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Our dedicated Year 9 Program provides experiential learning through real world experiences, like this alpine camp.



From The Principal

As I near the end of my sixth year as Principal of Gippsland Grammar, it is pleasing to look back on the growth and development of our School during that time, as well as that of our students.

I was chatting with a senior student this week and we reflected on the first time we met, when he was a student at our Junior School, and how far he had come during his time at Gippsland Grammar. His growth has not just been physical; he has grown as a person, as a learner and as a leader within our School. It was rewarding to hear him speak about how our School has helped him to become the emotionally intelligent and socially

responsible young adult he is today.

As a School, our journey has been very similar. We have grown physically - with new buildings and capital projects; we have grown in maturity and community spirit, as celebrated at our recent Commemoration Day service; and we have grown as an innovative learning organisation, as evidenced by the calibre of our staff and the vocational outcomes of our students.

You will read many examples of growth throughout this issue

of Veritas. You will note updates on our building program, particularly the 3-4 Learning Centre at St Anne's, as well as growth in our learning and development, as illustrated by JAT Beard Scholarship recipient, Mr Kai Dettbarn.

It is pleasing to use this edition of Veritas to reflect on our journey as a School.

I look forward to planning for the next phase of our evolution in 2019.

David Baker
Principal



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Across Campus

Commemoration Day

Gippsland Grammar celebrated Commemoration Day on 6 August with a service to mark the 1970 decision of the councils of the Church of England Girls School and Gippsland Grammar Boys School to amalgamate.

Traditionally recognised as the School's birthday, the service in Garnsey Hall was attended by students from all three campuses, as well as special guests including Board, Foundation, Old Scholars and parent representatives. The theme of this year's service was recognising the role of volunteers, with special mention given to a 'parent and friends' group celebrating 50 years of active fundraising.

The JJAJJGANS, commenced fundraising for the School in 1968 and raised funds for a variety of purposes, including the construction of a School library. There is a theatre at Garnsey Campus named after the JJAJJGANS – an acronym consisting of the first letter of each of the women's Christian names.

The St Anne's and Gippsland Grammar school came into being on 1 January 1971, with the name Gippsland Grammar adopted in 1997.



Tournament of the Minds

Tournament of the Minds provides teams of students the opportunity to solve authentic, open-ended challenges that foster creative, divergent thinking while developing collaborative enterprise, excellence, and teamwork.

Gippsland Grammar Junior students had a great day out at the Regional Final at Federation University, Churchill. Bairnsdale teams were awarded two Special Judges Awards and an Honours, while Team 3 of St Anne's won their division and will now compete at the State Championships in Melbourne.



St Anne's Highlights

Victorian Interschool Snowsports Championships

Louis Lazzaro (Year 3) recently represented Gippsland Grammar at the Victorian Interschool Snowsports Championships and qualified for the 2018 Subaru Australian Interschools Snowsports Championships held in early September. Congratulations Louis!



New Year 3-4 Learning Centre

The construction of our contemporary Year 3-4 Learning Centre is on schedule and looking great! The Gippsland Grammar Foundation contributed five hundred thousand dollars to this project.



Bike Ed Fun!

Bike Ed is for children age 9-13 to develop the skills to ride safely on our roads. It is an important element of our Junior School program and holistic approach to education and wellbeing.



St Anne's Day

A fantastic trip down memory lane. Mrs Barbara Fulton (St Anne's Head Girl, 1966), prepared a speech, which was read by Andrew Crawford (Year 6). Barbara's recollections focused on the official opening of Lorna Sparrow Hall in 1966, attended by 800 guests. Of particular resonance in Barbara's mind was the instruction by Headmistress, Miss Lorna Sparrow, to the students to look after the floor of the hall for future generations – hence the shoe socks ably modelled by Head of St Anne's, Jie Van Berkel.



St Anne's Winter Sports Success

St Anne's netballers made it through to the School Sport Victoria Gippsland Region - Primary Schools, Winter Sports Finals - Mixed Netball. The team of Archer Robinson, Jayde Hall, Georgia Anderson, Leah Roberts, Scarlett Tavasci, Riley Alexander, Sophie McLeod and Olivia Harris came fourth and played with great spirit and fabulous sportsmanship.



Bairnsdale Highlights

BookWeek

The students participated in shared 'buddy' reading, 'Stop, Drop and Read' sessions, a trivia quiz, a match the teacher to their favourite childhood book, a highly expressive mystery reader and a magical book character parade for students from ELC - Year 6.



Science Week

Bairnsdale Preps celebrated Science Week by launching rockets and discussing energy and pressure. Melaleuca and Kurrajong travelled to Melbourne to enjoy the learning opportunities offered by a visit to Scienceworks.



Hikarigaoka Girls High School

Fourteen Japanese students and their teacher, Moko, from Hikarigaoka Girls High School visited Bairnsdale Campus to participate in a Japanese sports day. There were smiles all round as our students delighted in the traditional Japanese sporting activities.



SOLO @ Bairnsdale

Bairnsdale once again welcomed Sophie and Luke from Melbourne University who have been guiding us in the implementation of SOLO Taxonomy. They were highly impressed with our campus, the obvious commitment of our teachers and the students' engagement with SOLO across all curriculum areas.



GippSpell Winner

Pippa Young (Year 6) came first in her year level in the East Gippsland GippSpell competition and went on to regional finals. Well done Pippa.



Prefect Fellowship

The traditional prefect led Fellowship included skill, talent, strong messages about respectful relationships and the importance of being a good role model for others.



Garnsey Highlights

Year 9 Alpine Program

Students base camped at Dinner Plain and spent time snow shoeing and cross country skiing along the trails in the area. Other activities included snow play, shelter building and basic survival skills instruction.



French Exchange Students

'You welcomed us to your school for the past five weeks and we are really grateful... to our host families, which became like a second family for us.'

Victoire, Marine, Julien, Diane, Claire, Roman and Mattheo - Lycee Jeanne D'Arc in Caen



Year 10 Leadership Camp

Students participated in a 3-day leadership retreat at Camp Rumbug in preparation for their senior years at Gippsland Grammar. The students showed great resilience in the cold and wet conditions.



Sister School Visit

Our relationship with our sister school, Hikarigaoka Girls High School, is more than 20 years old and an important element of both our International and Languages programs. The girls have been fine ambassadors for their school and it has been a pleasure to have them with us in Term 3.



Victorian School Clay Target Championships

Gippsland Grammar's shooting team of Aaron Barling, Claire Merry, Hayden Johnston, Robert McNeilly and Lachie Anderson had a stellar season, winning the Victorian Clay Target Championships in September by 15 targets.



Equestrian Success

Ella O'Doherty (Year 7) came second overall at the Interschool Qualifier at Elmore in July.

The Australian Interschool Championships will be held in October. Sidney Churchman (Year 12) will represent Gippsland Grammar for the last time, along with team mates, siblings Alice (Year 8) and Will (Year 5) Murray.



Young Rider of the Year

Darcy Wade (Year 12) was recently named Young Rider of the Year (Showjumping) by Equestrian Victoria. His horse, Westley Maxamillian, is the Jumping Horse of the Year.



Reunions

1988 / 30 Years

13 OCT - 4PM: Chapel of St Anne, Garnsey Campus
6PM: The Criterion, Sale
Jacky Harrap
M: 0419 135 438

2013 / 5 Years

20 OCT - 4PM: Chapel of St Anne, Garnsey Campus
6PM: TBC
Harrison Thackray
M: 0475 306 742

1978 / 40 Years

27 OCT - 2PM: Chapel of St Anne, Garnsey Campus
4PM: Bond St Event Centre
Jenny Martin
M: 0412 500 469

1998 / 20 Years

17 NOV - 4PM: Chapel of St Anne, Garnsey Campus
6PM: Portside Food and Wine, Sale
Sallie Jones
M: 0435 757 047
Molly Work Inglis
M: 0439 565 956

2008 / 10 Years

17 NOV - Melbourne
Chris Riley
M: 0403 819 047

Foundation News

The JAT Beard Travel Scholarship

The Foundation has awarded an annual travel scholarship of \$5000 to staff since 1990, as part of a competitive grant process to create additional opportunities for professional development. The JAT Beard Travel Scholarship is named after the School's second Principal, Mr James (Jim) Andrew Threlfall Beard, who served the School from 1975 until 1989.

Senior Science teacher, Kai Dettbarn visited America at the end of Term 2 to investigate the role of modelling in the teaching of Physics.

During July I attended a two week Physics Teaching Workshop at California Polytechnic in San Luis Obispo, which is located half way between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The workshop, which was co-ordinated by the American Modelling Teachers Association, covered the teaching of mechanics and was



relevant to our science curriculum, especially VCE Physics. The term 'modelling' refers to the different ways scientific concepts can be represented, such as diagrammatically, graphically, numerically or verbally, in order for students to make sense of their observations.

A number of tools and techniques were introduced to scaffold this process, and difficulties commonly experienced by students were identified. Some of the most persistent misconceptions can be those that are based on our everyday experiences, such as how forces affect the motion of objects. During the workshop we were frequently encouraged to switch between operating

in a 'teacher mode', and to experience the activities and discussions from a student perspective. This facilitated many discussions of how to manage effective student discourse in a classroom setting.

I would like to thank the School Foundation, who made this trip possible via the JAT Beard Scholarship. I would also like to acknowledge all those that looked after my usual duties during the first week of this term, and finally my family who willingly allowed me to indulge myself, and gave me the space to think about my teaching.

Kai Dettbarn
**Teacher of Science -
Garnsey Campus**

The Lorna Sparrow Fellow-in-Residence Program

Named after the past Principal of St Anne's Church of England Girls Grammar School, the Lorna Sparrow Fellow-in-Residence Program provides funding to a School Department to secure the services of a visiting expert within a designated curriculum area. Departments may apply annually for up to \$3000 to fund the visit. Successful applications have included workshops by childhood educators,

artists, authors and clinical professionals.

In 2018, the Pathways Department and the Early Learning Centre (ELC) shared the prize, each winning \$1500 to secure expertise particular to their learning area.

The ELC invited Childhood Education Consultant, Jo Lange, to present at parenting information workshops in Sale, while the Pathways team are working with Speech Pathologist, Tracey Olivier, to develop improved teaching strategies for students with language difficulties.



Lorna Sparrow Fellow in Residence, Tracy Olivier.

Early Learning Centre News

Our centre is observed, assessed and rated against the National Quality Standard for Education and Care in Australia every three years. It is a fabulous opportunity for us to showcase the strengths of our wonderful program.

We were thrilled to receive our assessment report for Sale recently, which again rated our ELC at 'Exceeding' the National Standard in every area. This means both are Centres are consistently rating as 'Exceeding National Standards'.

Lisa Burgess
**Director -
Early Learning Centres**



From the Boatshed

Returning to Gippsland Grammar after four years away has been fantastic; it is great to rejoin such a passionate cohort. To see the students continue with their training and working towards goals throughout the handover period between Pete and I, and while we welcomed three new Assistant Coaches, has been impressive.

Thomas Lungu, John Heuchan and Robyn Gillies have joined us for

this season as Assistant Coaches and have hit the ground running with great commitment, enthusiasm and professionalism.

John and Robyn both made the journey from Scotland, while Thomas has joined us from Zambia, having rowed for Heriot Watt University, Glasgow University and Rhodes University respectively. John and Robyn have both represented Scotland at the Home International Regatta, and Thomas recently completed a 900km rowing challenge in Zambia called Row Zambezi. With such

a diverse range of rowing experience and knowledge, I am confident that we are well setup for a strong season.

The Senior Rowers have continued building on their fitness training from Term 2, and despite some illnesses, have progressed well. We have set our sights on our first race on 13 October, the 5km Head of the Mitchell, where we will race in singles, doubles and quads. Meanwhile, the Intermediates and Juniors are also turning their attention to the Head of the Mitchell, where they will race in quads.

All of this means we are close to beginning the crew selection process. While this can be a tough time for rowers and coaches alike, it is also a key moment for athletes to show their character and intent by putting their hand up for a seat in a boat.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the banks of the Mitchell River in Bairnsdale on 13 October.

Nick Bartlett
Rowing Director



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