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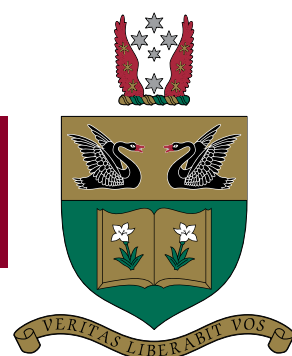
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Photo: Irene Li (Year 6) performs at St Anne's Campus during the Induction Service of School Leaders.

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# From the Principal

Welcome to the first edition of Veritas for 2015. As the School year has well and truly begun and Term One is coming to a close, this edition of Veritas will give you some insight into the busy and exciting beginning to the year we have experienced at Gippsland Grammar. As usual, you will read about the many and varied achievements and activities of our students and the broader community; however, the major focus of this edition of Veritas is the exciting news that we have begun building a new gymnasium at the Garnsey Campus.

As a School, we have worked diligently to ensure that the gymnasium project could go ahead this year. In order to complete the \$2.5 million project, we required support from the Federal Government, the School's Foundation and private benefactors. Without this generous support, the gymnasium would not be possible.

Our builders, B & S Lamble, began in February and all work is currently on time and to budget. The frame of the gymnasium is very visible and the impressive size of the project is becoming apparent. Projects such as this, bring a sense of excitement and change to the School. The students are eagerly waiting to take possession of this new space and are watching impatiently as the structure grows. We are hopeful that the project will be complete in late August.

The new gymnasium offers the school flexibility with regard to our timetable, a state of the art sporting facility within which to host many School and community events and a pastoral space for students to use to escape the extremes of our local weather. The foyer will provide a much needed indoor space for students to use at recess and lunchtime. The sprung wooden floor will ensure that we are providing the best possible venue for basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton and other sports.

We will be able to showcase these events at Garnsey Campus, rather than sending our guest schools to our local community facilities. The space will also provide some flexibility as a large venue for future School events.

The Gymnasium forms the first stage of a master plan for capital developments at Garnsey Campus. With prudent financial management, we hope to begin stage two, a Performing Arts Centre, whilst the current generation of students are attending the School.

I hope that you enjoy this edition of Veritas and I look forward to providing further updates regarding the progress of the Gym.

**David Baker**



(L to R): Mr Steven Scott (Chairman of School Board), Mr David Baker, Ms Jan Henry and Mr Stephen Chalmer (School Board) look over building plans at Garnsey Campus.



Photo : Artist Impression

# Foundation News

This year, the Gippsland Grammar Foundation celebrates 30 years of support of our School. 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.

As the fundraising arm of the School, the Foundation is an incorporated separate body, administered by a voluntary Committee of Management, with members made up of parents, former students, staff and friends of the School. The Foundation fundraises to provide new and improved facilities at the School. Over the years, the Foundation has raised funds for the construction of the Chapel of St Anne, made a significant contribution to the ISC and Science Wing at Garnsey Campus and to the 'new' Blackwood House. Funds have also been raised for the refurbishment of the Lorna Sparrow Hall and Library at St Anne's Campus. At Bairnsdale Campus, the Foundation provided the funds for the roof which covers the basketball court and recently, all campuses have had new signage provided by Foundation funds.

## Are you a Member of the Foundation?

Becoming a Member of the Foundation is easy. Many parents already pay the Voluntary Contribution with School fees and this amount may be applied to the \$1000 required for membership status. Donations for Annual Giving are also taken into account when applying for membership. Members of the Foundation are invited to the AGM each year and may nominate for a position on the Committee of Management. Please contact Meredith Lynch at the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315, if you would like further details of your contributions to date.

## \$500,000 for new Sporting Complex

The Gippsland Grammar Foundation has donated \$500,000 towards the new sporting complex at Garnsey Campus. The cheque was handed over to Principal, Mr David Baker by the Foundation Chair, Mrs Alison Hamilton on Tuesday 3 March. These funds will be a significant contribution towards the School's Master Plan for the Garnsey Campus, providing a way forward over the next ten years. The new complex will link in with the Laurie Payne Gymnasium, providing a first-class sporting complex and area for larger functions. Works are expected to be complete by August. This is a huge project and one which will benefit all students who attend Garnsey Campus in the coming years.

## Making a Donation

The Foundation committee 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 2015 Annual Giving Appeal are tax deductible and donors will be recognised in the Veritas, unless otherwise requested. Gifts of over \$1000 will enable the donor to become a Member of the Foundation and will be noted for posterity within the sporting complex. To make a donation, please complete the donor information on the back of the mailing label of this issue of Veritas, or contact the Development Office on **(03) 5143 6315** or email: **meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au**



Photo: Work in progress at Garnsey Campus.



Photo: Mr David Baker receives a \$500,000 donation from Foundation Chair, Mrs Alison Hamilton.

# VCE Results 2014

We are pleased to announce that Daniel Lee was the Dux of the School for 2014, with an ATAR score of 99.2. Daniel, who was a boarder, achieved four scores over 40 and will study Environments at The University of Melbourne.

These latest results show another strong performance for the School. The School's median ATAR score was 78.25. A total of 12.1% of students achieved a score above 95, placing them in the top 5% of the state. More than 21% of our students were in the top 10% of students in the state with an ATAR score of over 90, while 41.4% of students obtained an ATAR score in excess of 80, placing them in the top 20%. More than 85% of our students placed in the top 50% of the state.

In 2014, seven of the School's top 10 ATARs were scored by girls.

Lilly Walsh from Sale achieved 98.45, Kate Crombie (Metung) 98.2, Isobel Riggall (Tinamba) 98.1, Chloe Wilde (Maffra) 97.5, Kelsey Rettino (Bairnsdale) 97.4, Mike Kerrison (Traralgon) 97.3, Bethany Lamb (Maffra) 97.25, Alistair de Steiger (Bairnsdale) 96.15, Leah Sjerp (Granite Rock) 96 and Angus Rose (Eagle Point) 95.75.

In terms of study scores, Gippsland Grammar's average study score was 31.7.

Close to 10% of the study scores were over 40 and hence will be published on the VCE high achiever's list.

Principal David Baker was thrilled with the results of the 2014 Year 12 cohort.

"Of course we are delighted with the outstanding results attained by our high achieving students; however, there are many other success stories this year not listed in the names and scores above".

"We would like to congratulate all of our students who successfully obtained their VCE or VCAL certificates," Mr Baker said.

## Scholarship News

**Leah Sjerp** (2014) has been offered a \$4,000 Monash Leaders Community Scholarship as an Access Monash Ambassador.

**Kate Crombie** (2014) has been awarded three scholarships to compliment her music performance studies. From the Melbourne Youth Orchestra, she has been awarded the Invergowrie Foundation Scholarship and the Marian and EH Flack Trust Regional Scholarship. These offer Kate a free lesson with a Bassoonist from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and a monetary gift. Kate's successful audition at Melbourne University has won her a \$10,000 Catherine Grace McWilliam Scholarship. This was awarded to Kate as the student with the highest ranking audition for university entrance.

## Students who received an **ATAR** of **90** or above - 2014



Daniel Lee (DUX) 99.20



Lilly Walsh 98.45



Kate Crombie 98.20



Isobel Riggall 98.10



Chloe Wilde 97.50



Kelsey Rettino 97.40



Mike Kerrison 97.30



Bethany Lamb 97.25



Alistair de Steiger 96.15



Leah Sjerp 96.00



Angus Rose 95.75

Cameron Maynard..... 94.95  
 Riordan Davis..... 93.50  
 Hugh Evans..... 93.20

Georgia Dunkley..... 93.05  
 Brendan Brew..... 92.10  
 Maddison Howlett..... 91.70

Charles Rossetti..... 91.15  
 Nicholas McConville..... 90.55  
 Ellen Anderson..... 90.00

# Destinations

**EMMA ABBOTT**  
Biotechnology/Medical Research  
University of Tasmania  
Hobart

**SHAMBAVI ALAGARSWAMI**  
Biomedical Science  
Deakin University  
Burwood

**JAZMIN ALLMAN**  
Human Nutrition  
La Trobe University  
Melbourne

**ELLIE ANDERSON**  
Nutrition Science  
Monash University  
Clayton

**TAMARA BALIKOFF**  
Early Childhood Education & Care  
Partners in Training  
Australia  
Sale

**WADE BARBOUR**  
Environmental Science  
Swinburne University of Technology  
Hawthorn

**AIDAN BARTKOWSKI**  
Information Technology  
Federation University  
Australia  
Melbourne Institute of Technology

**ALYSHA BODMAN**  
Public Relations (Advanced Diploma)  
RMIT University  
City

**ELSA BRAMWELL**  
Nutrition Science  
Monash University  
Clayton

**GRACE BRAMWELL**  
Laws/Policy Studies  
Australian National University  
Canberra

**BRENDAN BREW**  
Science  
The University of Melbourne  
Parkville

**ANNIE BROAD**  
Arts  
Federation University  
Australia  
Gippsland

**THOMAS BROWN**  
Property and Real Estate/  
Commerce  
Deakin University  
Burwood

**JOSEPH CANTWELL**  
Nursing  
Monash University  
Clayton

**DANIEL CLARKE**  
Fine Arts (Contemporary Music)  
The University of Melbourne  
Southbank

**BEN COMMINS**  
Aviation (Pilot) (Degree)  
RMIT University  
Point Cook

**SAMANTHA CONN**  
Commerce  
Deakin University  
Burwood

**KATE CROMBIE**  
Music  
The University of Melbourne  
Parkville

**KATE CUMMING**  
Youth Work  
RMIT University  
City

**RIORDAN DAVIS**  
Politics,  
Philosophy, Economics  
Australian National University  
Canberra

**AL DE STEIGER**  
Commerce  
The University of Melbourne  
Parkville

**CAIDAN DE WIN**  
Fine Arts (Production)  
The University of Melbourne  
Southbank

**MARNIE DELLER**  
Arts/Business  
Monash University  
Caulfield

**EDWARD DILLON**  
Psychology (Applied Science)  
RMIT University  
City

**SIGRID DOSTINE**  
Nursing  
Victoria University  
St Albans

**GEORGIA DUNKLEY**  
International Studies/Media  
University of NSW  
Sydney

**JOSH DUNKLEY**  
Health Science  
Swinburne University of Technology  
Hawthorn

**CAITLIN ENSOR**  
Biomedical Science  
RMIT University  
Bundoora

**HUGH EVANS**  
Laws/Policy Studies  
Australian National University  
Canberra

**JARRYD EVISON-ROSE**  
Drama  
Deakin University  
Burwood

**JORDAN FLANAGAN-CARDILLO**  
Working

**KAYLA GALLERT**  
Biomedical Science  
La Trobe University  
Melbourne

**JACK HAMMOND**  
Engineering-Chemical (Honours)  
RMIT University  
City

**FELICITY HASTHORPE**  
Exercise and Sport Science  
Federation University  
Australia  
Mount Helen

**LEWIS HENDERSON**  
Renewable Energy  
Engineering  
Murdoch University  
WA

**RICHARD HOBSON**  
Arts/Law  
Deakin University  
Burwood

**SAM HOCH**  
Science  
The University of Melbourne  
Parkville

**MADDIE HOWLETT**  
Biomedical Science (Honours)  
University of Queensland  
Brisbane

**ALAN HUA**  
Advertising  
RMIT University  
City

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Australian Catholic University  
Ballarat

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Working

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Australian Institute of Music  
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Australian Catholic University  
Melbourne

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Primary Education  
University of Tasmania  
Launceston

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Parkville

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RMIT University  
City

**BRENTON KUCH**  
Apprenticeship  
Plumbing  
Yarram

**BETH LAMB**  
Environments  
The University of Melbourne  
Parkville

**JOHN LAURIA**  
Mechanical Engineering  
Australian Defence Force  
Academy  
Canberra

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Environments  
The University of Melbourne  
Parkville

**WILL LEE**  
Surveying (Diploma)  
RMIT University  
City

**TIM LLOYD**  
Economics and Finance (Applied)  
RMIT University  
City

**CORDELL LOFTING**  
Arts  
The University of Melbourne  
Parkville

**KATRINA LYON**  
Primary Education  
Federation University  
Australia  
Gippsland

**GEORGIA MACQUEEN**  
Wildlife and Conservation  
Biology  
Deakin University  
Burwood

**MERCEDES MATHEWSON-VARDY**  
Exercise and Sport Science  
Deakin University  
Geelong

**CAMERON MAYNARD**  
Criminology/Law  
Deakin University  
Burwood

**MEG MCCARTHY**  
Business  
Swinburne University of Technology  
Hawthorn

**NICHOLAS MCCONVILLE**  
Commerce/Law  
Deakin University  
Burwood

**LAVINEA MCMILLAN**  
Nursing Practice  
Federation University  
Australia  
Gippsland

**JORDAN MCNAMARA**  
Working

**JAIMIE MITCHELL**  
Chiropractic/Health  
Science  
RMIT University  
Bundoora

**KOLE MITREVSKI**  
Marketing  
La Trobe University  
Melbourne

**CHLOE MUMFORD**  
Arts  
The University of Melbourne  
Parkville

**CRAIG MUNSON**  
Army  
Australian Defence Force  
Kapooka

**ALEX MURPHY**  
Fashion and Textiles  
Merchandising (Associate Degree)  
RMIT University  
Brunswick

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Science  
Monash University  
Clayton

**WILLIAM PATTERSON**  
International Business (Applied) (Degree)  
RMIT University  
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Arts/International Relations  
Australian National University  
Canberra

**OLIVIA PERRIN**  
Public Relations (Advanced Diploma)  
RMIT University  
City

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Communication Design  
Monash University  
Caulfield

**JAMES POLLOCK**  
Science Advanced - Research (Honours)  
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Clayton

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Federation University  
Australia  
Gippsland

**DEMI REDENBACH**  
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Monash University  
Caulfield

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RMIT University  
City

**ISOBEL RIGGALL**  
Arts  
The University of Melbourne  
Parkville

**NICOLAS ROCKS**  
Games and Interactivity  
Swinburne University of Technology  
Hawthorn

**ANGUS ROSE**  
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Clayton

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RMIT University  
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Science (Social Science)  
Swinburne University of Technology  
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Pathology  
La Trobe University  
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Nursing/Business  
Administration  
Australian Catholic University  
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*The Class of 2014 has obtained excellent results.*

*From information available to us, we have compiled a list of courses that have been offered and career paths chosen by the students. If you have additional information regarding 'Destinations', please contact the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315.*

# Our Student Leaders



## 2015 School Prefects

**Standing** (L to R): Lucy Harrison, Stephanie Poland, Jack Wrigglesworth, David Ting, Ben McNulty, Tessa Coy, Samuel O'Hara, Kelsey Weir, Jade Simpson-Page, Gabby Heathcote, Caleb Blok, Alex Trett, Ms Jan Henry (Deputy Principal – Head of Garsey Campus).

**Sitting** (L to R): Brayden Haney and Meg Wall (School Vice Captains), Mr David Baker (Principal), Holly Howes and Ross Anderson (School Captains).

## Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars

Gippsland Grammar Year 11 students, Solomon Jones and Zoe Czempinski have been accepted into The Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars program, offered by the University of Melbourne. This academic enrichment program is designed to support high achieving secondary students and is named in honour of Professor Kwong Lee Dow, a distinguished scholar and former Vice Chancellor of the university.

The program commences in Year 11 and carries through to the first year of university, if recipients choose to study at the University of Melbourne. It offers students the opportunity to engage with the university, through an extensive range of activities and events at the university's Parkville Campus. Solomon and Zoe will have the opportunity to meet other likeminded students, develop their leadership skills, attend VCE revision lectures and get a better understanding of life at university.



Photo: Zoe Czempinski and Solomon Jones

## 2015 School Captains



(L to R): Ross Anderson and Holly Howes (School Captains), Brayden Haney and Meg Wall (School Vice Captains), with Hamish Arnup (Year 1). Hamish participated in the Induction Service of the 2015 Prefects, signing the School pledge book on behalf of our junior students.

## St Anne's Campus

The student leadership group at St Anne's Campus has extended this year, to include two Campus Captains. These student leaders will be role models for all other students in the School and display the Gippsland Grammar 'CLERR' values of Compassion, Leadership, Excellence, Responsibility and Respect. Campus Captains at St Anne's and Bairnsdale will have opportunities during the year to attend special events, make speeches and willingly involve themselves in all aspects of School life.



Photo: St Anne's Campus Captains, Ben Crozier and Irene Li.



Photo: (L to R): Cranswick Dargo – Jordan Misseos (Captain) and Tabitha Manson (Vice Captain), Tisdall Hotham – James Bellenger (Vice Captain) and Hannah Shepherd (Captain), Mr Mark Yeowell (Head of St Anne's Campus), Mr David Baker (Principal), Blundell Bogong – Ben Rich (Captain) and Enola Jefferis (Vice Captain), Wellington Binks – Taryn Grubb (Captain) and Ben Lang (Vice Captain).

## Bairnsdale Campus



Back Row (L to R): Mr David Baker (Principal), Etienne Goessens, Ryan McGee, Lachlan Hindle, Tia Davis-Rijs, Harrison Wilmot, Ashwin Joshi

Front Row (L to R): Miss Amanda Virgo (Head of Bairnsdale Campus), Emily Jackson (Campus Captain), Hannah Ng (Campus Captain), Heidi Heath, Hannah Wilkie-Pitt, Chloe Moy, Ella Johns, Sophie Guinness, Edward Ritchie, Mr Darren Chester MP, Mrs Sally Stevens (Year 6 teacher)

Reverend Tony Wicking (Rector, St John's Anglican Church).  
Absent: Laura Jarvis, Jaime Young and Natasha Muller.



Photo: Bairnsdale Campus Captains: Hannah Ng and Emily Jackson.

# France

At the end of 2014, eight French language students traded their summer holiday for a winter in France. We spent eight weeks in Caen, Normandy, a small city with lots of typical French towns scattered around. Normandy is known for its terrible weather and constant rain, but also its caramel au beurre salé (delicious caramel sauce), cider and of course many cheeses!

Staying with a French family meant we were immersed in the French culture and the language. At times, this was quite challenging, but ultimately everyone's language skills improved significantly.

We attended school from 8am until 5pm, meaning it was dark when we arrived and when we left. Jeanne d'Arc, our sister school, has around 700 students from la seconde (Year 10) to la terminale (Year 12). One huge difference was not wearing uniform - which excited us at first, but we quickly surrendered fashion for comfort. It was extremely hard to get used to not snacking, however most of us visited the local bakeries daily and the main meals were enormous, so we were rarely hungry. For lunch at school we could choose between a baguette and chips or a selection of hot meals with bread and some nice cheese.

School in France was quite intimidating at times but the students were very friendly, constantly making conversation, asking for our help with English and offering theirs with French. In France, instead of choosing individual subjects, a stream is chosen, e.g. literature or science. We all attended classes like Philosophy, Biology, English (the easiest) and French (quite difficult).

We were very fortunate to spend Christmas in France where there were bright decorations in every town. Christmas dinner is eaten on Christmas Eve and consists of several courses. During our trip, we also had the chance to visit places such as Bordeaux, Paris, St Marlo, Mount St Michael and the D-day beaches.

Our two month immersion into the French culture was an unforgettable experience. We greatly improved our French language skills and made memories which will last a life time. We look forward to meeting the new cohort of French students who will be visiting us in July – August this year. School families who wish to host a student, should contact the language department at Gippsland Grammar.

**Holly Wilson**  
Year 12



Photo: Pâtisserie treats



Photo (L to R): Holly Wilson, Kat Pickett, Jade Simpson-Page, Suzannah Emonson, Eleanor Riggall, Kyung Stewart, Sophie Dilks, Lillian McCann.



Photo: The Eiffel Tower



# Rwanda

Since 2011, the Rwanda 'Alternative Schoolies' trip has become an annual event on our School calendar. The original vision was to provide something for Year 12 students in the 'Schoolies' period that offered adventure, challenge and service. In late November last year, 13 students from Gippsland Grammar and St Paul's Anglican Grammar, along with three staff, travelled to Africa, spending almost three weeks in Rwanda and South Africa. There is now a strong relationship between the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland and the Anglican Diocese of Gahini, Rwanda.

The trip included a two-week stay in the village of Gahini, staying in Gippsland House, on the shores of Lake Muhazi. The group was welcomed into the local community and was always amazed by the faith and wonderful hospitality of the Rwandan people. One of the group's first experiences was to go to the local market, in a challenge to be self-sufficient for lunch. They each had a separate food to find, such as nuts, fruit and vegetables.

The 'Schoolies' spent six days of the trip, teaching Maths and English at the local primary school and some helped out at the hospital. Singing was a big highlight, with the group enjoying choir practice with the 'Rays of Hope' choir. Our students taught the choir 'An Irish Blessing', whilst they also learnt a couple of local songs.

With money raised at school during the year, the group donated blackboard paint for the secondary school at Gahini. This was a project requested by our teachers who went to Rwanda in the middle of the year. The students and staff painted ten blackboards and left enough money and paint to complete this project for the whole school.

To mark the special friendship between the people of Gippsland and the people of Gahini, two special gifts were presented during the stay. First, in a lasting memorial to the late Bishop John McIntyre, a collection of 300 books was donated to the public library in Gahini. These were books from Bishop John's private collection, generously donated by his wife, Jan McIntyre. The books, which are now known as

the John McIntyre Library Collection, sit on new shelves (paid for by the parishes of Heyfield and Churchill), along with a framed portrait of Bishop John.

The second gift was the donation of a chalice and paten, provided by St Paul's Anglican Grammar. The Bishop of Gahini had made a special request for the provision of these items, to be used for Holy Communion in the local area. Originally donated to St Paul's by a former Board member, the school was pleased to pass on the items as a symbol of the close ties between them and the Anglican Church in Rwanda. The chalice was presented during a service at the cathedral in Gahini.

The last part of the tour was spent on safari at the Pilanesberg National Park in South Africa. This was another amazing experience for the group and a fabulous ending to a trip of a lifetime.



Photo: Cordell Lofting with some new friends.



Photo: Kelsey Rettino with students at the local primary school.



Photo: Games and singing in Gahini

# House Swimming

After narrowly losing the crown to Tisdall Hotham last year, Wellington Binks was determined to regain the title at the Garnsey Campus House Swimming Carnival. Once again, the results were extremely close, with less than 37 points separating first and fourth positions. The final scores were: Wellington Binks (611), Tisdall Hotham (597), Blundell Bogong (593) and Cranswick Dargo (574).

The Tom Osborne Memorial Trophy for the Medley Relay, was won by Tisdall Hotham, for the fourth year running. The House Spirit Shield, which is awarded at all School events to the House with the greatest participation and encouragement, was won by Cranswick Dargo.

There were two records set on the day: U15 Boys 50m Butterfly (29.9) – Alex Seys and U16 Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay (2:12.45) – Wellington Binks.

The St Anne's House Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday 11 February at the Sale Pool. Hot weather conditions made the water extremely inviting, with all students from Years 1 to 6 participating in the racing and novelty events. The students demonstrated marvellous House spirit and sportsmanship during the day, with the final results being: Tisdall Hotham (32.7), Blundell Bogong (31.7), Wellington Binks (28.3) and Cranswick Dargo (27.7). We thank all our staff and parent helpers who helped organise and run this most enjoyable day.

Max Lazzaro (Year 5), broke two long-standing records on the day: 11y/o Boys Freestyle (36.00 - D Heath, 1990) – M Lazzaro 35.64 and 11y/o Boys Backstroke (45.39 - N Owen, 1993) – M Lazzaro 43.02.

Students at our Bairnsdale Campus enjoyed glorious weather for their House Swimming Carnival on Friday 13 February. The students swam and cheered each other on and showed great spirit through their performance in and out of the pool. It was great to see everyone try their hardest and be proud of their efforts. Again, there was wonderful support from our staff and parents and we thank everyone for contributing their time and helping to make the day a success. The results were: 1st - Cranswick Dargo, 2nd - Blundell Bogong, 3rd - Tisdall Hotham, 4th - Wellington Binks.



Photo: Racing at the Garnsey Campus House Swimming Carnival



Photo: Max Lazzaro (Year 5) broke two swimming records from the 1990s.



Photo: House spirit at the Bairnsdale Swimming Carnival

# Out and About

**Martin Bean (1982)**, is the new Vice-Chancellor and President of RMIT University in Melbourne. Martin has returned to Australia after a five year appointment as Vice Chancellor of The Open University in the UK. Prior to his UK appointment, Martin was General Manager of Microsoft's Worldwide Education Products Group.



**Photo above: Simon Gregory (1985)**, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine and the Director of Genomics at the Duke Molecular Physiology Institute at the Duke University, North Carolina. In November last year, Simon was inducted into the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Volunteer Hall of Fame, for his work to help end the disease that affects more than 2.3 million worldwide. He said "It was an honour to be inducted into the Volunteer Hall of Fame, as I've had a great relationship with the NMSS over the more than ten years I've worked on MS at Duke." He also added, "Above all, I've wanted to convey to people with MS that there are thousands of researchers out there pushing the frontiers of our understanding of the disease and not to give up hope." After graduating from Gippsland Grammar, Simon completed a Bachelor of Science at RMIT in Melbourne and completed his PhD at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute. He now leads two sub-studies of the Murdock Study, Duke's long-term medical research project.

**Tyson Popplestone (2005)** has recently announced his plans to climb Mount Everest in March 2016, on a quest to raise money for the National Stroke Foundation. Teaming up with World Quest Adventures, Tyson is incredibly excited to be aiming for one of his lifetime goals. The trip will take two months to complete, which will allow the appropriate time to acclimatise to the

extreme altitudes they will face. Training is well underway, with Tyson using steep hills and the 1000 steps walking trails to help prepare his legs for the massive climb. If Old Scholars would like to support Tyson's quest, please go to his website: tysonpopplestone.com.

**Photo below: The cover of the 2014 Claresco**, celebrated the impact our school has had on the community throughout the generations. Year 5 student, Oliver Wilson is the grandson of Old Scholar and Gippsland Grammar Foundation member, Garry Leeson (1970) and the son of Joanne Wilson (Leeson 1993). It was a special treat to have three generations of Gippsland Grammar students appear on our 90th anniversary cover.



## Reunion News

### 10 Year Reunion (2005)

The Class of 2005 is planning a reunion for later this year. At this stage, former School Captains, Phoebe Smith and Rob Chapman are considering a date and venue in Sale, with plans for a tour of the school as well. Please email Phoebe Smith for further details at phoebeleesmith@gmail.com

### 20 Year Reunion (1995)

The Class of 1995 will hold their reunion on Saturday 8 August, in Melbourne CBD (venue and time to be confirmed). Please email Kate Baker (nee Anderson) at staggclass95reunion@gmail.com for further information.

### 30 Year Reunion (1985)

The Class of 1985 will hold their reunion on Saturday 5 September, in Melbourne (venue and time to be confirmed). Please email former School Captain, Andrea Ollquist for further details, at: andrea.ollquist@dhs.vic.gov.au

## VALE

**Jake Adams (2013)** of Lakes Entrance, passed away on 26 January 2015. Jake was a well-respected member of the Class of 2013 and is sadly missed by all his friends. Sincere condolences are extended to Jake's parents, Peter and Tanya and his brothers, Sam (Year 12) and Billy (Year 11).

**Gwen Murrell (Burden - 1947)** of Bairnsdale, passed away peacefully on 29 December 2014. Twelve 'Old Girls' from the 1940s were able to attend Gwen's funeral at the Bairnsdale Uniting Church in January. Sincere condolences are extended to Gwen's family and friends.

**Stuart Lawrence (1987)**, of Kaniva and formerly of Bairnsdale, passed away on 14 November 2014. Sincere condolences are extended to Stuart's siblings, Old Scholars, Marlene (1979), Geoff (1982) and John, nieces, Haylee and Tiana (Year 12) and extended family.

**Sandra McNeill (Middleditch - 1964)** passed away on 4 November 2014 after a battle with cancer. Sandra was a proud 'Old Girl' of St Anne's, who enjoyed catching up with school friends and attending reunions and get togethers. Sincere condolences are extended to Sandra's children, Robyn (1989) and John (1991), her sister, Pam Simon (Middleditch - 1969) and extended family.

**Shirley Ward (Anderson - 1946)** passed away suddenly on 7 December 2014, aged 85. Shirley, who lived in Yarram, had three children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Sincere condolences are extended to Shirley's family, and especially her siblings, 'Old Girls', Neville (1947), Judith (1952) and Ruth (1956).

**Margaret Willsmore (Hibbins - 1953)**, on Nichols Point, passed away on 1 March 2015, after a long battle with cancer. Margaret was a proud 'Old Girl' and we extend our sincere condolences to her friends and family.

## Staff Retirements

The School farewelled five long-serving staff members at a garden party, held at the Principal's residence in December. Staff members, Karen Duffield, Rita Eremin, Sue Mills, Pam Pusmucans and Max Toms contributed over 120 years of service between them and leave with fond memories of being part of a very special School 'family'.

**Rita Eremin** began her journey at the School in the 1950s, as a student of St Anne's, under the leadership of the late Miss Lorna Sparrow. She joined the staff in 1980 as a careers advisor and later held the role of VCE co-ordinator. Rita is a past president of the Old Scholar's Association and for the last fifteen years, has been Head of Boarding. Rita has cared for hundreds of our boarders and seen the boarding house and facilities change remarkably over the years.

**Pam Pusmucans** joined the staff at St Anne's in 1981, working in the library and later transferring to Garnsey Campus in 1990. Pam has seen the expansion of our libraries at both Sale campuses and performed numerous tasks such as cataloguing and stock control and also implemented a keyboard familiarisation course for Year 7 students.

**Max Toms** joined the staff at Garnsey Campus in 1988 as a Graphic Communication and Art teacher. He has a strong

interest and skills in student welfare and pastoral care and has been Head of Year, Rowing co-ordinator and Extras co-ordinator.

**Sue Mills** joined the school's cleaning and maintenance team in 1990, with **Karen Duffield** commencing in 2005. Between them, they have seen many early mornings, keeping the classrooms and facilities in immaculate condition.

Staff and students of the School, wish them all a long and happy retirement.



Photo: (L to R) Rita Eremin, Pam Pusmucans, Max Toms, Karen Duffield and Sue Mills.

## Clean up Australia Day

Clean up Australia Day was introduced as a nationwide community event in 1990. Twenty-five years later, schools and community organisations are still getting involved and it's estimated that around 288,000 tonnes of rubbish have been removed from bushland, parks and waterways over the years. This year, students from Bairnsdale and St Anne's Campuses showed their support for the cause, by participating in School's Clean up Day, on Friday 27 February.



Photo: Clean up at Lake Guthridge, Sale.

## 1994 Reunion

The Class of 1994 celebrated their 20 year reunion in Melbourne, late last year. It was an enjoyable occasion, attended by a large group of Old Scholars.



From left to right : Tammy Guy, Christina Murphy, Jade Rowarth, Kim Berman (Hardman), Jenny O'Donohoe (Page), Vivienne Murphy, Sarah Farrell (Stothers), Emma Rippon (Wilson), Tim Croke, Jillian Hill (Burston), Gareth Benson, Tom Parry, Georgina Umlauff (Rintoul), Samantha Corrie (Pennell), Simon Holloway, Emily Wrigglesworth, Charles Nancarrow, Mark Steer, Shona Reidy (McBride), Lisa Kidd (Pummeroy), Nicola Sampson (Glassey).



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