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Celebrating 90 Years

Year 2 students at St Anne's Campus made commemorative bunting to celebrate the School's 90th anniversary. The bunting will be placed in safe keeping until their Year 12 Valedictory Dinner in 2024, when the School celebrates its Centenary.



90 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

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From the Principal

Welcome to our spring edition of Veritas. Spring is an optimistic time within the seasonal calendar, as we begin to experience warmer weather and the thought of long, hot summer days are tantalisingly close. Spring is also a very busy time at schools as we farewell our Year 12 students, conduct examinations, finalise assessments, write reports and prepare in earnest for the year ahead. As a School, our planning for 2015 began many months ago. Our staffing is nearly complete and new timetables are being finalised. Our building project is moving ahead swiftly, with designs complete and hopefully a builder appointed before the New Year. We are hopeful to complete the new gymnasium at Garnsey Campus by the end of Term 3, 2015.

As a School, we are also preparing our School goals for 2015 and in particular our School improvement plan. As we head into the second year of our strategic plan, Gippsland Grammar with students @ the centre, it is timely to reflect on our goals for this year and measure our success. In each of the eight key areas described in our strategic plan, we have set and achieved goals throughout 2014. Of particular note are the following:

- In accordance with the research of Jon Hattie, we have embedded explicit learning intentions and success criteria in all of our classes
- Our staff have integrated the AITSL standards into their Professional Learning Projects throughout this year
- We have developed a draft educational model, Academic Care, and begun introducing the concepts of this model to staff. We are using this model to derive our School goals for 2015
- We have implemented an Employee Assistance Program for our staff

- We have developed the Garnsey Quadrangle and refurbished rooms 14 & 15
- We continue to strengthen our commitment to various community groups and charities across all three campuses. In particular we have strengthened our commitment towards our sporting bodies, SEISA and ICCES
- We continue to use data to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses and our academic data continues to show improvement throughout 2014
- Our marketing and financial strategies have helped the School to strengthen its financial position and improve student numbers

A major focus for the School in 2015 will be the finalisation and implementation of our educational model, Academic Care at Gippsland Grammar. This model attempts to define what we believe are best practice strategies to achieve improved learning outcomes for all of our students. It is based on the premise that there are three essential components to a holistic education, these are; the curriculum, teaching and learning and student wellbeing. Our model attempts to define the principles within each of these areas that are required for an outstanding Gippsland Grammar education. I look forward to sharing the details of this model and our goals regarding this model, with the broader community in 2015.

Once again, I hope you enjoy this edition of Veritas and all of the achievements reported within. As always, I am forever proud of our students and thankful to our staff.

David Baker
Principal



Gippsland Grammar's Chaplain, Reverend Jon Taylor, was ordained as a Priest at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Sale on Saturday 8 November. This was an incredibly special moment for Jon, his family and the School; however, it was made even more special to have the Archbishop of Melbourne and Primate of the Anglican Church in Australia, The Most Reverend Philip Freier, as the ordaining Bishop. Two other members of the School community were also ordained on this special day; Reverend Rich Lanham (Assistant Minister at St Paul's Cathedral) and former staff member, Reverend Heather McDougall-Toms (Chaplain - Fulham Correctional Centre and Sale Hospital).

Photo (L to R): Ms Jan Henry, Alex Trett (Year 11), Ross Anderson (Year 11), Reverend Rich Lanham, The Most Reverend Philip Freier, Reverend Jon Taylor, Jade Simpson-Page (Year 11), Mr David Baker and Tessa Coy (Year 11).



\$500,000 for new Sporting Complex

The Gippsland Grammar Foundation has been supporting the School since 1985. The Foundation and its fundraising ventures are critical to the School's ability to plan for a future that sees Gippsland Grammar at the forefront of educational providers in the greater Gippsland area. The giving ethic and foresight of those before us enable current students to enjoy up to date facilities that are not provided through School fees alone.

This year, as we celebrate the 90th anniversary of our School, you are invited to support the School's Master Plan for the Garnsey Campus, which will provide a way forward over the next ten years.

Stage one is to build a second gymnasium and additional sporting facilities at Garnsey Campus. This will link in with the Laurie Payne Gymnasium to provide a first-class sporting complex and will also provide an area for larger functions. Work is expected to be completed by the end of 2015.

This is a huge project and one which will benefit all students who attend the Garnsey Campus in the coming years. The Foundation committee recently pledged \$500,000 towards the new sporting complex, and invites every member of the School community to support this major building project. Participation is the key. All gifts, large and small, are sincerely valued.

Gifts to the Foundation Building Fund are tax deductible and donors will be recognised (unless otherwise requested). To make a donation, please complete and return the donor information on the back of the mailing label of this issue of Veritas. Alternatively, you may wish to contact the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315 or email: meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au. Cheques should be made payable to the Gippsland Grammar Foundation Building Fund and forwarded to The Development Office - PO Box 465, Sale Vic 3853.

M.A.D August Night a Huge Success!

The Foundation committee would like to thank all donors, parents and friends, who supported the M.A.D August Night auction fundraiser, held at Lorna Sparrow Hall. Over 200 people attended the event, contributing to a total of \$20,000 being raised for the Building Fund. The highest selling auction item was a Flight Simulator Experience, which sold to a lucky bidder for \$2,550. The now famous 'Bling Ring' was sold out within 30 minutes and won by Mrs Jacqui Ingram. It was a

fabulous night, with musical entertainment by The Soutanas and supper prepared by our own VET Hospitality students. Many thanks to our auctioneer, Mr Stephen Chalmer, our Old Scholar bartenders, and all those who worked behind the scenes to help make the night a huge success.

Meredith Lynch
Development Officer

Defence Force Award

Year 12 student John Lauria, has been awarded an Australia Defence Force Academy Education Award. John has been accepted into the Army as a mechanical engineer and was presented the award in recognition of outstanding achievement exhibited during the recruiting process for entry to the ADFA.

Squadron Leader David Cole from the Defence Force's specialist recruitment team made the announcement during assembly in August.

John received a laptop computer and certificate of his achievements. He will relocate from his home in Sale to Canberra in January, to begin a combined program of military education, fitness training and degree studies.

John's brother Jake (2012), is a craftsman fitter armament, also with the Army.



Photo: John Lauria is presented an Australia Defence Force Academy Education Award by Squadron Leader David Cole while his proud mother, Tracey Lauria looks on.

Griffin's Forest making a difference

On 2 April, Year 7 student Griffin Vollemaere died in a tragic bus accident in East Gippsland.

Griffin was passionate about orangutans and earlier in the year he and his family had decided to adopt an orphan Sumatran orangutan in the hope of making a difference to the critically endangered species in Indonesia.

Now Griffin's Monkey Business Foundation has been established to honour his memory. Griffin's family, friends and School community has been empowered by his dream and through generous donations, a forest in the Sumatran rainforest is being created to save the habitat for the Sumatran Orangutan.

The project aims to plant 3,000 trees in 2014 and 30,000 over the next few years to cover 10 hectares. As the trees grow they will create habitat for many species of endangered animals and plants which have been threatened by deforestation driven by the global demand for palm oil.

Griffin's father Brendan Vollemaere, visited Garnsey Campus in September to update students on the Foundation's efforts. At the same time, students contributed a further \$1,220.80 to the cause, money which had been raised through sausage sizzles and cake stalls at the School.

Mr Vollemaere explained that the Orangutan Information Centre (OIC) would manage the project on the ground in Sumatra to ensure Griffin's Forest in Gunung Leuser National Park was well cared for.

The OIC is based in Medan, North Sumatra, and is actively restoring plantations and vegetation following illegal encroachment of the national park boundaries which resulted in deforestation. Existing projects have planted more than one million trees.

It only costs \$2 to establish a tree in Griffin's Forest. Donations to Griffin's Monkey Business Foundation may be made at any Commonwealth Bank of Australia and locals can keep up to date with progress via Griffin's Forest Facebook page.



Photo: Brendan Vollemaere on behalf of Griffin's Monkey Business Foundation receives a donation from Garnsey Campus students Abby Thomas, Filly Lang and Chloe Mumford.

Cathedral Pantry Appeal

Once again, students and staff from Garnsey Campus have contributed generously to the annual St Paul's Cathedral Pantry Appeal. Each year, our students are encouraged to support those in the community in need, with each class group collecting grocery items in an attempt to win the Pantry Shield Award.

The total weight of food collected at Garnsey campus this year was 1100kg. Year 9 Mitchell donated the most groceries this year, winning the Pantry Shield Award. The food donated by the School community will last the Cathedral Pantry a large proportion of the year.



Photo: (L to R) Year 9 Mitchell was declared the winners of the 2014 Cathedral Pantry Shield, for contributing the largest quantity of food to the Appeal. Michelle Bugbird, Gabi Kerrison, Kate Hamilton, Matthew Vaughan, Breeanna Segafredo, Luke Noble, Mr Jamie Mitchell, Jake Holland, St Paul's Emergency Food Pantry Co-ordinator Christine Morris, Liz Lawrence, Chloe Haylock and Tyson Whelan.



Leading the way in Science

Year 12 student, Daniel Lee, was the sole Victorian (and one of only seven Australians), to attend the Asian Science Camp in September. Daniel's outstanding performance in the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition, placed him in the top 5 percent of participants and earned him a High Distinction.

Daniel was originally selected to attend the World Science Conference in Israel, which due to political unrest, had to be postponed. The chance to attend the Science Camp in Singapore was then offered to the top performers.

Daniel was one of 300 world-wide delegates and described the trip as an amazing experience and quite inspiring. "It was a week of lectures, some of which were very text book science and others that were broader; exploring more general life topics," he said.

Daniel worked hard leading into his final VCE exams and plans to study engineering or architecture next year.



Photo: Daniel Lee attended the 2014 Asian Science Camp.

Budding Scientists to attend Forum

Year 11 students James Gover, Alex Trett, David Ting and Ben McAnulty, will travel to Canberra in January to attend the two-week National Youth Science Forum (NYSF).

The NYSF is a non-profit organisation, which for 30 years has provided students with the opportunity to learn about courses and careers in the sciences. The students will gain a professional skill set to help them further realise their potential.

Rotary International is a major supporter of the forum and as such, hosts the selection process of the applicants. Pupils are put to the test with an interview, impromptu speech, group and social activities, and in some cases examinations.

Maffra Rotary Club will sponsor James Gover, while Alex Trett and Ben McAnulty are being sponsored by Sale Central Rotary Club. David Ting, who lives in East Gippsland is being sponsored by his hometown, Lakes Entrance Rotary Club.



Photo: (L to R) Year 11 students James Gover, Alex Trett, David Ting and Ben McAnulty have been chosen to attend the National Youth Science Forum.

Four of this year's Year 12s, Maddie Howlett, Maggie Taylor, Mike Kerrison and Kayla Gallert, were among the nation's leading students who attended the 2014 forum. They explained that the NYSF program consisted of a mix of scientific, formal, personal development, and social activities.

The program will be run by students from the previous year's NYSF, who have been planning and improving the forum over the course of the year.

Speakers at various forums, debates, seminars and other activities come from outside the science forum, or have been students many years ago.

Whilst in Canberra, the students will stay on campus at The Australian National University's Burgmann College.

Performing Arts

Alice in Wonderland

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, written by Lewis Carroll and adapted by Tim Kelly, was brought to life in July by the Garnsey Campus Performing Arts department. This is the classic tale of a young girl, Alice, who finds herself in the mysterious world of Wonderland. The play followed her escapades, as she met Wonderland's weird and wonderful inhabitants on her quest to reach the Queen's square. With a cast of over 40 dedicated students *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* was a show of vivid colour and unmatched energy.



Above: Amelia Vuillermin (Red Queen) and Millie Dunnnett (Alice).

House Drama Competition

Term 3 was a busy time for the Performing Arts, with Garnsey Campus also hosting the House Drama Competition. Each House held auditions and then set about working on scripts, costumes and rehearsals. This year's theme was 'Bad Ideas', which produced some highly entertaining and quality performances. This year, it was wonderful to welcome Mrs Esther Cribbes back to the School, as the adjudicator. One of the most impressive aspects of the performances was the way students worked together from Year 7 to Year 12 to produce such amazing and entertaining productions.

There were some standout performances rewarded on the day:

Best Play - Blundell Bogong

Production awards:

Best Director - Blundell Bogong, Best Script - Wellington Binks, Best Design - Cranswick Dargo, Best Technical Crew - Wellington Binks, Best Choreography - Tisdall Hotham.

Acting Awards:

Outstanding Lead Actor - Tom Stewart, Outstanding Lead Actress - Olivia Sclater, Outstanding Supporting Actor - Adam Judd, Outstanding Supporting Actress - Amelia Vuillermin, Cameo Performance - Tyson Whelan.

Thanks must go to Ms Cindy Petersen for her guidance and management of the School Production and House Drama Competition. Thanks also to our House Co-ordinators, House Drama Captains and the many people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes.

St Anne's presents... 'Annie Junior'

During Term 3, the St Anne's Campus Music Calendar was largely dominated by the showcase of *Annie Junior*, which included all students from Years 3 to 6. For many, this was the first opportunity to be involved in a musical production but definitely not the last! The production created many invaluable learning opportunities for students, who were able to develop their skills in team work, stage and rehearsal etiquette, vocal projection and script interpretation.

Students, staff and parents all worked together to create a highly successful show, which resulted in two, 'sold out' nights, with over 1000 people coming to Lorna Sparrow Hall to see the spectacular.

As with all School productions, there are many people who work behind the scenes and this show would not have been a success without the support of everyone involved. I would especially like to thank the instrumental teachers and students in the 'Annie Band' - staff members; Colin Iversen, Rosemary Iversen, Katrina Chilcott, Brad Cruickshank, Suzanne Morris, Paul Van Eekelen, Dan McKimm and students; Ross Anderson, Stephanie Poland, Meg Wall and Lucy Harrison. Thank you for your musical talents.

Katie Germaine

Music Co-ordinator St Anne's Campus



Photo: Faith O'Connor, "Annie".



Above: The cast of 'Annie Junior'.

School

Bairnsdale Book Launch

Bairnsdale Campus students have produced a book of heartfelt messages and illustrations about their environmental concerns. Two years in the making and involving more than 150 students, *Our World, Our Voice* was launched in August at the Bairnsdale RSL.

Australian author Jackie French, visited the School inspiring students during their writing, illustrating and publishing journey. As the current Australian Children's Laureate she also wrote the foreword for the 48-page book. She described the message as deeply, wonderfully profound and simply beautiful.

"Our children need this planet. It is where we live, the only home we have," she explained. "Our planet needs our children, as they create our future. To a child, the next step is clear: stop doing what is wrong. Do what is right. We must clean up the mess we have made," Jackie French said.

Our World, Our Voice was entirely funded through sponsorship. Sale proceeds will be donated to Gaia Guardians Environment Trust, an organisation which will involve the students in distributing the funds to environmental projects.

Certified carbon neutral paper was used and students will plant six trees for each tonne of carbon created from the printing of the book.

Our World, Our Voice was awarded \$1000 to help promote the book by Sustainability Victoria's Tidy Towns Awards.



Photo: The book launch of 'Our World, Our Voice' at the Bairnsdale RSL.

Exchange Students Welcomed

The School has continued its longstanding exchange program this year, welcoming 17 girls from Hikarigaoka Girls' High School in Japan, along with 8 students from Lycée Jeanne d'Arc in Caen, France.

These 25 students were wonderful ambassadors for their respective schools and nations and were fine contributors to our School while they were here. With opportunities to participate in classes, sports, visit the junior campuses and

enjoy life as part of an Australian family, the students were very positive about their visit.

We thank our many families who hosted students this year, with special thanks to the Wright family who have supported the program for the last 11 years, welcoming 14 young Japanese women into their home, during that time. Hosting an exchange student and learning about another language and culture, is the next best thing to living overseas!



Photo: Students from Hikarigaoka Girls' High School, Japan



Photo: Students from Lycée Jeanne d'Arc in Caen, France



Photo: Hockey goalie, Simeon Gover.

Country Goalie brings home Gold

Representing Gippsland Grammar and the state, Simeon Gover (Year 7) won gold at the national Under 12 Hockey School Sports Championships, held in Hobart.

Simeon's performance was impeccable, only letting in two goals for the entire tournament, in which Victoria won every one of its games in a round-robin event.

Simeon explained it was quite a coup to be part of such an elite team. He was first nominated by Maffra Hockey Club, part of the East Gippsland Hockey Association, and made it

through three trial sessions to be chosen in the squad of 16. He was the only goalie selected and the only student from the country region.

In preparation for Hobart, Simeon travelled to Melbourne twice a week for training, a huge commitment for such a young sportsman. He initially became involved in the sport two years ago, following in the footsteps of his brothers, Matthew and James.

This term, Simeon played in the Junior State Championships in Adelaide and aims to one day play hockey for Australia's Kookaburras.

Young Golfer aims High

Year 6 student, Piper Stubbs is an up-and-coming golfer who one day hopes to play on the professional circuit. Having first picked up a golf club at age four, Piper now has a handicap of 13, and is known for her swing and the distance she can hit the ball. She trains and plays in Melbourne weekly and hits up to 50 balls into a training net each night. In July, Piper received a junior scholarship to play at the prestigious Huntingdale Golf Course. The scholarship will cover her entry fees for her weekly competition, for the next twelve months. Piper was also awarded the junior 'Gippstar Award' for September.

Piper recently represented Gippsland Grammar and School Sports Victoria, in the under 12 girls' golf team in Brisbane.



Photo: Golfer, Piper Stubbs



Photo: Josh Dunkley is setting his sights on the AFL.

Josh sets his sights on AFL

Josh Dunkley (Year 12) has been selected in the Level 2 Australian Football Academy Squad. As one of 35 players to be chosen, Josh has received a NAB AFL Scholarship for the remainder of 2014 and 2015 and will travel to America in January for an intensive three-week training camp at the AIS, Florida.

A year of playing and enjoying "work-experience" sessions at different AFL clubs as part of the scholarship, will place the rising star in good stead for the 2015 AFL draft.

The talented mid-fielder played this season with Gippsland Power and returned to Sale Football Club to finish off the season. It is Josh's dream to play AFL and he looks certain to be following in the footsteps of his father, Andrew, who played 217 AFL games for the Sydney Swans.

Josh played in the curtain raiser at this year's AFL Grand Final, where he was named Best on Ground. In 2015, Josh will have a GAP year, working at Gippsland Grammar as the Sports assistant.

Gold for William

William Mwangi (Year 6) won gold at the state primary school athletics championships in Melbourne. He outran his opposition to win the 12-13 years, 1500m in a time of 4:52.6min. William also competed in the 200m, placing third in the heat and a commendable fifth in the final. He has been highly competitive in many areas of sport this year and has achieved good standards in his academic studies as well.

In recognition of this, School Sport Victoria presented him an academic and sporting achievement medal. William said he had trained hard to reach this level. "I set my goals, stuck to the plan and on race day, I believed in myself", he said.



Photo: Runner, William Mwangi

Reunions and News

In 1964, the Gippsland Grammar School Junior Football team won the Premiership. In late 2011, Old Scholar and team member, Barry Gray (WA), decided to put the call out to his old team mates and started to organise a football reunion. In October this year, the former team mates got together for a reunion weekend in Sale, to commemorate 50 years since their fabulous win. A reunion dinner was held at O'Neills restaurant and was followed up the next day with morning tea and a tour of Garnsey Campus with Principal, David Baker. Of the original 18 players, 15 were contacted and nine were

able to attend the dinner. One of those unable to attend was Bob Brett. Bob now lives in San Remo, Italy and runs the Bob Brett Tennis Academy. He spent 24 years on the ATP circuit, coaching players such as Boris Becker, Goran Ivanisevic, Andrei Medvedev and others. Just a few weeks prior to the football reunion weekend, Bob was in Melbourne and caught up with one of his old team mates, Bruce Savage. Bob was recently announced as the new player development director at the Lawn Tennis Association, UK.



Photo: Old Scholars, Bob Brett and Bruce Savage.



Photo: Members of the 1964 Gippsland Grammar Junior Football team, enjoyed a tour of Garnsey Campus as part of their reunion weekend. (L to R): Russell Speechley (Melbourne), Robert Bulmer (NSW), Stephen Fiske (NSW), David Baker (Principal), Bill Jessep (Tinamba), Bruce Savage (Sale), Barry Gray (WA), Barry Noble (Briargolong). Absent: Noel Farrington (Cowes), Rod Dunlop (Drouin), Graeme Thexton (Sale) and Peter Jones (Seaspray).

Seeking stories from St Anne's

Our 'old girls' have so many memories of their days at St Anne's and it would be wonderful to have them recorded for posterity. Nella Bacon (nee Leckey) has plans to compile a book of 'St Anne's Memories' and would like to hear from former students who wish to tell their story or share some memories of their days at St Anne's. Nella is particularly interested to hear how the St Anne's experience changed or influenced lives beyond school.

Nella will prepare the material for publication and would like to receive written memories and a photo from each contributor (if possible). She would like all contributions by the end of June 2015. Please send or email your memories and photos to: Mrs Nella Bacon, 7 Babin Place, Cooma North 2630 or email information to alanel@bigpond.com

For further information, please phone Meredith Lynch at Gippsland Grammar on (03) 5143 6315.

Vale

Esma Faithfull (Ah Sam - 1947), passed away peacefully on Tuesday 11 November in Sale, aged 84. Esma was a boarder at St Anne's and enjoyed attending our anniversary celebrations in July. Esma's funeral, at Christ Church Omeo, was conducted by Old Scholar, Reverend Thelma Langshaw (Boucher) and Reverend Heather Blackman of St Arnaud (formerly of Omeo).

Andrew Horsley (2008), passed away on Monday 4 August in Whistler, Canada as the result of an accident. Sincere condolences are extended to our past Principal, Tony Horsley and wife Jenny, Old Scholars, Tim and Sarah and the extended family.

Joye Leech (1956) passed away at her home in Sydney on Tuesday 15 July. Joye, who attended St Anne's as a boarder during Miss Sparrow's leadership, had lived in Sydney for the past fifty years and was always a proud St Anne's girl.



Photo: Maddie Crombie.

Maddie Crombie (2012), returned to Sale in November as part of the prestigious Opera Scholars program, which brought Bizet's great and much loved opera *Carmen*, to St Mary's Hall. Since heading to Melbourne University two years ago, Maddie has made the most of the opportunities afforded her, including being a member of the chorus for the 2013 Melbourne production of Wagner Ring Cycle. Maddie currently studies with Anna Connolly, who is regarded as one of Australia's finest opera singers and teachers of opera and vocal techniques, and whose students have won a raft of major awards over the past decade. Maddie was School Music Captain in 2012, winning the Chynoweth Music Prize and receiving School Colours for Music. She sang in the choir and vocal groups and also played the violin in the School orchestra.

Andrew Rule (1974) was one of 31 journalists, cartoonists and media personalities to be inducted into the Melbourne Press Club Hall of Fame in October. Andrew, who started his career at the Gippsland Times and Maffra Spectator, has written about some of the biggest Australian crimes of the last 30 years and lived to tell the tale. After obtaining an Arts degree in 1978, Andrew commenced writing and reporting at *The Age* (until 1989). In 1992 he moved on to 3AW to produce the breakfast show, returning to work at the *Sunday Age* in 1994. It was here, in 1995, that he won the first of eight Quill Awards (for a profile of jockey, Harry White). In 1996, Andrew won the Perkin Australian Journalist of the Year for a portfolio that included sport, crime and general features, including the Jennifer Tanner story that implicated a serving policeman in two suspicious deaths. He won the Perkin again (and a Gold Walkley) in 2001 for an expose that brought down ATSIC boss Geoff Clark, which to date, is probably the biggest story of his career. He went to the *Good Weekend* magazine as a senior writer in 2003, returned to the *Sunday Age* as deputy editor in 2007, and then went back to 'Flinders Street' (by now in Southbank) in 2011, as an associate editor. Andrew has published over 30 books, including the highly successful 'Chopper' and 'Underbelly' books, which he co-wrote with John Silvester. In the last 20 years, he has covered his share of disasters and big events, including the Port Arthur massacre, the Black Hawk disaster in Townsville, the Papua New Guinea military coup, President Clinton's visit, the Japanese Tsunami, the London Olympics and Royal wedding. Andrew is currently writing a column and features for the *Herald Sun* and has just completed a biography of media mogul, Kerry Stokes.

Sarah Hollonds (2007) married Matthew Amos at Stones of the Yarra Valley in January this year. 120 guests enjoyed the celebrations, including Old Scholars, Chloe Hollonds (2004) and Kirsten Oliver (2007), who were members of the bridal party. Current student, Alice Murray (Year 4) was Sarah's flower girl and Will Murray (Year 1) was the Page boy. Several members of the Class of 2007 attended, including Jacinta Schuback (Ray) Sarah Nelson, Laura Mowat, Bethany Hull, Emma Shoemaker, Teagan Morelli (Saunders), Andrew Young, Clay Tuckett, Jake Bourke and Michael Kinsella. Sarah currently works as a Wellness Co-ordinator at the Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre.



Photo: Sarah Hollonds and Matthew Amos on their wedding day.

Mackenzie Stein (2008) married Keiran Donaldson at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale on 25 October, followed by the reception at the Macalister Room at the newly renovated Criterion Hotel. The happy couple had some of their wedding photos taken at St Anne's Campus, where Mackenzie was once a student and then later a staff member. There were several Old Scholars in the bridal party, including Madelyn Aperloo (2008), Adele Gilding (2008) and Eli Stein (2011). Mackenzie and Keiran will take a short honeymoon and are planning an overseas holiday in Hungary and Greece next year. The newlyweds are living in Sale and Mackenzie currently works at Alan Wilson Insurance Brokers in Traralgon.



Photo: The happy bridal party (L to R) – Adele Gilding, Eli Stein, Mackenzie Stein, Keiran Donaldson, Madelyn Aperloo and Adam Diamond.

News from the Old Scholars

Gippsland Grammar
Old Scholars Association



As part of the Gippsland Grammar 90th anniversary celebrations, the Old Scholars Association is thrilled to announce the establishment of the 'Be Your Potential' Scholarship Fund. This will be a new scholarship that will enable a student who could not for reasons financial, social or otherwise, attend Gippsland Grammar.

The fund, to be officially launched in 2015, will be seeking donations in order to establish a base amount of \$400,000, which will be invested in order to sponsor a student during their schooling years at Gippsland Grammar. The selection criteria will be based on academic strength, but will also focus on a student's ability in extra-curricular activities including music, drama and community leadership.

The Old Scholars Association looks forward to the opportunity to be able to change the course of many lives. Information regarding the 'Be Your Potential' Scholarship Fund will be forwarded to all Old Scholars in the New Year.

The Old Scholars Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month (during term time). The meetings are held at The Star Hotel, Raymond Street in Sale and all Old Scholars are most welcome to attend. The first meeting for 2015 will be held on Tuesday 10 February at 7:00pm.

One of the highlights of the year is the Year 12 BBQ lunch, hosted by the Old Scholars and held at the home of our

Principal, David Baker and his wife, Jane. Each year, the Old Scholars committee enjoys the opportunity to congratulate the Year 12s, wish them 'Good Luck' as they approach their final exams and to welcome them into the ranks of the Old Scholars.

If you wish to make further enquiries about the 'Be Your Potential' Scholarship Fund or about becoming involved in the Old Scholars committee, please contact Meredith Johnston (Wright-Smith - 1978) on 0417 505 364 or Fiona Mills (Neumann - 1995) on (03) 5149 2549.



Photo: Old Scholars committee members, Mrs Nola Soutar (Taylor – 1960), Mrs Hilary Rash (Richards – 1957), Mrs Fiona Mills (Neumann – 1995) and Mrs Meredith Johnston (Wright-Smith – 1978), enjoy the Year 12 BBQ with Mrs Jane Baker.

Arabunna Tour

During week one of the Term two holidays, twelve students, Mr McKimm and I spent five days in Arabunna country with elder, Reg Dodd.

Arabunna country includes the area around Marree and Kati-Thanda - Lake Eyre South in northern South Australia. With Reg as our guide, this area came alive as he took us to special places that tourists to the area rarely see. At Reg's steady pace we visited Lake Eyre, where the bravest of our party swam in the freezing and very salty water. Reg took us to the site of a stone table used for meeting and ceremonial purposes by Aboriginal Australians for unknown millennia. Nearby were thousands of remnants of stone tool making and ancient fireplaces. Reg took us to a spring with button grass and tiny snails left over from when this area experienced a tropical climate. At a different site we were amazed to see a giant fossilised tree on the surface of the desert surrounded by much younger fossilised giant pippis and mussels, revealing the geologic changes over the past 250,000 years in Australia. Throughout our trip, Reg recounted the history of the area including the role of the Afghan cameleers and showed us the site of Australia's first mosque in Marree. He recounted the changes wrought by the coming of the railways, where he and his father both worked.

It was also instructive to hear from Reg about the drying up of many mound springs in the area, as the mining operations at Roxby Downs extract 50 million litres of groundwater per day, with bores bringing water from a wide area. While our days were busy, at night we were greeted with a sky full of stars, meteorites and satellites lighting up the sky. This was an unforgettable experience for all concerned and I thank Mr McKimm and our students for their friendly co-operation and enthusiastic participation in this trip of a lifetime.

Peter Ries



Photo: Arabunna tour group.



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