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From the Principal

Term 1 2010 sees Gippsland Grammar passing an important milestone. For the first time in the School's history, our enrolment (P-12) has passed 1000. If you add to this the students in our two Early Learning Centre programs, then the total student population is well over 1100. Whilst we all wish to see Gippsland Grammar

retaining the community feel for which it is so well known, modern schooling does require a reasonable level of enrolment to provide the facilities and the range of courses which our School community has come to expect. Recent building programs certainly give us the infrastructure to support these student numbers and, with the population divided amongst our three campuses, we hope that all students and families still feel the sense of intimacy that comes from us being a close community, whilst enjoying the benefits that the greater numbers bring. Certainly, if our 2009 VCE results are anything to go by, the increase in numbers has had no negative effect on student performance. The School was delighted to obtain its first ever 'perfect' score, with Eliza Waters obtaining 99.95

as her ENTER ranking and three other students very close behind with 99.8 (Bhagya Mudunna, Jean Norris and Janelle Wigney). I am not sure whether 15 students with ENTER scores over 95 is a record, but if not, it must be close.

However, we will never be a School which places academic achievement before the development of good all-round young people and it continues to be a delight to me to see how well our students achieve in a wide variety of activities, from debating to rowing, from music to footy and in many commendable community service activities. Many of these achievements are reported in these pages, including our first ever Girls National Rowing Champions, to back up the splendid achievement of the boys two years ago. The passion with which our students engage in these varied activities is the basis for their achievement and learning to approach activities with such passion is a skill which will take them far in many walks of life beyond school.

Jarrad Waites

Our School community was saddened earlier this term by the tragic and sudden death of Jarrad Waites.

Jarrad was beginning his first week at Latrobe University when he died suddenly following a fall at Glenn College. Jarrad, from Lakes Entrance, commenced at Gippsland Grammar in Year 11 in 2007 and completed a successful VCE in 2008. He took a GAP year, working in the Lakes Entrance area in 2009. Although only at the School for two years, Jarrad made many friends amongst students past and present. Staff remember Jarrad as a friendly student who enjoyed the company of others. He played football and cricket, representing the School in the senior team in both sports; he was a fine wicket keeper for the cricket team during this time. Jarrad served as the Bus Captain on the Lakes Entrance bus in 2008. Jarrad's easy going manner was highly valued by staff and students alike.

Mike Clapper



Farewell to Staff

December 2009 marked the retirement of three long-serving members of staff who, between them, had almost 73 years of devoted service to the School. Staff and students bid farewell to Joan Ray (ELC), Jenni Demarte (Registrar) and Rosemary Mayfield (Art). We wish them all a well-deserved rest and long, happy retirement years.

> (L to R): Farewell to Rosemary Mayfield, Joan Ray and Jenni Demarte.





> Netballers enjoy a fitness session in the new weight training room at Garnsey Campus.



Foundation News

The Foundation committee wishes to thank all those who supported the 2009 major fundraising raffle. A total of \$13,500 was raised for the Building Fund and we were thrilled to see so many School families amongst the winners. The first prize of a \$10,000 travel voucher from Travelscene Sale was won by past parent Jade Wheeler. Jade and her family are planning a mid-year holiday to New York City and also hope to travel to Europe. Glenn Holland won a \$3000 voucher from Sale Retravisation and the third prize of a family holiday at The Moorings at Metung went to Bruce Collenette. The final three prizes of game bundles and an Ipod, went to Andrew Garbett of Sale, Shane Vandersteen of Tinamba and Mrs Lowe of Foster.

Foundation funds Fitness

Students at Garnsey Campus are enjoying their new, fully equipped weight training room in the Laurie Payne Gymnasium. The Foundation donated \$75,000 towards the equipping of the new facility, which is used by students for group

fitness training. Teacher-in-charge of Netball, Mr Chris Ryan said, "The new fitness room is a fantastic facility for the School. The senior netballers will certainly take full advantage of the equipment available in preparation for upcoming competitions." Staff members can also make the most of the new facility, which is available for their use after hours.

2010 Auction Dinner – What can you do to help?

This year, the Foundation will hold its bi-annual Auction Dinner as its major fundraising and social evening for the year. Members of the School community are invited to support this event by donating goods or services or by coming along and enjoying a great night out. The tentative date for the Auction Dinner is Friday 8 October.

What can you donate?

How about a week-end at your holiday house, an afternoon on your boat, a dinner voucher, a case of wine, a flower arrangement or a beauty treatment? The list of ideas is endless and it's also a great opportunity to promote your business through the School community. For further details, please contact Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315.

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.



2009 VCE results

The Year 12 students of 2009 have produced another set of very strong results from the School's point of view and outstanding from the perspective of the general community.

Students continued to receive a number of very high scores, with our Dux of the School, Eliza Waters, obtaining a perfect ENTER score of 99.95. In this year's results, the mean ENTER score is

78.9 and the median score is 81.3. 15% of our cohorts obtained ENTER scores in the top 5% of the state. Five students obtained scores over 99.

28% of our students gained ENTER scores above 90.

55% of our students gained ENTER scores above 80.

95% of our students gained ENTER scores above 50.



Eliza Waters **99.95 DUX**



Bhagya Mudunna **99.80**



Jean Norris **99.80**



Janelle Wigney **99.80**



Alexander Waite **99.25**



Bridget De Steiger **98.85**



Daniel Kinsella **98.75**



Louise Larcombe **98.00**



James Dawkins **97.75**



Michael Sunderland **97.60**



Natasha Tile **97.20**



Todd Kennedy-Ripon **97.15**



Jake Cockburn **97.00**



Hannah Williams **96.40**



Tiarni Templeton **95.20**

Joshua Oliver **94.05**
John Butcher **94.00**
Matthew Ross **93.65**
Stephanie Thirlwall **93.65**

Charlotte Goss **93.05**
Stephanie Christiansen **92.55**
Amy O'Reilly **92.25**

Damon Bromwich **92.15**
Stephen Johnston **92.15**
Laura Evans **90.80**
Simon Connley **90.65**
Marcelle Fleming **90.55**
Victoria Carter **90.00**

Individual Study scores 40 and above – 2009

(Studies undertaken in 2008 which received 40 or above have not been reported again in this list)

YEAR 11

Lucy Andrew

Business Management 42

Lester Goold

Music Industry – Technical
Production 40

James Gray

Legal Studies 44
Media 50

Rebecca Horstman

Health & Human Development 42

Jenny Hwang

Business Management 43

Claire Jennings

Health & Human Development 44

Thomas Johnson

Business Management 42

Jasper Kline

Media 43

Pippa Magnuson

Physical Education 40

Lauren Pollock

Business Management 40

April Rowe

Media 47

Lawrence Rowland

Information Technology
(VCE VET) 48

Agnik Sarkar

Biology 42

Thomas Sellings

Health & Human Development 43

Isaac Woodhouse

Information Technology
Applications 44

YEAR 12

Damon Bromwich

Further Mathematics 42

Todd Bromwich

Legal Studies 40

John Butcher

Further Mathematics 43
Physical Education 42
Psychology 42

Hannah Calabro

Business Management 40

Victoria Carter

Psychology 40

Stephanie Christiansen

English Language 40

Jake Cockburn

English 40
Mathematical Methods (CAS) 41
Physics 41

Simon Connley

English 43

Sam Darby

Business Management 41

James Dawkins

Mathematical Methods (CAS) 42

Bridget De Steiger

Biology 41
English 46
Further Mathematics 42

Charlotte Goss

English 41
Media 42

Linley Hurrell

Geography 46

Stephen Johnston

Further Mathematics 44

Todd Kennedy-Ripon

English 44
Geography 44
Legal Studies 41

Daniel Kinsella

Biology 45
English 47

Louise Larcombe

Biology 40
English Language 42

Allison Llewellyn

Information Technology
Applications 43

Ariana Llewellyn-Millard

English 40
Further Mathematics 41
Bhagya Mudunna
Biology 44
Chemistry 46
English (ESL) 46
Mathematical Methods (CAS) 48
Specialist Mathematics 41

Jean Norris

Chemistry 43
English Language 44
Mathematical Methods (CAS) 44
Specialist Mathematics 44
Physics 42

Amy O'Reilly

English 40

Michael Prendergast

English 43

Matthew Ross

History: Revolutions 43

Patrick Rowe

Outdoor & Environmental
Studies 44

Angus Sellen

Outdoor & Environmental Studies 40

Erin Stewart

Health & Human Development 43

Michael Sunderland

English Language 43
Mathematical Methods (CAS) 40

Tiarni Templeton

English Language 41
Health & Human Development 46

Stephanie Thirlwall

English 40

Natasha Tile

English 41
Health & Human Development 44
Psychology 44

Harrison Todd

Physical Education 40

Alexander Waite

English Language 42
Mathematical Methods (CAS) 41
Music Solo Performance 40
Physics 45

Eliza Waters

English 50
History: Revolutions 48
Literature 48
LOTE: French 44
Legal Studies 50

Janelle Wigney

English 50
LOTE: French 42

Hannah Williams

English 45
Geography 43

“Destinations” - The Class of 2009 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 would like to update any of this information, please contact the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315.

Madeline Anderson

Animal and Veterinary
Biosciences
La Trobe University/Bundoora

Grace Anton

Wildlife and Conservation Biology
Deakin University/Melbourne

Thomas Appleyard

Audio Production
SAE Institute/Melbourne

David Bartlett

Sport Development
Deakin University/Melbourne

Laura Bartlett

Creative Arts Industry
Victoria University/Footscray

Simone Belcher

Teaching-Primary
Deakin University/Geelong

Lisa Bennie

Arts/Commerce
Deakin University/Melbourne

Matthew Boothman

Criminal Justice
*Navitas College of Public Safety/
City*

Stephanie Bourke

Media and Communication
Deakin University/Melbourne

Damon Bromwich

Engineering-Civil and
Infrastructure
RMIT University/City

Randall Bromwich

Commerce
Monash University/Clayton

Todd Bromwich

Commerce/Law
Deakin University/Geelong

Caitlin Brown

Games Graphics Design
RMIT University/City

Johnathon Burt

Civil and Environmental
Engineering
Monash University/Gippsland

John Butcher

Physical Education (Secondary)
Deakin University/Melbourne

Laura Butler

Events
*East Gippsland Institute of TAFE/
Bairnsdale*

Georgia Button

Education (P-6) or (P-10)
*University Of Ballarat/Mount
Helen*

Hannah Calabro

Media and Communications
*Swinburne University of
Technology/Hawthorn*

Stephanie Christiansen

Deferred - Gap Year

Antoinette Clarke

Nursing
*Charles Sturt University/Albury-
Wodonga*

Jake Cockburn

Aerospace Engineering
Monash University/Clayton

Simon Connley

Arts
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Thomas Cousin

Human Resource Management
La Trobe University/Bundoora

Jessica Cristofaro

Nursing
Deakin University/Melbourne

Erin Cumming

Marine Biology
Deakin University/Warmambool

Samuel Darby

Film and Digital Media
Deakin University/Melbourne

James Dawkins

Science
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Harry Dawson

Agricultural Science/Business
La Trobe University/Bundoora

Bridget De Steiger

Nursing
Deakin University/Melbourne

Lani Elliman

Resort Management (Spa)
*William Angliss Institute of TAFE/
City*

Laura Evans

Music
Private Tuition

Adele Feist

Commerce
Deakin University/Melbourne

Joseph Flanagan

Arts/Law
Deakin University/Geelong

Marcelle Fleming

Arts
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Sarah Frost

Arts
Deakin University/Geelong

Beth Goodsell

Nursing
Deakin University/Melbourne

Frank Goold

Advertising
*Australian Academy of Design/
Docklands*

Charlotte Goss

Arts
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Carl Haney

Geomatics
Australian Defence Force

Campbell Heath

Engineering-Civil, Civil/
Commerce
*Swinburne University of
Technology/Hawthorn*

Scott Henning

Information Technology
Scholarship Program
*Swinburne University of
Technology/Hawthorn*

Kahli Higgins

Sports Therapy
*Australian College of Sports
Therapy/City*

William Hudson

Journalism
*Swinburne University of
Technology/Hawthorn*

Linley Hurrell

Arts/Education (Secondary)
Monash University/Clayton

Stephen Johnston

Medicine/Surgery
*James Cook University/
Townsville*

Jesse Kefford

Engineering
Deakin University/Geelong

Georgia Kelly

Arts
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Todd Kennedy-Ripon

Media and Communications
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Nicholas Kerr

Environmental Management
Deakin University/Melbourne

Daniel Kinsella

Medicine/Surgery
Monash University/Clayton

Luke Knowles

Arts
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Hannah Lade

Human Movement
RMIT University/Bundoora

Louise Larcombe

Science
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Allison Llewellyn

Commerce
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Ariana Llewellyn-Millard

Fine Arts
*University Of Ballarat/Camp
Street*

Lauren Marshall

Nursing
University Of Ballarat/Horsham

Alexander McDonald

Fitness
*Victoria University TAFE/
Footscray Park*

Sarah Medew

Film and Digital Media
Deakin University/Melbourne

Jeremy Meyer

Sports Therapy
*Australian College of Sports
Therapy/City*

Holly Mogridge

Business and Commerce
Monash University/Gippsland

Bhagya Mudunna

Biomedicine
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Reeha Nandha

Dentistry
James Cook University/Cairns

Farley Newman

Science
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Michael Nicholas

Information Technology
(Networking)
Swinburne TAFE/Hawthorn

Jean Norris

Biomedicine
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Amy O'Reilly

International Studies/Law
Deakin University/Geelong

Joshua Oliver

Commerce/Engineering
Monash University/Clayton

Peter Olsson

Exercise Science & Human
Movement/Sport and Recreation
Victoria University/Footscray Park

Kaitlin Perrin

Marketing, Tourism, Public
Relations
*Swinburne University of
Technology/Lilydale*

Michael Prendergast

Architecture
*Deakin University/Geelong
Waterfront*

Samual Prestney

Fitness
Swinburne TAFE/Hawthorn

Tiffany Ray

Nursing
Monash University/Gippsland

Matthew Ross

Biomedicine
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Patrick Rowe

Civil and Environmental
Engineering
Monash University/Gippsland

Emily Ryan

Remedial Massage (Diploma)
*Australian College of Sports
Therapy/City*

Isaac Sawade

Education
La Trobe University/Bendigo

Angus Sellen

Environmental Management
Deakin University/Melbourne

Andrew Skehan

Live Production, Theatre and
Events
*Box Hill Institute of TAFE/
Whitehorse*

Jason Smith

Sport (Sport Coaching)
GippsTAFE /Churchill

Harrison Staley

Environmental Science
RMIT University/City

Koby Stevens

Sport and Leisure Management
La Trobe University/Bundoora

Erin Stewart

Arts
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Michael Sunderland

Engineering
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Georgina Taylor

Commerce
Deakin University/Warmambool

Tiarni Templeton

Biomedical Science
Deakin University/Melbourne

Stephanie Thirlwall

Arts/Law
Deakin University/Melbourne

Natasha Tile

Science
Monash University/Clayton

Jim Ting

Software Development
*Swinburne University of
Technology/Hawthorn*

Harrison Todd

Chiropractic
RMIT University/Bundoora

Zachary Turner

Physical Education
*University Of Ballarat/Mount
Helen*

Alexander Waite

Music
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Adam Walker

Sport (Sport Coaching)
GippsTAFE /Churchill

Eliza Waters

Arts
University Of Melbourne/Parkville

Janelle Wigney

International & Global Studies/
Law
University Of Sydney

Hannah Williams

Science
University Of Melbourne/Parkville



Prefects 2010

(L to R): Derek Mwagiru of Bairnsdale, Michael Goodison of Longford, Ryan Leyden of Bairnsdale (School Captain), Jenny Hwang of Sale, Peter Johnston of Sale, Molly Connolly of Bairnsdale, Aiden Commings of Ensay, Claire Jennings of Giffard, Linley Bertacchini of Newry, Lucy Andrew of Sale, Mike Clapper (Principal), Tahlia Deschepper of Sale (School Captain), Georgia Banks of Bairnsdale, James Gray of Tinamba, Tara Snelling of Eagle Point (School Vice Captain), Aiden Beaglehole of Sale (School Vice Captain), Emma Hoch of Hazelwood North.

Malmo Scholarship for School Captain

School Captain, Ryan Leyden, has won the 2010 Malmo Memorial Secondary Scholarship. Awarded for general excellence, the Malmo Scholarship is open to senior school students throughout the district and is in memory of the late Sigurd Malmo, a local veterinarian, who died tragically as the result of a car accident in 1970.

Local students, nominated by their schools, are required to submit a resume and then undergo a lengthy interview process before a panel of eight officials.

Ryan is an excellent athlete and sportsman who also displays strong leadership skills. He was congratulated on his presentation during the interview and on achieving outstanding results both at school and in his personal pursuits.

Margo Carruthers (nee Malmo), a former staff member and past parent of Gippsland Grammar, presented Ryan with his award and a \$600 bursary.



Margo Carruthers and School Captain, Ryan Leyden.



Bairnsdale House Captains

(L to R): Molly Connolly (Year 12 – Tisdall Hotham House Captain), Brayden Parsons and Isabella Wyndham-Martin (Tisdall Hotham), Sally Deller and Campbell Miller (Blundell Bogong), Derek Mwagiru (Year 12 – Blundell Bogong House Captain), Billy Adams and Ben Patterson (Wellington Binks), Patrick Smith (Year 12 - Wellington Binks Sports Captain), Andrew Cosgrove and Max Gribble-Davies (Cranswick Dargo), Tonilee Pelz (Year 12 – Cranswick Dargo House Captain) and Principal, Mike Clapper.



St Anne's Campus House Captains

(L to R): Christopher Prendergast (Year 11 - Blundell Bogong Sports Captain), Kate Lynch and Alex Clemens (Blundell Bogong), Anna Ripper (Year 11 – Cranswick Dargo Cultural Captain), Jordyn Newnham and Emily Barnett (Cranswick Dargo), Lachlan Shepherd and Finlay Heilbuth (Tisdall Hotham), Tsubasa Nakagiri (Year 11 - Tisdall Hotham Cultural Captain), Abbey Wright and Thomas Brougham (Wellington Binks), Nichola Waite (Year 11 – Wellington Binks Cultural Captain).



School Captains

(L to R): School Captains Ryan Leyden and Tahlia Deschepper and School Vice Captains Tara Snelling and Aiden Beauglehole.



Bairnsdale Campus Captains

Rylee Barling and Elijah Shelton

Buy A Seat

> (L to R): Sam Vuillermin (Year 11), Kyung Stewart (Year 7) and Claire Jennings (Year 12) invite you to 'Buy A Seat' in the JJAJJGAN Theatre at Garnsey Campus.



Have you purchased a seat in the JJAJJGAN Theatre at Garnsey Campus? If not, now is the perfect time to 'own' a piece of history in this wonderful facility. The purchase of seats was promoted as a Foundation fundraiser and some seats are still available. Seats may be named

in honour of current or past students, family groups or staff members – the choice is yours.

A seat costs \$300, which is fully tax deductible and donors are acknowledged on the Honour Board inside the theatre.

Please contact Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315 for further details or return the 'Buy A Seat' order form on the cover sheet of this Veritas.

2009 Scholarships and News

Eliza Waters (Dux) has been awarded a National Scholarship from the University of Melbourne and Bhagya Mudunna and Jean Norris have each been offered a Melbourne National Equity Scholarship. The Scholarships provide exemption from tuition fees and pay an allowance of \$5000 per year. Eliza, who will study Arts, has deferred until 2011. Bhagya and Jean will both study Biomedicine.

As part of the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program, Jamie Dawkins receives a relocation allowance of \$2500 upon commencement at the University of Melbourne where he will study Science.

Daniel Kinsella has received a Rural Housing Bursary from Monash University, which will go towards accommodation costs whilst in Melbourne. Daniel will study Medicine (Surgery) at Monash Clayton.

Georgina Taylor has received an Accommodation Scholarship at Deakin University, Warrnambool, where she will study Commerce. Georgina also received an Access Scholarship which covers all tuition fees for the duration of her studies.

Todd Kennedy-Ripon has been offered a \$2500 Partnership Schools Scholarship at St Hilda's College. The Scholarship, offered to 13 partner schools, is awarded to the applicant from each of the schools with the highest ENTER.

Enhancement Studies

The excellent results in VCE Units were backed up by some very strong results in university enhancement courses in Mathematics and Media/Communication.

All five of the students who completed two first year university Mathematics units achieved a High Distinction. Five students also took Media/Communication first year units, with three students achieving a High Distinction and one student, Eliza Waters, winning the Monash University prize for Media/Communications, in competition with all first year Monash students.

AFL Draft success

> 2009 Leavers,
Koby Stevens,
Campbell Heath
and John Butcher.



Photos courtesy of the AFL.

Getting to the AFL draft is every young footballer's dream but when three players emerge from the same Year 12 class, it's quite extraordinary. John Butcher, Koby Stevens and Campbell Heath all completed Year 12 last year and have now 'kicked off' their AFL careers.

John, who was AFL Draft pick No. 8, is now playing for Port Adelaide and Koby (No. 23) has travelled to Perth to play for the West Coast Eagles. Campbell Heath was drafted in 2008 by the Sydney Swans but remained at school to complete his VCE in 2009. All three boys received First Round offers from Victorian universities but will delay study plans to concentrate on football at the present time.

As with all new recruits, the boys will undertake an AFL 'Apprenticeship'. They will learn about media relations, diet, nutrition and other topics to assist them in the fast-paced football world. Koby and John have been placed with host families by their respective clubs and Campbell is in shared accommodation with three other Sydney players. All three are settling in to their new

homes in various parts of the country, preparing for the 2010 season.

Old Scholar, Nick Heyne (2008), was drafted by St Kilda the year before, so that makes four Gippsland Grammar recruits in two years. The School community will eagerly wait to see these Old Scholars, who are also good mates, take the field.

Congratulations to them all!

Gippsland Grammar – Celebrating 50 Years



Thirty-two boys enrolled at Gippsland Grammar School in 1960. The first classes were conducted at the old deanery in Cunninghame Street, Sale, with the late Reverend H J Neil as headmaster. With celebration plans in mind, the School would like to hear from 'old boys' who can help us update the details of anyone listed on this page.



If you can assist, please call Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315.

As per the enrolment register, the first pupils were (in date order):

Michael Darley*
Graeme Thexton
Michael Ackland
Daryl Hendrick*
Stephen Jenkins
Owen Lillicrap*
Nigel Onions*
Lindsay Safstrom
David Wood

Philip Ashdown
Bruce Erbs
Paul Hammond*
Ian Noble
David Roberts*
Preben Sigetty
Leigh Speechley
Christopher Weymouth*
Peter Fiske*
Raymond Vardy*
Franklin Andrew
Maurice Clark*

Thomas Derham
Ian Fox
John De Ross
Rodney Webster
Malcolm Forsyth
Geoffrey Hancock*
William Schacht
Brenton Speechley
Jonathan Wood
James Llewellyn
Roger Coridas

*Denotes - details required

Year 5 goes up!

This year, excited Year Five students moved into their new classrooms on the upper level of the former girls' boarding house at St Anne's campus. This recently renovated building also houses a girls' change room and an open space shared learning area with ten computers. With Year Six below (along with an Art room and a similar shared learning area), this building is now a dedicated Upper Primary teaching precinct. The rooms are large, airy and spacious and both the



> Class teacher, Jie Van Berkel, with his Year 5 students.

students and the teachers are enjoying their new learning environment.

Year 5 class teacher, Tracey Grubb, said, "Our new rooms are lovely, very bright and spacious. We have an interactive whiteboard, new computers in the common area and a working space also. It's great being so

close to the other Year 5 class. We are having more combined activities and it is enabling the teachers to work more closely together to build a great Year 5 program. It's nice for Year 5 and 6 students to have their own place as the seniors of the school."

New staff member, Jie Van

Berkel, added, "The new Year 5 precinct has started very well. The students are making the most of the new rooms. They seem to enjoy the fact we combine classes for different activities and use the new computers frequently. All students seem to be thriving on the extra responsibility that Year 5 brings."

Staff News

This year, we are pleased to welcome Reverend Jon Taylor, our new School Chaplain, and Mrs Marji Craven, our new Registrar.

Jon and his wife, Karen, have three children, Charlie (Year 5), Ellie (Year 4) and Anna (Prep) who all attend St Anne's Campus. Jon comes to us from Geelong where he has lived since 2000. Starting his career as a primary teacher, Jon has taught in state and independent schools and over the last four years has worked in a pastoral capacity in the church and a Lutheran primary school in Geelong. Jon was recently ordained as a Deacon in the Anglican Church, at a service at St Paul's Cathedral in Sale.

Marji Craven comes to us from Fairholme College in Toowoomba, where she had the role of Enrolments Officer for two and a half years. Marji and her husband, Jono, have two daughters, Millie (Year 3) and Poppy (Prep) at St Anne's Campus.

> Back Row: Jon Taylor (Chaplain) and Marji Craven (Registrar). Front Row: (L to R): Charlie Taylor, Anna Taylor, Ellie Taylor, Poppy Craven and Millie Craven.



Reunion News

Class of 2000 – 10 Year Reunion

A 10 Year reunion is planned for later this year (venue and date to be advised). To register your interest, please email John Alexander at jalexander_82@yahoo.com.au or Kathryn Adams at kj_adams@bigpond.com.

Class of 1986 – 25 Year Reunion

The Class of '86 will hold a 25 year reunion in February 2011. Old Scholars are invited to email Kellie Davis (Wilson) at kellie.davis@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au or phone her on (03) 5143 6388 for further details.

Class of 1980 – 30 Year Reunion

Felicity Hobson (Olsen) reports that the Class of 1980 will hold a 30 year reunion later this year (date to be advised). Old Scholars should email the Development Office to register their interest (see below). Reunion details will be published in the next edition of Veritas or contact will be made via email.

To register your interest or to add people to the mailing list, please phone Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315 or email meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au.



VALE

It is with sadness that we report the passing of the following old Scholars:

Evelyn Prendergast (Sam - 1957)

Jarrad Waites (2008)

Out & About

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

Fiona Bromiley (2002) has been accepted into post-graduate Medicine at Monash University, Gippsland. She gained entry into the course following a rigorous testing program which was undertaken by around 1000 hopefuls. It's been a long journey to finally get into the course she had wanted as a school leaver. Fiona studied Biomedical Science at Deakin for two years and then transferred into Paramedics at Victoria University. Her final year of Paramedics was done on the job and Fiona has now completed three years of service in Melbourne.

James Jessep (2006) has been named the Gippsland Apprentice of the Year after being nominated by Gippsland TAFE for the award. He will now compete for the title of Victorian Apprentice of the Year. James, who works for Benson Industries in Sale, is a third year apprentice. He won the Gippsland Apprentice of the year for carpentry and then won the title across all other building trades. James enjoys being in the outdoors and plans to work for himself in the future.

Simone Malcolm (1980) completed a Bachelor of Science Honours degree (Psychology) at Monash University. After working as a psychologist in schools throughout Wellington and East Gippsland shires, Simone recently established a private practice in Sale, working primarily with young people. Simone lives at Briagolong with her husband Don and their children, Donal and Lily. In her spare time, Simone has not yet written a published novel. Simone would be delighted to be contacted at simone@zdata.com.au

James Plunkett (1999) completed degrees in Law and Science at the University of Melbourne. He then completed an Honours year in his science degree, majoring in Applied Mathematics (Mathematical Physics and Combinatorics). Whilst at University, James rowed for both Melbourne University at the intervarsity games, and Queen's College in the intercollegiate rowing regatta, and was a member of Queen's College's winning crew in 2004, 2005 and 2006. After graduation, James commenced working as a solicitor at Slater & Gordon - initially in Melbourne, but later returning to Gippsland to work in Morwell. In addition to work, James is completing a Master of Laws at Melbourne University and has recently been accepted into Oxford University to study an MBA, commencing in October.

Simone Savage (2002) married Ben Langshaw at Tom's Cap Vineyard, Willung South, in November last year. The ceremony, conducted by Rev. Brian Turner, was the first to take place in the new chapel at the exquisite venue. Simone is the daughter of Bruce Savage (1970) and Ben is the son of Jenny Langshaw (Farley - 1977). Simone was attended by Katherine Owen (2002), Alana McInnes (Enzinger - 2002) and Aimee Morrison. Master of Ceremonies was the groom's uncle, Wes Farley (1984). Simone and Ben honeymooned in the Whitsundays and have settled in Sale, where Simone works as a primary school teacher.

> Simone Savage (2002) & Ben Langshaw





(L to R): National Rowing Champions - Molly Connolly, Tess Morrison, Melissa Irving, Fiona Munson and Louise Kemsley (cox).



The Senior girls prepare to race at the Head of Schoolgirls Regatta.

Rowing News

Rowing continues to be hugely popular at Gippsland Grammar, with more than fifty students now involved in the competition program. The season started in Term 4, with rowing camps held in the summer holidays, prior to the commencement of Term 1, 2010. The senior and intermediate crews trained at a week-long camp in Johnsonville, completing several rowing sessions each day, as well as 'out of the boat' fitness training. The junior crews completed three days of intensive rowing at the Sale canal, staying at Blackwood House. Their three day camp ended with mixed crews competing in a mini-regatta, attended by family and friends.

As reported in the last edition of Veritas, our fleet received a big boost recently with the addition

of a new quad scull, four double sculls and six single sculls. We are also privileged to have access to an Olympic standard rowing pontoon, recently constructed on the Sale canal. Assembly of the pontoon took place in the first weeks of January, with Gippsland Grammar contributing \$10,000 towards the \$150,000 project.

Our rowing students are now seasoned bus travellers, regularly attending regattas in the ACT, Geelong and Nagambie for the National Titles. The results achieved by the crews are quite amazing, considering that travelling often cuts into practise time, with boats being de-rigged and loaded in the days leading up to departure.

Director of Rowing, Frank Stone, has again done a tremendous job and the remarkable results are a direct outcome of his hard work and dedication to the sport. This year, the rowing department has been ably assisted by gappies, Richard Hardy, James Quarrington (UK) and David Payne (USA).

Senior Girls win National Titles & Head of the River

This season has been a huge success, culminating in our senior girls winning the National Title in the Open Schoolgirls Coxed Quad Scull. This was a thrilling win for the girls, claiming victory over 35 crews competing for the title. The senior girls are now undefeated for the season, also claiming titles at the Independent Schools Rowing Association (NSW), NSW Rowing Championships, and Head of Schoolgirls Regatta (Vic). Gippsland Grammar is now ranked as the top regional school in Victoria and is among the top 5 schools in the country.

Senior A Boys crew

1st in the Open Coxed Quad at 'Head of the Goulbourn'

3rd in Champion U19 Coxless Quad and 4th in the Champion Schoolboy Coxed Quad at the NSW Championship Regatta.

2nd in Championship Schoolboy Coxed Quad Scull at ISRA Regatta.

Senior B Girls crew

This crew was the first B crew to compete at the Nationals for Gippsland Grammar, finishing very competitively but just missing out on the finals.

2nd in the 'A' final of Coxed Quad Scull, Division 2.

Senior B Boys (Yr 10)

3rd in U17 Champion Coxless Quad Scull at NSW Championship Regatta.

4th in the Champion Men's U17 Double Scull (Darby and Smith).

Fastest time in the heats at ISRA in the U17 Coxed Quad Scull but did not finish in the final due to a steering breakage.

Competed in the Open Schoolboy Coxed Quad at the National Championships finishing a very creditable 4th in the 'B' final. This was the first time we had entered a second crew in this event at the Nationals.

We also had 5 Junior crews who competed very creditably at regattas during the season.



Junior rowers enjoyed Rowing Camp in January.