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(L to R) Mr Mike Clapper, Principal, The Right Reverend John McIntyre, Bishop of Gippsland, Mr Garry Gray, Head of Junior School and Mr Peter Jennings, Chairman of the Board of Directors attended the opening of the refurbished facilities at St Anne's Campus.



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Another year is drawing rapidly to a close, and for Gippsland Grammar it has been an eventful one. For our Old Scholars, there has been a number of exciting events, including several reunions, most notably the delightful Wheelbarrow's Birthday event which brought together many of the St Anne's Boarders from the 40s and 50s. There were two catalysts for this event – firstly, the memorable speech by Marie Potter at our St Anne's Day and secondly the opening of our new Blackwood House boarding facility, which many of the Old Girls were keen to see, and perhaps to compare enviously with the rather Spartan accommodation of the war and immediate post-war years. The event



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

was a great success and we are keen to make it an annual event.

Another important event was the opening of the renovated Junior School Library, by retiring Head of Junior School, Mr Garry Gray. It was a delight also to see previous Principal Jim Beard, and previous Bishop of Gippsland, the Right Reverend Arthur Jones, at this event. Other facilities which have been completed this year include a new Technical Production Studio at the Garnsey Campus and the refurbishment of the Year 9 common room.

Our Year 12 Valedictory this year was a special event. This year's group has shown

particularly strong leadership and I feel optimistic about their upcoming results. I hope they will have been inspired by our guest speaker, Lindsay Tanner, Dux of Gippsland Grammar in 1973 and now Minister for Finance and Deregulation. Whilst acknowledging that there were some aspects of his schooling that he remembers less than fondly, Lindsay spoke warmly of the School's powerfully positive value system, which included a zero tolerance of racism in all its forms. Lindsay, who is of a similar generation to me, spoke of the events which transpired in the late 1960s and early 1970s which were, to quite a significant extent, shaped by the

ideals of young people of that generation. He urged young people to continue to have high ideals, and we certainly hope that, as a School, we play our part in challenging students to reflect on important issues and to be a part of a new generation of idealists, who will in turn play their part in shaping a positive future for the nation.

This year, our St Anne's Campus loses a number of familiar faces. Apart from Mr Gray, who leaves us after 12 years as Head of Junior School, we farewell Jeanette Roberts, who has served the School for 21 years and Di Rowarth who has been with us for nearly 25 years. Their contribution to the School was celebrated at a special fellowship on November 20th and the high esteem in which both are held was evident in the reaction of both staff and students at this event. We thank them for their loyal service and wish them well in their futures.

Mike Clapper



Lindsay Tanner (1973) viewed the Dux of School Honour Board with Principal, Mike Clapper and School Captains Monique Lawless and Chris Riley.

'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.

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Bairnsdale Celebrates

Allison Prandolini accepted a cheque from Foundation Chairman, Stephen Chalmer, on Celebration Day.



Each year, our Bairnsdale Campus enjoys Celebration Day on October 15 – the date, in 2005, that the first sod of soil was turned at the 'new' campus. This year the students entertained their guests with recounts of their times at their School, as well as sharing their many musical talents.

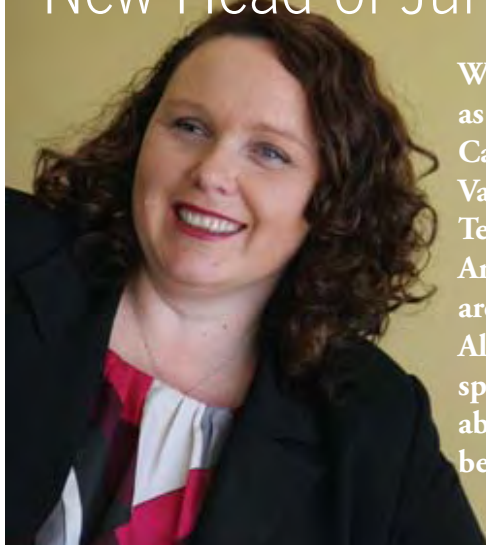
Students, staff and guests also witnessed the presentation of \$150,000 kindly donated by the Gippsland Grammar Foundation. These funds will go towards providing a roof over the existing basketball court, thus making it a multi-functional, all-weather play and assembly space for students.

The Foundation continues to raise money for our three campuses and this year was thrilled to raise over \$18,000 at the Auction Dinner. Parent support of all Foundation functions is vitally important in our efforts to provide new and improved facilities for all students and staff.



Jamie Jones
(Prep - Acacia)

New Head of Junior School at Bairnsdale



We are pleased to welcome Mrs Allison Prandolini as the new Head of Junior School, Bairnsdale Campus. Allison comes to the School from Yarra Valley Grammar, where her role was Director of Teaching and Learning. Allison and her husband Andrew have two sons, Oliver and Louis and are looking forward to exploring the local area. Allison's interests include swimming, walking and spending time with her family. She is passionate about the importance of every child receiving the best opportunities to achieve their personal best.

SPORT STARS SHINE

2008 has been a big year in sport! A large number of our students have competed in School teams, individually and through local sporting clubs in their chosen sports. Through information provided by the students and staff members, we have compiled this report of some outstanding sporting efforts and results.

ROWING

We started the year with the wonderful news that our senior boys had won the Australian Champion Schoolboy coxed quad scull event, at Penrith Lakes in NSW. It was the first time any school from outside the main rowing centres of Melbourne, Geelong or Ballarat had won a National Championship in Rowing. Team members were Craig Battams, Dan Candy and Jordan Smith (Year 12), Stephen Johnston (Year 11) and Georgia Banks (Year 10 – cox). Our Intermediate coxed quad scull crew came fourth in their U17 final, which was a commendable result.

TRACK, FIELD & POOL

Mia Ross (Year 7) competed at the National Secondary School cross country championships in the Victorian team. The U13 girls won their age group event and Mia went on to win the 1500m time trial. Mia also finished third in the 800m at the Victorian All-Schools Track and Field Championships with a time of 2min 23sec.

Tonilee Pelz (Year 10) placed fifth in the 400m at the Victorian Track and Field Championships with a time of 60:22sec.

At the Victorian All-Schools Track Relays at Olympic Park, our girls performed particularly well. The U16 Girls team of Mia Ross, Tess Morrison, Amy Harrison and Maddie Walker won Bronze in the 4 x 800m and the U20 Girls team of Sarah Crowe, Tonilee Pelz, Tara Snelling and Maddi Barnett won Bronze in the 4 x 400m.

Five of our students will compete at the Pacific School Games in Canberra this year. These games are an international sporting event for primary and secondary students aged ten to nineteen, and are considered to be the flagship event of School Sport Australia. Competitors come from every Australian State and Territory as well as from over twenty countries, largely from the Pacific. Sarah Trett (Year 7) will compete in Shot Put, Gordon Meredith (Year 12) will play Hockey and Sarah Crowe (Year 12), Jeremy Meyer (Year 11) and Elliot Shaw (Year 8) have been selected to compete in the swimming events.

Jeremy Meyer was the 'Gippstar' winner for the month of October this year. He has produced some outstanding results, including having competed at the Junior World Swimming Championships in Mexico, where he placed 8th in the final of the 200m Breaststroke. Jeremy is the current Victorian Open 200m Breaststroke champion and the Australian age champion in the same event. Jeremy has been chosen in the squad for the Junior Pan-Pacific Championships in Guam next January and was delighted to be named the Gippsland Junior Sportsperson of 2008.

AFL

The School is proud to announce that two students have been drafted to the AFL for 2009.

Nick Heyne (Year 12) has been drafted to the St Kilda Football Club, following an impressive local football career. Nick played for Gippsland Power and was a member of the U17 AIS/AFL team which toured South Africa in April. He also captained the Victorian Country Team this year.

Campbell Heath (Year 11) has been drafted by the Sydney Swans Football Club. Campbell will complete his Year 12 studies in 2009, training with the club during holidays and around his School schedule. He has played for Gippsland Power and was a member of the Country Victorian team this year.

John Butcher (Year 11) and Koby Stevens (Year 11) are also making their mark on the game. John played in the U17 AIS/AFL team with Nick Heyne this year and will continue to play for Gippsland Power in 2009. Koby Stevens plays for Gippsland Power and Country Victoria, has been named in the U17 All-Australian team and is an AIS Football Scholar. John and Koby should proceed to the AFL draft next year and the School will monitor their progress with great interest.

MARTIAL ARTS

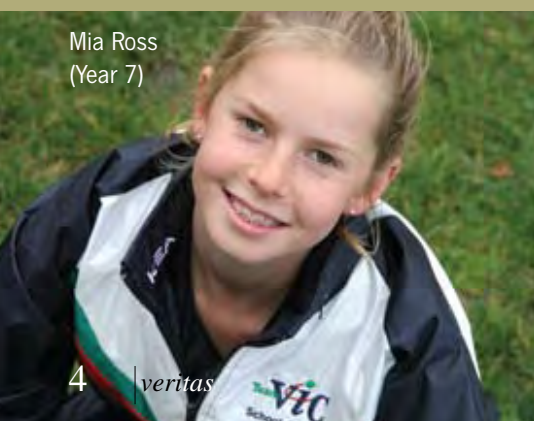
Zulaikha De Souza is the Victorian State Karate champion for the 14/15 yrs female kumite 54kg+. During the year, Zulaikha placed 1st at the Melbourne International Karate Championships, 2nd at the Australian National Karate Championships and 1st at the Oceania Karate Championships in the Cadets female team kumite.

Nick Mayer (Year 9) and his sister Kate (Year 7) competed in the Victorian International Open Judo Championships this year. Nick won the U16 silver medal and Kate was placed 2nd and 3rd in two junior divisions. The pair also represented Gippsland Grammar at the Victorian Schools Judo Championships.

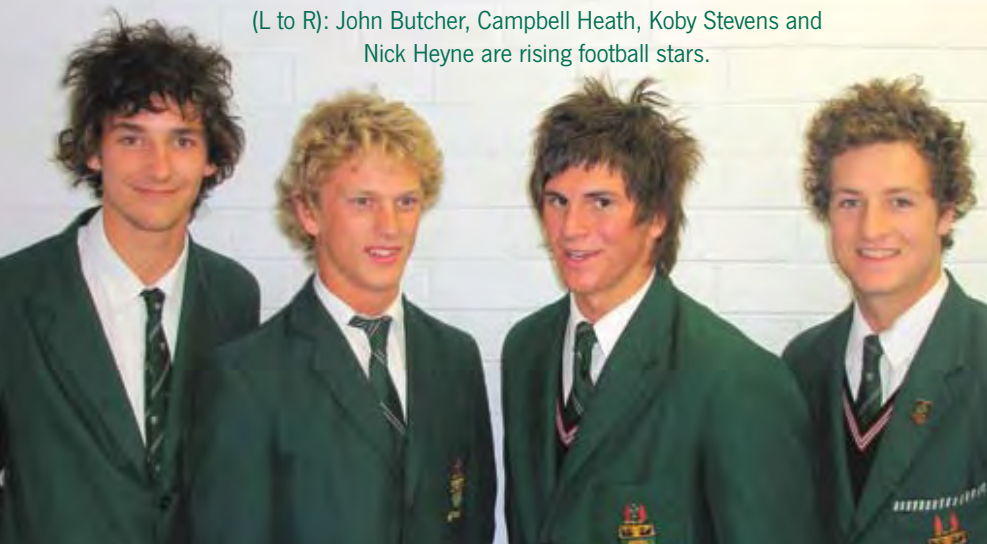
EQUESTRIAN

Kahli Higgins (Year 11) has competed for the past five years at the Young Rider National Championships as part of the Victorian team. Sophie Crook (Year 9) and Olivia O'Connor (Year 12) performed extremely well at the Victorian Inter-School Equestrian Championships and as a result, qualified for the Inter-School

Mia Ross
(Year 7)



(L to R): John Butcher, Campbell Heath, Koby Stevens and Nick Heyne are rising football stars.



Breanna Collins and Crew aboard "Galaxy"



National Championships which was held at Toowoomba this year. After three rounds of jumping, Olivia came 4th overall and Sophie finished 2nd in one of her rounds.

SHOOTING

Our School shooters have shot their way to the State Clay Target Championship event which was held in Bendigo this year. The team earned their place at the competition after placing well in the local 'zone' competition. Team members included Kim Speechley (Year 11), Ryan Clancy (Year 7), Indi Gladman (Year 7) and Scott Dennis (Year 10).

BOXING

We have two new Australian Champions at the School in the interesting sport of Women's Boxing. Louise Irvine and Meg Cameron (both Year 10) competed in the

U17 Australian Women's Championships in July, with outstanding results. Meg won the 54kg division and Louise won the 60kg division in the championship round. It was a tremendous result for the two Bairnsdale girls, with their coach reporting that both have a great deal of potential in this emerging sport.

BASKETBALL

Year 7 boys, Jake Horstman, Harry Thackray and James Whelan, played for the Maffra Basketball Club at the National Club Championships tournament in Darwin this year. Jake (U15) and James (U14) now play for Country Victorian teams.

SAILING

Breanna Collins (Year 10) was part of the winning crew at the 2008 Australian Women's Keelboat Championships. Breanna

sailed in the Women's Elliott Regatta in September with her own boat, crew and sponsor and is now sponsored by the East Gippsland Sports Foundation. She regularly crews on 50ft maxi yacht, Galaxy, off Williamstown and hopes to compete in the Sydney to Hobart race once she turns 18.

GOLF

Dylan Higgins (Year 12) was a member of the U18 Australian Golf Team which competed in the Aaron Baddeley World Junior Championships in 2004 and 2006. He has played in the Victorian Open and the Australian Amateur events from 2005 – 2008. Dylan hopes to go to the USA in 2009 on a college golf scholarship.

Harrison Savage (Year 10) won the 2007 U16 and U18 Victorian Junior Golf Titles and has been a member of the State team for the past two years. Last year, at the age of 15, Harrison was one of only two players in Victoria to qualify at the NEC Masters of the Amateurs event. Harrison enjoyed the experience of playing in the qualifying round of the Australian Open this year and hopes to pursue his love of golf in the USA.

Defence Force awards excellence

Congratulations to Year 12 students Sam Brumley and Richard Cherry who were both awarded a 2008 Australian Defence Force Academy Education Award.

The award is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, academic and sporting achievements. The award comprises a laptop

computer and certificate, along with a plaque of recognition for the School. The application process comprises an ADFA entry aptitude test, medical testing and a series of interviews. Presented to the top 120 applicants, the award is unbonded, which means that there is no obligation to accept an offer to attend ADFA, nor an obligation to ADFA to offer a place.



Sergeant Troy Radbone presented the Australian Defence Force Academy Education Award to Sam Brumley (left) and Richard Cherry.



JJAJJGAN Sundial

The JJAJJGAN group of ladies has been a long term supporter of the School. This year, to commemorate 40 years of hard work and continuous fundraising for the School, current members of the group presented a sundial to Garnsey Campus. Two original JJAJJGAN members, Ailsa Dawkins and Nan Sargood, were amongst those who visited the School to view the sundial, which has been placed between the Chapel of St Anne and the main oval.

Left: JJAJJGAN members, Maxine Mathieson, Val Morrison, Nan Sargood, Ailsa Dawkins and Sally Baird viewed the new sundial at Garnsey Campus.



Recycling

Recycling proved to be a very interesting topic for students in Year 6 Kingsford Smith this year. The class looked at effective ways to sort rubbish and recycle at school, and supported the RACV Mobile Phone Recycling program. The students presented a special 'Recycling' themed Fellowship, sharing many clever tips with their Junior School peers. Above: Students from Year 6 Kingsford Smith collected old mobile phones for a RACV recycling program



International Students

Left to Right: Stephanie Thirwall (Year 11) became an Australian Citizen in May this year. Originally from Scotland, Stephanie and her family now live near Bairnsdale. Camilla Munksgaard (Year 11), from Svinninge in Denmark enjoyed a year on a Rotary Youth Exchange. Sari Miyata (Year 11) arrived from Okazaki, Japan, in April this year. Sari is from our sister school in Hikarigaoka.



School Production

"Harvey", an invisible white rabbit, was just one of the stars of the 2008 School Production, staged in June.

With an excellent cast, starring Craig Battams, Clare Cartledge, Gordon Meredith and Tom Lade, "Harvey" a comedy by Mary Chase, kept the audience enthralled and in stitches! The wonderful production was the final 'curtain call' for Teacher in Charge of Drama, Mrs Esther Cribbes, who retires from the role at the end of the year. Above: Craig Battams (left) and Gordon Meredith - two of the stars of "Harvey".



Children's Prom Concert

The Children's Prom, held annually at Lorna Sparrow Hall, is a dynamic, entertaining and interactive introduction to music for children aged two to six years. The children always enjoy the chance to explore the feel and sound of an orchestra, often taking a turn to 'try out' some of the musical instruments.



Year 9 Food Technology

Students designed, baked and decorated cakes as part of their assessment this term. Many were entered in the annual Sale Show, with a variety of prizes being awarded. Food technology co-ordinator, Ms Wendy Johns, said "The students did an amazing job, coming up with original, artistic designs, many extending themselves beyond their normal boundaries. We were thrilled that the judges selected so many of our entries as prize winners."

Photo: Decorated cakes by Year 9 Food Technology students



Science News

We congratulate Stephen Johnston (Year 11) who has gained a place at next year's National Youth Science Forum. Stephen was one of 244 students from around the country, selected from over 2000 applicants. His selection, like others in previous years, continues the long association that Gippsland Grammar has had with NYSF.

Stephen will travel to Canberra for two weeks in January and looks forward to meeting like-minded students and academics from leading universities, as well as politicians and successful business people.

Stephen and Jean Norris (Year 11) both participated in the Victorian College of Pharmacy Challenge, which was held during the September holidays this year. They spent two days at the Victorian College of Pharmacy in Parkville, a campus of Monash University.

Left: Stephen Johnston will attend the NYSF in January.

Singing her way to the top

Rising star, Jordy McMillan (Year 7) has won a scholarship to the prestigious Camerata Music School in Tamworth. Jordy will attend the school in July 2009 where she will be mentored by singers and musicians and receive important guidance from those in the music business. Jordy won an open-age talent quest at St Arnaud in October this year, where the \$1500 scholarship was the major prize.

Jordy has been singing in Eisteddfods for many years and is part of a local trio called 'Silk', which has recorded a CD and performs in the local Gippsland area. In 2009 Jordy will compete in

the talent quest at the Tamworth Country Music Festival. Whilst in Tamworth, Jordy will be the special guest of award-winning duo, Carter and Carter, who have taken an interest in her singing ability and offered her the opportunity to perform with them.

For the past three years, Jordy has written songs for the Australian Children's Music Foundation Competition with exceptional results. In 2007 and again this year, Jordy has won the Australia wide competition and this year was awarded \$1000 for her efforts. The prize money is awarded in two halves; \$500 for musical equipment for the school and \$500 to assist Jordy with expenses towards her latest venture, another CD.



Jordy McMillan (Year 7)

(L to R): Librarians Eliz Noble, Pauline Duncan and Marianne Lee.



The opening of the new library facilities at St Anne's campus was a very special occasion in the life of the Sale junior campus. It is the fulfilment of thoughtful planning brought to fruition by the generosity and tremendous effort of many people.

Our students are blessed with an outstanding facility, which includes a new

computer laboratory, quiet reading corner and larger teaching and study spaces. The library also contains a dedication to the memory of Stacey Lowe, a past student and avid reader.

We were pleased to welcome many guests to the official opening, including former Bishop of Gippsland, the Right Reverend Arthur Jones, and former School Principal, Jim Beard, who were impressed with the new facilities.



Jim Beard and Garry Gray at the Library opening.

New Library for St Anne's Campus



The Right Reverend John McIntyre, Bishop of Gippsland and Reverend Sue Jacka, School Chaplain at the official opening ceremony.

Blackwood House Opens

Thursday 4 September was an historic day in the life of the School with the official opening of our new boarding facility, Blackwood House. The opening ceremony was attended by over 120 people, including past and present boarders and members of the wider School community.

The boarders were the hosts, showing a variety of visitors around the facility, and the official opening featured performances from some of the boarders, including Daniel Kinsella (Year 11), who played the piano, and Jenny Hwang (Year 10), who sang for us, accompanied by Jenny Candy.

A number of other boarders featured in the proceedings, including our Boarding Captains, Chris Porto and Alix Barrie, who extended the official welcome. Blackwood House was officially opened by long serving Board Member and former school parent, Elizabeth Davis, and ex-board member and former school parent, Libby Balderstone and the dedication was performed by the Right Reverend John McIntyre, Bishop of Gippsland.

Elizabeth and Libby were very



Blackwood House was officially opened on Thursday, 4 September. Members of the official party were: Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr Peter Jennings, the Right Reverend John McIntyre, Bishop of Gippsland, Head of Boarding, Ms Rita Eremín, Board member and past-parent, Elizabeth Davis, ex-Board member and past-parent Libby Balderstone and Principal, Mike Clapper.

active members of the Boarding House Task Group which was set up a number of years ago to look at the future of boarding at the School, at a time where there were many who argued that it should be discontinued. Fortunately, voices such as those of Elizabeth and Libby prevailed, and boarding has since gone on to become increasingly popular and to play a vital part in what makes up Gippsland Grammar, adding cultural and geographical diversity to our School.

The new Boarding House will house up to 60 boarders in spacious double rooms, 50% more than the previous facility. It contains excellent community spaces, pleasant courtyards, and the convenient access to the School makes it a wonderful home for many of our students.

Mike Clapper



Daniel Kinsella (Year 11)



Boarders and staff enjoyed afternoon tea at the opening of the new Blackwood House.

(L to R): Alice Mills (McRae), Heather Stewart (Scott), Marion Hector (Traill), Joan Grinter (Conn) and Bev Cook (Hayward).

Wheelbarrow's Birthday!

Just over 50 Old Scholars who boarded at St Anne's Church of England Girls Grammar School in the 40s and 50s, celebrated Wheelbarrow's Birthday on Friday 10 October. The idea for a reunion was mooted at St Anne's Day celebrations in July this year, when Marie Potter (nee Lang) from Bairnsdale, was the guest speaker at Fellowship at the St Anne's Campus.

Who is Wheelbarrow? Marie addressed those who gathered at the new boarding facilities for the reunion, and filled us in on the beginning of this tradition, as follows:

Years ago, birthdays were celebrated by boarders at their own particular table in the dining room, usually with a cake and other goodies sent in by parents. Marie Potter's table felt that they needed another birthday to celebrate, and as Enid Brenton had a pin in her hand, she stuck it into a calendar, and it landed on 10 October. They then tried to locate someone whose birthday fell on that date, but failing to do so, decided they would invent a birthday, and so "Wheelbarrow's Birthday" was selected. On 10 October when they were celebrating at their table, Miss Sparrow came across and asked whose birthday they were celebrating. On being

told it was "Wheelbarrow's Birthday", she asked for a further explanation! After being given the details, she told the students that it really wasn't fair that they were celebrating it alone, and not sharing it with the rest of the boarders.

The following year the whole boarding house celebrated Wheelbarrow's Birthday on 10 October, and this was later extended to having the celebrations on the Saturday closest to 10 October, with entertainment by the students in the form of 'skits' etc, during the evening.

Those who attended this first reunion were treated to a lovely luncheon, (thanks to Rita Eremin and boarding house staff,) complete with a birthday cake, and were then able to look through the new Blackwood House. We were all very envious of the lovely new building with modern facilities – a stark contrast from the basic conditions from the earlier years.

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting up with old friends and reminiscing while perusing the photographs and other memorabilia. Tim Gibson, the school archivist, did a wonderful job in looking out photos from the early days of the school, so a display could be put together for all to see. He even had the St Anne's badges, banners and



(L to R): Frances Cheetham (Bulmer), Marie Potter (Lang), Gwen Dyer (Derham), Ruth Glover (Macalister).

several items of the original uniform.

Ruth Glover (nee Macalister) has donated a wheelbarrow as a symbol of this early tradition of the school, and it is hoped that this will be incorporated into the current social service activity of collecting food each year for the Bishop's Pantry Appeal. It was thought that a symbolic

pushing of the wheelbarrow from the school to Bishops court could somehow be organized.

The Old Scholars are pleased to bring "Wheelbarrow" back to life, and in this way complete Miss Sparrow's encouragement of sharing what we have by giving to others.

Hilary Rash (nee Richards) and Joy Brand (nee Saxton).



(L to R): Helen Stephenson (Wrigglesworth), Josie Dickson (Keeble), Ruth Newton (Neumann), Jean Gibbs (Watt), Helen Wegener (Scott), Jessie Legge (McRae), Evelyn Prendergast (Sam), Heather Baker (Cameron), Hilary Rash (Richards) and Glenean Bowley (Barratt).

Paul Churchman (1980)

has traded the corporate world for country life at the Sarsfield Flower Farm. The well-established native flower farm grows Australian wild flower foliage and cut flowers. In the past 25 years, Paul has worked in the IT side of banking, living all over the world, including London, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Portugal and USA. Now the parents of a young daughter, Paul and his wife decided to make the move back to Gippsland and are relishing the extra family time. Once the wildflower business is secure, Paul plans to set up a farm stay retreat at the property, which is ideally located on the Great Alpine Road.

Madeline Fernbach (1987)

has finally succumbed to her parents' and sister's campaigning and has moved to northern Queensland. She works as a Project Manager in the social and economic information and research unit of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. Madeline reports that she's living in a tropical paradise, gets paid to look at coral, sort out climate change and listen to old fishing stories - wonderful!

Steve Grigoleit (1979)

studied Medicine at Monash University, where he graduated with honours. He did three years' residency at Box Hill Hospital and then, after taking six months leave to travel and scuba dive, took up an ICU and obstetric job in Moe. Steve is married with four children and credits his family's interest in hockey to former teacher, Mr Norm McNess. Steve played state league in his Monash days and for the past four years has represented Victoria and Country Victoria in the Australian Veterans' Hockey Championships. Steve is now a full time GP in Moe, with a special interest in procedural Anaesthetics and Obstetrics. He still has a great passion for scuba diving and in 1994 completed his Dive Master qualification. Steve was back at Gippsland Grammar recently, when he was employed to perform diving medicals for Year 9 students doing the basic scuba diving course. He's looking forward to the 30 year reunion for 1979! (See reunion details in this issue).

Stuart Kininmonth (1982)

completed a Science degree at Melbourne University, followed by a Diploma of Education. He worked for Outward Bound for almost seven years, teaching and managing outdoor programs around Australia. He then worked for Greening Australia in Canberra before moving back to the family farm near Stratford to work with the Department of Conservation, Forests and Land as Geographic Information System Manager. A 'sea change' then took the family to Kakadu National Park, where Stuart worked as GIS and IT specialist. Stuart has completed a Masters in Resource Science at the University of New England and is presently based in Townsville, working at the Australian Institute of Marine Science, as a marine scientist. He is researching the way marine organisms like coral and fish interact and form complex networks. Stuart, who is the father of 2 boys, Sam and Angus, has almost completed a PhD at the University of QLD.

Anna Melville (2003)

graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2007 with a Bachelor of Music (1st Class Honours). She has worked with the Australian Youth Orchestra, Australian Youth Choir, Australian Boys Choir, Melbourne Opera Company and Oz Opera. Anna is currently working with the Victorian Opera and is also a freelance accompanist. This year, Anna produced and directed the "Singing for Life" concert, in celebration of Australian Blood Donors. The concert, in support of the Australian Red Cross Blood Service, featured some of Melbourne's finest classical, contemporary and choral voices. Anna's efforts were supported by friends and old scholars including her sisters Alison (2000) and Kirsty (2005), Fiona Scarlett (2004), Tahlia Meredith (2002), Mark Tyndall (2002) and David Kent (2002). Anna hopes to make the concert an annual event.

Amanda Scrivenor (2005)

could be sailing in the 2012 Olympics, having recently been selected to train with the women's racing squad. Women's Match Racing has been included in the program for the London Olympics, so Amanda will be training hard to gain her spot in the team. She came second in the Australian Women's Match Racing Championships held off Fremantle recently, and has been selected to compete in the regional final of the Nations Cup in New Zealand. If successful there, the Nations Cup final will be held in Brazil next March. Amanda and her brother, Rob (2004), are now training to compete in the 2008 Sydney to Hobart yacht race.

Bianca Thimm (1997)

is currently working on the North South Bypass Tunnel Project (CLEM7 tunnel) in Brisbane. She works as a Project Engineer for the construction of the bridges leading in and out of the tunnel, which has included installing over 300 bridge beams for the four bridges on the project. After leaving Gippsland Grammar, Bianca completed a Bachelor of Engineering and a Bachelor of Business at RMIT and later studied for a Masters in Engineering at Cambridge University, on a scholarship from the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission. Bianca is a Chartered Professional Engineer (CPEng) with Engineers Australia and has worked previously as a Bridge Design Engineer for GHD in Melbourne. In 2007 Bianca had the honour of being named Queensland's 'Young Professional Engineer of the Year'.



Bianca Thimm

Andy White (1989)

has left the Australian Army, where he attained the rank of Major and amongst other postings, worked as a United Nations Military Observer in Timor. Andy and his wife Dee have moved to Rainbow Beach, Queensland, where they operate Rainbow Beach Realty. Andy and Dee have two daughters, Annie and Jasmin.



Andy White and family

Tracey White (1997)

married Stewart Harper at Bon Accord, Sale in April this year. Several past students formed part of the bridal party, including Rachel Eagles (nee Walker - 1997), Natalie Tyndall (1997) and Brad White (2000). Tracey works as a Dairy Extension Officer for DPI in Shepparton and reported that she and Stewart were looking forward to four months backpacking in Central America.



Tracey White and Stewart Harper

1979 - 30 Year Reunion

The Class of 1979 will celebrate a 30 Year reunion in 2009. A date in September - October will be advised early next year.

Old Scholars who are members of the 1979 alumni group should contact one of the following people to register their interest.

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