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Official opening of the Laurie Payne Sports Centre

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From the Principal

It is with great pride that I read through the articles that make up the content of this edition of Veritas. As I read, I found myself drawn to the many and varied stories from within the School community. There are stories of the many opportunities our students enjoy as they embark on adventures both within our local area and overseas. There are stories of landmark points in the history of our School and the coming together of our community to celebrate. There are stories of achievement and stories of sorrow and most importantly there is an ever present and very healthy connection with the past.

The culture of our School pervades every aspect of our community and comes through very clearly in each of these articles. We describe ourselves as an Anglican Community School of opportunity and excellence and this description is very evident in the following pages. We believe strongly that is it through opportunities and experiences that our students are able to find their passions, their strengths and also their true identity. It is through these experiences that they will find their own level of personal excellence and it is through these opportunities that they will form lifelong connections with other students, staff and the School. In a world where pessimism can easily dominate and permeate the thinking of young people, it is reassuring to read with optimism of the adventures and achievements of members of our community.

I would like to specifically mention two events within these pages that will be firmly cemented in the history of our School.

The opening of the Laurie Payne Sports Centre and the celebration of ten years since the beginning of our Bairnsdale Campus. I am very proud to have been a part of both of these celebrations and I am also very honoured to have shared these occasions with some of the great characters and leaders from the School's past. Our new Sports Centre has changed the dynamic of the Garnsey Campus and it is gratifying to see our students engage with this space in such a passionate manner. It was also very humbling to attend the Bairnsdale 10 Year celebration with Mr Mike Clapper and hear him speak about his vision for a school overlooking the river. He was very proud to see what the Bairnsdale Campus has become and happy to be welcomed back into this wonderful community.

I am thrilled to see a very active and engaged community of Old Scholars who continue to be bound together in friendships formed during their time at St Anne's or Gippsland Grammar. I encourage all of our Old Scholars to attend reunions as they happen and if in Sale, attend an Old Scholars Executive meeting. These meetings are open to all Old Scholars and are always very welcoming and fun, particularly if you like a good 'parma'.

I do hope you enjoy this edition of Veritas and remember Veritas Liberabit Vos.

David Baker

Swannies 2015

Congratulations to Claudia Klose (Year 10) and Jeremy Gunther (Year 9), who have been awarded the prestigious Swannie Award for debating. The Swannie Awards recognise the achievements of the best speakers in the Debaters Association of Victoria, Schools Competition.

This year, more than 10,000 students were involved in the Schools Competition. Over 1400 teams, representing 271 schools competed to win fewer than 100 Swannie Awards.

The Awards are given to the speakers in each region and grade who have the highest average speaker score after completing at least three debates during the year. Claudia, who was competing in 'C Grade' and Jeremy in 'D Grade', competed in the Berwick Region. This is Claudia's second Swannie, after also being awarded one in 2014. To finish a great debating season, Jeremy was also nominated amongst the top ten debaters in Victoria for his Grade.

The Swannie Awards are named after Alan Swanwick, one of Victoria's great debaters and adjudicators, and co-author of the Australia-Asia Debating Guide.



Photo: Swannie Award winners, Claudia Klose (Year 10) and Jeremy Gunther (Year 9).

A message of hope and optimism

The World Vision 40 Hour Famine has helped millions of people in over 26 countries overcome hunger and malnutrition. 2015 marked the 40th anniversary of the 40 Hour Famine, a cause our students have gladly supported over the years.

In August, we were pleased to welcome Chief Executive Officer of World Vision, Rev. Tim Costello, to the School. This special visit focussed on 'Hope and where it is found in our world today'. His message to our students was a message of hope and optimism, however, he encouraged them to develop a more global perspective and also to understand better, the concept of racism and its impact on people around the globe. Rev. Costello congratulated the School and Rev. Taylor for our

commitment to the 40 Hour Famine and also our commitment to continue searching for ways to assist people in need. He was overwhelmed by the passion shown by our students and also their ability to isolate and develop a deep understanding of some of the issues currently flooding the world's media. His aim was not to tell them what to think, rather it was to encourage them to be critical thinkers and to analyse situations carefully before establishing an opinion.

Our students listened intently to Rev. Costello's message and later had the opportunity to speak with him in their classrooms. Members of the community were also invited to hear his message during an evening presentation.



Students pay tribute to Hiroshima victims

On August 6, as tens of thousands of people gathered in Hiroshima, Japan, to mark 70 years since the city was destroyed by the world's first atomic bomb, Gippsland Grammar students also paused to pay tribute to the victims and survivors.

On this day in 1945, an American bomber dropped an atomic bomb over Hiroshima immediately killing 70,000 people and destroying 90 percent of the city's buildings. It's estimated at least another 70,000 died later from radiation exposure.

Teacher of Japanese, Mrs Jan Chalmer explained, "Gippsland Grammar boasts an amazing relationship with Japan through our sister-school Hikarigaoka Girls' High School and students feel a strong connection with these students and their country."

"Learning about and appreciating the country's history is important," she said.

"On the anniversary we took time to reflect, remembering the enormity of what happened 70 years ago in Hiroshima and discussed how the city now focuses on peace."

As a sign of remembrance, students from St Anne's and Bairnsdale made white paper doves and then learned how to fold origami cranes. Students from local primary schools also contributed to the 1400 cranes which were taken to Japan and placed in the Hiroshima Peace Park.



Photo: Staff member, Tomomi Wynne and her daughter Elsa (Year 1), delivered over 1400 origami cranes to the Hiroshima Peace Park. The cranes were a special gift and a sign of peace.

Rowing News

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Peter Campbell to Gippsland Grammar as the Director of Rowing. Peter started his career in rowing as a coxswain at Reading University and held the position of Senior Coxswain for the next 13 years, coxing for a number of clubs and competing in all major regattas during this time. In 2012 he moved to NZ and took on the role of Assistant Head Coach, bringing his club, Avon RC, to multiple National Championship titles, before crossing the water to Australia. During his tenure at Power House Rowing Club, he coached all age groups and abilities, winning events at every level from school to masters at State, National and World Championship regattas. He is looking forward to bringing his experience and passion to Gippsland Grammar as the Director of Rowing.

Our assistant coaches this year are:

Stuart Gordon - Stuart, born and raised in Dubai to Scottish parents, has been an active member of the coaching team at Bath University for the past three seasons, where he enjoyed regular success at National University level. Stuart is also an experienced boatman and is a valuable addition to the coaching team.

Courtney Edmonds - Courtney, from Hertfordshire, finished her Reading University rowing career with Gold medals at the National and European Championship regattas in 2014. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience of High Performance rowing to Gippsland Grammar, and her input will be an intrinsic part of the Senior Squad progression this season.

Katie Woodward - Katie, originally from Scotland, has rowed for the women's squads at Durham University and Thames Rowing Club, two of the largest and most competitive women's rowing institutions in the UK. She has also coached at Durham as the Novice Development Officer and will provide great support for our junior rowers in the coming season.

The new rowing season was officially opened on Saturday 24 October. Rowers and their families enjoyed a BBQ lunch and also witnessed the launch of a new boat, named in honour of former McColl Club President, Vicki Colley.



Photo: (L to R) New rowing staff - Katie Woodward, Stuard Gordon, Courtney Edmonds and Peter Campbell.

'Be Your Potential' Scholarship Fund

The Gippsland Grammar Old Scholars Association would like to announce the 'Be Your Potential' Scholarship Fund, which will provide financial assistance for students who would not be able to attend our School without support. The Scholarship Fund is tax deductible and all Old Scholars and members of the School community are invited to show their support and help provide a legacy for future generations of Gippsland Grammar students. You may donate to the Fund using a cheque, credit card or direct bank deposit. For banking details, please see the cover sheet with this issue of Veritas, or contact the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315.

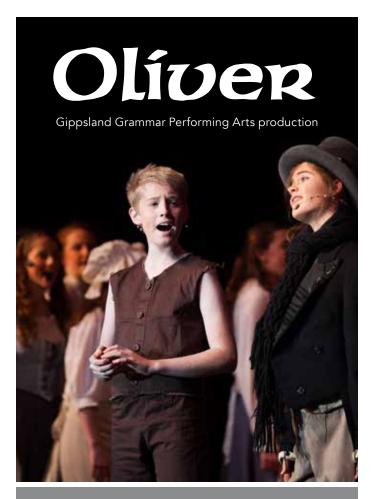
Cheques made payable to the 'Be Your Potential' Scholarship Fund may be forwarded to:

Gippsland Grammar Old Scholars Association 'Be Your Potential' Scholarship Fund PO Box 465 Sale 3853

Photo: On behalf of the Old Scholars Association, Meredith Johnston (Wright-Smith) and Gill Meade (Shaw) presented a cheque for \$10,000 to the 'Be Your Potential' Scholarship Fund.



Drama



Oliver (Edward Guinness) and Artful Dodger (Scarlett Clemens)

2015 has been another eventful year for Drama at Gippsland Grammar. The Gippsland Grammar Performing Arts production of the musical 'Oliver' was a huge success. The talented cast and crew of over 60 students spent six months rehearsing, in order to bring this show to life. During the four shows, over one thousand people were entertained by the story, music and enthusiastic performances of all involved. There was also a great deal of invaluable assistance provided by the lighting and sound crews and it was fantastic to see so many students and staff involved in this year's production.

This year's House Plays were based on the topic

'An Offer You Can't Refuse'. The House Drama Captains came up with four varied interpretations. Cranswick Dargo explored the dangers associated with making a deal with the devil, Wellington Binks presented a twist on some popular fairy tales, Tisdall Hotham took us into the world of spies, and Blundell Bogong proved that some schools can be dangerous places. The four plays were all very different, but they shared the common elements of comedy, dance and great costumes to amuse their audiences.

The results of the House Plays were: 1st Cranswick Dargo, 2nd Tisdall Hotham, 3rd Wellington Binks and 4th Blundell Bogong.







Photo: (L to R) Cranswick Dargo House members - Tyson Whelan, Hannah McCann, Sarika Allen, Hannah Goodison and Brayden Haney, with the House Drama trophy.

Laurie Payne Sports Centre



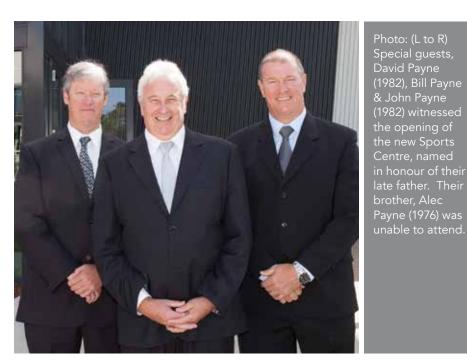
On Wednesday 7 October, the Hon Darren Chester MP and the Bishop of Gippsland, the Right Reverend Kay Goldsworthy, officially opened the new Laurie Payne Sports Centre at Garnsey Campus. The Centre, named in honour of former staff member, the late Laurie Payne, was a wonderful event, attended by our Year 5 - 12 students, staff, donors and members of the wider School community. It was especially pleasing to welcome members of the Payne family, who were suitably impressed with the fabulous, new facility. The unveiling of the official plaque was performed by the Hon Darren Chester and Chairman of the School Board, Mr Steven Scott.

During the Service, Deputy Principal and Head of Garnsey Campus, Ms Jan Henry, spent time reflecting on the life and personality of Laurie Payne. She described a man who was passionate about physical fitness, a former Navy physical trainer, who was tough but fair and always encouraged his students to do their best. The Hon Darren Chester remembered an enthusiastic, loud football coach, who cheered his team with great vigour.

The new Centre links in with the existing gym, providing another full size basketball court, an interactive learning

space, new staff offices and change rooms and a large, multi-use foyer space. A lift has also been installed, giving easy access to our upstairs classrooms for students and staff, when deemed necessary.

We are incredibly proud of our new sporting facility and look forward to it becoming part of the life of our School. The \$2.5 million project received a \$500,000 grant from the Federal Government and \$500,000 from the Gippsland Grammar Foundation. Within the facility, the School Foundation will note major donors, The John Leslie Foundation, the late Mr Allan Johnstone and the late Mrs Pamela Barclay, as well as those who donated \$1000 to the 2015 Annual Giving Program.



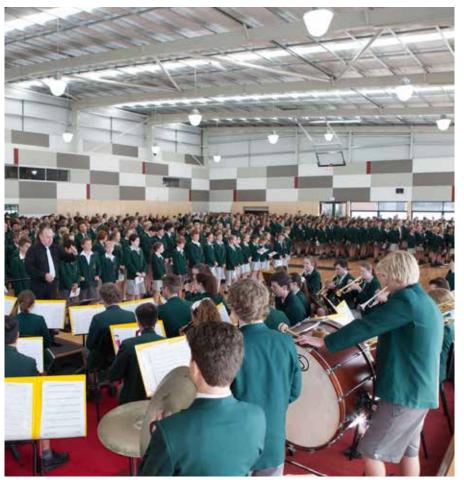




Photo: The Bishop blesses the new Sports Centre, assisted by School Chaplain, Rev. Jon Taylor.



Photo: During the Service, Bill Payne lit a candle for the growth of skill and



Bairnsdale Celebrates 10 Years





Photo: Above and far right: - Fun at the Twilight Fair. Right: Celebrating Bairnsdale's 10th anniversary – (L to R) Archdeacon Edie Ashley, Mr Jim Beard, Mr Mike Clapper, Miss Amanda Virgo and Mrs Kate Arnup





On Friday 9 October, Bairnsdale Campus celebrated ten years since the turning of the first sod on its picturesque site. School Chaplain, Reverend Jon Taylor, led a celebratory Fellowship attended by the students from St Anne's Campus, as well as official guests who have been a part of the journey of the Bairnsdale Campus. It was delightful to welcome back past principals Mr Jim Beard and Mr Mike Clapper, Mrs Kate Arnup, who was the first Head of the Bairnsdale Campus and Archdeacon Edie Ashley, who helped to write the Bairnsdale Campus prayer.

The Garnsey Campus Sinfonietta, the St Anne's Singers and the Bairnsdale Campus Concert Band provided musical entertainment during the service, which was a fitting celebration of this milestone. Enola Jefferis (Year 6), Melody Jefferis (Year 8) and staff member Serena Jefferis, represented each campus as they played Liberty Bell March and the Year 5 students with their ELC pre-prep buddies, sang an adorable rendition of Five Cheeky Monkeys.

Later that evening, students, staff, parents and friends of the School, attended the fabulous 'Twilight Fair'. This was an opportunity to invite the local community to our campus for a terrific evening of fun, good food and celebration. We were thrilled to welcome such a large, happy crowd to our School. We thank everyone for their vision, support, hard work and encouragement since 2005 and look forward to the next ten years.





Photo: In October 2005, Mr Garry Gray and Mr Mike Clapper turned the first sod at the Bairnsdale Campus site.

Dr Dolittle Jr

The elephants were trumpeting, the lions and tigers were roaring and the ducks were quacking, as Bairnsdale Campus Years 3 - 6 students presented their bi-annual musical production, Dr Dolittle Jr.

The story revolves around a doctor in the small fishing village of Puddleby-on-the-Marsh, who prefers animals to people. Taught by his ever faithful parrot, Polynesia, to speak 498 animal languages and accompanied by his human friends, Dr Dolittle sets off to find the legendary, great pink sea snail.

Students at Bairnsdale campus rehearsed from the beginning of the year and devoted many hours to learning the songs



Monty Lowe: Farmer and benefactor

In 1972 the school was the beneficiary of the estate of Montague Herbert (Monty) Lowe, which included a 281 acre property called Cultowa at Denison. Mr Lowe was a highly respected farmer and the gift of his property to the school was extremely generous. The school took possession of the property in 1973 and it was worked by School council member, the late Mr Eric Rowley and others, until the decision was made to sell the property in 1986. It was at this time that the School was planning a new science wing and funds were needed to assist the project. In recognition of the generosity of Mr Lowe, the science wing, which was opened at Garnsey Campus in 1987, was named The Monty Lowe Wing.

A collection of photos of Mr Lowe's farm and a few Lowe family snaps, are stored at the School Archives.

Recently, past-parent Mr Don Williams, donated a collection of early Weekly Times from 1908 – 1922, to the School archives. Mr Williams was a member of the School Council in the early 70s and purchased the papers at Monty Lowe's clearing sale. Amongst the collection are editions from WWI, depicting war portraits and other historical events. The WWI editions have been made available to a Sydney researcher, as the quality of the photos is outstanding and are dearly sought for WWI archival purposes. We thank Mr Williams for the thoughtful donation.

and scenes. They learnt teamwork and co-operation, stage craft and rehearsal and performance etiquette. Teachers and parents helped with costumes, sets and setting up the performance and backstage areas. Of special note were the animal masks, made by the students, with the support and guidance of our art teacher, Mrs Magnuson. The Maintenance team made a huge contribution to the production, as did Mr Van Eekelen, who co-ordinated the sound system.

We thank all the family and friends who came along to the two fabulous performances. The support and assistance from our School community was overwhelming and helped make the show a huge success.

Serena Jefferis Music Co-ordinator - Bairnsdale Campus







Photo: The late Mr Eric Rowley and the late Bishop Chynoweth, at the opening of The Monty Lowe Wing, 1987.

2015 Annual Giving Appeal

This year, the Gippsland Grammar Foundation celebrates thirty 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.

We thank the following donors who contributed to the 2015 Annual Giving Appeal, supporting the School's Master Plan for Garnsey Campus. The new Laurie Payne Sports Centre is a first-class multi-purpose facility, which will benefit all present and future students.

Mr P Adams & Mrs T Adams
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Reunions

Seeking Old Scholars

Are you seeking to connect with old school friends? The Development Office at Gippsland Grammar can assist Old Scholars wishing to get in touch with each other. Please contact Meredith Lynch on (03) 5143 6315 or email meredith.lynch@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au.

We are seeking information on past student, Kaaren Freeman. Kaaren commenced at St Anne's in 1960. If you can provide some information, please contact the Development Office (see above for details).

50 Year Reunion

Don McNaught (1966) would like to hear from Old Boys from the 1964 – 1967 group in regards to a 50 year reunion in 2016. All Old Scholars who attended or graduated from Gippsland Grammar School during these years, are urged to contact Don via email: mczero@ optusnet.com.au or phone the Development Office on (03) 5143 6315 for further details.

40 Year Reunion

Class of 1976 members, Jenny Owen (Haase), Sue Wilkinson (Brown) and Glenys Williamson (Phillips), are planning a 40 year reunion for 2016. The organisers need some assistance to 'find' Old Scholars from this era. Please email Jenny Owen at owenjenn@gmail.com

20 Year Reunion

The Class of 1996 is planning a 20 year reunion in 2016 (tentatively to be held in May). Members of the group may contact former School Captain, Jon McNaught on 0438 545 232, for further details.

10 Year Reunion

The Class of 2006 is planning a 10 year reunion in 2016. Members of the group may contact former School Captain, Erika Lind for details. Email: erika_lind2004@hotmail.com.



Photo: (L to R) Celebrating at the 2013, 20th anniversary of the Chapel of St Anne - Former Principals of Gippsland Grammar, Reverend Charles Sligo, Mr Jim Beard, Mr Campbell Bairstow, with current Deputy Principal and Head of Garnsey Campus, Ms Jan Henry.

VALE

Former Headmaster of Gippsland Grammar, Reverend Charles Sligo, passed away on Saturday 5 September, 2015. Reverend Sligo commenced at the then Gippsland Grammar School in 1970, having come from Brighton Grammar Junior School. In August 1970, a decision was made to amalgamate Gippsland Grammar School with St Anne's and so in January 1971, the St Anne's and Gippsland Grammar School came into being. Reverend Sligo was appointed Principal of the newly formed school, with Miss Lorna Sparrow as Vice-Principal and Headmistress and Mr Tom Binks as Headmaster of the Junior School. Over his time at the school, Reverend Sligo oversaw many changes and his contribution was outstanding. His excellent leadership was reflected in the stable environment that he created and at his final speech night, Reverend Sligo

declared his faith in the school and its ability to survive and thrive. In 1975, Reverend Sligo became the third Headmaster of Ivanhoe Grammar, a position he held until his retirement in 1995. Reverend Sligo is survived by his wife Betty and children, Prue, Graeme and Tim. His funeral service was held on Thursday 10 September at Christ Church, South Yarra.

Beverley Morgan (nee Mitton – 1963) passed away suddenly on 14 October 2015, aged 70. Beverley commenced at St Anne's as a Prep student in 1949 and was in Tisdall House. She enjoyed acting and at school, was renowned for her brilliant performances in the House Plays and local Eisteddfods.

Elsie Thompson (nee Traill – 1947) passed away on 15 August 2015, aged 86. Elsie had lived for some years in a nursing home at Narre Warren. She will be sadly missed by the Green Grubs.

Out and About

Donald McNaught (1966) was one of the original boarders at Gippsland Grammar School, commencing in 1961. After matriculating, he became a stock and station agent and auctioneer. In 1969 he was called up for two years National Service, selected for officer training and served as a Platoon Commander with 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. On completion of his National Service obligation, he elected to remain in the Army in order to achieve his lifelong ambition to be a professional aviator. Don served a total of twenty years with the Australian Army Aviation Corps, flying helicopters and fixed wing aircraft including postings with the RAAF as an instructor. He was a Senior Flying Instructor, a Squadron Commander and attended Command and Staff College. His service included tours of duty in Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Irian Jaya and Papua New Guinea. In 1989, Don resigned from the Australian Defence Force and was employed as a flying instructor and squadron commander for the Royal Saudi Air Force, a position he held for 7 years. Now retired, Don and his wife Elizabeth reside at Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.



Photo: Don McNaught

Elizabeth Newton (2011) was awarded her Bachelor of Science Degree majoring in Zoology and Plant Science from The University of Melbourne, in August. Elizabeth has returned to university this semester, commencing her Masters of Science in Zoology. In 2006, Elizabeth was awarded the inaugural Walter Land Scholarship, which provided full tuition for the course of her academic studies at Gippsland Grammar.



Photo: Flizabeth Newton

2005 Reunion

The Class of 2005 held its 10 year reunion in Sale, in August. The large group commenced their celebrations with a tour of Garnsey Campus and welcome drinks in the JJAJJGAN Theatre. This was followed by a reunion function at the refurbished Criterion Hotel. It was a happy occasion, attended by over 40 Old Scholars.





(L to R) Mandy Hooper, James Cristofaro, Chris Monash and Louise Helleren



(L to R) Tyson Popplestone, Hannah Tracey, Charles Falconer-Pritchard and Tess Kelsey.



Photo: Students outside Osaka Castle.



Photo: (L to R) Former school assistant, Kazuki-sensei, Estelle Wollin, Hannah Ng and Mr Evan Lamb dressed in traditional Japanese outfits.



Photo: Brin Yeowell at the monkey park, Kyoto,

Junior Tour to Japan

During the April School holidays, fifteen students from the St. Anne's and Bairnsdale campuses, travelled to Japan for eleven days. The schedule was jam-packed with amazing sights and experiences, with the students visiting Kyoto, Nara, Osaka, Tokyo and the Hakone region.

Kyoto was the capital city of Japan for 1200 years and has many UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the magnificent Gold Pavilion and Nijo Castle. Accommodation was in a Japanese-style Inn, so students had the opportunity to sleep on futons, on top of tatami mat floors. Whilst in Kyoto, students enjoyed a traditional boat trip down the fast-flowing Hozu River, visited a monkey park and used stencil-dye to decorate a fan.

In Nara, the students visited the world's largest wooden building, Todaiji Temple, with the students marvelling at the huge Buddha statue within. Osaka castle and dressing up in kimono or samurai warrior outfits were highlights of the day in Osaka.

In Tokyo, students were able to join a karate class with Japanese children and had a wonderful party dinner, playing games, singing songs and eating delicious food. They each received a large 'goody bag' and karate T-shirt as gifts. A full day and evening at Disneyland was also a highlight for many.

It is a huge undertaking to organise and conduct an overseas trip for children of this age. For Mrs Jan Chalmer, this was her sixth trip with junior school students. She is thankful for the wonderful support and encouragement from the accompanying staff, Miss Amanda Virgo and Mr Evan Lamb. Whilst exhausted, all students returned with many happy memories and a noted growth in their self-esteem and sense of responsibility.

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