

# veritas

Members of the 2007  
'Emu' committee  
celebrate the launch  
of "Is emu off the  
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# From the Principal

Behind every successful School, there are a number of organizations which work, mostly in the background, to ensure that the School can achieve its objectives and maximize opportunities for students. At Gippsland Grammar, we have a hard working P&F group, which ensures the success of events such as Staggyfair, an active Old Scholar's group which contributes funds and takes an active interest in School events (and pays for Veritas!), a School Foundation which is our major fund-raising body and several other smaller groups with a more specific focus on activities such as rowing, music and drama.

These groups provide opportunities for parents, ex-students and interested community members to contribute meaningfully to the

development of the School. A number of these groups are also able to nominate a member to the most important group of all, the School Board. The Board of Directors of the School is a body charged with ensuring that the School remains true to its vision and that its finances are being responsibly managed. It has oversight of our strategic and capital development and supports the Principal and School Executive in the carrying out of their duties.

This year, we farewell two long-serving members of our School Board. Libby Balderstone has been a School parent for many years (Alice Irving 2001, Kirsty Irving 2003), but has continued to take an active interest in the School long after her children have left, in her role as Foundation nominee to the Board. Libby has served on the Board for five years and has made particular contributions to the Governance Committee and the Boarding Task Group. Most recently, Libby led the committee which produced the new "Is emu off the menu" book. This book, which honours the original, produced

some 40 years ago, is also a fresh new look at both recipes and homestead histories. My thanks to Libby for her many contributions to the School and to the Board.

Martin Kent is another School parent whose children, David (2002), Stuart (2004) and Jennifer (Year 12, 2007) have all attended the School. Martin has been a Board member for nine years, serving as Chair of the Board for the last five. As Chair he has overseen the development of two School strategic plans and has been the public face of the Board on formal occasions. Martin's own work as CEO of Southern Rural Water has meant that he has a good understanding of governance issues from both the Board Director and executive perspective. His skill and diplomacy in managing meetings and people has been an enormous asset to the School. I thank Martin for his outstanding work for the School Board.

At the first meeting following the AGM of the School Association, the Board elected a new Chair, Peter Jennings. Peter

is a local farmer and parent of Kate (2003), Sophie (2006) and Claire (Year 9, 2007). He has been on the Board for over five years and has been Chair of the Audit Committee for a number of years.

We also welcomed two new Board members, Bill Jones and Esther Rasser. Bill is a local solicitor and parent of two children in the Junior School, William (Year 3) and Alice (Year 1). His wife Victoria who sadly died last year, was an Old Scholar of the School (1984). Esther is a GP in Bairnsdale and has three children at the new Bairnsdale Campus, Ruby (Year 6), Jacinta (Year 4) and Ailsa (Year 2). Thus Esther is the first Board member to directly represent our growing Bairnsdale community at Board level. In Bill and Esther, we gain two people with valuable professional experience, but also two people with junior school age children, ensuring that our Board has people with a range of understandings of and perspectives on our School and its community.

*Mike Clapper*



## Prefects 2007

Back Row (L to R): Sarah Marrocco (School Vice Captain), Angus Cameron, Lucy Rash (School Captain), Sean Kelly, Annabelle Davis, Poppy McRae, Jessie Johnstone, Emma Bush, Jan Henry (Head of Senior School), Mike Clapper (Principal), Jacinta Christiansen, Sarah Johnston.  
Front Row (L to R): Henry Ripper, Nelson Woods, Mathew Dick, Ryan Henderson (School Captain), Jack Roberts, Dan McKimm (School Vice Captain).

# Students get 'Booked Out'

When popular children's authors Andy Griffiths and Felice Arena visited the school recently, Garnsey Hall sounded like the MCG. Students from our Junior and Senior Campuses and other local Primary Schools were kept thoroughly entertained by the antics of these two innovative writers. As part of the 'Booked Out' Speakers Agency, Andy and Felice were here to promote their latest offerings and to encourage young readers and writers.

Felice, best known for his collaboration with Garry Lyon on their 'spectacularly' popular *Specky Magee* series, had his young audience participating in a short *Specky* play and mock football game.



Andy Griffiths, promoting his latest book *What Bumosaur Is That?* received a hero's welcome from the students. Of course, his *JUST!* series of short stories is now legendary and many die-hard fans were keen to have their favourite books autographed by the famous author.

Andy used puppetry to illustrate how to turn 'normal' scenarios

and outcomes into absurd but believable tales. The former teacher has an approachable manner and fabulous sense of humour. His audience was enthralled.

Authors attached to the 'Booked Out' Speakers Agency travel country wide to talk to their readers and we were pleased to offer our wonderful venue on their recent visit to Sale.

## Lorna Sparrow Fellow-In-Residence Program

Each year, the Gippsland Grammar Foundation funds the Lorna Sparrow Fellow-In-Residence program. Fellows come into the school to complement our learning program and offer advice and assistance to students and staff alike. All staff are given the opportunity to apply for the program.

In 2006, the funding was awarded to the Junior School Mathematics Department, to bring respected and well-known Mathematics consultant, Michael Ymer to the Junior School. Michael's heavy schedule forced his visit into 2007, but it was well worth the wait.

According to Junior School Numeracy Coordinator, Sharyn O'Reilly, Michael's visit was successful and very well received. Students were enthusiastic about his practical based approach and responded positively to learning through investigation. As Michael worked with students in their classrooms, teachers had



Michael Ymer with Year 2 students at St. Anne's Campus.

the opportunity to observe him as he modeled the teaching of Mathematics lessons. Many staff have incorporated ideas which Michael demonstrated into their everyday teaching, as a direct result of this. His demonstration of how students best learn Mathematics and the curriculum support he shared have already benefited the Junior School Mathematics program.

'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.*



The Class of 2006 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. If you have further information regarding ‘destinations’, please contact our Careers Advisor on (03) 5143 6388.

**Kimberley Adams**

**Fitness Course**

Australian Institute of Fitness  
Currently working

**Stacey Affleck**

**Certificate 3 Childcare**

Currently working

**Tom Alexander**

**Arts - Swinburne University**

Deferred - Working and traveling

**Jesse Anton**

**Engineering – Chemical/  
Biotechnology RMIT**

Deferred – Working and traveling

**Robert Baggailey**

**Accountancy – Full time  
employment**

Business/Accounting – Swinburne  
University

**Emma Bartlett**

**Outdoor Education –  
La Trobe University**

Deferred – GAP student Gippsland  
Grammar

**Hamish Black**

**Apprentice Electrician**

**Kitty Black**

**Psychology (Social Science)  
– RMIT City**

**Stephanie Bond**

**Science – University of  
Melbourne**

**James Boulton**

**Commerce – RMIT  
Bairnsdale**

Deferred – Working

**Edward Bowring**

**Engineering – Product  
Design Swinburne University**

**Laura Calabro**

**Commerce/Law – Deakin  
University**

Deferred – Working and traveling

**Alex Coleman**

**Engineering – Mechanical/  
Manufacturing**

Deferred

**Renae Cooke**

**Arts/Education (Secondary)  
– Monash Gippsland**

Deferred – GAP student Gippsland  
Grammar

**Samuel Crawford**

**Multimedia Cartography  
– RMIT City**

Deferred – GAP student Gippsland  
Grammar

**Jennifer Cumming**

**Health Sciences/Arts  
– Deakin University**

Deferred – Working

**Alexander Davies**

Working

**Philippa Davies**

**Arts – University of  
Melbourne**

Deferred – traveling

**Claire Davis**

**Media and Communications  
University of Melbourne**

**Bonnie Dawson**

**Health Sciences/  
Development Studies  
La Trobe University**

**Shane Dawson**

**Science/Law  
University of Melbourne**

**Anthony Drew**

**Multimedia/Business  
Marketing – Swinburne  
University**

Deferred – GAP student Gippsland  
Grammar

**Prue Ferguson**

**Arts/Science – University of  
Melbourne**

**Nathan Fink**

GAP student – Gippsland Grammar

**Robert Flanagan**

**Apprentice Builder**

**Miranda Friend**

**Science – University of  
Melbourne**

**Hugh Gooding**

Working

**Emma Goodsell**

**Public Relations – Deakin  
University**

Deferred – Working and traveling

**Karina Gray**

**Arts – Deakin University**

Deferred – traveling

**David Gu**

**Physiotherapy – Charles  
Sturt University**

**Matthew Hair**

**Working at Agwork U19  
National Yamaha Motorcycle  
Team**

**Sarah Halls**

Working as Nanny – UK

**Tom Hammer**

**Arts/Science – University of  
Melbourne**

**Eliza Harrison**

**Media Arts – Deakin  
University**

Deferred – Working and traveling

**Sarah Hemphill**

**Early Childhood Education  
University of Melbourne**

**Neil Henwood**

**Information Technology &  
Systems Monash University  
– Gippsland**

**Brett Hicks**

**Science – University of  
Melbourne**

**Imogen Holton-McPhee**

**Arts – Monash University  
– Gippsland**

**Kevin Hua**

**Engineering/Science  
University of Melbourne**

**Jacob Hughes**

**Architecture/Construction  
Management Deakin  
University**

Deferred

**Caitlin Hull**

Working

**Gabriel Jacka**

**Studio textile Design RMIT**

**Chantelle Jameson**

**Cadetship – Armitage  
Downie**

**Commerce – Monash  
University**

**Sophie Jennings**

**Psychology (Applied  
Science) – RMIT City**

Deferred – GAP year working in UK.

**Thomas Jennings**

**Electronic Engineering – La  
Trobe University**

Deferred – GAP Year

**James Jessep**

**Logistics and Supply Chain  
Management – RMIT**

Deferred – GAP Year

**David Johnston**

**Public Relations – Victoria  
University TAFE**

**Justin Johnston**

**Business/Accounting  
Athletics Scholarship Sauk  
Valley Community College  
– USA**

**Nicholas Johnston**

**Architecture – RMIT  
University**

**Keegan Joyce**

Apprentice Florist

**Sayo Kiyama**

Law – Tokyo University

**Timothy Knight**

Working

**Lynn Koyama**

**Arts/Science – University of  
Melbourne**

**Sigrid Larsen**

**Science - University of  
Melbourne**

**Courtney Lawless**

**Arts/Science – ANU  
Canberra**

**Victoria Lawrence**

Working

**Erika Lind**

**Science – University of  
Melbourne**

Deferred – Working at Timbertop

**David Love**

**Construction Management  
– Deakin University**

Deferred – GAP Year

**Fiona Macqueen**

**Nursing/Emergency  
Health Monash University  
- Peninsula**

**Kathryn McCormack**

**Nursing – Australian  
Catholic University**

Deferred – Working overseas

**Stephen McMahon**

Working

**Brooke McMillan**

**Commerce – RMIT  
Bairnsdale**

Deferred – GAP student Gippsland  
Grammar

**Lachlan McNeill**

**Defence Force – Army**

(Special Forces Direct  
Recruiting Scheme)

**James Medew**

**Asian Studies – ANU  
Canberra**

**Sarah Monash**

**Hospitality Management  
John Curtin University (Cairns)**

**Nathan Moore**

**Business - Swinburne  
University**

**Gabrielle Muir**

**External Studies Primary  
Teaching Monash University**

Deferred – Working

**James O'Connor**

**Sport Management Deakin  
University (Melb)**

**Kate Phillipson**

**Psychology/  
Psychophysiology Swinburne**

**Freya Poynton**

**Economics and Finance  
RMIT City**

**James Reddig**

Working

**Anna Renalson-O'Kane**

**Media and Communications  
– Swinburne University**

Deferred – GAP year in Japan

**Rebecca Rijs**

**Science – Monash Clayton**

**Kathryn Riley**

**Media – RMIT University**

Deferred - Working

**Sophie Robertson**

**Nursing – Australian  
Catholic University**

Deferred – Working in UK

**Elizabeth Robinson**

**Professional and Creative  
Writing – Deakin University**

Deferred

**Tess Robinson**

**Animal Science Charles  
Sturt University – Wagga  
Wagga**

**Oliver Scarlett**

**Arts/Law – University of  
Melbourne**

**Ben Sellen**

**Exercise and Sport Science/  
Sports Management Deakin  
University – Melbourne**

**Elizabeth Semmens**

**Agriculture University of  
Melbourne – Dookie**

**Claire Stevenson**

**Physiotherapy – Monash  
University**

**Louise Sundermann**

**Science – Monash University**

Deferred – Exchange to Austria

**Jonathan Swanson**

**Multimedia – Swinburne  
University**

Deferred - Working

**Laura Swasbrick**

**Animal Science Charles  
Sturt University – Wagga  
Wagga**

**Lucinda Walker**

**Engineering/Aerospace  
– RMIT University**

Deferred – GAP year in France

**Angus Watson**

**Building Design and  
Technology RMIT University**

**Catrin Watt**

**Arts/Science – ANU  
Canberra**

**Thomas Wilkinson**

Working

**Ben Zagami**

**Science – Monash University**

Deferred – GAP student Gippsland  
Grammar

# 'TOP' Achievements

Jon Swanson (2006) never dreamed that his first animated short film would be so popular. Selected by the School along with a number of high scoring productions from unit 3 – 4 Media, Jon's digital animation, *Hunger Nation* was selected for entry into the 2007 'Top Screen' competition. Twenty entries, including *Hunger Nation*, were selected for opening night at Federation Square at the Australian Centre for

Moving Image. Jon's film was shown for several weeks following its premiere. The judges also selected Jon's design folio, story board and script as one of only two works to be displayed at the Melbourne Museum in March. Jon has deferred his studies until 2008 when he will commence a course in Multi Media.

Year 12 student, Emma Bush, was invited to audition for the 2007 'Top Acts' (Drama).

VCAA auditioned just 52 students, 4 for each of the 13 Monologues on the 2006 exam. Emma's performance of Maggie from Brian Friel's play *Dancing at Lughnasa*, was controlled and moving, conveying nostalgia, grief and subdued but deep-seated anger most convincingly. Emma had to master an Irish accent to lend authenticity to her characterisation. To be one of the top 4 in the state to audition is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations Emma!

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2006 Dux, Oliver Scarlett, has been awarded a Melbourne Access Scholarship. The Scholarship, awarded by the University of Melbourne, gives HECS exemption and a \$2000 allowance for four years.

Prue Ferguson was awarded a \$5000 Melbourne Drought Recovery Scholarship from the University of Melbourne. She also received a Myra Roper Scholarship from University College, based on her 2006 VCE results.

The University Enhancement program, in which Gippsland Grammar participates, enables academically able students to undertake the challenging study of a first year of a degree subject.

In 2006, the disciplines of Mathematics and Media /Communication were undertaken by a total of 9 students who qualified for the program. Students achieved excellent results.

There were 2 Credit results, 1 Distinction result and 5 High Distinctions results awarded.

One student, Claire Davis, also won the Monash Prize for Excellence in Media/Communication against all other first year students in this subject. Claire received a certificate and \$500 at the Enhancement Studies Award Ceremony. The School congratulates these students and their teachers.



**Enhancement Studies student, Claire Davis, won the Monash Prize for Excellence in Media/Communication.**





The 2007 Stagfair has been hailed a great success. A huge crowd basked in the sunshine and enjoyed delicious international cuisine and refreshments. The day commenced with the annual fun run around Lake Guthridge then continued with entertainment at St Anne's campus. Amusements included pony rides, face painting, spinning wheel and annual Easter raffle. Diners were kept entertained with a variety of performances by School groups. \$32,000 was the grand total raised and all profits will go towards purchasing items on the School 'Wish List'.





# The 'Emu' has re-hatched!



'Emu' committee members enjoyed the launch of 'Is emu off the menu?' Pictured (L to R): Libby Balderstone, Jo Cockwill, Hilary Rash, Fiona Davies, Kerry Johns, John Lethlean, Ann Andrew, Nan Sargood, Jill McKinnon, Patricia Crooke and Liz Davis.

A new version of iconic Gippsland Grammar cook book, 'Is emu on the menu?' was launched on 17 March by Old Scholar, John Lethlean (1976).

John, a journalist and Good Food writer for The Age, unveiled the new book and gave an entertaining speech which included some memories of his old school days.

Titled 'Is emu off the menu?' the new book revisits historic homesteads of Gippsland and includes some of the original recipes amongst the new.

Members of the original committee, Patricia Crooke, Jill McKinnon and Nan Sargood, were guests of honour at the launch and were each presented with a new copy of the book which, over the years, has made thousands of dollars for the school. Jean Ashton, another member of the original committee, was unable to attend.

The new 'Emu' cook book may be ordered from the Development Office and is priced at \$30 (plus postage and handling). Please contact Meredith Lynch on (03) 5143 6315, to order your copy. All proceeds from 'Is emu off the menu' will go to the Gippsland Grammar Foundation.



169 Foster Street is one of the grand homes featured in the new 'Emu' book. Former residents Rob Gault, Marg Tilleard and John Lethlean enjoyed a chat with current owners, Patty and John Bergin.



(L to R): John Lethlean and members of the original 'Emu' committee, Nan Sargood, Jill McKinnon and Patricia Crooke.





Author and Old Scholar, Max Barry, with Year 9 students  
Lauren Pollock and Georgia Banks.

# Old Scholar Writes

**In the 1990 edition of *Claresco*, Max Barry's Year 12 quote was "What is reality?" In his years since leaving school, he's been finding out in his own way.**

His talent was spotted as a student at Gippsland Grammar where he was noted as a "Leader in his Field" after participating in the Victorian Young Writer's Program. Of course many years have passed since his school days, but Max is now writing full-time and recently celebrated the release of his third novel, *Company*.

His first two books, *Syrup* and *Jennifer Government* have received rave reviews but Max has retained a fairly low-profile in Australia. On completing *Syrup*, Max tried to have the book published here, but it was the American market that showed the most interest. He sold the world rights to Penguin in the USA and then the Australian interest followed.

His new book, *Company*, looks at the corporate world when a new employee dares to ask the question, "What does this company actually do?" Some say it's inspired by Max's former job as a salesman at Hewlett Packard, a career which is most certainly in his past nowadays.

Recently in Sale for a literary dinner, Max paid a visit to the school to 'talk writing' with the Year 9 students. It's been a long while since he trod the 'sacred grass' of the senior quadrangle and says that "the school is now a curious mix of the familiar and new".

*Company* was released by Scribe Publishing and old school friend and well-known comedian, Wil Anderson, was on hand to launch the book in Sydney in March.

Max and his wife Jennifer (Leed - 1990) live in Kensington and have a young daughter, Finlay.

## Entertainer – Jacqy Philips

Jacqy Phillips (O'Connor – 1964) has been a professional actor and singer for 30 years. She performs around the world with her band 'Tin Can Alley' and enjoys busking with her guitarist husband, Cliff Stoddart. Whilst performing, Jacqy was often quizzed as to why she wasn't performing in top venues. In answer to this question, she would reply, "Let me explain!"

Jacqy now tells her life story in her stage production, "Let me explain", a 90 minute show with 20 songs, in which St Anne's is duly mentioned as the place which gave her a charmed childhood. Jacqy's mother, Claudia, was a housekeeper and Drama teacher at St Anne's and Jacqy spent time in the boarding house from the tiny age of 2 years old.

Fans of the long-running TV show, 'Home and Away' may recognize Jacqy, as she played the original character, Irene. She has worked on stage with actors, John Wood and Geoffrey Rush, with the Lighthouse Theatre Company and shared the screen with Heath Ledger and Bryan Brown in the film, 'Two Hands'.







# Students cross safely

A new school crossing in Sale is ensuring the safety of local students thanks to the collaboration of Gippsland Grammar and Wellington Shire.

Located opposite Sale Police Station on the busy South Gippsland Highway, the

new crossing was officially christened by Gippsland Grammar students on the first day of school this year. The construction, which is utilised by students from the central and east Sale areas, was funded by Gippsland Grammar. The School acknowledged Councillor Darren McCubbin's efforts in

gaining approval for the new crossing, which is manned each morning and afternoon during School term.

Above: Students from St. Anne's campus can now safely cross the South Gippsland Highway in Sale.



## 2007 Bairnsdale Campus Captains

(L to R): Serena Carter, Julie Butt (Blackwood class teacher), Jaklan Watts, Sam Smith, Thomas Murphy, Ruby Stevens, Mike Clapper (Principal), Tom Deller, James Lucke, Angus Somerville, Garry Gray (Head of Junior School). Absent: Daisy Grumley.





## 1977 - 78 Reunion

Classmates from 1977 - 78 celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> reunion in Sale on March 17. The reunion was held at the Sale Greyhound Club, which is now managed by old scholar,

Peter (Tunks) Johnston. All four, former School Captains were there including Debra Hellenen, who was visiting from the USA. Roger Noden and Anton Fullerton, re-

formed school band, 'Crystal Wattage', for the night and former staff members, Jim Beard and Laurie Payne, were on hand to talk about the old days.

Back Row (L to R): Tony Dawkins, Terrie (Knight) Jeffs, Andrew Pugsley, Julie (Andrew) Smith, Ian Needham, Walter Battel, Neale Wright, Debra Hellenen, Roger Noden, Ken McDonald, Jim Beard, Michael Kent (obscured), Laurie Payne, Ted Harrison, Craig Rossetti, Meredith (Wright-Smith) Johnston, Anton Fullerton.  
Front Row (L to R): Craig Bush, Lisa (Andrews) Bennett, Ian Rainey, Peter Johnston, Tony Webster, Pru Howlett, Jenny (Farley) Langshaw, Martin Greenwood, Sue (Mason) Gordyn, Stuart McInnes.

## VALE

### J R (Stuart) Ashton 6 January 1921 to 10 January 2007

Stuart Ashton grew up in Melbourne and then Canberra. He came to Maffra in January 1955, following the death of his great uncle Stephen Percy Ashton who was an architect.

Bishop Garnsey, who also came from Canberra, asked Stuart to help with the establishment of the new boys' school in Sale. Stuart joined the Fund Raising Committee and then became a member of the Gippsland Grammar School Interim Committee, established in 1959. He maintained a keen interest in the school throughout his life.

In the 1950s Stuart was the only architect between Melbourne and Bega and was a major contributor to much of Gippsland's architecture with his work on hospitals, schools, aged people's home, offices, churches and many residential homes. In his home town of Maffra the extensions to the Anglican Church are acknowledged to be an excellent example of his visionary work.



He was involved in various architectural works at Gippsland Grammar School and the honorary architect for the Gippsland Diocese for many years.

Stuart is survived by his wife Jean and two children Stephen and Meredith. Stephen attended Gippsland Grammar School and Meredith attended St Anne's. Both Ashton children completed their studies at

STAGGS, where Stephen was Dux of the School in 1971. Stephen has since followed in his father's footsteps as an architect and is a director and founder of well known Melbourne firm, Ashton Raggatt McDougall. Meredith is a self-employed marketing consultant.

Stuart was a member of Rotary for 50 years, a member of the Maffra Golf Club and a life member of the Maffra Tennis Club.



## Reunion News

**A 10 year reunion is being planned for the Class of 1997.**

Classmates are asked to contact Sophie Gill (Bland) or Sturt Daley for further details.

Their contact details are: Sophie 0403 001 630 or Sturt 0409 411 753.

The Class of 1982 will celebrate a 25 year reunion later this year.

Further details will be available soon, so please call Rosemary Langshaw (Steele) on (03) 5149 2428. If you know anyone from this year group, please pass on this information.

It is important to keep your postal address up to date. If you have any new details, please contact Meredith Lynch at Gippsland Grammar on (03) 5143 6315 or email [meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au](mailto:meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au).



# Out and About

## Matthew Brand (1991)

has graduated as a firefighter with the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade. Now based at Thomastown after completing 14 weeks' training, Matthew was one of only 35 recruits selected from over 2700 applicants.

## Briohny Coglin (2000)

graduated in 2005 with degrees in Arts (majoring in English Literature) and Law from the University of Melbourne. Briohny managed to combine her studies with extended travel to far flung destinations including SE Asia and South America while also following her beloved 'Demons'. In 2006-07 she undertook her articles of clerkship with well known Melbourne law firm Maurice Blackburn Cashman and was admitted to practice as an Australian lawyer and a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria at a ceremony in April 2007. She has accepted a position in London with the Lloyd's of London syndicate, 'Marketform', commencing in May 2007.

## Nicholas Fairweather (2003)

joined the Australian Defence Force Academy for officer training after completing Year 12. He completed a Bachelor of Arts (UNSW), majoring in Information Systems and Geography whilst undertaking Officer training. He graduated last December as a Pilot Officer in the RAAF. Nick recently spent three and a half weeks traveling through Spain, France, Italy, Greece and Egypt and has now commenced 6 months' further training as an Air Combat Officer at the Surveillance and Control Training Unit at RAAF Base, Williamstown in NSW.



Photo: Nick Fairweather

## Simon Gregory (1989)

graduated from Melbourne University with degrees in Science, Engineering and Commerce and obtained the Dean's Award for Commerce. After a period of working in London and Zurich, he returned to Melbourne University to complete a Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance and a Master of Finance. He has gained (part-time) levels 1, 2 and 3 of the CFA examinations and speaks fluid French. Simon is currently working in London and studying for a combined Columbia University Business School Executive MBA. Simon enjoys mountaineering and has scaled 5 of the world's highest peaks and has also hiked to Base Camp at Mount Everest.

## Rebecca Hayman (1987)

is a mother of two little girls who pursues the absorbing hobby of writing novels. After completing Year 12, Rebecca did a Bachelor of Behavioural Sciences at Latrobe University and then traveled for six months through China and across Europe. On returning home she did a Bachelor of Ministry at the Bible College of Victoria and worked for Wycliffe Bible Translators as a writer for six years. Rebecca completed her first novella in 1994 and her first novel, *God and Other Problems*, was short-listed for the Australian Vogel Award in 2000. Rebecca has also written *Bloody-minded Old Women*. Rebecca is married to Mike and currently lives in Melbourne. Her novels can be bought from Collins Booksellers in Sale or direct from the publisher

[www.ginninderrapress.com.au](http://www.ginninderrapress.com.au).

## Helen Hoveler (1963)

commenced life at St Anne's as a nine year old boarder in 1955. Her little sister, Lois, was just 3 years old when she came as a boarder the following year. Helen has had a music career spanning 40 years. She started playing the guitar, singing and later entertaining while in the Women's Royal Australian Navy from 1963 – 67. From 1983 to 1987, Helen owned the Riverview Private Hotel in Murray Bridge SA, running the restaurant and providing the entertainment for weddings and private functions. She has been a music teacher for 25 years and operated a store, "Helen's Music", for 10 years. Helen is currently touring the country in her motor-home, singing and entertaining along the way. Her CD of 20 songs "Just Helen – On The Road Again" is now on sale. For details, please contact the Development Office at Gippsland Grammar on (03) 5143 6315.



Photo: Helen Hoveler

## Gregory Johnston (2003)

completed two years of a Science degree at Melbourne University, and then was awarded a Baseball Scholarship to attend Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon, near Chicago, USA. Gregory will obtain an Associate Degree in Science at the end of this year and is currently fielding offers from Division One Colleges to play Baseball and continue his studies in the USA.

## Leanne Prentice (Forrest - 1995)

married Bradley Prentice last October at The Willows in St Kilda. After graduating in 1999 the couple worked in London and traveled extensively throughout Europe. Leanne is currently the Payroll Manager of a recruitment agency located in Melbourne CBD. Leanne and Bradley spend most of their free time either on the golf course, or as keen snow boarders and are currently renovating their home in Balwyn. Leanne and her two sisters, Christine and Janine, attended STAGGS throughout the years 1985 to 1995.

## Caiti Williams (2001)

is now a qualified Chiropractor after completing her Bachelor of Applied Science and Bachelor of Chiropractic Science at RMIT, Bundoora. Caiti did her placement with Todd Chiropractic in Sale during 2005 and is now working there full-time.

**If you have some news for Out and About, please email:**  
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# 2007 House Captains – St. Anne's Campus

(L to R): William Ingrouille and Katherine Mayer (Cranswick-Dargo), William Brougham and Jacqueline De Jong (Wellington-Binks), Liana Cartledge (Director of Curriculum), Mike Clapper (Principal), Garry Gray (Head of Junior School), Jake Meade and Dallas Adams (Tisdall-Hotham) and Tom Hogben and Megan Harrison (Blundell-Bogong).



(L to R): Betty Dean, Thomas Ford (Year 6), Jim Ford and Margaret Collyer.



ELC Student, Elise Hunt, enjoyed the day with her great-grandmother Johanna van Otterdyk.



Bill and Elvie Harris with their grandson, Matthew Vaughan (Year 2).



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