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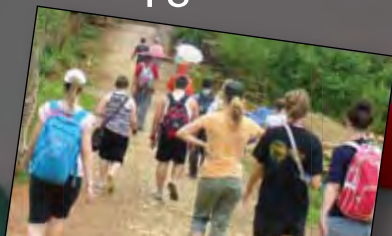


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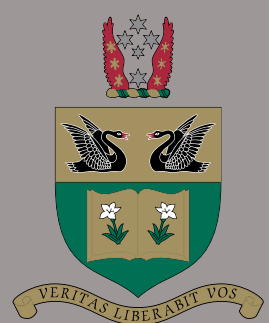
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**At the Annual General Meeting of the School Association on 28 April, Mr Peter Jennings announced that he was stepping down from his position as Chair of the School Board. Peter has been a Board member since August 2001 and has been Chair for the last two years, having served as Chair of the Audit Committee for a number of years prior to that. Peter has made a strong contribution to Gippsland Grammar, during a period of significant change and growth. I thank him for his personal support and friendship and for the service which he has given to the School. At the Board meeting which immediately followed the Association meeting, Bishop John McIntyre was elected as Board Chair with Peter Skeels taking on the Vice-Chair position. Anne Mwagiru was re-elected to the Board and a new P&F nominee, David Conway joined the Board.**



**Bishop John McIntyre**

The first few months of 2009 were a flurry of activity as we prepared our submission for the government's 'Building the Education Revolution' funding. Fortunately, three of our funding applications have been successful. We received \$200,000 in the 'School Pride' programme which will have been put towards re-flooring the Senior School gymnasium, providing a shade area outside the canteen and installing additional water-storage tanks on the Garnsey Campus. In the 'Primary School for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' programme, our application for building a Hall at the Bairnsdale Campus was successful with a grant of \$M2 enabling us to begin this project straight away. In addition to the main hall, the building will contain a library, art and music facilities, a function kitchen, changing rooms and additional offices. A second, smaller application for a grant of \$500,000 has also been successful and this will be put towards renovations and improvements at the St Anne's campus, which will include an

## From the Principal



upgrade to Lorna Sparrow Hall (providing a function kitchen, amenities and a new entrance), development of the upstairs section of the former girls' Boarding House to provide two additional classrooms and further changing facilities and the redevelopment of the former boys' Boarding House to provide a music centre. We are enormously grateful to the government for providing this injection of capital funding, which will enable us to fulfil many of our infrastructure objectives several years earlier than would have been possible without this funding. All projects are expected to be complete by the middle of next year.

The roof over the basketball court at the Bairnsdale Campus is now complete and, with the new Hall, this brings the initial plans for the campus to a conclusion. It is remarkable that we have been able to achieve this in just four years and it is a delight that the early years at the campus are now full so that we can anticipate moving to full enrolments over the next few years.

Mike Clapper

Bairnsdale Campus now has a covered basketball court.





## *'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.*

## Are you going to the Holey Plain Soiree?

**Come along to the School Foundation's major fundraiser and social event for 2009.**

**Friday 9 October**

**8:00pm until midnight**

**Tickets \$80 (inc. food, drinks and transport)**

Guests will arrive at the homestead by bus and enjoy great food, wine and musical entertainment. There will be Lucky Door prizes and fundraising games throughout the evening. Parents and friends of the School are urged to book early, as tickets are limited.



For tickets and further information, please phone Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on 5143 6315.

*Please note: Buses will leave from Sale (pick-up at Longford Hall). Maffra and Bairnsdale buses will operate if sufficient bookings are received.*

## Taylor Made

**The Class of 2008 has left a lasting legacy to the school, in the shape of a beautiful, hand-crafted table. The Year 12 gift to the School now takes pride of place in the foyer of the JJAJJGAN Theatre at Garnsey Campus. The solid Western Australian Jarrah table was made by School carpenter Derek Taylor, who retired at the end of Term 2 this year. It was an appropriate parting gift from the students and from Derek who had 12 years of service at the School.**



Derek Taylor, Principal Mike Clapper and 2008 School Captains, Monique Lawless and Chris Riley inspect the hand-crafted table in the foyer of the JJAJJGAN Theatre.



## Premier's Award

**Alex Waite (Year 12) has been awarded the Premier's Award for his outstanding achievement in VET Music Production last year. A perfect score of 50 earned this talented music student the top place in the state in the subject. Alex passed his A.Mus.A last year and is now practising for his VCE piano solo recital.**

For this tough exam, Alex will play Prelude in G Major, Book 1 number 15 by Johann Sebastian Bach, the 1st movement of Sonata Opus 10 no. 1 in C minor by Ludwig van Beethoven, Etude Opus 25 no. 7 in C sharp minor by Frederic Chopin, the 1st movement of Sonatine by Maurice Ravel and Mountains by Peter Sculthorpe.

Alex also plays the keyboard in the School's Big Band and recently learnt to play the bass guitar especially for the School musical, Bye Bye Birdie. Alex plans to study music at university but may take a GAP year to devote time to performing and achieving a higher standard of playing before commencing a university degree.

## Janelle makes State Final

**Year 12 student, Janelle Wigney was named as a finalist in the 2009 Plain English Speaking Award. Her speech, titled 'A Crisis of Trust', was one of six speeches short listed for the award.**

Janelle and Daniel Kinsella (Year 12) represented Gippsland Grammar in the regional final and from there, Janelle moved on to compete in the semi final. Her performance at this level gained her a



Alex Waite and Janelle Wigney

place in the grand final, where she performed most admirably.

In Victoria, the Plain English Speaking Award is organised and conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). The Australia-Britain Society and a number of private industries have generously sponsored the Award since 1977. The Award provides an excellent opportunity for students to build self-confidence and extend their skills in oral communication, speech writing and research.

## Awards for 2008 Leavers

**Shaun Knowles (Dux 2008)** has been awarded an Australian Student Prize for 2008. The Australian Government awards the Prize to the top 500 students nationally each year in recognition of their high academic achievements. Prize winners are selected and nominated by their state or territory based on their high academic performance for Year 12 or their awards of medals in an International Olympiad for Mathematics, Science or Informatics. Shaun, who is



Mackenzie Stein and Prep students, Estelle Wollin and Youser Ahmed at the St Anne's Campus After-School Care Centre.

currently on a GAP year in the UK, received a certificate and a cash award of \$2000.

**Mackenzie Stein (2008)** has won an Australian Vocational Student Prize for 2008. This prize recognizes the outstanding skills, commitment and

achievement in the vocational education and training she undertook as part of her senior secondary certificate studies. Mackenzie, who was awarded a \$2000 cash prize, was selected by the School and a panel of state experts as a winner of this esteemed award. The

award focuses on achievements in vocational education and training in schools and on Australian School-based Apprenticeships. Mackenzie is currently completing her diploma studies and works part-time at our after-school care program at St Anne's Campus.

# Sports News

The School is extremely proud of the achievements of top swimmer, **Jeremy Meyer (Year 12)**. Currently the Australian Age Champion for the 100 metre and 200 metre breaststroke, Jeremy has had a busy start to the year. He won two medals as a member of the Australian Junior Swimming Team at the Pan Pacific Championships held in Guam in January and has recently toured the West Coast of the USA with the Australian swimming team. Jeremy is the holder of ten Victorian long and short course records and won six gold medals and event records at the last Victorian Championships. In April, Jeremy won his second consecutive Tim Forsyth Award as the Gippsland Sports Academy's highest achieving athlete. The award acknowledges sporting excellence and outstanding achievement. Jeremy's performances have now earned him a place in Swimming Australia's London 2012 target squad. The whole School will eagerly watch Jeremy's progress and wishes him all the best for his continued success in the pool.

**Harrison Savage (Year 11)** continues to impress with his golfing achievements. Ranked at No. 7 on the Victorian junior



Jeremy Meyer in action in the pool.

golfing circuit, Harrison placed fifteenth (tenth Victorian) in the 2009 Victorian Junior Amateur Championships held at Yarra Yarra and Northern Golf Clubs in Melbourne. Harrison was joint winner of the January Junior Gippstar Award and is currently ranked at No. 49 amongst junior

players in Australia. On the local golf scene, Harrison recently won the Sale Golf Club Championships, claiming both senior and junior titles. In September, he will travel to New Zealand to compete in the NZ Junior Amateur Championships. We look forward to hearing of his future golfing successes.

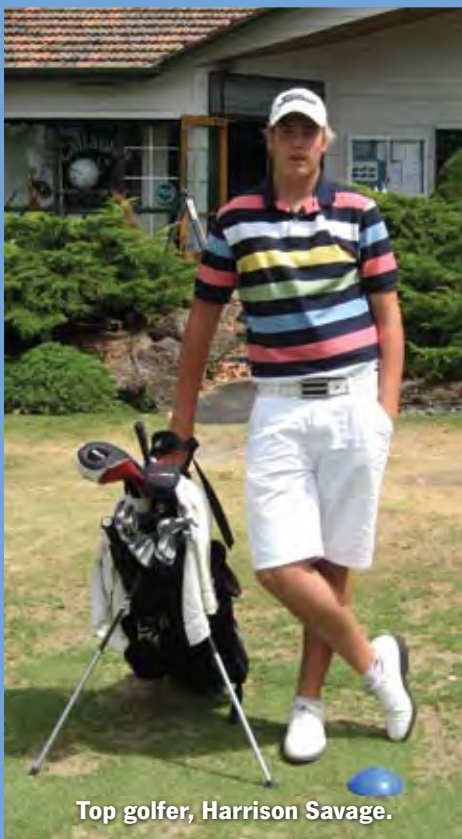


## Economics Debate

Viewpoint 2009, the Monash Economics Debate, was introduced to heighten awareness among secondary school students of relevant economic issues that inevitably affect everyone, at both a local and global level. It provides an opportunity for students to hone public speaking skills and for schools to showcase their competencies. Twenty-two Victorian schools participated in the competition and we were thrilled that our team consisting of Luke Knowles (Year 12), Agnik Sarkar (Year 11) and Britt Jeffs (Year 10), made it to the Grand Final. The team travelled to Melbourne for the Final, hosted by Monash University's Faculty of Business and Economics.

Gippsland Grammar was the affirmative side, debating the topic, "That the Rudd government should delay the introduction of the emissions trading scheme in the interest of economic recovery". Their opponents on the negative side were a team of Year 12 students from Scotch College. Despite well-reasoned arguments from our team, Scotch College was declared the winners on the day. The quality of the debate was excellent, and our students impressed everyone with their knowledge and ability in this area.

Thanks are extended to family and friends who were a tremendous support to the team and to Mrs Felicity Lear, Ms Helen Dossier and Mr Ted Collins who assisted the team along the way.



Top golfer, Harrison Savage.



# Sale's One Night Stand

When ABC's Triple J radio announced that the 2009 'One Night Stand' concert would be held in Sale, the town was abuzz with much excitement. So when the call came for 'roadies' to help place gear and set up sound and lighting, our VET Music Industry (Technical Production) students were happy to volunteer their services. To be part of such a huge production was invaluable experience for the students, who can now claim to have been part of the big event.

During set-up for the concert, the students were treated to an impromptu visit by members of popular band *Hilltop Hoods*. The 'Hoods' signed autographs and chatted with the students, then joined them for some football on the Sale oval.



VET Music Industry students at Sale's One Night Stand

The 'One Night Stand' concert was played on Saturday 30 May. 12,000 people braved the cold and wet conditions at Sale Oval to witness the biggest concert event ever staged

in the town. The concert was opened by Wonthaggi band, *And Burn*, and included *Hilltop Hoods*, *Butterfly Effect*, *Miami Horror*, *Eskimo Joe* and *Children Collide*.



## Music at Coonawarra Camp

On Friday 20 March, approximately 80 students from Years 4 to 8 departed for a weekend Music Camp at Coonawarra. Students enjoyed two days of intensive music practice, focusing on learning repertoire, developing aural and musicianship skills and performance 'etiquette'.

Blessed with fine, sunny weather, the students were able to enjoy their leisure time playing volleyball, swimming or trying out the 'Giant Swing', which required many willing hands to operate.

It was wonderful to see our older musicians mentoring the younger ones and a combined junior and senior band performance was one of the highlights of the Sunday concert, attended by almost 200 parents and friends.





# Community Service News

Students and staff have been engaged in some wonderful fundraising and community service events this year.

## Bushfire Relief

The tragic February bushfires had a huge impact on many members of our School community. Staff and students banded together across our three campuses in a whole-School fundraiser to assist fire victims and their families. After several weeks and many donations, the School was able to donate \$16,043 to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund. This was a tremendous effort and our thanks are extended to everyone who donated to this worthwhile cause.

## Parachute for Poverty



Principal Mike Clapper jumps for 'Parachute for Poverty'

In May, Principal Mike Clapper jumped from a plane at the Bairnsdale Airfield, all in the name of charity. The 'Parachute for Poverty' scheme supports International Children's Care and is organised locally by the Riviera Christian Centre in Bairnsdale. This year, twenty people participated in the jump, which raised some \$56,000 for Cambodian families in need. With the assistance of a School casual day and wristband sales, Mr Clapper raised over \$3,000, which will build a home for a poverty-stricken family.

## Relay for Life



Forty students and staff participated in the Wellington district 2009 'Relay for Life' event which was held in March. Thirty teams from the local area raised over \$127,000, with our School team contributing \$1059. Ten of the thirty teams will receive research awards for raising \$5,000 or more.

## World's Greatest Shave



Sam Darby (Year 12) gets a hair cut from Wellington Shire Mayor, Darren McCubbin.

School House Captains raised \$1,900 for the 2009 Leukaemia Foundation's 'Shave for a Cure' event. Led by Sam Darby, the Captains were sprayed, waxed and shaved during a full-school assembly. Wellington Shire Mayor, Mr Darren McCubbin, assisted with the shaving, as did Mr Clapper and Miss Henry. To the accompaniment of the Intermediate and Senior Jazz bands, 'Shave for a Cure' highlighted our commitment to contributing in meaningful ways to community initiatives.



Back Row (L to R): Michael Prendergast, Sam Darby, Jenny Breheny (Leukaemia Foundation - Gippsland) Peter Olsson, Daniel Kinsella. Front Row (L to R): Laura Evans, Louise Larcombe, Steph Bourke.



# Cultural Trip – Vietnam 2009

**On the last day of Term 2, 16 students from Years 9, 10 and 11, accompanied by Leah Stoffels and Peter Ries left for Hanoi on the 2009 School cultural trip to Vietnam.**

On arrival we were blown away by the heat, traffic, street vendors and the friendly people. First among these was Mr Tri, our guide for the tour. We were all immediately drawn to Tri. His 'can do' attitude and always smiling demeanour eased us into the Vietnamese culture.

After a cyclo ride, lots of bargaining with traders, eating at KOTO, visiting Vietnam's oldest University and generally soaking up the atmosphere of Hanoi, we travelled to Sapa on a slow overnight train. Sapa, on the Chinese border, was magnificent. Meeting the Hmong people, our trek, swimming in a river, riding a water buffalo, among other things, were all unforgettable experiences. This was followed by a trip to Ha Long Bay and then onto Hoi An in central Vietnam, where we all had clothes or shoes made.

Bike riding, swimming in the South China Sea, shopping, eating and a great cooking lesson ensured that we were immersed in Vietnamese culture. Finally we spent two days in Ho Chi Minh City, where we shopped at fabulous markets, saw the Cu Chi Tunnels and experienced the most exciting driving we had ever seen. This was a fabulous trip. The students were great travelling companions and we are both confident that they all grew in knowledge and experience of the world. We certainly did!

*Peter Ries & Leah Stoffels*

**Trekking in for a home-stay experience with a local family.**



The group pictured with their home-stay family.



(L to R): Outside the oldest university in Vietnam - Claire Jennings, Linley Bertacchini, Sarah Heath, Sarah Ryan and Gabby Walker.



(L to R): Meeting the locals in Sapa - Jack Joyce, Alex Rowles, Derek Mwagiru and Will McMahon.



# Foundation News

Mr Stephen Chalmer has once again been elected as Chairman of the Gippsland Grammar Foundation for 2009-10. Senior Vice-President is Ms Lynne Patten-Malouf and Junior Vice-President is Mrs Catherine Cowell.



Other members of the committee are Mr Brendan Shepherd (Treasurer), Mrs Jenni Demarte (Secretary), Ms Libby Balderstone, Mr John Cribbes, Mrs Di Dennis, Mrs Meredith Johnston, Mrs Meredith Lynch, Mrs Hilary Rash (Old Scholars representative), Mr Peter Skeels (P&F representative) and Mr Peter Webster. Ex-officio members are Bishop John McIntyre and Mr Mike Clapper. We should like to congratulate our new committee and thank them for their continued support of the Foundation and the School.

Another Foundation funded project has recently been completed at Bairnsdale Campus. Head of Campus, Mrs Allison Prandolini, said, "The Bairnsdale Campus community is very grateful to have our wonderful basketball court roof completed due to the generous donations of many parents via our school Foundation. This facility gives our campus a wet weather and 'Sunsmart' option for our Physical Education lessons, sport sessions, School functions and weekly Fellowship. With lovely views over the river, this 8.7metre high structure ensures all students at Bairnsdale Campus are being given the best facilities for a quality, well rounded education."

The Laurie Payne Gymnasium at Garnsey Campus has also had a new Weight Training Room installed, thanks to \$75,000 donated from Foundation funds. Senior School students will use the new facility during physical education and sport classes and staff will also be able to use it for fitness training. Our rowers and other sporting teams will also benefit from having such an up to date facility on School premises.

All these facilities were provided through the generosity of people who have made a donation to the Foundation Building Fund. School families may contribute to the Building Fund via the voluntary contribution with School fees. The suggested amount of \$150 per term is fully tax deductible and will be receipted by the Foundation. If you have any queries regarding the voluntary contribution scheme, please contact Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on 5143 6315.

## 2004 - 5 years on!

The Class of 2004 celebrated their '5 Year Out' reunion in Sale in July. Over 50 old scholars attended the get together, (which was organised by Chloe Hollonds), at the Hacienda. Everyone had a great time and looks forward to the ten year reunion on 2014.



(L to R): Penny Davis, Mikhaila Bromwich, Elliott Yeates and Tess McLaren.



(L to R): Greg Hall, James Fleming, Brendan Walker and Matthew Jackson.



(L to R): Milly Dowsett, Lisa Bowen, Eliza Lee, Kate Robertson and Chloe Hollonds.

## Vale

**Mr W (Bill) Churchman** (Board Member 1976 – 1985) passed away on 6 April 2009. Our sincere condolences are extended to Mrs Churchman and Old Scholars, Guy, Julia and Paul.

**Mrs Patricia Crooke** passed away on 27 May 2009. Mrs Crooke was a member of the original 'Emu' committee which produced the first version of our cook book, 'Is Emu on the Menu?' Sincere condolences to the Crooke family, including current student, Sophie (Year 10).

**Dr Chris Fielding** passed away on 3 July 2009. Chris will be sadly missed by staff and students, especially those who enjoyed his knowledge and assistance as a throwing coach for our athletics team. Chris volunteered his time and clearly enjoyed working with our young athletes, including two of his grandchildren, Sarah (Year 8) and Alex Trett (Year 6).

## Can you Help?

We are seeking information about The Louise Poulton Prize for Head Girl. The Development Office has a letter from Mrs Lorna Wilson (daughter of Louise Poulton) dated November 1978 and another from Mrs Frances McCallum (nee Wilson - daughter of Lorna) dated December 1993. Can you help us contact members of the McCallum or Wilson families? Please contact Meredith Lynch on 03 5143 6315 or [meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au](mailto:meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au).





## Staggfair is Back!



Students, staff and parents welcomed back the traditional Staggfair in March. With a new venue and new entertainment format, it was pleasing to see so many people enjoying the day. Some of the old favourites were back, including the always popular spinning wheel, face painting and delicious food stalls. With plans for an even bigger and better Staggfair in 2010, it's certain that this enjoyable, all campus fundraiser is back for good.



# Out and About

**Simon (Saan) Arthur (1986)** is a Freelance Sound Engineer in the UK. Interviewed recently on ABC Gippsland Radio by old scholar, Craig Bush (1977), Saan had an interesting story to tell. He has worked with many famous musicians, including Mark Knoffler, Andy Summers, George Benson, Charlie Watts Tentet, and jazz vocalist, Ian Shaw to name but a few. His impressive CV also includes positions as House Engineer, Stage Manager and MC at Ronnie Scott's and Pizza Express Jazz Clubs in Soho. Saan is often on tour but when at home, works from his beautiful 500 year old house in Cornwall, which includes an outstanding recording studio.

**David Felstead (1997)** completed a double degree in IT/Engineering at RMIT. He currently works for Microsoft in their Search Development area. In a pure coincidence, David was recruited for Microsoft by past-student, Hugh Williams (1986). Microsoft now employs quite a number of our Old Scholars. David and his wife Jacquelyn have three children and live just outside Seattle in the United States.

**Jane Felstead (2000)** graduated with first class honours in Media and Communications at Swinburne University and has recently been accepted into a PhD program.

**Ferida Felstead (Staff 1985 - 1997)** completed her teaching career as Assistant Principal of Koonung Secondary College in 2007. She is currently enjoying retirement.

**Barbara Fulton (Ferres - 1966)** has worked in senior management roles for over thirty years. She has vast experience within utility industries including urban and rural water, electricity and gas, along with over ten years' active experience as a director within the catchment management, retail finance, financial planning and health industries. Recently, the East Gippsland Institute of TAFE board announced the election of Barbara to the role of chair.

**Kate Keppitipola (McLaughlin - 1999)** is married with a two year old son. She completed her business degree in Canberra, worked in hotel management in Melbourne for several years, and since January 2008 has been Clerical Services Manager at Latrobe Regional Hospital in Traralgon.

**Peter May (1982)** holds a Bachelor of Building from RMIT and is the Managing Director of May Constructions Pty Ltd, a medium-sized building contractor established in 1991. Based in Melbourne, Peter's company focuses on light commercial projects, including work at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Camberwell Fresh Food Markets, Springvale Uniting Church, Boronia Primary School and "The Garage" in Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn. The company has also won an HIA Award for Australian Bathroom Project of the Year.

**Megan McLaughlin (2000)** studied Medicine at Adelaide University, where she accepted a Medical Rural Bonded Scholarship worth over \$120,000. In

early 2006, Megan did a short stint at a children's hospital in the UK, prior to her graduation the same year. She is now working as a doctor in Adelaide.

**Katherine Toyer (2003)** and **Natalie O'Connell (2003)**



re-visited their old boarding days recently, spending a week in our new Boarding House. Back at Gippsland Grammar on teaching rounds, the pair enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with some of their former teachers and get to know the new routine of their old School. They're both completing a Diploma of Education at Latrobe University this year. Katherine has been studying Arts (History) and Natalie has a Bachelor of Agricultural Science.

**Colin Radford (1984)** was offered a journalism cadetship at the Latrobe Valley Express newspaper during his final year at Gippsland Grammar. After eight years as a journalist in print, television and radio, Colin moved on to politics where he has worked as a Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff to Premiers and Ministers including John Brumby, Steve Bracks and Tim Holding. In 2007, Colin accepted a partnership at Deloitte

Touche Tohmatsu - one of the world's largest professional services firms - and in February this year, he assumed the leadership of the firm's Public Sector practice in Victoria. Colin lives in Melbourne with his wife, Nicole, and their three sons and says that he remains a passionate supporter of the Richmond Football Club.

**Libby Rumpff (1996)** has her BA (Hons) and BSc from Melbourne University and received her PhD in May this year. Her thesis was entitled "The influence of climate and disturbance on alpine tree-line dynamics in the Victorian Alps, Australia". Libby examined the role of climate, fire and landuse as controls on alpine tree-line dynamics in the Victorian Alps, in order to understand the response of these boundaries to climate change. She analysed the age distribution of stems in stands with different disturbance histories, and examined the impact of the 2003 wildfires (in the absence of grazing) on the tree-line ecotone. The past grazing regime significantly altered woodland structure, but climate and wildfire now control tree-line dynamics.

**Brian Walker (1986)** completed an honours degree in Agricultural Science at Latrobe University. After travelling overseas, Brian returned to Victoria and joined a small veterinary company which concentrated on developing and commercialising the Embryo Transfer industry within the cattle and sheep markets. Brian now works for Elders as the National Merchandise Category Manager for Animal Health and Production. Brian and his family live in Mickleham, to the north of Melbourne. Old School mates are welcome to email him at [brian.walker@elders.com.au](mailto:brian.walker@elders.com.au).

## Class of 1989 20 Year Reunion

**Saturday 7 November 2009**

From 3.30pm at the Prince Alfred Hotel 355 Bay Street, Port Melbourne

For details, please contact Anna Speedie (Jones)

Email: [anna\\_c\\_e\\_jones@hotmail.com](mailto:anna_c_e_jones@hotmail.com)

The following people are yet

to contact Anna regarding the 1989 reunion. If you can help locate anyone, please contact Anna at her email address above.

Eliza Bell, Leah Bell, Bryan Falkner, David Foster, Andrew Garrett, Rebecca Hill, Madeleine Howard, Duncan MacDonald, Martha Overbury, Helen Sutherland, Richard Symes, Yvette Thackray, Ross Vertigan, Paul Whykes.

## Class of 1984 25 Year Reunion

**Saturday 24 October - Sunday 25 October 2009**

From 7.00pm Saturday at Café Rossi, Raymond Street, Sale. Sunday 25 October - Sale Cup Day at Greenwattle Race Course.

For details, please contact Natalie Walsh (Dyer)  
Email: [natalie.walsh@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au](mailto:natalie.walsh@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au)

## Class of 1979 30 Year Reunion

**Saturday 10 October 2009**

Invitations have been sent out but if you think you may have

been overlooked, please contact Helen Drew (nee Jenkin) on (03) 5143 6388 or [helen.drew@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au](mailto:helen.drew@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au). Please contact Helen if you can help find the following people: Heather Nicholson, Peter Macarthur, David Taylor, Jane Woodward, Ian Goode, Simon Dodd and Elizabeth Green. Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to alter the dinner venue. The dinner will now be held at Cee K's Café at 34 Princes Hwy, Sale. Cee K's is located adjacent to Grow Master nursery and is within walking distance of the School. We look forward to seeing you all then.

**If you have some news for  
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or send details to the  
Development Office  
PO Box 465 Sale 3853**



# Bye Bye Birdie

For the first time in many years, the School has staged a musical for the annual School play. "Bye Bye Birdie", set in the late 1950s and with a story revolving around an Elvis Presley type pop star, was a much anticipated date on the School calendar.

The Drama and Music departments worked in conjunction to bring the audience a full musical theatre experience, in a hardly recognisable Garnsey Hall.

With pre-sold ticket sales of around 200 for each of the three shows, the week of the performance was a very exciting time for the cast and crew.

Teacher in charge of Drama, Judy Taylor, said, "The cast and crew worked incredibly hard to ensure that the final performances were polished and professional. It was certainly a team effort and the students were supported by their families throughout the long rehearsal process."



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