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Services Centre
is celebrating
10 years PAGE 8

Marianne Lee celebrates with
Year 10 students.
(L to R): Joseph Smith,
Harry Lucas, Anna Bourke,
Tim Hicks, Laura McConville
and Rebecca Fox.

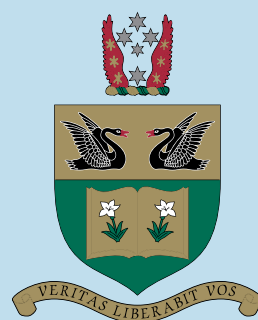
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From the Principal

Oliver. Our second award was to Lawrence Rowland, currently in Year 12, who was one of the top five IT students in VCE Examinations in 2009. Lawrence's IT teacher, Mike Laux, was there to see Lawrence receive his award. Both of these students continue the fine tradition of academic excellence at Gippsland Grammar.

Elsewhere in this edition of Veritas, you can read about the exciting upgrade of the Lorna

Sparrow Hall and the completion of the conversion to the former Boarding House which has provided classrooms for Years 5 and 6 as well as Art and Music areas. The quality of our facilities at the St Anne's Campus is now first class in every area and no doubt a significant factor in the growth of the Junior School, by more than 50 students, over the last two years.

In Bairnsdale, the new multi-purpose hall is now very close to

completion and will shortly be the venue for the Bairnsdale musical, The Pirates of Penzance. In addition to the main hall, the building includes toilet and changing facilities, a new library, and Art and Music specialist areas. We are very grateful for the government funding that has assisted us in developing these facilities at both junior campuses.

The School, with well over 1000 students from preparatory level to Year 12, is now enjoying record enrolments and, as you can read in these pages, our students, both past and present, continue to achieve in a wide range of areas, both academic and non-academic. In addition, the Early Learning Centres at both the St Anne's and Bairnsdale Campuses are always full, meaning that we have achieved a very sustainable pattern of enrolments and this enables us to plan for the future with great confidence.

Mike Clapper

Recently, the presentation of Premier's VCE awards was held at the Crown Palladium in Melbourne. Gippsland Grammar was delighted to have two students receiving awards. Eliza Waters, our Dux of 2009 (with an entry score of 99.95), was one of just 28 students who received a Top All-Round High Achiever's award presented to students who scored 46 or more in at least five of their VCE studies. Eliza is currently doing voluntary work in Malawi and the award was accepted on her behalf by her brother,



Eliza Waters



Lawrence Rowland

New facilities at Bairnsdale Campus include a Multi-Purpose Hall, a new Library and art and Music rooms.



Foundation News

The Gippsland Grammar Foundation recently held its 2010 AGM during which a new committee was duly elected. This year, the committee will be chaired by Lynne Patten-Malouf, ably assisted by Senior Vice-President, Catherine Cowell and Junior Vice-President, Di Dennis. Committee members are Brendan Shepherd (Treasurer), Meredith Lynch (Secretary), Stephen Chalmer, John Cribbes, Elizabeth Balderstone, Meredith Johnston and Peter Webster. Ex-officio committee members are Peter Skeels, Mike Clapper and Bishop John McIntyre.

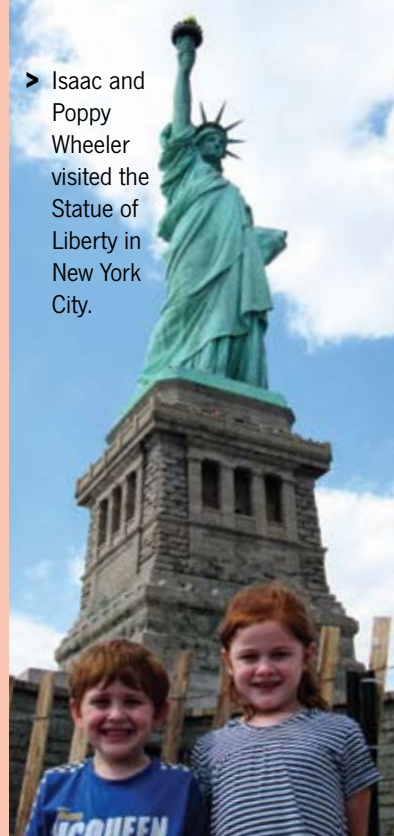
Becoming a member of the Foundation is easy. Many parents already pay the Voluntary Contribution with School fees and this amount is applied to the \$1000 required for membership status. Donations for Annual Giving are also taken into account when applying for membership. Please contact the Development Office if you would like further details of your contributions to date.

\$10 ticket to USA

Jade Wheeler never imagined she'd win the 2009 Foundation Raffle and was 'over the moon' when she received the happy news.

Jade's \$10 raffle ticket won her a \$10,000 travel voucher from Travelscene Sale and she immediately booked a holiday to the USA. Jade and her family recently spent a month in New York, staying on Long Island and visiting the Hamptons. They enjoyed trips into New York City and also visited Washington DC and Philadelphia. The Foundation plans to run another major raffle in December, so the next lucky winner could be you!

> Isaac and Poppy Wheeler visited the Statue of Liberty in New York City.



The M.A.D Night

The Foundation continues to support the School through its fundraising efforts. This year, the major social event will be The M.A.D Night – Music.Auction.Dance (see advertisement right). Donations are now being sought for our auction. Members of the School community are encouraged to support this major fundraiser and at the same time, promote your business which will be listed in the auction catalogue. Please contact Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315 if you can assist.

The Gippsland Grammar Foundation presents

The M.A.D Night

(Music Auction Dance)

Friday 8 October 2010

At Lorna Sparrow Hall - St Anne's Campus

Fundraising Auction and Spinning Wheel

Live music by "The Soultanas"

Tickets \$25 each

For table bookings, please phone
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.



► The Lorna Sparrow Hall has received a major upgrade.

St Anne's News



Students at St Anne's Campus have a wonderful new music facility, located in the former boys' Boarding House. Provided with the assistance of government funding, the new centre caters for all our junior musicians. It contains individual tuition rooms and a large performance class room, The Miriam Hyde Room.

St Anne's Campus music co-ordinator, Maria Carras-Kerr, said, "Music staff and

students alike have embraced the new Music Centre with enthusiasm and pride. It's the first time that St Anne's has had a building allocated exclusively to music classes and tuition and the new facility has provided a focussed and inspiring learning environment. On behalf of the Junior Music Department, I'd like to thank the School's maintenance and building crew for their tireless work and effort in preparing the Music Centre for the start of Term 2."

Major renovations to the Lorna Sparrow Hall have also been completed. Additional facilities including a large kitchen, amenities and a new entrance will enable us to use the facility to its full potential and make it a popular venue for after hours events. The Hall has been the centre of School life for many years and is still the scene of happy Fellowship gatherings each week.

Photos: Junior Band members are enjoying their new Music Centre at St Anne's Campus.

French Exchange



Hello - Bonjour!

At the start of Term 3 we welcomed ten exchange students from Jeanne D'Arc, our French sister school, in Caen, Normandy. The students, all hosted by School families are looking forward to sightseeing around the local area and have already settled in to School life. Later this year, some of our senior students will have the opportunity to visit France and experience school life with their newfound friends.

Photos: (L to R): We welcome French exchange students Lucille Vernier, Camille Legrand, Antoine Dupont, Katia Midol, Arthur Sarazin, Selena Levallois, Myriam Adams, Soizic Genettais, Alexandra Ruffie and Timothe Gagnard.

Students perform Brecht

On June 16 and 17 students from the Garnsey Campus performed an adapted version of Bertolt Brecht's play, *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*. This play is based on Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany. Brecht set his play in 1930's Chicago where gangsters took over the fruit and vegetable market. The play was updated and set in modern day Australia where small businesses are threatened by ever expanding larger supermarkets: world of fresh food, shopping trolleys, greed, corruption and murder.

The students had been working on the play since Term 1 this year. The actors worked hard to understand the evil nature of many of the characters and discover how easily people can be manipulated and fooled. Other students provided important support backstage and in lighting and sound operation. It certainly was a group effort.





Our School in Bangladesh

The Uttar Char Kalmi CO-ID Primary School in Bangladesh was funded by Gippsland Grammar and opened in February 2008. CO-ID Australia (Co-Operation in Development) is a registered Australian charity, established by Fred Hyde AM, in 1991.

The charity, staffed by volunteers, is committed to building and operating schools in the third world and to date has built 41 schools in remote areas of Bangladesh. At our sponsored school, there are almost equal numbers of girls and boys in the lower years but in the upper years, girls outnumber the boys, as many boys must go to work to help support their families.

Those who must leave school may soon have the opportunity to attend tutorials in their spare time. At school, the children learn English but the main focus is on their own language, Bangla. The children are extremely intelligent and very well behaved. For many, it is their first opportunity to attend school and they clearly take pleasure in the experience.

Gippsland Grammar has an on-going, financial commitment to its CO-ID school. Each year, our students organise fundraising and social service activities to raise the \$6,500 required to keep the school operating. To date, CO-ID has helped educate over 50,000 children in Bangladesh.



> (L to R): Max Lazzaro, Rhianne Grimble and Kate Ronchi enjoyed the Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Lorna Sparrow Hall.



> Year 4 Kingsford-Smith hosted morning tea at their own 'King's Cafe'.



> (L to R): Year 12 'Shave for a Cure' participants - Camaro Davis, Sally Price, Peter Johnston, Patrick Smith and Wellington Shire Mayor, Scott Rossetti.



> Dennis and Jenny Shelton visited their five grandchildren at Bairnsdale Campus for the 'Biggest Morning Tea' in June.



> Aaron Barling (Year 4) enjoyed Grandparents Day with his grandfather, Nugget Campbell.

Community Service News

Contribution to and involvement in the community is an essential part of an education at Gippsland Grammar. Such service contributes to the development of an individual's leadership skills, sense of community, self esteem and other personal characteristics. It also provides an opportunity for students to work together for the benefit of others.

Senior students participated in the Leukaemia Foundation's 'Shave for a Cure' event, during which three students were given a rather 'close shave'. Ably assisted by Wellington Shire Mayor and former student Scott Rossetti, the students were cheered on by students and staff as they revealed their bald (and brightly coloured) heads. The event raised \$1,200 for the cause.

Year 9 students at Garnsey Campus have an on-going commitment to World Vision and sponsor a young boy named Khulekani, who lives in Swaziland. The students raise money and exchange cards and letters and have sent him a book of Australian birds for his birthday this year. Khulekani and his family are part of the Ngudzeni project and ongoing sponsorship assists the family to attain self-reliance. The Year 9s have also held a fundraising event for the Epilepsy Foundation. The students participated in a Trivia Challenge and made gold coin donations, raising a total of \$932 to go towards research and helping to raise awareness of epilepsy in the community.

'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' is an Australia-wide fundraising initiative of the Cancer Council. Since 1994, over \$70 million has been raised by schools, sporting and other groups for the cause. This year, students from across all three campuses supported the annual event. St Anne's Campus held several fundraisers, including an ELC and Prep 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party', and Year 4 Kingsford Smith hosted a special morning tea at their own 'King's Cafe'. Almost \$800 was raised across the campus.

Bairnsdale Campus held their 'Biggest Morning Tea' in conjunction with Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day this year. Over 300 people enjoyed Fellowship, followed by classroom activities with the students. This wonderful event raised an outstanding \$2800 for the Cancer Council.

Happy Birthday ISC

The Information Services Centre is celebrating 10 years of service to the Gippsland Grammar community. It was officially opened on May 16 2000 and immediately created an educational hub for the school.

Former Head of the ISC, Jennifer Wraight, was instrumental in realising this vision. It was an exciting time moving into the 'state-of-the-art' learning environment and the design of the building has stood the test of time with students and teachers continuing to enjoy working in this space.

Over the past 10 years, technology has transformed the way we teach. Technologies that weren't even imagined a decade ago are accommodated in the ISC. It continues to



be an exciting and challenging time for the ISC as it endeavours to meet the needs of the 21st century learner.

To celebrate this milestone, the ISC staff organised special events that included a morning tea for staff, birthday cake for the students and a Trivia Night in the ISC

presented by Darren McCubbin.

To coincide with the celebrations, Joy Reid and I have launched the In the Know and Book Cloud blogs.

Marianne Lee
Head of ISC

(Above) Marianne Lee and Rebecca Fox.

Leading with innovative technology

Gippsland Grammar is excited to announce the implementation of its Netbook program to accommodate a 1:1 computing environment within the School. Combining unprecedented eLearning opportunities with excellent teaching and learning pedagogy, the School takes advantage of all Information Communication Technologies (ICT) opportunities available to the modern secondary school student.

The School has provided wireless enabled Netbooks to all current Year 9 students to better integrate ICT into the curriculum and to promote ICT literacy and fluency. Innovative technology is used across the curriculum to transform the learning

environment of the modern learner.

Director of ICT, Mr. Phillip Phillipou, said Gippsland Grammar has developed a leading approach to eLearning and is confident that its technology and experience in delivering 24/7 access to the School's learning resources for all students, is a major advantage and benefit of attending the School.

Students use ICT to create, visualise thinking and communicate at all levels of learning and are supported by teachers who embrace technology. The School's computer network and ICT facilities have been recognised as a leading learning resource. Research shows students are more motivated

and engaged in learning when they have their own computers.

The School Netbook program will promote better learning in and out of school by encouraging "anywhere, anytime" access to the School Learning Management System (LMS) – MyGippslandGrammar.Net. The School's state-of-the-art LMS allows parents to follow their children's learning and be directly informed of daily activities at the School. Regular communication, including the School Newsletter, is delivered electronically directly to students and their parents. Gippsland Grammar believes the introduction of this program will support independent self-initiated learning and more family involvement.

➤ Working outdoors is made possible with state-of-the-art technology. Year 9 students, Joe Heilbuth & Dean Snell, make the most of their user-friendly, portable Netbooks.



Our students participate in a wide variety of activities outside of School hours. These activities may include sport, music, hobbies and other areas of interest, with many obtaining outstanding results.

Year 11 student, Steven Pritchett has backed up his success in the VETiS Construction WorldSkills Australia State Final by taking out the silver medal at the National level. Steven designed and constructed an outdoor table and two bench seats during the three day final, held in Brisbane in May. To add to his National WorldSkills success, Steven was recently awarded the East Gippsland TAFE CEO's Award and the carpentry award for Outstanding VETiS Student of the Year. For his efforts, Steven received a trophy, a power saw and a \$300 winner's cheque.

Kate Mayer (Year 9) won her 7th State Judo Title at the end



Steven Pritchett

of 2009, winning both the U17 and U20 divisions. She competed in the State Open in February this year, again winning gold and qualifying for the Victorian State Team. Kate travelled to Brisbane for the Australian National Judo Titles in June, where she fought in the highly competitive U17 division. At only 14 years of age, Kate was the youngest divisional competitor. She swept through the qualifying and elimination



Kate Mayer

bouts and made it into the bronze medal final, where a close bout saw her finish with a 4th placed National ranking. Kate is now preparing for the Victorian International Open Championships and the Country Judo Titles, which are warm-ups for the 2010 State Titles and possible Oceania selection. Kate also competes in Netball, Basketball and Athletics.

Rowing Success Continues

Our senior rowing girls keep going from strength to strength – this time in the Henley Women's Regatta which is held in the week leading up to the famous Henley Royal Regatta. Three members of our National winning crew, Molly Connolly, Tess Morrison and Fiona Munson, joined forces with Grace Mandic from Sacred Heart, to make up a coxless four for the big event. Racing in a coxless event that attracted eight other local entries, the girls won their first elimination round but were unfortunately beaten in their second round and eliminated. Match racing, such as is conducted at Women's Henley and Henley Royal Regatta, is a series of one on one elimination events to decide a winner and is very cut throat. The girls were accompanied on the UK trip by Marnie Connolly, Tracey Mandic and Jim Kent.



Shooting Success

Gippsland Grammar's shooting team continues to compete successfully and in the past year has returned terrific results. The team won the Fullbore Rifle shooting competition held at Rosedale Rifle Range in 2009, and will defend its title in Term 3 this year. Students went on to win the Howard and Schuback Clay Target competition in 2009, and came third in the SE Zone teams event held at the

➤ School shooters have retained their title at the 2010 Howard and Schuback Clay Target Competition. (L to R): Matthew Conn, Thomas McMillan, Andrew Lay, Scott Dennis, Mr Gordon Cowling, Ryan Clancy, Sharnie Paterson and Indi Gladman.

Frankston-Australia Gun Club.

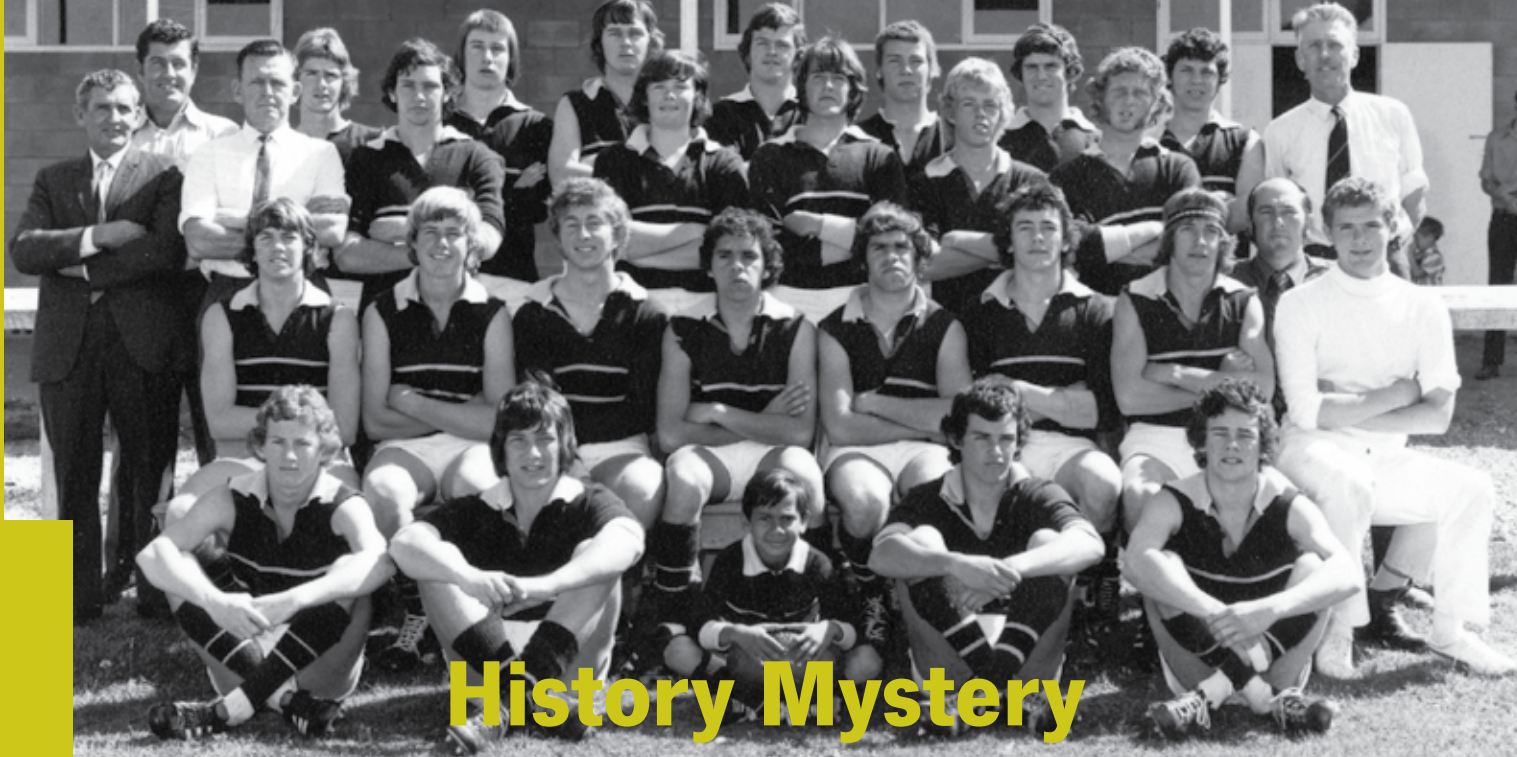
Three students, Sharnie Paterson, Ryan Clancy and Indi Gladman, qualified to shoot in the State Schools Championship held in Bendigo, and all shot well.

The team won the 2009 Wellington Schools Clay Target shoot, with 4 students winning their events, and 3 others earning a place.

As a result of this victory, the winning team

was given the chance to participate in the New Zealand Schools Down-the-line Championships, held in March this year.

The team placed second overall with a score of 115/125, with Andrew Lay shooting a perfect 25/25. Sharnie Paterson hit 24/25, Scott Dennis, Matthew Conn and Ryan Clancy all scored 22/25 and Indi Gladman, shooting for a Victorian schoolgirls' team, shot 23/25.



Back Row (L to R): Mr Frew, Neil Hollingsworth, Neil McKenzie, Michael Dyer, Colin Peirce, John Lee, Brian Parsons, Bruce Marshall, Mr Dawkins. Third Row (L to R): ?, Mr Alan Ferguson, Chris Jenkins, Lindsay Tanner, Michael Bracecamp, Tim Dawkins, Darryl Nelson. Second Row (L to R): Mark Blandford, Murray Frew, Michael Dawkins, Les Thorpe (Capt), Reg Thorpe (Vice Capt), Andrew Magnuson, Neville Nicholas, Mr Ron Blandford, ?. Front Row (L to R): Stephen Joske, Leon Wilson, Rodney Anderson, Graeme Ingrouille, Stephen Magnuson.

Mr Ray Dawkins is seeking School footballers from the 1971 – 1973 era. With the assistance of his son, Tony (1978), Ray would like to organise a ‘Football Reunion’ and would like to hear from past players. Interested

past players may contact Ray and Tony at the following email address: glenmaggiewines@wideband.net.au or phone Tony on (03) 5145 1131.

Photo: In 1972, the Gippsland Grammar School football team competed in the

North Gippsland Football League (NGFL), winning the 2nds Premiership. Some names are missing from the photo.

Can you help us? Please phone Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315.

History of the “Green Grubs”

The ‘Green Grubs’ have been getting together since 1999, when Marie Potter (Lang) began to wonder just how many ‘old girls’ were living in the Bairnsdale area. She and Frances Cheetham (Bulmer) organised the first luncheon and this is now a monthly date for old girls from the 1940s, 50s and 60s.

Former Head of St Anne’s Campus, Garry Gray, was a staunch supporter of the group and was dubbed an honorary ‘Green Grub’ himself. He attended luncheons and encouraged the Old Scholars to come back to the School at any time, especially on St Anne’s Day.

This role has been taken on by current Head of St Anne’s Campus, Greg Thomson.

Along with their monthly luncheons, the ‘Green Grubs’ also host an annual luncheon at Yarragon to enable Melbourne-based old girls to join the East Gippslanders. Marie and Frances still organise the group and Marie sends out a bi-annual newsletter.

If anyone has items for the newsletter, please forward it to Marie Potter at PO Box 191 Bairnsdale 3875.

News from the “Old School”

School archivist, Tim Gibson, needs old copies of ‘Sproggs’, a fundraising circular produced by St Anne’s in the 1960s. We have the following copies: March 1964, September 1964, June 1966, October 1968, May 1969 and October 1970. Can you help us with the ‘missing’ issues?

Please forward copies of ‘Sproggs’ to The Development Office – PO Box 465 Sale, 3853 or phone Meredith Lynch on (03) 5143 6315.



Out & About

Abbey Bermingham (2007) married **Damien Gibson (2005)** at the Chapel of St Anne on Saturday 8 May 2010. It was a true 'Grammar' wedding, with the entire bridal party and Abbey's father, Bruiser (1971), being old scholars. The newlyweds work for the Gibson family business, Gibson's Groundspread, which provided four huge, decorated, 'ag-spreader' trucks for the ceremony. On their honeymoon, Abbey and Damien visited Disneyland and then enjoyed a cruise to Mexico and a week in the Bahamas.

It was the second Bermingham wedding to be celebrated at the Chapel of St Anne. **Jason Bermingham (2000)** married Casey Farley at the chapel in 2004. Sister **Holly Bermingham (2002)** married Nicholas Garth in Maffra in 2009.

Photo above right (L to R): Brandon Morley (2005), Damien Gibson, Abbey Gibson, Holly Garth (2002), Pollyanna Gibson (2007), Amie Boulton (2007), Sophie Bermingham (flowergirl), Timothy Gibson (2003). (Front – kneeling): Brendan Bermingham (2005) and Chloe Bermingham (flowergirl).

Mira Guirguis and **Else Cartledge (2004)** are both in their final year of Law at Deakin University. They were chosen by Deakin University Law School to participate in the 2010 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. An arbitration moot is essentially a mock court where parties present their legal case. The Vis Moot is one of the world's most prestigious international moot competitions, focusing on the law of international arbitration and the international sale of goods. The competition required teams of students to research an international commercial law problem in significant detail, produce two lengthy high quality written submissions, and then to argue the case itself in the oral rounds held in Hong Kong and Vienna.

This year, in the Hong Kong leg of the competition, Mira and her teammate reached the Grand Final to come second out of 75 universities from around the world. Whilst in Vienna, the Deakin oralists, including Else, reached the finals and ultimately came 13th out of 252 teams from around the world. Else also received an Honourable Mention for her speaking performances.



Mira Guirguis and Else Cartledge

Dean Huffer (2003) is studying Sports Science (Human Movement) at Adams State College in Colorado, USA where he is currently on an Athletic Scholarship. He completed his Bachelor of Science at RMIT. Dean continues to compete in athletics and also trains his brother, **Craig (2007)**, who for the past few months has been based in Colorado, training at altitude. Craig has a busy athletics schedule which has seen him recently win the American Milers Club 1500m. He then broke the four-minute mile in Tennessee and continued on to win the 1500m A race at the Mondo Keien meet in Uden, The Netherlands. Craig is now placed 15th on the all-time Australian list for the 1500m and is placed



46th on the world ranking list for 2010. Craig is studying Commerce at RMIT.

Rob Scrivenor (2004) and **Amanda Scrivenor (2005)** are keeping busy with their sailing commitments whilst managing to fit in their studies as well. Rob has finished his first apprenticeship in air-conditioning and refrigeration and is doing an electrical apprenticeship at night school. He competed in the 2009 Sydney

Hobart yacht race on *Living Doll* and is currently on four months' leave, sailing in the US. Rob's sister, Amanda, has graduated from Macquarie University with a Bachelor of Marine Science, picking up the Chancellor's Award and a University Blue. She juggled her last three months of study whilst sailing in Europe, where she won a World Championship as part of the Australian Women's Match Racing team.

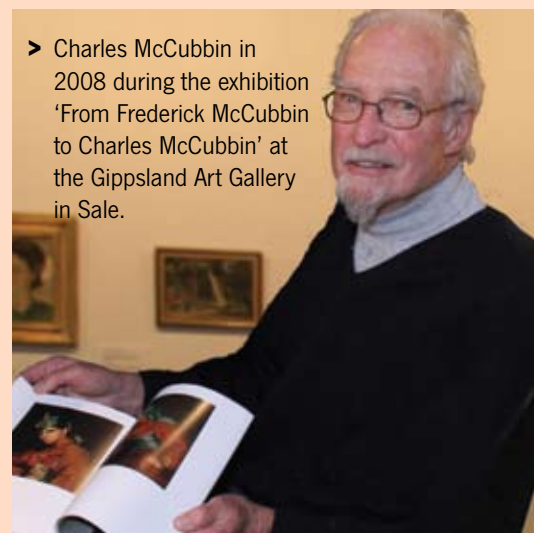
If you have some news for Out and About, please email: meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au or send details to the Development Office PO Box 465 Sale 3853

VALE

Old Scholar, **Mrs Ella Bennett** (nee Alvin – 1953), passed away on 5 July 2010. Our condolences are extended to her family and friends.

Charles McCubbin, artist and naturalist, passed away in June at the age of 79. He was the grandson of revered artist, Frederick McCubbin and an avid supporter of environmental causes. Students at our St Anne's Campus will remember him as the name behind the McCubbin classroom, named in honour of his grandfather. Our condolences are extended to members of the McCubbin family, including Charles' grandson Alex McCubbin (Year 10).

➤ Charles McCubbin in 2008 during the exhibition 'From Frederick McCubbin to Charles McCubbin' at the Gippsland Art Gallery in Sale.



Reunion News

10 Year Reunion (2000)

A 10 Year reunion will be held at The Prince Alfred Hotel, 355 Bay Street, Port Melbourne on Saturday 4 September from 4:00pm. For catering purposes, please RSVP to John Alexander at jalexander_82@yahoo.com.au or see Facebook page – Gippsland Grammar Class of 2000: 10 Year Reunion.

20 Year Reunion (1990)

The Class of 1990 will hold their reunion at The Prince Alfred Hotel, 355 Bay Street, Port Melbourne on Saturday 23rd October from 4:00pm. Jo Ellis and Max Barry have started a Facebook page, so please watch for details at: Gippsland Grammar Class of 1990. Friends may email Jo at: veritas1990@hotmail.com or Max at: max@maxbarry.com.

25 Year Reunion (1985)

The class of 1985 will celebrate a 25 year reunion on Saturday 2 October 2010. The reunion will be held at The Prince Alfred Hotel, 355 Bay Street, Port Melbourne from 3:00pm. Class members are invited to contact Fiona Thackray (nee Giblett) on (03) 5147 2375 or email thack@bigpond.net.au.

30 Year Reunion (1980)

The Class of 1980 will celebrate a 30 Year reunion on Saturday 23 October. The reunion dinner will be held in Melbourne, at a venue to be advised. For further details please email Felicity Hobson (nee Olsen) at veritas80reunion@gmail.com or phone the Development Office at Gippsland Grammar on (03) 5143 6315.

Emu Homestead Tour



The 'Emu' tour group enjoyed lunch at the Boisdale Homestead in April.

On a beautiful, sunny Sunday in April, a busload of school family and friends enjoyed a day out visiting four of the homes featured in our cookbook 'Is Emu off the Menu? The bus visited The Armadale, Boisdale Homestead, Bishops court and Bon Accord, which were generously opened by their owners.

The tour commenced at The Armadale, with many of those present having celebrated special occasions when it was used as a reception venue. It was a delight to see it beautifully renovated and operating as a stylish bed and breakfast.

The new owners of the Boisdale Homestead, the Paterson family, have done a tremendous amount of work on the home. We had a splendid picnic lunch on the lawn, and thoroughly enjoyed having the chance to see through the house, the amazing stables and stroll around the beautiful garden. It was enjoyable to hear Andrew

Paterson enthusing about the history of the home and the Foster family.

The visit to Bishops court took some people by surprise. Having passed the building many times, it was a privilege to be able to see through the house and chapel. The final stop was the lovely old home, Bon Accord, in Sale, which is looking a picture due to the care and maintenance of owner and operator of the bed and breakfast, Tim Dunnett.

The 'Emu' committee extends its thanks to all who joined us for this special day out. It was also a very successful fundraiser, with a donation of around \$2000 made to the Foundation.

Ann Andrew

The 'Emu' Committee

Grandparents Day – St Anne's Campus



➤ Jordan Rowand (Year 6) and sisters Brodie (ELC) and Hollie (Year 3) celebrated Grandparents Day with their mum, Donna and grandparents Rhona and Ally Morrison who were visiting from Scotland.



➤ Ray Jago played 'Waltzing Matilda' with his granddaughter, Lillie Jago (Year 6) during Fellowship.



➤ Toby Allen (Year 3) was joined by his two grandmothers, Lorraine Wilson and Bev Allen.