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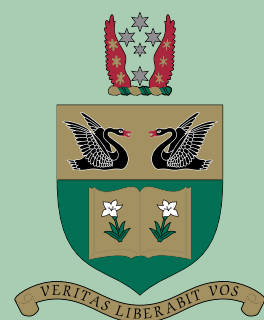
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# From the Principal

The last few months have seen some interesting development in the executive structure of the School. In the middle of the year, I was asked to assist at St Paul's Anglican Grammar School in Warragul following the unexpected departure of their Principal. As this arrangement continued into Term 3, the Boards of both schools decided to explore the advantages of a longer term co-operative arrangement and, at the end of August, an agreement was reached by which I will take on the role of Executive Principal of both Gippsland Grammar and St Paul's for the next three years, commencing in 2011. I could not have contemplated such a possibility were it not for the confidence which I have in the current executive team at Gippsland Grammar. From the beginning of next year, Jan Henry will step into the position of Head of School, with responsibility for the operational running of all campuses of Gippsland Grammar. I will continue to work closely with Jan and the rest of the executive team, though my involvement will be more strategic in nature. A similar structure has been implemented at St Paul's. For Jan, this promotion represents a marvellous transition from School Captain in 1980 to Head of School 30 years later!

I think there were a few

interesting discussions about this at the recent 30 year reunion which Jan attended in Melbourne.

The current Vice-Principal (Academic), Liana Cartledge, will become Deputy Head of School and we have appointed a new member of the School executive, Glenn Mancer, who will take up the position of Head of Middle Years, from the beginning of next year. Changes such as this one will always produce some mixed reactions, but it is important to note that the two Schools will continue to operate entirely independently with their own cultures, tradition and uniforms. Of course, there is much that we share, and we do look forward to some co-operation and resource-sharing, which will bring benefits to both School communities.

## The James Beard Centre

It is my pleasure to announce that the new multi-purpose hall in Bairnsdale will be named in honour of Jim Beard, Principal of Gippsland Grammar for 15 years from 1975 – 1990. Jim and his wife Bev will be our special guests at the building's official opening on February 18 next year. The Library within this building will be dedicated to Garry Gray, Head of Junior School for 12 years (1997-2008) and foundation Head of the Bairnsdale Campus. Garry and his wife, Vere, will also be in attendance at the opening. Of course, the building is already in operation and you can read elsewhere in this edition of Veritas about the spectacular opening production of the *Pirates of Penzance*. As we look forward with great excitement to the future of this growing Campus, it is good to be able to acknowledge the enormous contribution of past leaders in making our School what it is today.

*Mike Clapper*



> Jan Henry



> Liana Cartledge



> Jim Beard and Garry Gray



# Foundation News

The Lorna Sparrow Artist in Residence program has continued the tradition of bringing quality presenters into the School to complement the learning program. This year, the Foundation supported two applications, awarding funds to the staff of Bairnsdale Campus and to Marianne Lee on behalf of the ISC and English Department at Garnsey Campus.

In August, we welcomed to the ISC author Cath Crowley, who ran writing workshops and group presentations for students from Years 7 to 9. Cath is a popular child's and young adult fiction writer and is best known for her *Gracie Faltrain* series. She now writes full-time and enjoys running her workshops in schools. This year, our Year 7 English curriculum has been focussing on developing writing skills and it was wonderful to see the students so engaged and enthusiastic during the sessions.

At Bairnsdale Campus, the staff welcomed Coby Beatson who facilitated professional development sessions on the operation of Interactive Whiteboards. Coby is an educational consultant who has extensive experience as an educator of adults and children of all ages. She is an expert in the use of Interactive Whiteboards and has been devoted to using them in her classroom, integrating their use into her entire curriculum with a focus on the Thinking Curriculum.



> (L to R) Year 7 students, Shanoon Mahmood, Daniel Gris, Suzannah Emonson, James Woodward and Tiana Kyle with artist in residence, author Cath Crowley.

# Marvellous M.A.D Night

**Sporting memorabilia, works of art and holiday packages all contributed to the success of the Foundation's major fundraiser for 2010 – The M.A.D Night (Music. Auction. Dance).**

The event attracted a crowd of over 230 people and raised more than \$22,000 for the Building Fund. With a change of format and the inclusion of musical entertainment, the evening was a sell-out and Lorna Sparrow Hall was filled to capacity. Once the formalities were over, guests then danced the night away to the sounds of popular local band, *The Soutlanas*.

Amongst the highest earning auction items were an AFL football jumper signed by premiership team, Collingwood, a polar bear designed and made by old scholar and glass artist Crystal Stubbs and a banquet with a private chef donated by The Metung Galley.

It was tremendous to receive so much support from within the School community when seeking donations for the auction. Current parents and Old Scholars really got behind this event and without their support we could not have achieved such a fabulous result.

The Foundation continues to support

the School in its aim to provide up to date facilities for the benefit of all students. We look forward to our next fundraising function in 2011.



> Above: 'Polar Bear' by Crystal Stubbs (1997).



> Old Scholar and milliner, Keegan Joyce (2006), donated a one-off design from her latest range of hats and fascinators.



> Above: Auctioneer Stephen Chalmer (1978) and Bruce Johnston.

## 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.*





## Bairnsdale Campus

### Pirates of Penzance

The commencement of Term 4 was an extremely busy time for the students of Bairnsdale Campus, as all students from Years Prep to 6 took part in the campus musical, *The Pirates of Penzance*. This musical was the culmination of many hours of work by the students and their incredible Producer/Director, Mrs Jayne Neilson. The production was of an incredibly high standard with confident performances by lead characters and chorus alike. The Bairnsdale Campus parents supported this production in many ways, including the creation of beautiful costumes and assisting with hair and make-up. This musical has been the talk of East Gippsland over the last few weeks, with lots of positive feedback about the talents of the Bairnsdale students. A high standard has certainly been set for our next campus musical in two years' time!

### New Facilities

The Bairnsdale Campus students returned to school following the Term 3 holidays with great excitement as they entered the wonderful new facilities that had just been completed. Our Campus has extended considerably with the completion of our new multipurpose hall, library, art room, and music centre. These facilities have made a significant difference to the opportunities we can offer our students, and provide an array of wonderful spaces for all to enjoy. The completion of these facilities signals the end of all proposed building programs at our Campus, with our 7 classrooms, single room Early Learning Centre, computer lab, library, art room, hall, change rooms and music centre giving our 117 students the best facilities possible.

*Allison Prandolini*

*Head of Junior School – Bairnsdale Campus*







For many years now, Gippsland Grammar has developed a strong Outdoor Education Program for students in Years 7 to 10. Outdoor Education provides students with the opportunity to interact in fun and physically challenging activities. It also gives them the chance to develop themselves, their interpersonal relationships and an appreciation of their local environment.

The first program for 2010 was the Year 8 conservation program which is now run at Cape Conran, a coastal park near Orbost. Here the students assisted Parks Victoria with eradicating the coastal weed, 'Sea Spurge'. They also got to

explore the beaches and rock pools in the local area.

This year, the Year 9 Bushwalkers went back into Tali Karng in the Australian high country near Licola. After a few years' absence, due to fire and flood damage, we were excited to finally be back in this amazing area. Although at times the walk was challenging the students pushed through and had a very successful week. This program also saw the introduction of the overnight 'solo'. The 'solo' required each student to spend a night under a tarp, each equipped with a stove and food, looking after himself for a night. These days it is rare

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to have time alone without the interference of technology, so this was a very different experience for the students.

Term 2 brought us back on program with the Year 8 students, who set off to Buchan to camp by the famous Snowy River. The students spent their time caving, climbing and bushwalking. This was the last trip for the Year 8s and helped them to prepare for the Year 9 program that awaits them next year.

Outdoor Education is a large part of the Year 9 program and during Term 3 it was time to head back up to the high country to see the differences in the area during winter. Each year, the weather dictates what is done on the Alpine program. This year, one group had no snow while the next experienced a 60cm dump!

The Year 10 Leadership program was next on the calendar. All students and Mentor teachers spent three days at Forest Edge working on teamwork and leadership skills. With the students approaching VCE, it is important for them to realise that they are becoming the new leaders of our School. The

program was highly successful and the students and staff had a great few days.

Term 4 started with an introduction to Outdoor Education for our Year 7 students. The students participated in canoeing, raft building, bushwalking and general camping tasks, like setting up tents and cooking.

The final program for the year was the Year 9 electives. This fabulous program saw all the students out across the state, participating in a number of different programs, including Bushwalking, Scuba Diving, Rafting, Sea Kayaking, Horse Riding, Surfing, Fishing and Rock Climbing. This is always an exciting opportunity for our students to use the skills they have learnt over the years and to take on more ownership of the program. They were also required to develop their own menus, shop for supplies and cook every meal for the week.

Outdoor Education encourages initiative, stamina and self reliance. Students are given unique opportunities to learn the value of persistence, discover their inner strength and develop a positive outlook on life – in short to be independent.

**Cass Booth**  
*Head of Outdoor Education*



➤ Chloe Manson (Year 3) getting tips from Dustin Fletcher

## Sporting Icons

**In the lead up to the 2010 AFL Grand Final and famous Melbourne Cup, students at our St Anne's Campus welcomed some exciting visitors to their School.**

First, the students joined the 150<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Cup celebrations when the Victoria Racing Club (VRC) visited the School as part of the 2010 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour. This annual tour offers local communities an opportunity to experience the magic of the coveted trophy first hand.

The students met three-time Melbourne Cup winning jockey, Mr Jim Johnson, and legendary trainer, Mr Mick Robins. The famous duo shared Melbourne Cup triumph on two occasions with *Rain Lover* in 1968 and 1969 and Mr Johnson also rode 1963 winner *Gatum Gatum*.





## s at St Anne's

Then came a visit by the Toyota *Good for Footy* tour bus, which brought former and current AFL players, including Brian Taylor, Matthew Richardson, Danny Frawley, Dustin Fletcher, Chris Newman, Mark McVeigh, Mark Ricciuto and surprise guest Luke Hodge, to the campus.

This visit was organised by David Turnbull and his staff at Turnbull Toyota in Sale. Every year the program organises a group of players to tour Victoria and southern New South Wales. Since its inception, the program has raised \$1.4 million for grass roots football and hopes to hit the \$2 million mark by the end of this year.

Head of St Anne's Campus, Greg Thomson, said the event had been a special day for the students, many of whom were dressed in their clubs' colours.



► Year 2 students Indie Roberts and Rhodes O'Brien with AFL legend Matthew Richardson.



# Will to Cure

A passion for cycling and helping others was the inspiration behind Will Anderson's September ride from Bairnsdale to Hobart. After attending the *Tour Down Under* in Adelaide and meeting bike racing icons, Robbie McEwan and Lance Armstrong, the Year 6 student decided to do his bit to help fight cancer.

Will, who attends our Bairnsdale Campus, lost his grandfather to prostate cancer in January 2009 and a close family friend was diagnosed with a rare and inoperable lung cancer shortly after his plans to ride began. This made Will's resolve to ride even stronger.

Will held fundraisers in Bairnsdale, sold wristbands, organised sponsorship and held a fun 'Red' day at School. On arrival at Garnsey Campus on the first leg of his trip, Will was welcomed by Year 7 students and staff, who presented him with a cheque for \$1331.00 towards the cause.

Will's journey took approximately two weeks and to date has raised over \$25,000 for *Tour de Cure* – an outstanding result for a person of such young years. Congratulations Will!



➤ Year 6 student, Will Anderson, accepts a cheque on behalf of *Tour de Cure* from Year 7 students Courtney Gallert, Julia Lee and Kate Marshall.

## Farewell and Welcome!

Year 12 students enjoyed a farewell BBQ lunch at the Principal's residence in October. This annual event takes place just prior to exams and is hosted by the Old Scholars' Association. The occasion marks the end of School life and welcomes the students into the ranks of the Old Scholars. President, Meredith Johnston (Wright-Smith 1978) presented

Life Membership certificates on behalf of the Old Scholars' Association.

All former students are encouraged to keep in touch with the School. Reunions are organised through the Development Office, so please phone Meredith Lynch on (03) 5143 6315 if you require any information or need to update your contact details.



➤ Year 9 students during 'Movember' with staff members Andrew Nicholas (left) and Will White (centre).

## 'Movember'

November 1 saw the commencement of 'Movember 2010', with several male staff members throwing their razors away and signing up for the cause. Now a global event, Movember raises funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and depression in men. Staff from all three campuses have participated this year, with Year 9 making it a fundraising initiative for the month. Year 9E organised an online fundraising team, captained by staff member, Will White.



➤ Year 12 students enjoyed a farewell BBQ in October.



➤ The BBQ was hosted by the Old Scholars' Association and attended by (L to R): Hilary Rash (Richards), Nola Soutar (Taylor), Natalie Walsh (Dyer), Meredith Johnston (Wright-Smith), Andrew Robertson, Lisa Morrison (Blandford) and Gill Meade (Shaw).



# National Tree Day



- Year 6 Students at Lake Guyatt.
- Inset: Peggy McDonald (Prep) and her mother, Prue.

Sponsored by Planet Arc, 'Schools Tree Day' was celebrated on Friday 30 July. Each year, around 2500 schools across Australia take part in the planting program. Students learn how to care for the seedlings they plant and at our

Bairnsdale Campus, Prep students are invited to plant a tree to commemorate their first year. Their trees are planted together to symbolise their class group and they can enjoy caring for their own tree for years to come.

On the same day, Year 6 students at St Anne's Campus joined staff from the Wellington Shire in a group effort to plant trees at Lake Guyatt in Sale. The students had a busy afternoon, planting over 200 seedlings and making their contribution to the Shire's on-going environmental program.

## Safety Net

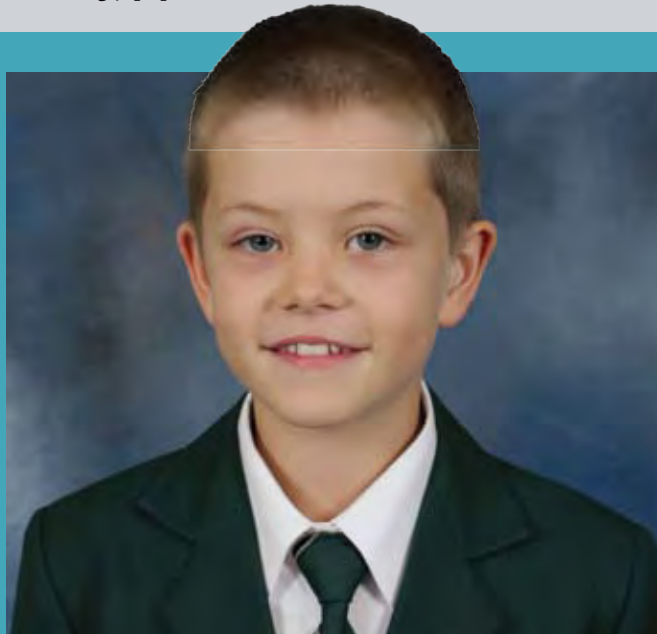
This year, the important issue of cyber safety was addressed as an initiative of the Parents' and Friends' Executive. Information sessions for students, teachers and parents were chaired by Australia's foremost expert on internet safety, Susan McLean.

A former member of Victoria Police, Susan was the first Victorian Police officer appointed to a position involving youth and cyber safety. She first reported on cyber bullying in 1994 and is trained in the important role of protecting children online. Her engaging and informative presentation included issues such as internet safety, cyber bullying, mobile phone usage and the increasingly popular 'Facebook'. Students



from Years 5 to 12 participated in the sessions and took away some important tips for staying safe when using the internet and social media networks.

- 'Cyber Cop' Susan McLean with William Bodman (Year 6), Holly Waring (Year 7) and Nikki Robertson (Year 6).



## Top of the State!

Congratulations to Will Johnson (Year 3) on his success in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English Competition. Will scored the highest mark in the State, receiving a High Distinction and a medal to commemorate his outstanding achievement. This competition is perhaps best known by its former name "The University of NSW English Competition" which is entered by students throughout Australia, New Zealand and some Pacific Island nations. Will also earned a High Distinction in Science and a Distinction in the Australian Maths Trust Competition. Will attended a medal presentation ceremony at the Melbourne Park Function Centre in November.





# St Paul's Cathedral Pantry Appeal 2010

*"I was hungry and you fed me..."*  
(Matthew 25:35)

The above statement comes from a Commission given by Jesus in Matthew's Gospel to care for those in need. The *St Paul's Cathedral Pantry Appeal* certainly falls in line with that Commission. Students from both Sale campuses and boarders from Blackwood House co-ordinated the collection and the delivery of food and other household items. All donations are given to

the Cathedral pantry and then distributed to families in need throughout the local area. Having such a large population of students to draw upon means that our school has a great opportunity, with projects like this, to make a real difference in people's lives. I'm sure that making a difference for others would be linked to what's behind those words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel.

*Rev. Jon Taylor*  
Chaplain

➤ (L to R) Charlie Taylor (Year 5), Jaimee Britton, Rachel Cole and Tsubasa Nakagiri (Year 11), Meghann Gordyn and Harley Kewish (Year 5). The symbolic, red wheelbarrow was donated by St Anne's 'old girls' to be used for the *Cathedral Pantry Appeal* each year. It helps to honour Miss Lorna Sparrow's legacy of sharing what we have by giving to others.

## Wheelbarrow's Birthday



➤ (L to R) Boarding Captains, Aiden Commins and Annabel Smith cut the cake with 'old girls' Marie Potter and June Soutter.

'Old Girls' Marie Potter (Lang) and June Soutter (Pearson) attended dinner at the boarding house to celebrate 'Wheelbarrow's Birthday' in

October. The students enjoyed hearing Marie's tale about the origins of the special occasion and then shared a celebratory birthday cake.



## St Anne's Day

St Anne's Day was celebrated on Friday 23 July at St Anne's Campus. Former students of the School attended Fellowship in the newly renovated Lorna Sparrow Hall, followed by morning tea in the Library. The 'old girls' were delighted with recent refurbishments and in awe of the facilities made available to our students today. It was wonderful to welcome Cynthia Freshwater (1961) as our guest speaker this year.

All 'old girls' are warmly welcome to attend our St Anne's Day celebrations. For further details, please phone Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315.



# Out & About

If you have some news for Out and About, please  
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or send details to the Development Office PO Box 465 Sale 3853

**Natalie Tyndall (1997)** married Oliver Way (Windsor, UK) in January this year. The wedding took place at the Tyndall family home in Inverloch and the happy couple now lives in Melbourne. Natalie has completed her Bachelor of Commerce and is now completing her Masters in Business Administration. She works in Human Resources at the Department of Premier and Cabinet in Melbourne. At the wedding, Natalie was attended by her sister **Caroline Tyndall (2000)**. Caroline, who studied medicine after leaving school, will commence her training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in February 2011.



(L to R): Mark Tyndall (2002), Natalie Tyndall (1997) and Caroline Tyndall (2000).

**Mark Tyndall (2002)** has been working with the Public Security Programme of the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UN-LIREC), based in Lima, Peru. He is working mainly on policy advice for governments in the region for the prevention of armed violence in schools. Mark is also studying for a Master of International Relations at Monash University. His coursework has focused on Terrorism, Political Islam and Political Economy and his research dissertation explores Sino-Iranian partnerships for conventional weapons trade, nuclear technology exchange and energy security.



Julian Sellings (right) and James Booth, at work in Sale.

Former class mates, **James Booth (1997)** and **Julian Sellings (1997)**, are both working at Booth Cartledge in Sale. Julian majored in Accounting (Business and Commerce) at Monash Gippsland and recently became a partner in the firm. James has previously worked in the hospitality

industry and completed his Bachelor of Business at RMIT (Accounting) whilst employed at the Tax Office in Melbourne.

**Kit Landels (1995)** has recently relocated to Shanghai with his wife Kirsti and their two boys aged 3 years and 8 months. Kit works as the Commercial Manager (Asia outside of China) for a US chemical company

called Celanese. His role covers from India to Japan and all the way south to New Zealand.

**Molly Work (1998)** married Jim Inglis in a garden ceremony at her parents' home in March. The reception that followed had a party-like atmosphere, featuring belly dancers, fire twirlers, a vintage photo booth and a surprise fireworks display.



The wedding party was photographed at the historic Swing Bridge. (L to R): Mark Treasure, Craig McGregor, Michelle Gerrand (Work - 1994), Hamilton Gerrand (1985), Jim Inglis, Molly Work, Greg Brown, Anita Wilson (Leeson - 1998), Ari Woodward and Cory McMillan.

## VALE



**Lawrence (Laurie) Payne (1927 – 2010)**

**After a long and distinguished naval career, in both the Australian and British navies, Laurie Payne joined the staff at STAGGS as a Physical Education teacher in 1974.**

In the early days, Laurie and his family lived in a School house at the Junior School, where his wife, Judy, helped out in the Boarding House kitchen and he assisted with supervision of the boarders.

During his career at STAGGS, Laurie was heavily involved in introducing different sporting activities to the students, such as weight training, boxing, soccer, water polo and rowing. He also instigated the set-up of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, which encourages students to participate in group activities, physical challenges and community service.

Laurie was well known and revered for his simple 'on the spot' punishment of twenty push-ups for students with uniform 'problems' such as hands in pockets, dirty shoes or ties undone.

After retiring from teaching in 1991 and still with a burning passion to help others, Laurie set off to fulfil his life-long dream of aiding the physical education of a developing nation. He moved to Papua New Guinea and spent a year at the National Institute of Sport, training the national boxing team. He also helped out with the volleyball, hockey and rugby teams.

Laurie's passions were helping others, fitness, physical exercise and his family. He is survived by his four sons, Bill, Alec, John and David and his six grand children.



# Students take the Stage



In early September, the students of St Anne's Campus performed two concerts at the BHP Billiton Wellington Entertainment Centre. The performances represented a snapshot of just some of the diverse, musical activities students engage in at

St Anne's. Each class presented a musical item, ranging from dramatised songs, to instrumental items which utilised a range of diverse instruments such as African drums and 'boom whackers'.

All students from Prep to Year 3 then sang a fabulous rendition

of 'We are the Champions' by Queen.

The evening concert showcased students in Years 4 to 6, their instrumental ensembles and performing choir, and ended with a performance of the AC/DC classic 'Thunderstruck', featuring Year 6 student William

Cullen, playing the famous riff on lead guitar.

I would like to thank our talented instrumental tutors and classroom teachers. Their hard work and support helped make the event a huge success.

**Maria Carras-Kerr**  
St Anne's Music Coordinator

## 30 Year Reunion

Thirty-six members of the Class of 1980 enjoyed a reunion dinner at Safi Bar and Bistro in Melbourne in October. Former Principal, Jim Beard and staff member Martin Lowe enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with the Year group, with Martin travelling from the UK for the occasion. For some, it was their first get together in ten years.



➤ Back Row (L to R): Deidre King (Scott), Hayden Marshall, Felicity Hobson (Olsen). Front Row: Jane Ingle, Alex Buxton, Mr Beard, Jan Henry, David Walker.



➤ (L to R): Katherine Malatt, Jan Henry, Paula Skeels (Gray) and Mr Lowe.



➤ (L to R): Peter Summers, Paul Fielding and David Walker.