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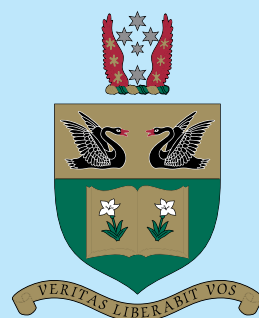
Senior Science students Bonnie Dawson, Laura Swasbrick, Karina Gray and Erika Lind talk with Dr Simon Gregory, an old scholar who can relate to the students (Full Story Page 8).



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From the Principal

in 2007 to about 90, the campus is now well and truly established and we will commence work on the phase 2 building in the early part of next year.

Our ELC Director, Lisa Burgess has presided over similar growth with the centre now full for 2007, apart from a few places in a newly established transition program. The move from our rather primitive premises into the brand-new building has been a welcome one for staff, students and parents. The new playground, bordering on York St, has itself been a great advertisement for the School.

Meanwhile, the last six months has seen the emergence of a classroom block and lecture theatre at the Garnsey Campus which will be ready for the start of 2007. This project has been made necessary by the 4-form entry cohort reaching Year 12 in 2007, giving us a significant increase in enrolments at the senior campus. Next year, total enrolments (including ELC) will exceed 1000.

The biggest highlight for 2006 has been the work and achievements of our students. Not only have there been some terrific things happening in the classrooms, but there have also been successes in competitions, the Talent Search, the National Qualifying Examinations, three students gaining selection to the next National Youth Science

Forum, and of course Erika Lind's trip to England as part of a very small, select group of young Australians at the International Youth Science Forum.

This year, Mr Viv Cooper announced that he would be retiring after 31 years of service to science at Gippsland Grammar. This is certainly a loss of a wealth of experience, but we wish both him and his wife Pauline a healthy and happy retirement.

Our VCE students have again achieved outstanding results. I extend my congratulations to our Dux of the School, Oliver Scarlett, who gained an ENTER of 99.6. Some of our VCE results are included in this edition. A full report of VCE 2006 destinations will be included in the next Veritas.

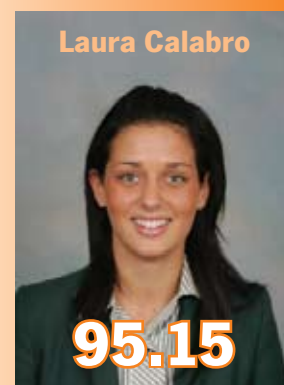
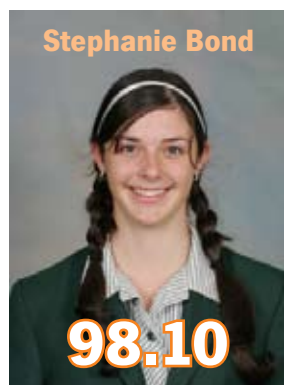
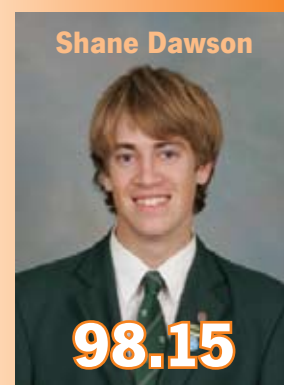
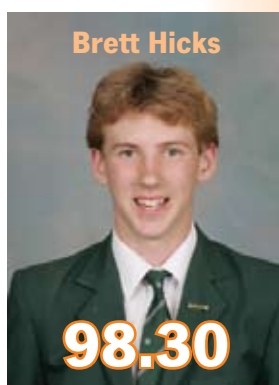
2006 has been an exciting year for me personally. Next year, I believe that we have been extremely fortunate in our staff recruitment and enrolments are strong. We have more buildings to build and a number of curriculum challenges as we endeavour to cater for increased numbers whilst maintaining the strong community feel which defines the School. To those leaving the School, I wish you a fond farewell and happy memories of your time here. To those returning next year, I wish you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to sharing the adventure with you again in 2007.

Mike Clapper

This year has been an historic one for the School. It started with the opening of our new campus in Bairnsdale, along with the establishment of a new Early Learning Centre at the St Anne's campus. Despite significant time pressures, both of these ventures were completed in time for the start of Term 1 and both have enjoyed enormous success. The Bairnsdale Campus opened with 49 students, under the daily care of Campus Co-ordinator Kate Arnup and her dedicated team of teachers. There has been a steady increase in enrolments throughout the year and the School community has been enriched by the addition of some very enthusiastic and supportive families. With enrolments increasing



Year 12 Boarders celebrate the end of 2006 at their Valedictory Dinner, held at Blackwood House. The dinner is an annual event, attended by all boarders and the parents or guardians of Year 12 students are invited as guests.



2006 VCE RESULTS

Median score 81.2

30.7% in top 10% of State

53.4% in top 20% of State

80.7% in top 30% of State

88.6% in top 50% of State

Average ENTER score 78.90

27 Students scored 90 or more

Please note: Further VCE information and student destinations will be featured in the next edition of Veritas.

'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.

Technology keeps students at the digital forefront



Year 7 students Sophie Scarlett and Zachary Elliman in class at Gippsland Grammar.

Gippsland Grammar is truly at the forefront providing students with opportunities to work with new and emerging technologies. Teaching methods have changed to integrate the latest technology into every lesson.

Using technology the students already know, love and understand – the computer and MP3 player - podcasting is just one of the hottest new teaching tools used in the classroom.

“It’s a medium the students love and it’s engaging them like never before,” Principal Mike Clapper said.

“With open minds and state-of-the-art resources our teachers are able to develop innovative and stimulating lessons to cope with the ever-changing world around us.”

Teachers have enjoyed introducing new and exciting ICT initiatives to students and the response has been very encouraging.

A podcast is a piece of audio or a sound file which can be stored and listened to anytime via your computer or MP3 player.

Over the past year, students have made their own podcasts (in particular, one Year 7 class devised an interview with a mythical creature) which were then emailed or uploaded to the school’s intranet service for the class teacher to assess.

Teachers have found that any learning situation can be supported with audio material and such material which is so portable and can be listened to anywhere or anytime is a real hit with the students.

Podcasts also form an important link between the school and the community, with parents able to listen to work the students have been doing and possibly in the future the school’s weekly newsletter.

LOTE (Languages Other Than English) classes find podcasting especially helpful for

the students to record and hear their own pronunciation of the foreign tongue.

Information, Communication and Technology teacher Allyson Ferguson said this latest technology had further potential. Many class resources, assignments and homework are on-line, allowing students access from anywhere in the school, the boarding house and from home. The Intranet fosters communication between families and the school and parents can view their child’s timetable and homework tasks.

To further encourage communication links, the Intranet includes school policies, weekly newsletters, school calendar and the ability for families to contact staff using email. The school Intranet is the communication hub.

“Gippsland Grammar is proud of the leadership role it has developed in ICT in the region,” Mr Clapper said.

Young actor impresses professionals



VCE drama student Gordon Meredith takes centre stage as Jack Worthing in his class production of "The Importance of Being Earnest" which highlighted his highly regarded acting skills.

"It was a privilege to watch you perform," was the feedback Gordon Meredith received from Victorian College of the Arts director, Amanda Kerr, after spending a week on scholarship with Melbourne Theatre Company.

Studying VCE Drama, Gordon was invited to take part in a week of workshops with MTC directors and actors during the September school holidays.

He described the experience as inspiring and said that now, more than ever before, he intends to strive to become a professional actor.

This is the fifth year Melbourne Theatre Company has offered such an opportunity to Victorian students.

Earlier in the year every secondary school in the state was invited to nominate one student to participate, and from the list of nominees, 24 were chosen.

This is the second year Gippsland Grammar has had a successful applicant.



Year 11 student, Esther Lloyd, is the 2006 National Junior Female Recurve Champion. The National Championships were run across the country in July, with Esther competing at Morwell's Twin City Archery Club. Scores from across the country were posted on a championship website, which determined Esther as the new champ.

Esther's win was particularly outstanding as she had beaten four-time national champion, Jessica Walters, an Australian Institute of Sport athlete, by 40 points.

Esther was invited to join AIM Archery, a prestigious archery club at Cheltenham in 2005 and is coached by Haans Wright, who holds an

Order of Australia Medal for archery. Needless to say, Haans was ecstatic with Esther's win and told her to leave school and concentrate on archery!

Esther has maintained a cool head and will complete her VCE in 2007, after which she would like to start training for world championships and the Olympic Games.

"I'd like to try for Beijing," she said.

Esther is also the 2006 Federation Internationale De Tir A L'arc (FITA) State and National Indoor Champion (U18 female Recurve), and AIM Junior Club champion (U18 female Recurve and Open class female champion).



Junior School Art Shows



Bairnsdale Campus



Handcrafted woodwork on display

Gippsland Grammar Woodwork students recently exhibited their work at Esso BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre in Sale.

The display was officially opened on Friday evening by Brian (Barney) Castles who was owner/manager of the former Castles Timber and Hardware, an icon of Sale.

Mr Castles was impressed by the quality of work handcrafted by the students.

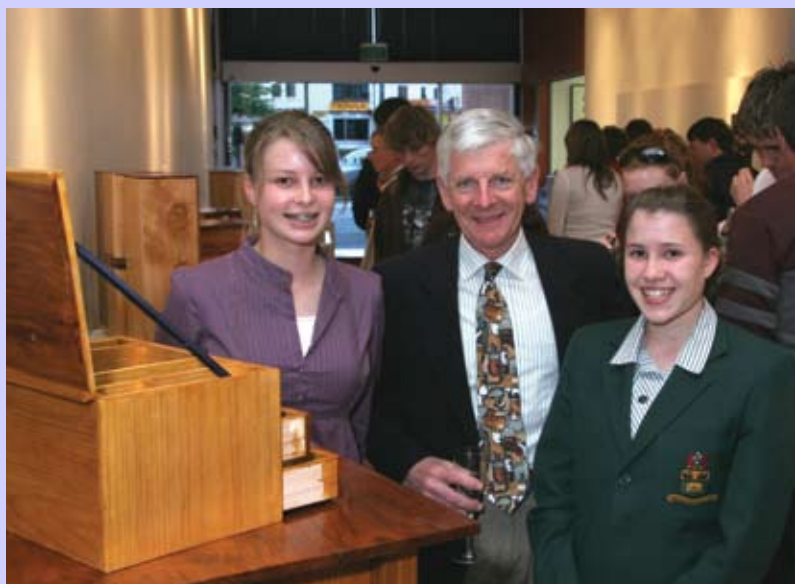
"I am delighted in this technological age to see young people enjoying themselves and producing such

beautiful pieces of work from wood," he said.

Woodwork teacher, Malcolm Ralton, who has been restoring and polishing furniture for more than 40 years, said the emphasis in class was to develop the ability of the students to visualise and plan their own work and produce it using traditional skills.

"Students use mortice and tenon and rebate joints, and very few, if any, metal fixings," he explained.

"Even the mouldings are made with antique planes and all works are finished with French polish or linseed oil and beeswax."



Students Janelle Wigney and Laura Bartlett together with Brian Castles admire Janelle's woodwork cabinet.



Water tanks save water



Garnsey campus



Bairnsdale campus

Gippsland Grammar has been successful in obtaining two grants under the Commonwealth Government's Community Water Grants program – both for the installation of water storage tanks for storing rainwater to use for irrigating our grounds.

At the Garnsey Campus we were successful in gaining the full Community Water grant amount of \$50,000 to install 2 x 90,000 litre concrete underground tanks that have been installed on the southern side of the Chapel. Rainwater will be collected from the roofs of surrounding buildings, stored in the tanks and pumped on to the athletics track through an irrigation system that was installed in December 2004.

Assuming we get enough rain to keep a reasonable level of water in the tanks we could save in excess of 1 million litres of town water each year and also be able to maintain a good coverage of grass on the athletics track.

The grant has covered all of the additional cost incurred in relation to the installation of the tanks.

At the Bairnsdale campus it was always planned to run the rainwater from the building roof and storm water through a single drainage system so it was a relatively simple plan to divert this drainage water into 6 x 30,000 litre plastic storage tanks located ideally at a low point of our block in the south-west corner.

This stored water is then pumped all around the campus to water the playing field and garden areas.

Water from the roof of future buildings will also be diverted into the tanks.

Our grant of \$41,778 covers the installation of the tanks and the watering system.

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SCIENTIST VISITS SCHOOL



Old Scholar, Dr Simon Gregory, is enjoying an incredible career in genetics.

Now working in the United States as an Assistant Professor in Medical Genetics at the Duke Centre for Human Genetics, Simon was recently in Gippsland visiting family and budding scientists at Gippsland Grammar.

Simon explained that he was fortunate to join the Human Genome Project in its early stages when he coordinated the production of human sequence from chromosome 1, the largest human chromosome.

The Human Genome Project has been likened to man walking on the moon in that it's a very large one-off experiment, the likes of which has never been achieved before and will not be repeated.

"What we've done is produce a sequence over our own human genomes...it's the blueprint of life; the building blocks of who we are," he said.

Simon is now working on multiple sclerosis, heart disease and brain cancer.

He graduated from Gippsland Grammar in 1985 then attended Melbourne's RMIT where he completed a Bachelor of Science degree. He completed his PhD at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute.

Simon grew up in Bairnsdale and is the son of Bob and Libby Gregory.

Student leads National forum



Year 12 student Erika Lind discusses the latest Science theories with Year 11 students Esther Lloyd, Matthew Iversen and Megan Droppert. All four will attend the prestigious National Science Forum.

School Captain, Erika Lind, has been identified as one of the nation's leading science students and invited to the National Youth Science Forum as a leader.

Last year she was chosen to participate in the prestigious event and as a result of her success was also selected to attend the International Youth Science Forum in London.

One of only six Australian participants, she joined 240 other students from across the globe to rub shoulders with the world's leading scientists.

Now with the London experience under her belt her ever-growing passion for science seems to be contagious.

Three other Gippsland Grammar students have been invited to take part in the National Forum which Erika will help coordinate and present.

Year 11 students Matthew Iversen, Megan Droppert and Esther Lloyd will travel to Canberra in January for the intensive two-week forum.

Only 12 Gippsland students were chosen, and to have three of those from Gippsland Grammar is an outstanding achievement.

All the students were nominated by their local Rotary clubs. In 2005, Erika was given

the opportunity by Mitchell River Rotary Club, Bairnsdale, and now Sale and Sale Central and Maffra Rotary Clubs have nominated Esther Lloyd, Matthew Iversen and Megan Droppert respectively.

The National Youth Science Forum is a program for students who have just completed Year 11, and who are thinking about a career in Science, Engineering and Technology.

Erika said her experience had certainly sparked interests in different science-related issues and careers as well as having helped develop her confidence and communication skills.

"It really opened my eyes to the world," the Year 12 student said of her first trip overseas.

"The program involved lectures by scientists from a range of fields, site visits, social activities and excursions," she said.

"Now as a staff member at next year's Forum, I am looking forward to sharing my enthusiasm for this program with a new group of participants."

To top-off a stellar year, Erika was also awarded the Queen's Guide Award. The first to be offered in the Bairnsdale district for 20 years, the award was the culmination of community service, outdoor education and other guiding criteria. Congratulations Erika!

National chemistry quiz

This year 48 of our VCE Chemistry students sat the National Chemistry Quiz. Nine students received Distinctions and seven gained Credits.

Mr Rob Smith, Head of Science, announced the awards at assembly and science teacher and member of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute, Viv Cooper, presented the Distinction Certificates.

Year 11 recipients were: Matthew Iversen, Andrew Larcombe, Kit Llewellyn-Millard and Wayne Madden.

Year 12 recipients were: Stephanie Bond, Shane Dawson, Anthony Drew, Sigrid Larsen and Ben Sellen.



Mr Viv Cooper, Matthew Iversen, Sigrid Larsen, Kit Lewellyn-Millard, Anthony Drew, Shane Dawson, Wayne Madden, Mr Rob Smith and Ben Sellen. (Absent: Stephanie Bond and Andrew Larcombe)

Hi-Tech building for Garnsey Campus

Senior School students are being assured of greater opportunities as the school's capital works campaign continues.

A new multi-level, architecturally designed Year 12 building and high-tech food technology facility is being constructed at Garnsey Campus. The new facilities will

ensure that senior students are offered a wider range of courses.

It's expected additional VET (Vocational Education and Training) subjects will be offered next year due to the campus upgrade.

The new wing will house additional classrooms, a new Year 12 common room,

155 seat lecture theatre, commercial kitchen and new canteen.

One of the school's last original buildings has been demolished to make way for the new structure, which is expected to be complete and ready for the 2007 school year.

An architect's drawing of the front of the new building at Gippsland Grammar senior campus currently under construction.



Class of '96 Reunion

About 50 Old Scholars and partners gathered on Saturday, 29 April to mark 10 years since completing Year 12. It was great to see so many familiar faces, including a number of people who'd left prior to Year 12. Classmates travelled from near and far to be there, with people making the trip from Sydney, Mildura, Warrnambool, Gippsland and as far away as the Netherlands! As always, there were a number of people who were unable to attend, and they were missed.

The reunion was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel in Richmond. The room was decorated with green, black and white balloons, and there were plenty of old photos to help trigger some memories.

I think it's fair to say that a great night was had by all, so much so that by 2am the staff



started packing up around us and had to ask us to leave. After an evening spent rekindling old friendships and catching up on all the news, it seemed hard to leave. It's been suggested that we try to arrange an annual reunion – a great idea!

Thanks to the organising committee for all

the work behind the scenes. We hope to see you all again in 2007!

For photos from the reunion go to: www.flickr.com/photos/staggs

Penny Neumann

1977 – 1978 Class Reunion

A 30 Year Reunion for 1977 - 1978 will be held in Sale next year. The planned date is Saturday 17 March. Details will be confirmed in January, but please contact Ian Needham or Craig Bush to register your interest. Please spread the word and help us organise a terrific reunion!

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The Class of '76 celebrated their 30 year reunion at Gino's Restaurant in Wantirna on Saturday 4 August. Pictured are -

Back Row (L to R): Stephen Miles, Jane Murray, Stan Innes, John Gottschalk and Bill Rule. **Middle Row (L to R):** Chris Collins (Roberts), Lurline Lett, Joanne Marino (Stewart), Mark Hayman, John Lethlean, Jenny Owen (Haase) and Sue Wilkinson (Brown).

Front Row (L to R): Trevor Fuhrmeister, Sally Powell (Cantwell), Robyn Ingram, Glenys Williamson (Phillips) and Rob Cherry.

Out and About

Tim Allard (1987)

joined the Navy after leaving school and traveled widely for ten years. He was involved in the first Gulf War, and the Tony Bullimore rescue in the Southern Ocean. Tim moved around Australia as part of his Navy postings, finally settling in WA.

Tim married his wife, Kim, in 1997 and they now have two sons, Matthew and Ben. Tim works for United Group as the Defence Manager, managing all projects around the country. This involves a fair amount of travel (and accumulating frequent flyer points!) Before starting this job, Tim worked for a variety of companies, doing work that ranged from Cape Lambert Iron Ore load out facilities in the Pilbara to Alcoa refineries in southern WA.

Stuart Chappelow (1998)

is currently serving with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment located in Darwin and holds the rank of Lance Corporal. In the last two years he has been deployed to the Middle East twice. From September 2004 to January 2005, Stuart was part of the Security Detachment in Baghdad, providing Force Protection to the Australian Diplomatic Mission to Iraq. It is well-known that Stuart was involved in a car bomb attack in October 2004, during this tour. Stuart's second Tour commenced in November 2005, where he was a part of the Al Muthanna Task Group in Southern Iraq, providing Force Protection to Japanese engineers who were helping to rebuild infrastructure in the area of As Samawah. During the year, Stuart enjoyed two months' leave,



Serving in the Middle East, Stuart Chappelow, (left), with his 'Gunner', Luke.

when he was able to spend time with his parents in Sale. He looks forward to his ten-year reunion in 2008.

Rohan Honey (1998)

is the Manager of Starbucks in Ballarat. He was recently named Manager of the Year, in an Australia-wide Starbucks competition, winning over 83 other Store Managers. Rohan has worked for the company for several years in locations such as Melbourne, Sydney and Hobart.

Daniel Jones (1999)

has filmed a documentary titled 'Detour de France'. The film was Daniel's directorial debut and documents life behind the bikes of the Tour de France. The documentary was filmed during the 2005 Tour de France, and



Daniel Jones met Hollywood director, Ron Howard, whilst filming 'Detour de France'.

is a film that everyone can enjoy – not just cycling fans. Daniel came up with the idea for his film after watching footage of the 2004 race, taken by his father, Ian. Whilst filming, Daniel met



Enjoying a night out at The French House in Soho, London!

From Left: Kate Kornacki (1996), Sharon Olivier (1992), Cameron Olsen (1992), Tracy Olivier (1993), Will Boyd (1993), Alice Nancarrow (1996) and Charles Nancarrow (1994). Old Scholars wishing to contact others in the UK can email meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au.

cycling champion, Lance Armstrong and well-known Hollywood director, Ron Howard. 'Detour de France' was a 'sell-out' at this year's Melbourne International Film Festival and made its world premiere at ACMI Federation Square in August. The film was also shown in regional cinemas during the 2006 Herald-Sun Tour of Victoria. Daniel is currently working towards projects for 2007 and may do a sequel to 'Detour De France'.

Lorne Cumming (1986)

was a Boarder in 1985-1986. After completing Year 12 he did a Bachelor of Business at Deakin University in Warrnambool. Lorne worked in Chartered Accounting and manufacturing in Melbourne and Toronto before returning to Australia to undertake a Graduate Diploma in Accounting and Master of Commerce at The Australian National University. In 1996 he accepted a position at Macquarie University in Sydney and is currently Associate Professor in Accounting and Finance, having been there for the last 11 years. Lorne completed a PhD in Stakeholder Management at the Macquarie

Graduate School of Management (MGSM) in 2002. His work allows him to travel the world to present research papers to colleagues in other countries and universities. In a recent email, Lorne wrote, "It was not until I was much older that I realised how important a good secondary education and supportive pastoral environment really are to a younger person. It was certainly STAGGS that nurtured that." Lorne is married to Michelle and lives in Sydney.

Natalie Leys (Hunter 1993)

has worked at a variety of Melbourne based studios since graduating from Swinburne with a Degree in Graphic Design. Natalie's most recent work was designing the 'Dangerous Australians' stamp series for Australia Post, available from October 2006. After working for many years as a senior designer, Natalie recently accepted a role as a Studio Manager in North Melbourne. Natalie is married to Gavin Leys (also a designer) and recently moved to Forest Hill.

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.

HISTORY MYSTERIES



The Class of 1977 will celebrate their 30th reunion in March next year (see details on page 10). Here is a photo of the 1977 Debutante Ball. Can you name all the faces?

The 1976 School Golf team is also pictured. What were they celebrating and can you name the team members?

If you can assist, please phone Meredith Lynch in the Development Office on (03 5143 6315 or email meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au



To mark the commencement of their final VCE exams, Year 12 students enjoyed a BBQ lunch hosted by the Old Scholars Association. The BBQ, which was held at the Principal's home, is a popular, annual event.



Hilary Rash (Richards - 1957) and Chantelle Jameson at the Year 12 BBQ.



Meredith Johnston (Wright-Smith - 1978) and Andrew Robertson (1988) serving lunch for students, Jenny Cumming, Laura Swasbrick and Anna Renalson-O'Kane.



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