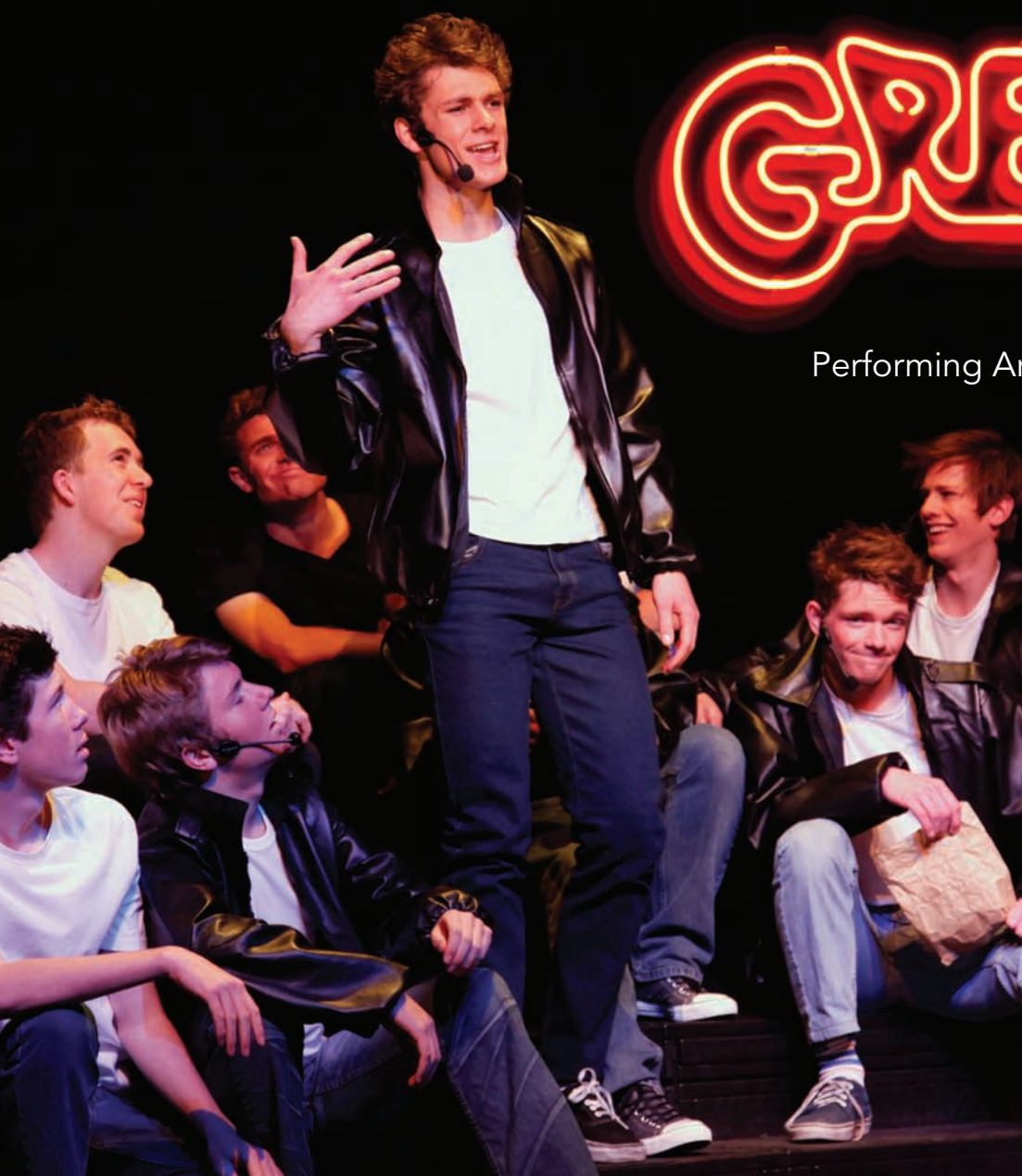


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From the Principal

David Baker



As you read through the following pages of this edition of Veritas, you will develop a strong sense of the culture and strength of our School. There continues to be a sense of vibrancy around the School and the many and varied events featured in these pages give a clear indication of the diversity and sense of excellence perpetuated by both staff and students. Our students continue to amaze us with their talents and I am always thankful for the number of our staff who are prepared to go well above and beyond their roles as teachers to provide opportunities for our students.

As a School, our academic progress continues to be our primary focus and activities such as the Science Discovery Day at Bairnsdale and our combined St Anne's and Bairnsdale Maths Day bring our attention to the ongoing pursuit of knowledge, skills and understandings. Our students continue to flourish in the Gippsland Grammar environment and the community continues to support them in their pursuit of personal excellence.

Our sporting program continues to grow and, as a School, we are considered to be very competitive; yet our students always conduct themselves in a friendly manner and always display great sportsmanship. This year we have experienced great success in both the new SEISA competition and also the ICCES competition. Our rowers produced some outstanding results towards the end of the season; in particular, our senior boys' crew achieved a third place at the Nationals. They outperformed the previous best times in the final two races to surprise the entire competition to attain this result. The crew had worked tirelessly throughout the season and the bronze medal was a well deserved result and brought great pride to the entire Gippsland Grammar Rowing Community.

Performing Arts continue to thrive at Gippsland Grammar and our Senior production of Grease was magnificent. This production brought together a large cross section of students from the Garnsey Campus to present a performance of exceptional quality. I would like to thank all of the students and staff who have worked tirelessly to create our performances this term. Along with our parents, I am very proud of our students and what they have achieved.

I hope you enjoy the reports contained within the pages of this publication and, like me, I am sure you will be amazed by what has been achieved at this remarkable School. Enjoy!

David Baker

20 Years of Chapel of St Anne

In September, it will be twenty years since the Chapel of St Anne at the Garnsey Campus was consecrated as a chapel and performing arts centre by Bishop Sheumack, to the greater glory of God.

To celebrate this occasion, a special anniversary Eucharist Service will be held at the Chapel of St Anne on Sunday 1 September at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Members of the School community who wish to attend should contact Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315. All welcome.

Rev'd Jon Taylor - Chaplain



Bronze Medal Win at Nationals

Gippsland Grammar ended the 2012-13 rowing season with a medal win at the Australian National Rowing Championships. The event, which was held at Penrith and combined with the first round of the Rowing World Cup, gave the students the unique opportunity to row alongside national and international rowers.

The school entered two crews for the event this year. The girls' crew, consisting of Lucy Shephard, Genevieve Pyne, Demi Redenbach, Marnie Deller and Claire Purcell (cox), had a tough category with thirty-five crews entered in the Schoolgirls' Coxed Quad Scull event. The girls finished fourth in their heat and made it through to the repechage, where they also finished in a valiant fourth place. Although they missed the final, the girls were extremely proud of their achievement in such a large category.

The senior boys' crew, consisting of Craig Munson, Jirra Moffatt, Charlie Gerrand, Angus Rose and Eden Rice (cox), also competed in the Coxed Quad Scull event. The crew got off to a great start, winning their first heat and moving straight into the final. The final line-up was a repeat of their previous final at a Canberra regatta, where they had finished in sixth place, so they knew they had a huge task before them. The race was very close and at each 500m marker, the boys held on to third place, going through to win the Bronze medal.

The crew, coached by Mr Frank Stone, celebrated with all rowers at the end of season dinner, where they had the pleasure of meeting Olympic rower, Karsten Fosterling, who was the guest speaker.



Photo (L to R):
Gippsland Grammar senior rowers - Genevieve Pyne, Demi Redenbach, Craig Munson, Jirra Moffatt, Charlie Gerrand, Eden Rice, Angus Rose, Claire Purcell, Marnie Deller and Lucy Shephard.

CELEBRATING 50 Years OF ROWING AND 20 Years OF THE MCCOLL CLUB

All current and past rowers, coaches, parents and supporters of the McColl Club are cordially invited to attend a Rowing Reunion on the weekend of 12 - 13 October, 2013. A cocktail party will be held on the Saturday night, followed by a Sunday Breakfast at the rowing shed.

We have contacted all rowers on our current mailing list, but encourage all members of the Gippsland Grammar rowing community to 'spread the word' and help make this a memorable event.

Book your tickets online at www.gippslandgs.vic.edu.au

Tickets \$40 each. (follow the 'Rowing Reunion' link)

or send a cheque payable to :

The McColl Club, PO Box 356, Sale 3853 (by 15 September)

Please join our Facebook reunion group: Gippsland Grammar 'Celebration of Rowing' Reunion for the latest news and updates on this event.

For further information, please contact
Frank Stone or Meredith Lynch at Gippsland Grammar
on (03) 5143 6388.

Reconciliation Week

Gippsland Grammar recognised National Reconciliation Week with a number of events this year. Celebrated between 27 May and 3 June, it is a time which focuses our need to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

The week commemorates two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. Ultimately the goal of reconciliation is to build strong and respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians, to enhance our national and community wellbeing.

At Garnsey Campus, we began the week with an acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land on which our School stands, the Gunai Kurnai people, which was followed by a prayer for reconciliation, read by Melis Rutherford (Year 12) at assembly. Each day, students had a chance to recognise the achievement of indigenous Australians with information on the bulletin and class activities.

With respect for the traditions of the Gunai Kurnai people, many students chose to observe or be part of the smoking ceremony outside the Chapel prior to a Service focused on reconciliation. We were pleased to welcome Nick and Tracey Moffatt, parents of Jirra Moffatt (Year 12), who spoke and answered many questions about their personal experiences.

At St Anne's Campus, a special Reconciliation Week Fellowship acknowledged the traditional custodians of our land and discussed the significance of Reconciliation Week and what the word, 'reconciliation', means. The students understood it to mean "become friendly again, settle a quarrel or dispute." They gained an understanding of why the week is so important to our indigenous people and that all people, indigenous or otherwise, really just want the same things – good health, an education, employment, housing, sufficient food and water and close family ties. It was a very successful morning and the St Anne's Singers finished by singing a traditional song.

To open Reconciliation Week at the Bairnsdale Campus, the Melaleuca class group led a special Fellowship with East Gippsland's Specialist School Koori students. They integrated their culture into our Fellowship by sharing the creation of their possum coat, a cultural dance and a smoking ceremony. The Koori students then joined in with a fun game of basketball led by our Year 6 students and also enjoyed a BBQ lunch. Later in the week, Miss Virgo and three Year 6 students attended the Bairnsdale West School's Reconciliation Day celebration. Their theme for the day was "We're all the same on the inside".

This year, there were many opportunities to explore and reflect on what reconciliation means at Gippsland Grammar. We thank all of those members of our community who were involved in the various activities at the Bairnsdale, St Anne's and Garnsey Campuses. All of these activities further strengthen our relationships with the aboriginal communities in the Gippsland area.



Photo: Students from the East Gippsland Specialist School at the Bairnsdale Campus Fellowship.

Photo: Mr Nick Moffatt and students during the smoking ceremony at Garnsey Campus.

Equestrian



Photo: Brittany Stead competes at the Knob Reserve.



Photo: Ella O'Doherty, Cohen Wade, Darcy Wade and Brittany Stead at the Interschool Equestrian Challenge at the Knob Reserve.

Stratford Pony Club held its annual Interschool Equestrian Challenge at the Knob Reserve in May, with Gippsland Grammar fielding four teams. The team of Darcy Wade, Brittany Stead, Cohen Wade and Ella O'Doherty won the event, with another team consisting of Elise White, Jemima Smith, Alice Murray and Will Murray coming sixth.

There were some excellent individual performances. Will Murray was Overall Champion (Prep), Lagan Joshi (Reserve Champion-Prep), Ella O'Doherty (Reserve Champion - Year 2), Cohen Wade (Champion - Year 4), Priyanka Joshi (Champion - Year 6), Darcy Wade (Champion - Year 7), Sid Churchman (Reserve Champion - Year 7), Brittany Stead (Champion - Year 8), Elise White (Champion - Year 9) and on a count back, Sofia Perks (Reserve Champion - Year 9). Jaimee Donnelly, Genevieve Pyne, Isabel Pyne, Bryce Morris and Tamara Morris also represented the School well.

Our riders have competed in a variety of events throughout the year. In February, Darcy Wade (Year 7) competed at the Barastoc Horse of the Year show, competing in the Inter School showjumping Competition. Placing in all events, Darcy went on to win Reserve Champion in his section. Darcy was also in the winning composite team. In another event, Caitlyn Fischer (Year 10), competed in the Friends of Ballarat Horse Trials. After lying third in the Dressage, Caitlyn and her horse, Ralphie, jumped clear cross country and showjumping rounds, and won their section. And at the Assumption College showjumping competition, Year 7 student Jaimee Donnelly represented the School well, coming home with placings.

In the June School holidays, the School had eight students from the Garnsey Campus and two from St. Anne's compete in the Equestrian Victoria Interschool Championships at Werribee. There were over 530 riders, making the event a huge State Championship.

Gippsland Grammar entered two teams. Teams could have been between 4 and 10 riders but the team points were calculated using the four highest individual rider results. Our team of Darcy Wade, Cohen Wade, Brittany Stead, Sid Churchman, Holly Webb, Sofia Perks, Emma Hair and Sarah Hair placed 5th out of 43 teams – a tremendous achievement! There were some fantastic individual results and at this stage, we have three riders who have qualified for the National Championships to be held in Perth in early October. Sophie Blay and Quinn Wade also represented the School, and they too, had individual placings.

The School has another strong Equestrian team this year and the future looks bright with so many younger riders competing and enjoying this wonderful sport. Congratulations to all our riders and thank you to the team managers and to all our parents and supporters.



Photo: Sid Churchman competes at Werribee.

Performing Arts



GREASE is the word!

There was a huge 'buzz' around the School when it was announced that Grease would be the 2013 School production. Described as the 'greatest musical of all time', Grease was first performed in February 1972 and since that time, has delighted audiences and performers worldwide. With the release of Grease the movie in 1978, and its subsequent top-selling album, it has become the highest grossing musical in the US to date.

The love story of Danny and Sandy, along with their Rydell High School friends, Rizzo, Kenickie, Frenchy and many more, hit the School stage in late July after many months of rehearsals. The musical had the support of a huge cast and crew, who worked tirelessly to bring the show to the wider School community.

The dedicated staff members who made this student production possible are a wonderful team with great vision and belief in the talent and ability of the students. Our VET Technical Production students once again looked after sound



quality and the Grease band, made up of students and staff members, performed brilliantly to bring the well-known musical score to life.

As the week of the show approached, ticket sales soared and a preliminary show was performed for local schools and elderly citizens. It was wonderful for them to have the opportunity to see a live musical and they all appeared to enjoy themselves immensely. Opening night on 25 July saw the transformed Garnsey Hall full to capacity and the success continued with

the following three shows proving as popular, drawing huge crowds.

Special thanks are extended to the Friends of Performing Arts for their support, catering and helpful assistance and to everyone who came along to see the fabulous production.

Cultural Trips

Japan

During the Easter holidays, fifteen Years 5 and 6 students the from Bairnsdale and St Anne's Campuses attended an eleven day study tour to Japan. The students, travelling with Mrs Jan Chalmer and Mr Evan Lamb, visited beautiful temples and gardens, such as the Gold Pavillion, joined a Karate class with Japanese children, experienced Zen meditation, made fans using traditional stencil printing, visited Tokyo Disneyland and saw Honda's Asimo robot. The trip was a huge step into independence for these students and by all accounts, they were excellent ambassadors for the School.



Photo: Year 5 and 6 students visited the Kenningji Temple in Kyoto.

Arabunna

In the first week of the June holidays, thirteen intrepid travellers from Garnsey Campus headed to Marree in South Australia. This is the centre of Arabunna country and where they spent five days in the desert with Reg Dodd, an Arabunna elder who is a great communicator and repository of wisdom, from his own traditional culture and from the modern world. The group spent their time camped along the Oodnadatta Track and visited many sacred places and places of significance to the traditional owners. At each location, they heard stories old and new, always linked to the theme that we all share a common history. It is hoped this trip will become a regular on the School calendar and plans are underway for another visit in 2014.



Photo: Students and staff with their guide, Reg Dodd.

Vietnam

On the last day of Term one, eighteen students and three teachers set off for Melbourne Airport, headed for Vietnam. This year, the trip was arranged earlier, in an effort to avoid the hot July weather and to see Ho Chi Minh in his mausoleum, which is closed in September. Highlights were a Sapa trek across steep and often slippery terrain, a homestay, a bay cruise, kayaking through a floating village and spending time in Hanoi. A long overnight train trip took the group to Hue for a short visit to the famed citadel, and then they set off by bus to Hoi An, always a highlight of any trip to Vietnam. In Hoi An, the students rode bicycles along quiet lanes, had clothes tailor made, attended cooking school and enjoyed a river cruise and the sights, sounds and smells of the ancient city. A short flight to Ho Chi Minh City was followed by a city tour, shopping at a busy night market and a trip to the Mekong Delta, where the group saw the floating markets and visited some local businesses. Special thanks are extended to the wonderful staff that accompanied the students and made this a memorable experience for all.



Photo: Visiting Ho Chi Minh City.

Relay for Life



Photo: Year 12s at the South Gippsland Relay For Life event at Dumbalk.

Relay For Life began in Australia in 1999 and is now run in every state and territory and raises over \$14 million each year for the fight against cancer. This year, students from the School supported Relay for Life at two events in Gippsland.

In March, twenty Year 11 students and their Head of Year, Mrs Liz Bullers, participated in the Wellington Relay for Life, walking for 19 hours around the Sale Greyhound track. Dressed in fancy dress, they raised \$1,800 for cancer research. The group held several fundraising events in the month leading up to the relay, including a cake stall, lucky lolly jar competition, a BBQ and also sold Relay For Life raffle tickets. Staff and students visited the track over the weekend to support the walkers and a great time was had by all. Thanks are extended to the Boarding House for supplying afternoon tea and also to Mr and Mrs Bullers for supplying a cooked breakfast for the team.

Then in April, an enthusiastic group of Year 12 students, staff and parents participated in the South Gippsland Relay for Life at Dumbalk. The team raised their target of over \$5000 from sponsorship for the Relay and from fundraising events held at School. This amount gives them the opportunity to work with the Cancer Council to decide which research project their funds will support and to name that project.

Both teams enjoyed supporting the Relay For Life for the Cancer Council and we are very proud of their efforts.



Photo: Year 11s during the Relay For Life event at the Sale Greyhound complex.

Old Scholar has the Anzac spirit

Former Gippsland Grammar School Captain, Michael Beard (1981), was the guest speaker at the Anzac Day Fellowship at St Anne's Campus. Having been invited to speak at the annual Anzac Day service at Sale Memorial Hall Cenotaph, Michael, who is now a Captain in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), talked to the young students about pride and the Anzac spirit.

Michael, who is the son of former Principal, Jim Beard, joined the RAN in 1983 and after taking initial officer training, specialised as a hydrographical surveyor in 1989. His naval career spans almost 30 years, with over 20 years' experience at sea. Michael spent a number of years in command of various hydrographic survey ships and was eventually posted to Wollongong to the Australian Hydrographic Office, as the Chief of Staff and Deputy Hydrographer of Australia. His current role in the RAN is Director of Military Personnel Policy.

Talking about the Anzac spirit, Michael explained, "I believe it is a short word for a number of qualities which all of us can use in our everyday lives, not just men and women serving in the Navy, Army and Air Force."

"You know what work you have to do at school and the tasks your parents have asked of you and no matter what difficulties you face ... knuckle down, and get the job down, after which you can reflect and be satisfied by what you have accomplished," he said.

He then added, "It is my eternal wish that Australia will never again be involved in another war or major conflict – and that you will never experience such a terrible thing...in war there are never any true winners."

Following the address, Michael showed off lots of Navy collectables including his parade sword, medals, shipping charts and a photograph of a Japanese submarine wreck that he found off northern Australia in the Timor Sea.



Photo: Captain Michael Beard (1981) at the Anzac Day Service at St Anne's Campus with (L to R): Ben Canfield (Year 1), Emma Meredith (Year 2), Elena Krcevinac (Year 4) and Katy Klose (Year 6).

Students at our Garnsey Campus also had the opportunity to meet with Michael to discuss Navy careers. Old Scholars wishing to visit the School should contact Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315.

Reunion News

The **Class of 2003** is celebrating with a 10 Year reunion on Saturday 30 November. Class mates are invited to come along to The Terrace at The College Lawn Hotel, 36 Greville Street, Prahran from 2pm. This is a casual, afternoon event with the option to stay for dinner. Please email Lucy Vardy to register your attendance at vardy.lucy.e@edumail.vic.gov.au.

The **Class of 1993** will celebrate 20 years at a reunion on Saturday 12 October, 2013 at the Royal Saxon, 545 Church Street, Richmond from 6pm. Drinks at bar prices and bar menu available. Please RSVP by October 1 to: staggs93reunion@hotmail.com

The **Class of 1988** will celebrate a 25 year reunion on Saturday 12 October, 2013 at The Woolshed Pub, Shed 9, T18/161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands. The celebrations commence at 2pm and all members of the 1988 alumni group are warmly invited to attend. Please RSVP to Kate Scott (nee Taylor) at katescott2@bigpond.com or call 0419 354 128.

The **Class of 1983** has a 30 year reunion planned for Saturday 19 October in Melbourne (venue to be advised). Please email Mandy Robinson for further details at: robinson.events@bigpond.com

The **Class of 1973** will celebrate a 40 Year reunion this year. Former School Captain, Colin Peirce, has contacted the School and is now working on a get together of his class mates. Please contact the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315 for further details.

Photos Needed!

The School Archives department requires copies of the following photos:

1971, 1973, 1974, 1975 (Class Photos)

1976 – Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 12, House Captains, Prefects, Sports Captains.

1976 – Junior School photos

1977, 1978 – Junior and Senior Class Photos.

Please contact the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315 if you can assist.

Out and About

Mrs **Kim Baggaley** proudly reports that her sons are all doing well in their chosen careers. **Rob (2006)** is a Police Officer based in Sale. He is married to Kate, a Veterinarian, and they have a son, Patrick. **Ben (2008)** is a qualified mechanic and is on a working holiday around Australia in his Kombi van. He has been on the road for over a year so far. **Tom (2009)** is in the Australian Defence Force in the Armoured Core and has completed three years of his four year contract. He has qualified as a Lance Corporal and is based at Robertson Barracks in Darwin. **Sam (2009)** is a qualified mechanic, working for Rio Tinto as a light vehicle mechanic. He has been living in Tom Price, WA for a year and is also the Health and Safety Representative for his crew.

Jade Membrey (1997) married Wes Willox at the RACV Resort Inverloch on 16 February. Jade had three attendants including, **Tim Martin (1997)**, who was her 'bridesman.' The wedding was attended by 104 guests, who enjoyed the reception and luxurious accommodation at the beautiful coastal resort. Jade and Wes are enjoying living at their small farm on the outskirts of Sale and Jade has returned to her old School, where she now works as the Assistant to the Registrar.



Photo: Jade and Wes Willox and their wedding party at RACV Resort, Inverloch.

Scott Rettino (2008) graduated from RMIT City Campus at a ceremony held at Etihad Stadium in December 2012, receiving a Bachelor of Business (Accountancy) with Distinction. Scott was successful in gaining a two year traineeship at Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) which he undertook whilst completing his university degree. He has now been offered a full time graduate position with PWC. Scott spent time travelling throughout the United States and South America following his graduation and commenced employment with PWC in March this year.



Photo: Scott Rettino

Andrew White (1975) was the recipient of the 2012 John Studdy Award, given annually by Multiple Sclerosis Australia (MSA). The Award is the MSA's most prestigious, given in recognition of outstanding, long service to people living with MS. He said, via email, "I feel very privileged to have been presented with the 2012 John Studdy Award by MS Australia. The work that I have been able to do has been a great pleasure and rewarding for me and so to receive this recognition was both a great surprise and honour." Congratulations, Andrew!

Kaiti Williams (2001) married Mem Bektas on 16 January at the Intercontinental Baan Taling Ngam Resort on the Thai island of Koh Samui. They were joined by fifty friends and family for a week of celebrations. Amongst the guests were a number of Old Scholars, including Lisa McKay (Crawford - 2001), Elizabeth Plunkett (2001), Penny Andrew (2001), Trent Norkus (2004), Tamsin Williams (2004), Barb Chalmer (1972), Beth Timmerye (Bowman - 1972), Cheryl McFarlane (Coughlan - 1972) and mother of the bride, Jenny Williams (Roberts - 1972). The wedding included a Thai feast, fireworks and hours of dancing and featured a special guest - a baby elephant. Kaiti is a chiropractor, dividing her time between her own practice in Brighton and Todd Chiropractic in Sale and Warragul.

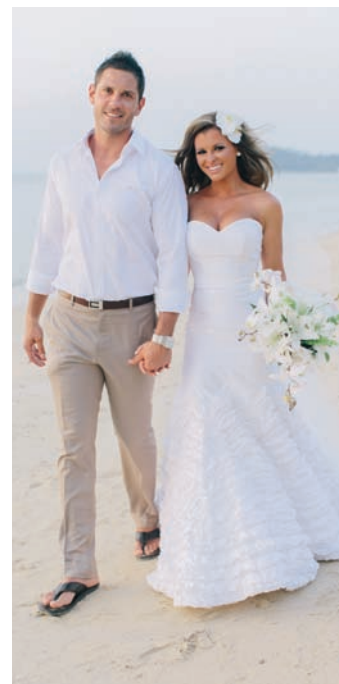


Photo: Kaiti Williams and Mem Bektas were married in Thailand in January.

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Clytie Berry (nee Missen - 1940) passed away on 27 April 2013. Clytie enjoyed attending St Anne's Day functions and will be sadly missed by her old School friends.

Geoff Buultjens passed away on 5 April 2013. Geoff was a former teacher and Boarding House master of the School. Sincere condolences are extended to Geoff's family, especially his children Tania (1983), Grant (1984), and Caroline (1991).

Timothy Wright (1992) passed away on 18 December 2011 as the result of an accident. Sincere condolences are extended to Timothy's family, especially his siblings Georgina (1994) and Benjamin (1997).

Mr Frank Johnson passed away on 20 May 2013. Mr Johnson was a long-serving member of the School Board from 1977 to 1993, and former registrar of the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland.

Celebrating St Anne's Day

Old Scholars enjoyed a special St Anne's Day Fellowship on Friday 26 July at Lorna Sparrow Hall. Guests enjoyed an array of musical items and readings, presented by our current students, followed by a luncheon in the library. This year we welcomed former student and staff member, Jan Saville, as guest speaker. Jan reminisced about her student days at St Anne's, and how honoured she was to come back as a Physical Education teacher, under the leadership of Miss Sparrow. She

also asked the current students to look at the person standing next to them and try to imagine how they will look in sixty years! Before luncheon was served, the Old Scholars enjoyed looking through the photographic displays, with Jan being able to identify her mother in a photograph from 1954.

Special thanks are extended to everyone for attending this year's celebration and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2014, when we celebrate another milestone - 90 Years of St Anne's!



Photo: Back Row (L to R): Margaret Mynard (Davis), Gwen Dyer (Derham), Heather Stewart (Scott), Marion Hector (Traill), Cynthia Freshwater, Greg Thompson (Head of St Anne's Campus), Joy Brand (Saxton), Val Jones, Sue Eppelstun (Haase), Joan Foat (Kingchurch).

Second Row (L to R): Helena Savage (Connley), Lesley Edwards (Mynard), Nola Soutar (Taylor), Anne Archbold (Mackinnon), Barbara Roche (Kent), Jean East (Minchin), Jenny MacLeod (Simpson), Bev Cook (Hayward).

Front Row (L to R): Thelma Langshaw (Boucher), Judy Short (Westcott), Jan Saville, Hilary Rash (Richards), Julie Stothers (Hine), Marion Atherstone (Cross), Esma Faithfull (Sam).



Photo Left: Helena Savage (Connley) with her granddaughter, Keely Robertson (Year 6).



Photo Right: Jan Saville and Julie Stothers (Hine) enjoyed catching up on St Anne's Day.



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