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From The Principal

I was delighted to launch our latest marketing campaign at our annual staff function on 15 September.

In combination with our global positioning statement, 'A Passion for Excellence since 1924' the new campaign—'Plant the Right Seed and Great Things Will Grow'—is a visual manifestation of our belief that every child can flourish with the right level of academic and pastoral support.

Gippsland Grammar is a School where every student is supported to achieve their personal best—in the classroom, on the sporting field, in the arts—wherever their passion lies.



Our teachers work with our students to help them find their special place in the world; we nurture academic and personal growth within a School community that respects effort and endeavour.

But more than just an education, Gippsland Grammar offers a lifestyle which combines academic excellence with unique outdoor experiences in alpine and coastal settings; a wide-ranging sports program, which includes rowing, shooting, athletics, swimming and surfing; an outstanding music and performing arts program - and much more...

Through specialised curricular and co-curricular activities, students learn the values of teamwork, respect for others, independent thinking and resilience. When they

complete their education at Gippsland Grammar, our students are emotionally-intelligent, balanced thinkers, ready to take the next step in their journey of lifelong learning.

Great things do indeed grow at Gippsland Grammar.

FIE Update: *Kate Arnup*

Recently I travelled to Milan as part of my training in Feuerstein's Instrumental Enrichment, which the students sometimes call 'the dots'. Our aim is to assist our students to 'think about their thinking', to expose them to the thinking strategies required to be a successful scholar.

The motto of the Feuerstein Institute is 'Learn to Think, Learn for Life'

I have been learning this program for almost five years now; first as a mediator (able to deliver the program in a classroom), then as a trainer (training teachers to deliver the program).

On my latest trip I had the rewarding experience of working with two 13-year-old boys preparing to begin their transition to secondary school.

Karim was our first student and lived with his twelve-year-old sister and his parents in a poor area of Milan. Karim's mother was bedridden, so his father was the primary carer and income earner. He



worked in a job stacking supermarket shelves every night so that he could take Karim and his sister to school during the day.

Karim had been assessed by a psychologist when he was eight as having a low IQ and was recommended for special classes twice a week. He was to receive only the basics of schooling so he would be able to leave as soon as he was old enough to work in a job similar to his father.

Twice a week, Karim would go to sessions where he was working through the FIE program—learning to

'think about his thinking'. He began to demonstrate that he had a great number of skills and the capacity to learn even the most challenging tasks—if he had the right support and the time to learn.

Karim had learned to THINK. He began to apply what he learnt in FIE to anything that required categorising, analysing, evaluating, predicting, and creating. He may not have been taught the formula for every problem, taught all the content he would ever need in his subjects, but he had learned how to learn.

This is why I believe it is so important that our students and teachers have the opportunity to be involved in Feuerstein's Instrumental Enrichment program. The strategies to extend thinking and develop a student as a lifelong learner can be the gateway to opportunity.

The week ended on a very positive note. Karim and Ardit impressed their supervising tutors so much that they have been recommended for further extension programs in their secondary schooling.

Alumni

Profile:

*Dan Jones, 1999
Filmmaker*

Filmmaker and 1999 alumnus, Dan Jones, co-produced 'All For One', picking up the Audience Award for Best Documentary at the Melbourne International Film Festival this year. The film takes viewers into the world of professional cycling.

We asked Dan about his personal journey to the world stage.

When did you know you wanted to be a filmmaker?

I think I knew just after leaving Gippsland Grammar. Fellow alumni Luke Kerry and I would often write show ideas for our friend Matthew Hardy, who was hosting a program on the Comedy Channel in 2000. We loved doing creative stuff; once I researched film schools I started to take it more seriously.

What did you 'do' after school and how difficult was it to break in to the industry?

After leaving Gippsland Grammar I did a year and a half of Marketing at RMIT, but bombed out due to a lack of application. I then had a year and a half of working odd jobs around Melbourne—from repairing milk crates at Pauls Dairy to making toothpaste. After being fired from the factory for destroying a batch of home brand toothpaste, I applied for film school at JMC Academy in South Melbourne. I studied Digital TV production for two years and loved it.

I was always looking at the bigger picture and knew I needed to craft a career for myself, rather than simply apply for a job. So I started my own little production company and made wedding and corporate videos. After I left film school in 2005, I got an amazing opportunity to film the 2005 Tour de France and to make a documentary on it. I've been working mainly in cycling ever since.

What would you recommend to VCE students today wanting a career in film making?

Enjoy what you're doing, particularly at the start. With the advancements in technology it's even easier to produce your own content now, so get out there and produce as much stuff as you can. Team up with likeminded people, start your own little production company and

get creating. It's amazing how many doors open up if you're willing to put in the hours.

What's next for you?

I've recently become a father, so I can't wait for some quality family time in Australia. Work wise, I would love to continue producing documentaries. I think there could be a good story in Australian tennis, we'll see!



Celebrating excellence

Emma Belfield (Year 12) and **Abby Thomas (Year 11)** were selected to complete work experience with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) during the Term 2 school holidays. Education Manager at MSO is Gippsland Grammar Old Scholar, **Lucy Rash (2007)**.

Timothy Valette, Susannah Keily and Cameron Mekken (all from Year 10) were successful in their application to participate in the Monash Scholars Class of 2017-2019.

Monash Scholars is a prestigious program for high achieving secondary school students. The program is offered by Monash University to give potential students a unique head start into university life. It provides opportunities for personal and academic development, gives students the knowledge, skills and confidence to make the right study choices and enables them to build a network of peers, academic, and employment contacts.

Participants are invited to a number of events and activities each year. The time commitment is around 20 hours per year, mostly out of school time.

Tilda Oram (Year 11) was one of just four students to receive an inaugural singing scholarship from the Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEB), Victoria. The scholarship will give Tilda and her teacher, Jenny Candy, access to specialised masterclasses in Melbourne. To be eligible for the scholarship applicants needed to achieve an A or A+ in an AMEB singing exam at grade four or above in 2016.

Claudia Klose (Year 12) was presented with an Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Education Award in August. The ADFA Education Award is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential and academic and sporting achievements during Year 11. Claudia received her award from the Air Force after a lengthy selection process that included an appearance before the Air Force Officer Selection Board. The School was presented with a plaque of recognition, which was accepted by Principal, David Baker, from Wing Commander David Houghton.

Jack Crowe (Year 4) was awarded '10 and under' Age Group Champion at the Sale and District 2017 Athletics Carnival with two firsts, a second and a third.

William Mwangiru (Year



Jack Crowe

9) won a bronze medal representing Victoria at the School Sports Victoria National Cross Country Championships held at Rokeby Police Academy in Hobart, Tasmania in August.

Georgia Steel, Matilda McInnes (Year 6) and **Pippa Young (Year 5)** represented their communities onstage with Melbourne City Ballet when the company performed A Midsummer's Night Dream in Sale in August.



David Baker, Wing Commander David Houghton and Claudia Klose

Ché Buckley (Year 6) will ride from Wangaratta to Bairnsdale, a distance of 312km, which includes going across Mount Hotham, to raise money for cancer research. Ché will start his ride on 20 October and hopes to arrive at Gippsland Grammar in Bairnsdale on Monday 23 October.

If you would like to help Ché raise money to donate to the Cancer Council in an effort to improve research, check out his web page at <https://my-own-way-2016.everydayhero.com/au/che-s-great-alpine-ride-for-cancer>

The Rev. Tony Wicking retired in July from his role at St John's Anglican Church in Bairnsdale. In recognition of his contribution to our School community in Bairnsdale, Tony was presented with a bag of goodies representing the thoughts and feelings of the students. Tony planted a mandarin tree in the School orchard. We hope he will visit to watch his tree grow over the years and wish him many happy times ahead.



Rev. Tony Wicking

Old Scholars

Sophie Crooke (2011) was recently announced as a 2017 State Rural Ambassador Finalist. The Victorian Agricultural Shows' Rural Ambassador Awards highlight and celebrate rural and regional young people, with a particular emphasis on candidates who are involved with their local show. The Awards seek to draw attention to the talent, creativity and ingenuity of young rural Victorians and in doing so encourage the candidates to become engaged citizens across local communities.

Beth Lamb (2014) was recently presented the Bachelor of Environments Dean's Honours Award at Melbourne University for the second year in a row. The award recognises high achieving students ranked in the top 3% of their course.



Beth Lamb

Tim Fedorowysch (2000) has just completed a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Southern Queensland and had earlier completed a Bachelor of Arts (History and Political Science) from the University of New England.

Josh Oliver (2009) After undertaking a gap year at Gippsland Grammar in 2010, Josh has graduated from Monash University with a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering (Honours) and a Bachelor of Commerce. He will attempt the Australian Alpine Walking Track from Walhalla to Canberra this spring before pursuing a career in chemical engineering.

Hannah Stewart (2016) received a VCAL 2016 Student Achievement Award from Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Ms Judith Graley, MP. Hannah's award recognises her work with our St Anne's Campus, her contribution to community service initiatives and her role in the 'Cows Create Careers' program.



Hannah Stewart

Elizabeth Newton (2011) has graduated with a Master of Science (Zoology) from the University of Melbourne during which she researched thermal adaptations of Australian birds.

Elizabeth is currently working on land rehabilitation in outer Melbourne and has commenced a new business venture providing scientific art services. See www.ernewton.com

Tom Derham (1966) 1966 School Captain, Tom Derham, attended a 60's Decade Reunion at the School in 2016 and would like to hear from anyone who would like to contribute to his written reflection on the contribution made to the Gippsland Grammar School by Founding Headmaster, Rev. H. J. (Bert) Neil.

I'm still enjoying reflecting on the past weekend ... an excellent event that was more than just a 'reunion'...I think honouring Bert Neil's contribution to the spirit of the school and our lives is worthy of more effort, and I would like to do that.

I want to invite any past

students and parents, who may not have been contacted as yet, to contribute in whatever way they wish. If people would like to do this or would like to know more about the nature of the project, please contact me via email on: tomderham@ozemail.com.au or by mobile on: 0450 746 051.

Reunions

1997 – 20 Year Reunion, Garnsey Campus, 18 November 2017 from 5pm

Contact Jade Willox (Membrey) on 5143 6354 or by emailing jade.willox@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au

2007 – 10 Year Reunion, 18 November, Edinburgh Gardens, Melbourne

Contact Lucy Rash on 0437 196 976 or by emailing lucy.rash@gmail.com

Vale

James Andrew Threlfall (Jim) Beard

Past Principal, 1975 to 1989; Mr Beard led the School through an extraordinary period of growth and change, which was commemorated with the naming of The James Beard Centre at our

Bairnsdale Campus. He continued to be involved in the life of the School post retirement, attending many Commemoration Days and significant events. He was remembered with affection by family and friends, including many past students and staff, at his Funeral at the Chapel of St Anne at Garnsey Campus on 7 July 2017.



Jim Beard and wife Bev at Bairnsdale Campus

Andrew Casey (1971)

Andrew attended secondary school at Gippsland Grammar and also boarded for a time before securing a boilermaker apprenticeship in Sale. While undertaking his apprenticeship he worked as housemaster at the Boarding School and later returned to the School as a groundsman.

In 1980, Andrew took over the family farm in Bass after his father's death. He later sold the farm and ran his own contracting business, moving to Fish Creek with his wife and daughters. Andrew passed away in August 2017 and is survived by his wife, Lorraine, daughters Nicole and Chantelle, son-in law Tom and grandchildren, Casey and Adelaide.

Susan Johns (1985)

Susan's life was celebrated by family and friends at a memorial service at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Sale on August 9. A much loved local figure admired for her resilience and courage.

Lawrence Lipscombe, 14/9/1924 – 8/7/2017

Past staff member and much loved father, grandfather and great grandfather; 'Laurie' Lipscombe was remembered by family and friends at a service at St Paul's Cathedral in Sale on 14 July. Mr Lipscombe taught woodwork at Garnsey Campus in the 1980's and was a valued member of staff.

The Waverley International Netball Tournament

The tournament is a long standing part of the school netball calendar in Melbourne and began life in the 1990's as the Australasian Games, with schools from Australia and New Zealand competing. Recently the tournament has been known as the Waverley International and has had entries from many Asian countries as well.

Gippsland Grammar has been playing at Waverley for the last ten years or so and our teams have always been very competitive. This year's tournament included teams from across Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Singapore, the Pacific Islands and for the first time, Pakistan. Playing against the international schools and experiencing the different ways they play is always a highlight of the tournament.

The 2017 team had a fantastic event. The girls were keen to back up the third placing they



Left to right – Coach Jane Baker, Caitlin Baker, Layla Simmons, Annabelle Lamb, Tess Maxfield, captain Emily Morrison, Meg Jones, Mia Simmons, Nellie Hunt, Meg Gordyn, Ella Baker-Horan and team manager, Paige Biddle

achieved in 2016. We began the tournament with two days of pool games and came through some very tough competition undefeated, which meant we were ranked number one in our semi-final pool for Thursday. Again we managed to win all three semi-final pool games and went into the play off for first to fourth on Friday.

As the fourth ranked team we came up against Tennyson Woods Sport High School from South Australia and they were too good for us in our preliminary final. We then played Box Hill Senior

Secondary School and lost narrowly to finish fourth overall. This was a fantastic effort and one we are very proud of. The three schools above us all run specialist netball programs.

For the netballers, playing at Waverley is a highlight of their school sports experience and a number of players have competed over a number of years in the tournament. This year's team was wonderfully led by Emily Morrison who, despite suffering a ruptured Achilles tendon early this year, led the team from the sidelines throughout their Monday

night season and through the Waverley and SEISA matches. Thanks to Paige Biddle for her assistance and to the many family and friends who supported the team throughout the week.

This year's team consisted of: Emily Morrison (Captain), Caitlin Baker (Vice-Captain), Meg Gordyn, Layla Simmons, Tess Maxfield, Annabelle Lamb, Nellie Hunt, Ella Baker-Horan, Mia Simmons and Meg Jones.

Jane Baker, Coach

From the Boatshed

As athletes in the Gippsland Grammar Rowing Program our focus is simple—learn to love the sport, have fun rowing fast, challenge yourself to be the best you can be and train with a passion for excellence—the results will take care of themselves.

The 2016-2017 season was a tremendously successful one.

Our junior rowing squad grew from 12 athletes in 2015 to 23 this season. Our coaching team was tasked with ensuring our juniors thoroughly enjoyed their introduction to rowing so that we could retain as many as possible. We are pleased to see 19 returning to the program at the start of the 2017 season. The future is bright for these athletes as they take on their second year of rowing. They will find themselves in a position of responsibility as they become the role models to the new intake of junior rowers who'll join as the "next generation of excellence".

The intermediates enjoyed a hugely successful season and can look back on this past year with a sense of achievement. Lilian Tesselaar finishes the year as State Champion in the single scull. The enigmatic year 10 duo of Ailish McGrath and Hollie Rowand can be proud of their silver medal from the State Championships and their fourth place finish at Head of the School Girls in the Open double! Our top performing intermediate girl, Paige Barr, took home Gold at the Victorian State Championships, and Silver from the Head of the School Girls. She has set her sights on competing as a senior this season, and is poised for a great season.

Our intermediate boys were part of something greater than themselves as they formed a composite Under 17 crew with Patrick Horne from Bairnsdale Rowing Club. This cooperative relationship between our two regional clubs is a sign that rowing is growing in Gippsland. James Thompson, Lachlan Wilmot, Campbell Czempinski and Miya Hancock are part of that growth and can be proud of their medal winning performances this year, which included Bronze

in the Open Quad and Bronze in the Under 17 Quad at the Victorian State Championships.

The more experienced male athletes in the Senior Men's squad had differing experiences. Harley Kewish, fresh from being one of the top performers in 2016, struggled with injury for part of the season but pulled through to achieve fourth place at States. A significant achievement, and certainly not the end of his story I hope! Will Lamb and Harry Broad showed great maturity and leadership as they trained throughout the season. They demonstrated important virtues of teamwork,

positivity and enthusiasm. Will Lamb returns to rowing for his final season and will be a great role model for our next generation to look up to. Harry Broad, Men's Senior Captain, was presented with the Ambassador of the Year award (the highest honour bestowed on any athlete in this program) in recognition of his willingness to help and support those around him, his open minded approach to learning and developing as an athlete and his personal pursuit of excellence. Jack McGrath finished the season with Gold at the Victorian State Championships in the School Boy Single and 16th at Nationals.



Johanna Striegel may well be the story of the season. She joined the school as an exchange student from Germany and became an instant hit. She decided to have a go at rowing and fell in love with the sport, forming a powerful friendship with her crew mate, Kate O'Donnell. The pair finished fourth overall at the State Championships and fifth at Head of the School Girls. Considering Johanna had only started rowing a few months beforehand, this was an incredible result. Johanna has sadly left us to return to Germany and we wish her every success back at home. Kate O'Donnell

returns for her final season as a Senior rower, and will train alongside Paige in the Senior women's squad.

While for many, the season finished at the end of Term 1, for Jess Thompson it was a different ending! Jess won Bronze at States, Silver at Head of the School Girls and finished fifth overall at Nationals (the highest ranked Victorian in the event). These performances earned Jess an invitation to trial for Victoria where she successfully earned a seat in the Victorian Junior Women's Pathway 8, bound for the Australian Rowing Team trials in

Sydney in April. At trials, the Victorians powered away in front of the field and clocked the qualifying time necessary to be appointed as the Australian Junior Women's 8 for the World Championships in August. At Worlds, Jess and the crew finished ninth overall.

The journey for Jess has epitomised what we stand for at Gippsland Grammar—learn to love the sport, have fun rowing fast, challenge yourself to be the best you can be and train with a passion for excellence—the results will take care of themselves.

For Jess, the ultimate result was earning the right to wear the Green and Gold of the Australian Rowing Team.

For the "next generation of excellence" coming in to the program this year, the journey starts in Term 3. Rowing in this School aims to produce lasting memories of special moments, enduring friendships forged through shared experience, plus a lifelong love of sport and exercise.

Join the program and change your life.

Peter Campbell, Director of Rowing



2016 - 2017
Rowing Squad

Hollywood Calling

Year 12 student, Christine Turra, recently returned from Los Angeles, where she attended the 2017 Summer Conservatory program at the prestigious Stella Adler Academy of Acting and Theatre. The Stella Adler Academy is a world renowned acting school located in the heart of Hollywood, California. Its alumni include famous names like Marlon Brando, Robert DeNiro, Salma Hayek and Benicio Del Toro.

We asked Christine how such an amazing opportunity came about.

How did you become aware of the Stella Adler Academy and what made you decide to audition?

I learnt about the course online; I was interested in getting audition experience before auditioning for universities here in Australia. I had to fly to Sydney in July of 2016 for the audition. It was simple, as I expected it to be, but I was not happy with my performance. Little did I know that some weeks later I would get the

acceptance email. I ended up getting in to the 2017 Summer Conservatory program.

Hollywood is a long way from Gippsland. Where did you stay?

I stayed with another girl in the industry in her apartment in Hollywood for the entire 10 weeks I was there. It was extremely chaotic and busy in LA, so I mostly walked or caught an Uber; the public transport system was not particularly nice.

Who else was in your course and what were the classes like?

Altogether there were 30 students in my course, and we were split into two classes for the summer. The majority of the class was American, with one other Australian, a girl from each of Chile, Puerto Rico, Argentina and France.

I had seven types of classes: two of each class a week and between 2-4 classes a day, depending on the schedule. My classes were On Camera, Acting Technique, Scene Study, Movement, Voice and Speech and Improvisation. The classes were all amazing in their own way, but I was



particularly fond of the On Camera class because I loved the teacher. He is extremely experienced in the industry, having coached the likes of Harvey Keitel, Heath Ledger and worked alongside Meryl Streep.

What will you remember most?

I got so much out of the course, both as an actor and a person and I have grown so much as both. It was a definite once in a lifetime opportunity and while it was tough trying to do the course and keep up with Year 12 here, I wouldn't change anything for the world.

Musical Extravanzas

Our senior students produced and performed The Addams Family to a full house at the beginning of August. In September, the spotlight turned to our Bairnsdale Campus, where our Junior students took to the stage in Around the World in 80 Days-Inspired by Jules Verne.



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