will be able to share the advantages of being part of the Gippsland Grammar community.

If you are interested in The Bequest Program and would like to know more, please contact the Development Office on 5143 6315.

If you have already made a bequest, please let us know so we can thank you personally, and ensure your wishes are carried out.

All correspondence is completely confidential.

New Early Learning Centre officially opens



L to R: Garry Gray (Head of Junior School), Bishop John McIntyre, Elizabeth Board and Lisa Burgess.

The official opening of our new Early Learning Centre was held on Friday 3 March.

Elizabeth Board, who was Head of the Junior School from 1987 to 1992 and instrumental in the school initially establishing an Early Learning Centre (ELC), returned to the school to perform the official opening.

Special guests included the Bishop of Gippsland, John McIntyre, members of the School Foundation, old scholars and former Directors of the ELC, Jenny Dalglish and Merilyn Rose.

Light, airy, spacious, fun and stimulating are just a few words to describe the new ELC. Eighty families are using the new centre this year and there are waiting lists already for the coming years. The Centre remains part of the Junior School campus and is located



Jessica Hamilton enjoying the new ELC at St Anne's Campus.

in York Street, (opposite Sale Police Station). It comprises two classrooms, a kitchen, administration office and generous storeroom which means the Reception Program (three year old) program can run alongside the Pre-prep (kindergarten) Program and as of next year a Transition Program will be offered for children turning five. The new centre gives parents greater flexibility when educating their pre-schoolers because full day classes operate five days a week.



Top: L to R: Lisa Burgess (Director of ELC) with former directors, Merilyn Rose and Jenny Dalglish.



Above: L to R: Past parents and longstanding supporters of the School, Joan Peirce and Jean and Stuart Ashton.

St Anne's Day

St Anne's Day was celebrated this year on Friday 28 July. Special guest speaker was Old Scholar, Bev Cook (nee Hayward). Bev was School Captain in 1943.

Bev gave some interesting snippets of information regarding her teaching career spanning sixty years, and life as a student at St Anne's in the 1940's.

Rita Williams (nee Savige) presented the School with a gold and silver metal thread embroidered St Anne's School Crest. It has silk inlays on a

woollen background to commemorate her years 1935-37 at the School, under Miss Constance Tisdall's guidance. Rita is a highly qualified teacher, embroiderer and art designer who graduated from Emily McPherson College in Melbourne with a Diploma of Needlecraft and from Melbourne Technical College in Art, Design and other craft skills.

Garry Gray visited Rita at her Warrnambool home to collect the gift for the School.

Right: Rita Williams (nee Savige) with the St Anne's School Crest she embroidered and donated to the School
Far Right: L to R: Past students Betty Horstman (nee Bermingham), Clytie Berry (nee Missen) and Bev Cook (nee Hayward)



Drama

Drama attracts a large number of students every year. So far in 2006, we have been extremely theatrical! In April, the Theatre Studies class, a mixed group of Year 11 and 12 students, presented their production *Away*, by Australian playwright Michael Gow. In addition to acting roles, students also became designers and directors, making the production truly their own. Directors Katie Jarvis, Emma Bush and Angus Cameron enabled their cast to deliver moving and convincing performances as people who need to go “away” to find themselves and what is really important in their lives.

The VCE Drama class gave three public performances in Semester 1. The first, a lunchtime of Theatre of the Absurd scenes, was highly successful. In fact, the Drama Room was filled to overflowing. In May the class took part in Stratford’s Shakespeare by the River Festival, attending the Schools’ Day, *Chill with Will*. They performed the play within a play from *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. The group repeated their production with a lunchtime performance in the Chapel.

The School Play, *Mouse on Mars*, staged at the end of Term 2, was a sequel to the 2002 production, *The Mouse That Roared*. Grand Duchess Gloriana XII (played by Emma Bush) and the citizens of Grand Fenwick embarked upon an ambitious project, while attempting to solve the financial woes of the world’s smallest country.

Work has commenced on the annual House Drama Festival, for which each House writes an original one act play on a set theme. This year, the Festival will be adjudicated by Old Scholar Nicolas Moore (1998). Himself an excellent actor with 5 School Play principal roles and a House Festival Best Actor trophy to his credit, Nic is presently completing on a Master of Theatre Design degree at Monash University. We look forward to welcoming him back to the School in September

In October, the Year 9 and VCE Drama classes perform one act plays developed in class. The VCE class will offer an abridged version of the Oscar Wilde comedy of manners classic, *The Importance of Being Ernest*, while the Year 9’s will prepare *School Daze*, a series of scenes connected by a common theme – the funny, not so funny and thought provoking things that happen in school.



Bairnsdale Official Opening

Top L to R: Mike Clapper, Garry Gray and Dr Martin Kent (Chairman of School Board) unveil the commemorative plaque with Bairnsdale Campus Captains, Damian Lucke and Annemieke Ingram.

Far Left Bradley and Tim Daniel with their mum, Linda and grandmother, Carol Wolfe.

Left Elani Hughes and Bishop John McIntyre.

Below Luca Vuat with his parents, Vicki and Richard.

Bottom Left Luca Vuat, Bryce Worboys and Ailsa Stevens enjoyed the opening ceremony.

Bottom Past students of St Annes witnessed the start of a new era.



School Captains reunite after 20 years



Neale Wright and Debra Hellenen were School Captains together in 1977 and very good friends. After School, their lives took different directions and for many years they had no contact. Twenty years later, they both happened to be passing through the Nadi International Airport in Fiji at the same time and took the opportunity to catch up.

It wasn't until their 20 year School reunion that Neale tried to contact Debra. By this time she had found her way to the USA and was working with a community that had a training centre in Fiji. When he finally tracked her down, she struggled to remember him!

Since then they have kept in touch by email and occasionally by phone, particularly when Neale was living in Fiji. Neale completed his three year contract there but had returned for a visit when Debra next contacted him. As luck would have it, the two friends were at the Nadi airport at the same time!

Neale said "It was so good to see each other again – and surprising to find that we have both retained many of the same personality traits that we had when we were at school together. We couldn't believe it had been so long and so many years had passed"

VALE

Glyn France

Former Principal and friend of Gippsland Grammar, Glyn France, passed away on 10 June 2006. He was 79.

Mr France was born near Shrewsbury (UK) and served in the British Army from 1944 to 1948. He studied Chinese at London University and spent three years at Jesus College, Oxford, graduating with Honours in Modern History.

In 1952 Mr France emigrated to Australia and joined the staff of Camberwell Grammar School as Senior History Master. He undertook teacher training and from 1959 to 1964 was Headmaster of the Junior School at Camberwell Grammar School.

In mid 1965, Mr France became Headmaster of Gippsland Grammar School, after working closely with Rev H J (Bert) Neil for six months.

The school was in its early, developmental stage and Mr France oversaw many changes during this busy, growth period.

Following her husband's death, Mrs Ailsa France wrote a letter to the school which, in part, said, "When Glyn became Headmaster in 1965, his main objective was to establish a church boarding school which parents in East Gippsland and beyond, would find acceptable as a school for their sons. By April 1967, after the school had successfully hosted the East Gippsland Secondary Schools Sports Association athletics attended by 4000 visitors, Glyn believed that Gippsland Grammar School for boys had 'arrived in the Gippsland consciousness'. Now the name Gippsland Grammar embraces all that has been achieved since its Foundation. I am just thankful that Glyn made an important contribution to the reputation of the school at a critical time in its history".



Old Scholars

Pat Congress (nee Kean - 1955)

Judy Dilallo (nee Macalister – 1953)

Meredith Dunnett (nee Ross - 1984)

Kath Stortenbeker (nee O'Meara - 1947)

Alison Wasley (nee Humbert - 1937)

Enid Wills (nee Brenton – 1947)

Darren James Clarke (1985)

After many years suffering depression Darren passed away on 9 April 2004.



Staff

Molly Hanley (nee Richardson)

Molly worked in the Boarding House during the 1940's. Many of our 'Old Girls' would remember Molly and her mother, Mrs 'Rich', who was the Boarding House cook.

Norm Wilde

Norm was rowing co-ordinator, a Life Member of the McColl Club and parent of past students Fiona, Carolyn and Alison.

Out and About

If you have some news for Out and About, please email: meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au or send details to the Development Office PO Box 465 Sale 3853.

Michael Beard (1981)

joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1983 and specialized as a hydrographic surveyor. Having attained the rank of Commander in 2003, Michael was recently selected for promotion to the rank of Captain and in January 2007 will take up the position of Deputy Hydrographer of Australia in the Australian Hydrographic Office in Wollongong. He is currently on full-time study leave to complete a MBA at the Brisbane Graduate School of Business. Michael lives in Brisbane with his wife Joanne and children, Edward and Mathilda. Old school friends are welcome to email Michael at: beardjem@bigpond.net.au.

Simon Gregory (1985)

completed a Bachelor of Science at RMIT. He spent thirteen years in the UK where he worked on Chromosome 1 for the Human Genome Project at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute where he also completed his PhD. Simon is now an Assistant Professor at Duke University in the USA. He is researching MS, heart disease and various forms of cancer. Simon is married and has two daughters.

Pru Howlett (1977)

is a florist and owns Kelsey's Florist in Morwell. Pru is married with one daughter and has owned her own business for twenty years. Old Scholars and friends of the School are welcome to call into Pru's Commercial Road business – especially if you'd like to buy or send some flowers!

Alice Irving (2001)

has completed a degree in Agricultural Science at Melbourne University. She is currently in Western Kenya, working on a Community Development Project. During her four month stay, Alice will be assisting locals with the construction of buildings and will also work in a community based hospital.

Andrea Ollquist (1985)

is currently doing her MSc in Child Protection and Welfare at Trinity College, Dublin. She works full time and has a six year old child. Andrea also cares for adolescents seeking asylum, who are separated from their parents. She continues to swim regularly, competing in open sea races and plays national league water polo during winter.

Garry Robinson (1977)

tells us that his thick black hair now has a good smack of grey amongst it! Garry went to the University of Melbourne and earned a Masters Degree in Land Surveying. He left that field fairly promptly and worked for a mining company in Sydney, where he wrote computer software. During his ten years there, he purchased a home in Sydney and married his wife, Fran. Garry now operates a successful software company called GR-FX Pty Ltd and has written a book titled *Real World Microsoft Access Database Protection and Security*. Garry, his wife and two young sons live at Clovelly. He still enjoys a game of golf and has improved to a four handicap. Garry sends his best wishes to anyone who remembers him from his old school days.

Michael Sheridan (1984)

has been living and working in Jakarta, Indonesia for the past 13 years. For the last 10 years, Michael has worked at Jakarta International School in a range of positions and is completing his final year there as a Year 8 Social Studies teacher. He has a home at Malua Bay on the NSW coast and usually spends the mid-year holidays there. Michael is married to Fiona and has two children, Georgina (10) and Oscar (8). The family has recently moved to Beijing, China where Michael and Fiona have taken positions at the International School. Michael would love to hear from old friends via email: msheridan@isb.bj.edu.cn.



Michael Sheridan and his family on holiday at Borobudur, Java, Indonesia.

Sarah Tonna (Button – 1996)

moved to Sydney to study at the University of New South Wales and completed a bachelor degree of Building and Construction Management. She has been working in the construction industry since 2001. In 2005 Sarah's project team won a MBA Award for excellence in construction on a smaller project; 63 luxury units in Collaroy, NSW. Sarah is currently a Senior Contracts Administrator on a \$26 million project in Camperdown, converting the Old Westons Biscuit Factory into 101 residential units.

Hugh Williams (1986)

spent 1987 in Indonesia and studied Computer Science at RMIT. He worked at Telstra from 1991, but returned to RMIT to complete a PhD in Computer Science. He later joined the academic staff there, eventually becoming Associate Professor in Information Retrieval and writing a best-selling book that was translated into nine languages. Hugh left RMIT in 2004 and moved to Microsoft's main campus in Redmond, Washington USA, to work on the MSN Search/Windows Live Search team. He leads the multimedia search team that recently shipped <http://images.live.com>. Hugh married Selina McNaughton in 2000 and they now have two daughters, Lucy and Rose.

Lloyd Williams (1989)

left after Year 8 when his family moved to Ballarat. He has a degree in Business Studies (Property) from RMIT. He also became a qualified Valuer whilst studying for a Bachelor of Economics at Latrobe University. Lloyd recently obtained an MBA at the University of NSW and works as the International Manager of Retail Development for Walker Corporation.

Jill Williams (Hughan – 1959)

is Hugh and Lloyd's (see above) mother. Jill and her husband, Harry, are enjoying life at Inverloch and are looking forward to retirement.

Dan Ziffer (1995)

is working as Entertainment Reporter at The Age newspaper. Dan lives in Carlton and has spent the past two years in the field covering everything from bushfires and the Commonwealth Games to the Packer memorial service and local festivals. Dan has been fortunate to see five of his school friends married in the past two years. Unfortunately, he could not attend the 1995 reunion as it was scheduled on the same day as one of the weddings. Dan's siblings are also old scholars. Rebecca is a business consultant at the Royal Children's Hospital and Joel is a doctor at Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Class of 1986 20 Year Reunion

Saturday 7 October 2006

Prince Alfred Hotel

355 Bay Street Port Melbourne

from 7:00pm

Please mark this date in your diary!

Invitations are being organised and will be sent shortly.

If you were part of this alumni group, you are warmly invited to attend.

As 20 years have passed, we need help to 'find' everyone. If you can help with any contact details, please phone Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315 or Sam Gladman (nee Gamlin) on 0427 348 934.

History Mystery

Can you name the girls in this 1988 photo? What team or activity did they represent? If you can help with any information, please phone Meredith Lynch in the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315 or email meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au



Junior School Grandparents and Special Friends Morning

Top Left Matthew Belcher (Year 6) with his grandparents Olive Edwards, Joe Belcher, Norma Belcher and Gordon Edwards.

Top Right Jake Holland (Year 1) enjoyed the day with his grandmothers, Chahnaz Dahini and Robin Holland. **Bottom Left** Enjoying a quiet moment – Sophie Pearce (Prep) and her mum, Cath. **Bottom Right** Grandparents and Special Friends Day was celebrated in conjunction with our Anzac Day Service. Year 6 trumpeter, Matthew Belcher, played The Last Post and Reveille.



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