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Grandparents' Day



Bairnsdale Campus

> **Photo Left** : David Ng (Year 1) and his Grandfather, Mick Egan.

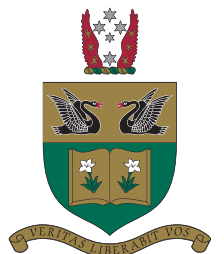
> **Photo Right** : Lateesha Smith (Prep) with her special visitor Gloria Williams.



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From the Executive Principal

> Mike Clapper



more important is the use that students put their talents to when they move beyond school. In this edition of Veritas you will find several inspiring examples of the achievements of past students who are certainly pursuing excellence in their chosen fields. There are also a number of significant achievements of current students in sport, academic endeavours, art and community service. As I reflect during my last year at the School, I continue to be amazed at the variety of activities in which our students become involved. For me, it has been a great privilege to be a part of this thriving and inspiring community.

The Annual General Meeting of the School Association was held recently, with David Conway re-elected to the Board as a P & F nomination. At the Board meeting which immediately followed, Bishop John McIntyre was re-elected as Chair, whilst Steven Scott was elected as Deputy Chair. Steven is an Old Scholar (1981) and is the current Secretary of the Old Scholar's Association. He has been a Board member for several years and has two children at the School. In his role as Deputy Chair, Steven succeeds another Old Scholar Peter Skeels (1977). Ann Mwagiru was co-opted for another term of office on the Board.

We are currently reviewing our Master Plan for the Garnsey Campus. Whilst we do not have a final plan to publish at this stage, we are conscious of the need to develop facilities in PE, Performing Arts and Visual Arts and these three learning areas will form the cornerstone of our new plan. I hope to be able to bring you greater detail in the next issue of Veritas.

Mike Clapper
Executive Principal

> Lachlan Evans



Recently, the presentation of Premier's VCE Awards was held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Gippsland Grammar was delighted to have a student receiving an award. Lachlan Evans, our Dux of 2011 (with an entry score of 99.45) received an award for English, in which he received a 'perfect' score of 50. This continues a very fine tradition at the School, both in English, where we have won several awards over the last few

years and in general, as we have had at least one award winner in each of the last five years.

Academic awards are an important recognition of the achievement of students and their teachers. However, even



> **Above** : In early June, Sale and the greater Gippsland region was inundated by floods once again. With many of our students and staff travelling from outside the Sale area, the flooding affected the ability of many to travel to School, with some buses unable to run and several staff members stranded and unable to be at work. As this photo depicts, our rowing shed was right in the flood zone but with all boats and equipment moved safely to higher ground, any loss was thankfully averted.

Foundation News

The Annual General Meeting of the Gippsland Grammar Foundation was held on Monday 28 May. It is with great pleasure that we announce the committee members for 2012 – 13 are: Catherine Cowell (Chair), Dianne Dennis (Senior Vice President), Helen Drew (Junior Vice President), Jo Wilson (Treasurer), Meredith Lynch (Secretary), Stephen Chalmer, John Cribbes, Allison Hamilton, Michelle Shelton and Peter Webster. Ex-officio members of the committee are: The Chairman of the Gippsland Grammar Board of Directors, Bishop John McIntyre, the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Gippsland Grammar Board of Directors, Mr Stephen Scott and the School Executive Principal, Mr Mike Clapper.

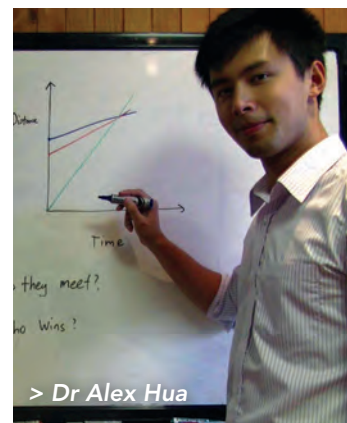
The 2012 J.A.T Beard Travel Scholarship

Each year, the Foundation supports staff personal development and training through the funding of the J.A.T Beard Travel Scholarship. This year the Foundation committee awarded the Scholarship to joint recipients, Cass Booth (Outdoor Education, Garnsey Campus) and Michelle Engley (Pathways Co-ordinator, St Anne's Campus).

Cass applied for funding to attend the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) in the USA where she will undertake training to enhance her skills in 'winter' outdoor education. The NOLS offers students the opportunity to learn a range of new skills and receive up to date information on leadership and communication, alpine rescue, environmental studies, risk management and outdoor skills.

Michelle's funding enabled her to attend the Speech Pathology Australia National Conference, held in Tasmania in the June holidays. This was an opportunity for Michelle to attend a series of seminars and to network with other Speech Pathologists. Michelle is keen to share her newfound knowledge with teachers of students with a range of presenting conditions and difficulties which impact directly upon their ability to function within a classroom.

The 2012 Lorna Sparrow Fellow-in-Residence Program



This year, the Mathematics Department has been successful in gaining funding to have Old Scholar, Dr Alex Hua (2004) visit the School in Term 3 to enhance the teaching and learning experience of senior mathematics students. Alex achieved a perfect 50 in Specialist Mathematics in Year 12 and went on to study Medicine at Melbourne University. He has a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Medical Science and is a former member of the Australian Maths Olympiad Team. Alex will work with Year 11 and 12 students on specific topics within both Maths Methods and Specialist Maths. The project aims to provide students with a deep knowledge of the concepts underpinning the course and alternative perspectives on these topics.

Top Science Student

A thirst for knowledge and a passion for Science will see Year 12 student, Matisse Valette attend an international Science forum this year. Matisse attended the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in January and has now been selected to attend the prestigious Euroscience Open Forum in Dublin.

To obtain a place at the NYSF, Matisse competed against over 2000 applicants from around the country, demonstrating exceptional levels of interest, capacity and potential in fields of Science, along with strong teamwork, communication and leadership skills.

Matisse is one of only six Australian students selected to travel to Dublin for this once in a lifetime opportunity. He will meet with other young, talented scientists from around the globe, and broaden his scientific and cultural perspectives.

Before departing, Matisse faced the difficult task of fundraising to cover his travel costs. Members of the wider



>Above : Mr Darren Chester MP, congratulates Matisse Valette on his selection for Euroscience.

community have supported Matisse in his endeavours and trust he will be a fine ambassador for all young scientists in the local community and, indeed, the country.

National Reconciliation Week at Gippsland Grammar

Students at Gippsland Grammar marked National Reconciliation Week with several events added to the School's calendar.

This year's Reconciliation Week commemorated two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The theme of this year's national event was 'Let's Talk Recognition' with a focus on how Australians can better recognise each other, and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Staff and students endeavoured to use the events of the week to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how we can contribute to the National Reconciliation effort.

The Bairnsdale Campus conducted a 'Sorry Day' fellowship at which the Reverend Tony Wicking spoke of the importance of reconciliation in the Christian tradition. The students were also fortunate to have a visit from Cultural Infusion's Warramar Man, who focussed on developing understanding and cultural harmony through stories and performance.

The Garnsey Campus Chaplaincy committee ran a barbecue for students, at which Nick Moffatt presented the Welcome to Country, and Rich Lanham from St Paul's Cathedral spoke of his experiences and understanding of reconciliation.

During the week we were pleased to welcome Nick and Phillip Moffatt who attended School chapel services and we were also fortunate to hear from Reverend Kathy Dalton, whose personal story helped students recognise that we each have a responsibility to open our hearts and minds to reconciliation.

The School thanked its indigenous students, who also contributed by sharing a prayer for reconciliation at the barbecue and Chapel services.

This was an important week for all members of the School community and Gippsland Grammar was proud to be part of the reconciliation journey of our nation.



> **Photo (L to R):** Jirra Moffatt (Year 11), Laura McConville (School Captain), Reverend Jon Taylor (School Chaplain), Reverend Kathy Dalton, Ms Jan Henry (Head of School), Mr Nick Moffatt, Jack Dawson (School Captain), Mr Phillip Moffatt.

Sound experience for students



Pictured with Mr Paul Van Eekelen (from L to R) are: Jake Adams, Emily Simpson-Page, Evan Lynch, Dexter Erasmus and Nick Robinson. The VET Music students put their technical skills to the test for their 'big gig' at Kernott Hall in April.

Students from our VET Music Industry class put all their skills to the test in April, when they took on the huge task of setting up and operating Gippsland Grammar's sound system at Kernott Hall for the 125th Anniversary Ball for the Catholic Diocese of Sale. Over five hundred tickets for the event were sold, giving the students a rare opportunity to work with a big band, as well as with star performer, Rhonda Burchmore.

Under the direction of teacher Paul Van Eekelen, the students were required to set up a sound system to cover the big band's 9-piece horn section, full rhythm section and lead vocalists. The whole project was part of their School Assessed Coursework (SAC), which requires students to set up and operate a professional PA system for a medium sized venue.

Following Ms Burchmore's performance, staff from Gippsland Grammar's Music Department, led by Brad Cruickshank, took to the stage alongside other local professional musicians, in the big band, *Bandera*. Mr Cruickshank was in charge of the musical entertainment for the evening and also needed a top sound crew for the job.

Teacher, Mr Paul Van Eekelen said, "When Brad offered us the gig, knowing that the School had the appropriate equipment, I suggested that the VET students could work on the night and use the experience as part of their SAC work. I had every confidence that the students would do a fantastic job – and they did."

The Certificate III in Music Industry (Technical Production) offered by the School, carries full weight as a VCE subject. It provides students with a wide range of knowledge and skills to be able to work in the music industry, in a wide variety of music technology and related fields. The course is focused on live performance audio technology and audio recording technology.



> Rhonda Burchmore

Incredible India 2012

During the April School holidays, a group of Gippsland Grammar staff and associates travelled to India for a two week tour, organised and led by our Head of Science, Sanjeev Meston. Also on tour were former staff member, Shayne Boyd and her husband George, and five staff members from Flinders Christian College. The following report was contributed by staff member, Helen Drew, who travelled to India with her husband, Lindsay.

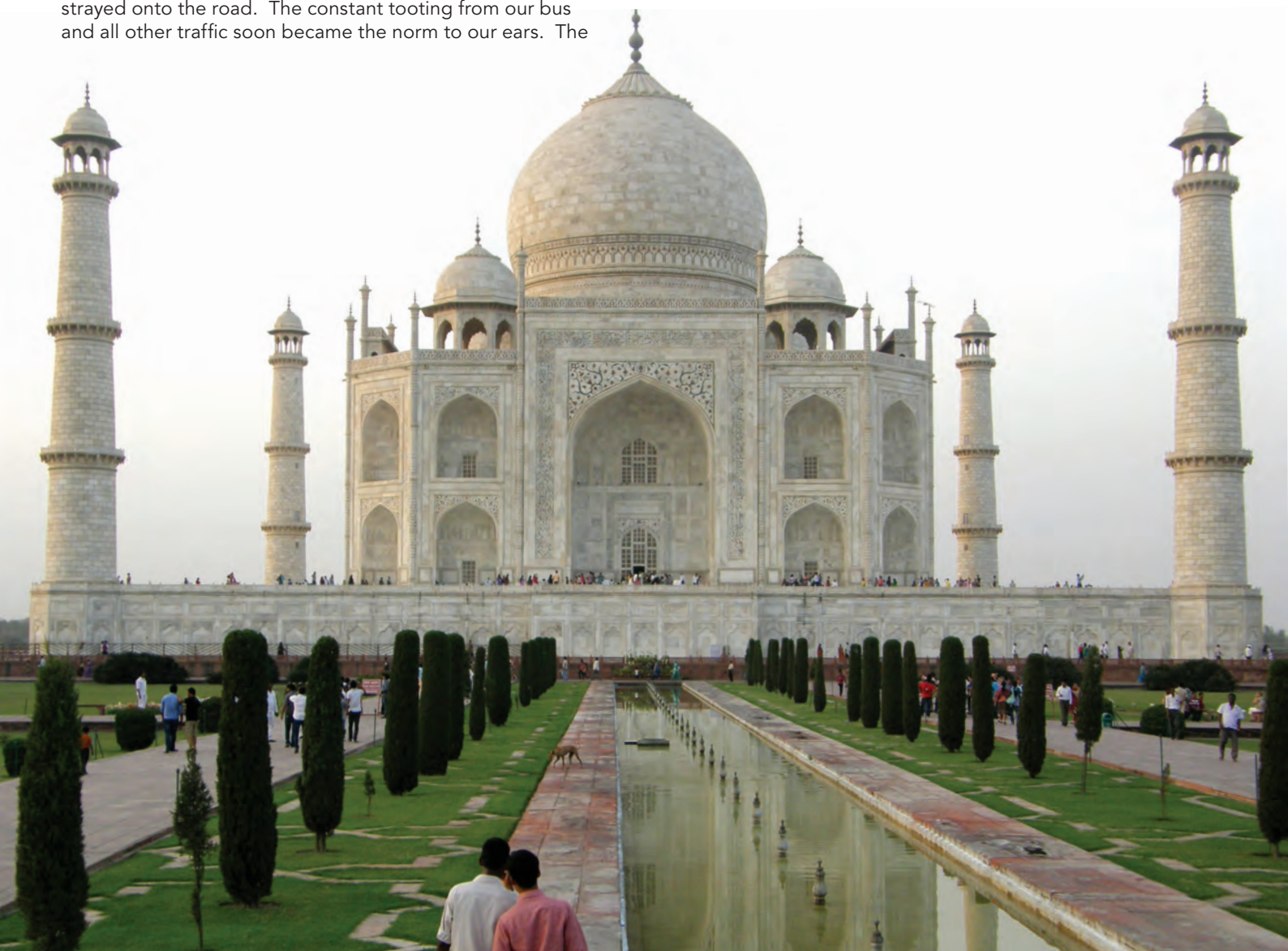
On arrival in Delhi, no time was wasted as we cashed up with rupees and headed off in auto rickshaws to explore the markets and begin to take in the colours, sights (and smells) which make India what it is.

Most of the trip was by bus driven in typical Indian fashion, in and out of traffic, dodging cars, cows, carts, camels, trucks, other buses, dogs, people, and anything else which strayed onto the road. The constant tooting from our bus and all other traffic soon became the norm to our ears. The

roads are generally rough and narrow, which made for some interesting passing moves. The weather was mostly very hot but intriguingly we didn't get sunburnt. The food and flavours were at times testing, but apart from a few being ill during the final part of the trip, most escaped unscathed.

As well as Delhi, the trip included visiting the cities of Agra, Ranthambore, Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur located in the state of Rajasthan and Rishikesh and Mussoorie in the state of Uttarakhand. There were many highlights, including the Red Fort, the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri and Ranthambore National Park where we did see a tiger in the wild. We also enjoyed an elephant ride to the Amber Fort in Jaipur and visited the Mehrangarh Fort in Jodhpur. It was then on to Udaipur City Palace and a boat ride on Lake Pichola. Our group also toured the Ganges River and surrounds at Rishikesh and Mussoorie, where we were guests of the Wynberg Allen School where Sanjeev used to teach. A favourite of many was the fabulous market shopping where the art of bartering was constantly tested.

The trip has many lasting memories for us all and gave us a much greater appreciation of this amazing country. We would like to thank Sanjeev for organising the tour and recommend that a trip to India is a must for all.





< **Photo Left :**
The tour group at the
"Taj Mahal" in Agra.



< **Photo Left :**
Gippsland Grammar
Staff member Warren
Stewart with the
Headmaster and
student prefects at
Wynberg-Allen School
in Mussoorie.

Bronze Medal for State Swimmers

Gippsland Grammar junior swimmers won Bronze at the School Sport Victoria State Swimming Championships in March. Competing in the Girls 9-10 years, 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay, the team was thrilled with the outstanding result. To compete at the State Finals, the girls had to progress through their School swimming events, go on to the local district and zone events and then had to win the regional final. It was a great thrill for the girls to be presented with their medals by Australian swimming legend, Linley Frame.

> **Photo L to R :** Hannah Shepherd, Mietta Coles,
Indie Roberts, Tilley Gordyn



Community

Community Service

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.



(L to R): Year 10 students Cameron Maynard, Jarryd Evison-Rose and Max Kemsley raised over \$2200 at the 'Shave for a Cure' event.

This year, three Year 10 students from Garnsey Campus participated in the Leukaemia Foundation's 'Shave for a Cure' event. Ably assisted by staff and local hairdresser, David Monck, the three boys, Max Kemsley, Cameron Maynard and Jarryd Evison-Rose, were cheered on by their peers as they revealed their new, 'shorter' hairstyles. This popular event raised over \$2200 for the Leukaemia Foundation.



Cohen Frith (Year 1) enjoyed Grandparents Day at Bairnsdale Campus with his grandmothers, Vicky McCoy and Fay Cuthbertson.



Year 12 students hosted the 'Biggest Morning Tea' at Garnsey Campus.

Each year, students and staff from all our campuses organise fundraising activities for the Cancer Council's 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' event. The Bairnsdale Campus combined their celebrations with their annual Grandparents Day in May. Grandparents and special friends shared a Fellowship Service and contributed over \$500 for the Cancer Council.

At St Anne's Campus, students from the ELC to Year 2 celebrated with a 'Pirate Day' parade and morning tea fundraiser, raising over \$300 for their efforts.

Year 12 students at Garnsey Campus co-ordinated a morning tea fundraiser in Neil Forest. Many of the students are touched by cancer in some way, some very personally and others more indirectly. This also applies to the vast majority of the Gippsland community. This sharing of a common experience led the Year 12 students to take charge of raising as many funds as possible for the worthy cause.



ELC 'Pirates' at the St Anne's Campus



On 'Casual Day', Ms Cindy Petersen (centre) and Year 8 students sold Gingerbread people to assist the Butterfly Foundation.

Towards the end of Term 2, students at Garnsey Campus held a casual day to raise funds for our Co-Operation in Development (CO-ID) School in Bangladesh, which was opened in February 2008. Each year, our students raise over \$6000 to assist with the on-going costs of running the school. Also on this day, Year 8 students held a 'Gingerbread Person' stall to raise awareness of the Butterfly Foundation

which provides support for Australians who suffer from eating disorders and negative body issues. The money raised from the stall will go towards the education of teachers and youth and community professionals to help young people develop their media literacy, self-esteem and body image.

St Anne's Staff Mural

In a bid to liven-up the new staffroom at St Anne's Campus, staff have been working together to paint a mural which will brighten up this terrific new space. Inspired by Melbourne-based artist Mirka Mora, the mural is a whimsical work full of

colour and interesting characters. Art teacher, Gail Noble said "the painting process has been rewarding, with a great deal of staff bonding and merriment which has culminated in five vibrant canvases which will grace the walls of our staffroom."



Belinda Crossley

(2004) has won 'Best Apparel' at the Debut stand at Fashion Exposed in Sydney. Her fashion label, brkich (pronounced 'bur-kitch'), won for its 2012/13 spring and summer range. The prize was awarded from a short list of 12 young designers from Australia and New Zealand. Judges commented that... 'Every so often a label comes along that defies all the design norms to break the mundane moulds and fashion something entirely new'. Belinda's label has a strong focus on hand screen-printed textiles and original textile prints.

Kahli Higgins

(2009) operates her own business, Abbs-Olute Personal Training, on the Esplanade in Paynesville. In 2011 she won the Young Achiever Award in the East Gippsland Business Awards, following a rigorous nomination and interview process. Previously, Kahli was offered work as a Personal Trainer on a cruise ship, but opted to open her own business. She was able to use her horse riding and training skills to help fund her business venture and still competes in dressage and show jumping events throughout Victoria.

Alex Hua

(2004) completed his secondary education in Melbourne after spending his early years at Gippsland Grammar. He achieved a perfect 50 in Specialist Mathematics in Year 12 and went on study Medicine at Melbourne University. He has a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Medical Science. He has been to fifteen countries for leadership conferences, music tours, and medical placements but has now decided that his real passion is to teach, mentor, tutor and motivate young people. He recently returned to Sale where he offered free maths tutoring for the month of April and visited his old school to give motivational speeches to the Year 11 students. Alex will be working in the Mathematics Department at Gippsland Grammar during Term 3 under the Foundation funded Lorna Sparrow Fellow-in-Residence Program (see Page 3 for details).

Ash Kerr

(2004) has followed his love of photography since his days of developing photos in the School's old darkroom. He is now a Melbourne-based artist, working in large-format photography. In 2011 he won the \$10,000 Agendo Art Prize for his Chromira photographic print, entitled *Territory*, from his Rückenfigur series. Ash completed a Bachelor of Contemporary Art (majoring in Photography) at Deakin University (2009) and a Master of Fine Art at RMIT (2010). He commenced his PhD candidature at Monash University in 2011 on an Australian Postgraduate Award Scholarship. Ash co-runs 'Dear Patti Smith', a non-profit, artist-run contemporary art space in the Paterson Building in Fitzroy.

Owen Kerr

(2001) has been named top young entrepreneur for 2011, taking out the prestigious Anthill 30under30 Award. Each year, the program provides recognition to 30 entrepreneurs under the age of 30 for their outstanding entrepreneurial endeavours. Two years ago, Owen founded his Melbourne-based, execution-only brokerage firm, Pepperstone, and now has over 3000 clients on his books. The company has a big following in the Asia Pacific region but offers 'the little guy' the opportunity to trade alongside investment banks and hedge funds.



Photo: Ash Kerr's award-winning photograph – *Territory* ©

Old Scholars

10 Year Reunion - Class of 2002

Class members are planning a reunion at The Railway Hotel, 280 Ferrars Street in South Melbourne on Saturday 17 November from 6:30pm. For further details, please email John Hewitt: john_hewitt_1@yahoo.com.au.

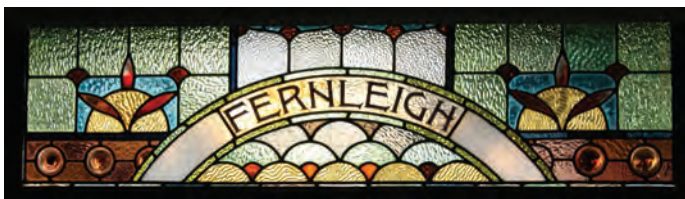
20 Year Reunion - Class of 1992

A reunion for the Class of 1992 will take place at O'Neills Restaurant in Sale on Saturday 20 October. Welcome drinks and a tour of the School will leave the Chapel of St Anne at approximately 4:00pm. Invitations will be forwarded as soon as possible. If you have any queries or would like to update your contact details, please call Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315 or email meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au.

New home for piece of History

Old Scholars of the St Anne's Campus may well remember the old, red brick classroom which fronted York Street. Originally called Fernleigh and later renamed Chisholm, the dwelling was demolished in 1999. The original leadlight window, which graced the entrance to Fernleigh, has now been re-fitted at the new Chaplain's residence at Garnsey Campus.

The window was rescued from the demolition site in York Street and has been in storage for many years. Former maintenance staff member, Derek Taylor, alerted School archivist, Tim Gibson to the window's provenance and it was then fully restored to its original glory. It is wonderful to know that this delightful piece of history is once again situated in a home in York Street.



VALE

Mr Richard (Dick) Jensen passed away on 26 June 2012. He was 87 years old. Mr Jensen joined the staff at Gippsland Grammar as Senior History Teacher in 1969, teaching students in all levels for fourteen years. In 1983 he became the School Librarian and retired from the School in 1988, after 20 years of service. One of the last School functions Mr Jensen attended was in 2007, when he attended the 25th reunion for the Class of 1982. He always enjoyed catching up with his former students and colleagues and will be fondly remembered by them all.

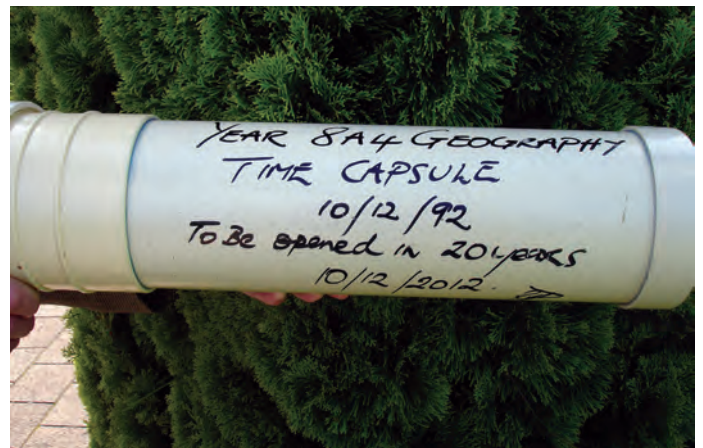
1992 - Time Capsule to open



In December 1992, students in Mr Rob Parry's Year 8A4 Geography class sealed up a 'time capsule' to be opened in twenty years. Well that time is nearly here and we'd like to hear from those former Year 8s, who may be available to come to the 'opening ceremony' on Monday 10 December, 2012.

The class list is as follows: Elizabeth Rumpff, Claire Alexander, Melanie Tipping, Alison Moffatt, Natalie Semmens, Sarah-Jane Martin, Lincoln Bromwich, Tom Richards, Conrad Benham, Bronwyn Parry, Peter Hutchison, Daniel Miller, Karen Greer, Amber Hardman, Kirsty Zwierlein, Kate Skelton, Alice Nancarrow, Simone Jacobs, Haley Anderson, Rachel Lade, Katrina Bland, Joline Thurston.

Please contact Meredith Lynch at The Development Office on (03) 5143 6315 for further details or to register your interest in attending on the day.



St Anne's Day Celebrations



Pictured on St Anne's Day 2012 are (L to R): Margaret Mynard (Davis), Heather Stewart (Scott), Sue Eppelstun (Haase), Anne Archbold (Mackinnon), June Jackson (O'Day), Barbara Roche (Kent), Judy Tulip (Anderson), Val Jones, Shirley Ferguson (Sundermann), Joy Brand (Saxton), Hilary Rash (Richards), Cynthia Freshwater, Dorothy Newcomen (Tomkins), Lorraine McPherson (Zacher), Thelma Langshaw (Boucher), Gwen Dyer (Derham), Bev Cook (Hayward), Marion Atherstone (Cross).

Old Scholars enjoyed a special St Anne's Day Fellowship on Friday 27 July at Lorna Sparrow Hall. Current students presented an array of musical items and readings and this year's Guest Speaker, the Reverend Thelma Langshaw

(Boucher), reminisced about her days as a student at St Anne's when Miss Sparrow was Head Mistress. Following the Service and official photo session, guests were served a luncheon in the Library.



Millie Dunnett (Year 6) chats with Bev Cook, Thelma Langshaw and Cynthia Freshwater. Bev, at the age of 86, still teaches Music at Swifts Creek Primary School and was recently named as Victoria's oldest working teacher.



Darcy Wade (Year 6) read the Prayer for St Anne's Day.



Trumpeter, Ben Foote (Year 6) played 'Theme from the New World Symphony' at Fellowship. Here he chats with June Jackson (O'Day) and Joy Brand (Saxton).



Irene Chiang (Year 3), Hannah Husodo (Year 4) and Dee Sharma (Year 3) performed 'A Whole New World' from 'Aladdin'.



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