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Year 9 students visit the Shrine of Remembrance as part of the Year 9 program's two-week immersive 'Melbourne Experience'.

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From the Principal

A FEW years ago I made a New Year's resolution to never make New Year's resolutions. Instead I believe that every moment is a fresh beginning. Eleanor Roosevelt's quote: 'Life's not about expecting, hoping and wishing, it's about doing, being and becoming' is one which sets the scene for this year at Gippsland Grammar.

Our Year 9 Melbourne Experience is a perfect example of how we are thrilled to be able to have these important components of our curriculum back. Excursions, bushwalks, camps, sporting and cultural opportunities and outdoor education programs have always been important elements of what a Gippsland Grammar education looks like. Not only are they back but our Community has a newfound appreciation for these occasions and seeing them take place has been incomparable and exhilarating. Connection.

As always, our past has such an important place in our hearts and in this edition I commend the exciting announcement of the inaugural Mildred Lapthorne Scholarship. Seeing the delight on Alizah Triplett's face and that of her very proud parents at last year's Valedictory is

what our history is all about. Connection. The generous donation of from Old Scholar Mrs Mildred Lapthorne reflected her gratitude and passion for her School as her scholarship will provide funds to assist our students to attend university into the future. In February we also celebrated the ordination of Old Scholar Rebecca Hayman at the Cathedral. I know you will enjoy reading Rebecca's journey on page 14. February also saw some of our Green Grubs visit our Boarding House and St Anne's Campus, which was a delightful occasion for all involved. Our current boarders perhaps have a newfound understanding about what boarding looked like during the war years now! Most apparent was the look on their faces when the Green Grubs shared that they would walk to Stratford on the weekend. Connection.

Leadership is an important part of who we are at Gippsland Grammar and as the New Year began we have been able to celebrate our 2022 School leaders. I meet the School Captains of all three campuses regularly and I am very impressed with their desire to build on the School's strong foundations. Our School Captains Rory and Mia and their year group have forged

a strong presence with their motto: Courage, Connection and Culture. The future is bright with our young people and their aspirations are exciting and promising. Connection.

I hope you enjoy reading just some of the highlights of how our year has begun, whether it our successes in the rowing, equestrian or our 2021 VCE results. We are truly blessed to have the students we do and we thank them for sharing them with our Community. Connection.

As we approach our centenary in 2024, I encourage you all to connect with the School; as a current student, an Old Scholar, parent or community member, in whatever way you can. Marian Wright Edelman said, 'Education is for improving the lives of others and leaving your community and your world better for it'. Gippsland Grammar is committed to connecting in 2022; with our past and our present as we look to an exciting future.

I hope you enjoy this edition.

Warm regards,

LEISA HARPER





Alakai and Eziah Fischer are happy to be attending the same school previously attended by their father Kris and late aunt Caitlyn. Inset: Eziah riding the sculpture of Caitlyn's horse Ralphie in the ELC garden.

A poignant return for the Fischer family

IT'S not unusual for different generations from the one family to attend Gippsland Grammar but it was particularly poignant this year to see Old Scholar Caitlyn Fischer's nephews playing in the ELC garden named in their late aunt's honour.

Caitlyn enjoyed her primary years at Bairnsdale Campus before attending Garnsey for her senior years where she graduated Year 12 in 2015. The following year Caitlyn tragically died while riding her horse in a cross-country event in Sydney.

Caitlyn's parents Mark and Ailsa worked together with the School Community to build a natural play space in the Early Learning Centre, which was designed to complement the social emotional growth and wellbeing of the school's youngest students. The garden opened in 2019 and since then the Caitlyn Fischer Garden has provided a happy place for play, for curiosity, reflection, for

sensory and tactile exploration and imagination and the centrepiece is a wooden statue of Caitlyn's beloved horse, Ralphie.

This year Caitlyn's brother Kris and his partner Brightie have enrolled their sons Eziah (ELC Transition) and Alakai (Year 3) at the Bairnsdale Campus, which means Eziah now gets to play in the garden and, in particular, gets to ride the wooden sculpture of Ralphie.

Head of Bairnsdale Campus Virginia Evans said the sight of Eziah in the garden was a lovely full circle moment for the Bairnsdale community.

"While I thoroughly enjoy observing all of our students playing in Caitlyn's Garden, it is especially pleasing to see Eziah learning and playing with his friends, knowing his significant connection to Caitlyn," Mrs Evans said.



MINDSET COACH BEN CROWE TO VISIT BAIRNSDALE CAMPUS

The man Australian Open tennis champion Ash Barty credits with helping her become the world's number one tennis player will visit Gippsland Grammar on May 5 for a one-off public event.

Ben Crowe from Mojo Crowe has worked with some of the world's most famous sports stars such as Andre Agassi, Cathy Freeman and 2022 Australian of the Year Dylan Alcott but he became a household name in January when Barty won the Australian Open and credited the elite mindset coach for helping her achieve her dream.

Now Gippslanders can hear Crowe's strategies for success when he presents his renowned 'Perspective Talk' at Gippsland Grammar's Bairnsdale Campus on Thursday May 5 at 6.30pm.

The event is a huge coup for East Gippsland and has come to fruition because of Crowe's generosity and desire to help a region that has suffered over the past few years with drought, bushfires and COVID-19 pandemic.

Gippsland Grammar's Head of Bairnsdale Campus Virginia Evans admitted they had some inside help to secure a place in Crowe's busy speaking schedule.

"One of our teachers Libby Crowe is Ben's sister-in-law," Mrs Evans admits. "Libby is also the teacher who introduced her golden retriever puppy Wilson to our Bairnsdale Community who has become our campus therapy dog and Ben agreed to visit the campus more than two years ago to help raise money for Wilson's upkeep and training. Then the region got hit by bushfires and then of course the pandemic so our plans have been delayed and delayed but with everything our region has gone through Ben suggested we turn his visit into a bigger event to not only help our School community but the wider East Gippsland community as well."

Ben Crowe will present 'The Perspective Talk' at Gippsland Grammar's Bairnsdale Campus, Bullumwaal Rd, Wy Yung, on Thursday May 5 from 6.30pm. Tickets are \$100 and include refreshments. Buy tickets at www.trybooking.com/BXZHY



April Harrison, Enzo Blackmore and Malachi Courtier navigate the city using public transport.



Students visit a mosque in Carlton.



Ashley Brutovic, Hagan Cook and Tilly Fox work together in the City Cite classroom overlooking the Yarra River.



Ryan Waller, Charlotte Board, Ashleigh Grech, Lachlan Davine and Connor Howard in Carlton set to catch the tram back to the City Cite classroom.

Camps Return

If we had to choose just one word to define the essence of Term 1 it would have to be ... camps!

After two years of many postponed and cancelled camps and excursions, students and staff have been thrilled to once again pack their bags and say goodbye to family members at the school gate as they have headed off to locations across the state for sporting competitions, field trips, bushwalking adventures and – most significantly – the entire Year 9 cohort living and learning in Melbourne as

part of the Year 9 program.

The two-week Melbourne Experience is often reflected on as a highlight of their schooling by graduating Year 12 students, and sees students spend two consecutive blocks of five days in Melbourne, either staying with friends and family or staying with Gippsland Grammar staff at the Riverside Apartments at the City Cite hub in Flinders St, which becomes the students' 'school-away-from-school' during the experience.

The Year 9s are required to make their own way to daily classes in the CBD and to a variety of daily on-site locations independently via public transport and are responsible for managing their own timetables.

Head of Year 9 Michelle Reynolds said it was highly exciting for the Year 9 cohort to be able to fully take part in the specialist year of immersive experiences which in Term 1 has also included the four-day bushwalking camp to Lake Tali Karng in the Alpine National Park near Licola.

"Over the two weeks the students were guided through the city to help them gain a deeper understanding of the perspectives of others," Mrs Reynolds said.

"They've walked in the shoes of police officers keeping our streets safe, a young Muslim woman in the Albanian Mosque in Carlton, Australian soldiers serving on foreign shores, marginalised and homeless Melbournians and also in the

footsteps of ancestors who 60,000 years ago lived along the shores of Birrurung (the Yarra River)."

"The students visited Parliament House to witness the lawmaking process and at the Old Magistrates Court they took part in a mock trial that saw judgement play out in a re-enactment of a real court case."

During the two weeks, the students applied their learning to the completion of a major research project called 'The Melbourne Big Question'. Along with literature reviews, the students conducted primary research through an expert interview and surveys of the general public and this research was then presented to their class at the conclusion of the two weeks."



Year 7 Geography students visit Lake Glenmaggie to identify human impact on local waterways.



Year 9 students on a four-day bushwalk into Lake Tali Karng in the Alpine National Park.

WHAT THE STUDENTS THOUGHT:

Charlie: 'The people we met were very genuine and friendly and the city views were eye-opening.'

Demi: 'Hearing the speakers' stories have made me feel really grateful.'

Sophie: 'It's been really fun learning the way around Melbourne through trial and error.'

Lilly: 'It's been fun, sometimes scary and it's given me a lot of information for when I live here when I'm older.'

Thomas: 'I've liked listening to the speakers' stories and learning how to use public transport.'

Jadah: 'I've enjoyed the Melbourne life and freedom and hearing the ex-gambler's story.'

Mia: 'The Melbourne Experience changed my perspective on the life and the diversity is something I've not experienced before.'

Indi: 'Melbourne is an extremely fun place full of incredible things to see and do. I have really enjoyed exploring and experiencing 'city life.' I have learnt about different cultures and enjoyed finding out about the life stories of refugees, ex-gamblers and war heroes.'



ARTIST MARGARET MCINTOSH IN RESIDENCE

Gippsland Grammar's VCE Studio Arts students were inspired by Melbourne artist Margaret McIntosh who visited the School this term to give an artist talk about her oil paintings and studio process. Students learnt about Margaret's career as an emerging artist, the challenges of exhibiting nationally in commercial galleries as well as the details of her education in Fine Arts at The Victorian College of the Arts, RMIT Latrobe University.



Year 12 Outdoor Ed and Environmental Studies students Ellie Jarvis and Jack McConachy enjoy an overnight camp at Wilson's Promontory.



On the first day of Term 1 the Prefects helped the new Year 7 students transition to a new campus. Pictured is Year 12 student Hamish McLeod giving a group of Year 7s a tour of Garnsey.



The St Anne's Junior Swimming carnival on February 8 was all about fun and water familiarisation, which means traditional freestyle and breaststroke events were replaced with boogie board relays, bathtub mayhem and noodle races. St Anne's Sports Co-Ordinator Simone Langshaw said the more relaxed program helped with the students' confidence and enjoyment of the event before they progressed to more senior year levels. Pictured is Year 2 student Liam Durning.



Bairnsdale students Ayla Buckley and Piper Jankowiak cheer on their Blundell housemates at the Bairnsdale Swimming Carnival on March 11.



Head of St Anne's Jie Van Berkel welcomes Harper Grattan, Sam Millington and Henry Grattan back to school at the start of term.



Bairnsdale Campus therapy dog Wilson lines up with students including Foundation student Floss Law ahead of the Leadership Fellowship on March 4.



Year 12 student Mia Johnson is supported by her peers during the Garnsey Athletics Carnival on March 21.

EQUESTRIAN SUCCESS

GIPPSLAND Grammar students continue to make their mark with their four-legged sidekicks on both the local and national equestrian circuit.

In January, Year 11 student Ella O'Doherty on her horse Remi La Vida Loca was awarded the interschool senior novice championship at the Australian Youth Dressage Championships while in early February Year 8 student Joel Lamb competed in the National Horse Jumping Carnival and is now ranked fifth in Australia in the junior section. Later on in February a team of four St Anne's students including Mitch Black (Foundation), Lachy Black, Jack Gilbert (both Year 1) and Archie Gault (Year 3) competed in six events at the Stratford Pony Club Equestrian Challenge and were very successful with both team and individual wins and placings. PE teacher Simone Langshaw said the results were particularly commendable given they were the youngest team at the event.

- Follow Joel's success at [Instagram.com/joellamb_showjumping](https://www.instagram.com/joellamb_showjumping)



Leadership

GARNSEY PREFECTS



(Back): Aden Best, Will Coleman, Hamish McLeod. (Middle): Ben Dallimore, Charlotte Runciman, Poppy Wharf, Mia Mackintosh, Rory McLeod, Josh Hanratty. (Front): Sarah Husodo, Lara Hall, Eden McMillan, Rose Mackie Pip Treasure

BAIRNSDALE CAMPUS CAPTAINS



Bairnsdale Campus Captains
Benjamin Reynolds and Chelsea
Trewin.

BAIRNSDALE LEADERSHIP



Bairnsdale Leadership (standing back): Mrs Virginia Evans, Mr Todd Cook, Tessa Newstead, Owen Roach, Ari Rozite, Angus Morton, Lylah Taylor, Taylor Dennett, Benjamin Reynolds, Chelsea Rawlings, Lacey Scott, Sammy Casement, Stephanie Johnson-Turner and Kate Thayer. (Standing front): Tayte Cooper, Frankie Prior, Niki No, Indigo McKay, Liam Richards, Beau Newman, Evan Nguyen, Olive Linley, Jemima Carson, Chelsea Trewin and Mrs Leisa Harper.

ST ANNE'S HOUSE CAPTAINS



From left: Sophie Moy and Ella Lamb (Wellington Binks House Captains); Oscar Callanan (Cranswick Dargo House Captain. Isabella Spoljaric, absent); Cruz Duck and Ashley Tayler (Tisdall Hotham House Captains); and Milla Lazzaro and Vanessa Buhagiar (Blundell Bogong House Captains).

ST ANNE'S CAMPUS CAPTAINS



St Anne's Campus Captains Lucy Dray and William Edgar.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS Q&A



Veritas spoke to School Captains Rory McLeod and Mia Mackintosh about the year ahead.

Tell us about your own Gippsland Grammar experience?

Mia: I've attended Gippsland Grammar since ELC at St Anne's. In Year 3 I moved to the Bairnsdale Campus after moving houses and now I'm at Garnsey. I've had great leadership opportunities during my time at Gippsland Grammar including class captain and being a peer support leader. Last year I was Tisdall Hotham's Drama Captain and Paynesville bus captain.

Rory: I began in Year 3 at St Anne's. It was a big change as we live just out of Yarram and had to travel by bus but 10 years later I still take the bus but not as often as I board at Blackwood House a couple of days a week. I have always been heavily involved in the life of the School, from music, to drama, to sport and leadership. Over the years I have been SRC Rep, a Peer Support Leader and Community Captain.

What subjects are you currently studying in VCE?

Mia: Global Politics, History, Legal Studies, English and Outdoor and Environmental Studies.

Rory: English, Further Maths, Legal Studies, Global Politics and Outdoor Education. I completed VCE Theatre Studies in Year 11.

What attracted you to being School Captain, and how have you settled into the role?

Mia: As I write this I'm still settling into the role. So far, there's been a few meetings to attend, emails to reply to and a speech or two to write, but I love the feeling of contributing and I hope what I do this year alongside my fellow Year 12's is a positive contribution to the School. I wanted to be School Captain to embrace the challenges that the pandemic has presented us with and be a leader that helps our School find new ways of doing things while restoring past traditions.

Rory: Being a Prefect was always something I aspired to as I had watched the leaders of previous years and wanted to make a difference myself. Being offered the role of School Captain was the icing on the cake and something I am so honoured to be. I am so lucky as my fellow Captain, Mia is one of my best friends so we work well together.

What would you like to achieve as School Captain in 2022?

Mia: Seek opportunities for our School to connect, whether that be between year levels, campuses or to the broader community. I think one of the best ways to do this is through events such as house competitions which we have missed out on due to restrictions as they allow everyone to work towards a goal, strengthening our school spirit.

Rory: After the challenges of the past two years it is really important to us that we focus on getting back to some sense of normality. Our theme for this year is 'Courage, Connect, Culture' and we want to use this to help us make a difference.

What does your life look like outside of school?

Mia: I'm lucky to call Raymond Island home, which means I have an early start to my mornings so I board at Blackwood House two nights a week. I work at Sardine in Paynesville most weekends and I'm involved in the school's production of 'Chicago'. Most weekends I also volunteer at the 'Koala's of Raymond Island' shelter, which contributes towards my Duke of Edinburgh silver award.

Rory: I live on a farm just out of Yarram with my parents, my twin brother and my sister. I play tennis for Longford and football for Woodside. I work at a local coffee shop in Yarram called The Bean Pedlar and I am a volunteer surf lifesaver at the Woodside Beach SLC.



2021 VCE results

GIPPSLAND Grammar's Year 12 VCE students showed incredible resilience and dedication throughout their two-years of VCE. Twenty-one per cent of Gippsland Grammar students achieved an ATAR above 90 and 38 per cent above 80. This places them in the top 10 per cent, and 20 per cent, in the state respectively.

Gippsland Grammar's Dux for 2021 was Demi Edward with an ATAR of 99.2. Demi (pictured inset with Principal Leisa Harper) is from Traralgon and is currently studying medicine at Monash University.

Students joining Demi as the School's highest VCE achievers were Jack Burton (Bairnsdale) with an ATAR of 99; Hannah Ng (Bairnsdale) with an ATAR of 98.8; Connor Hare (Sale) with an ATAR of 98.05; Sarah Beyer (Sale) with an ATAR of 97.35; Josh Mekken (Newmerella) with an ATAR of 95.95 and William Hall (Wy Yung) with an ATAR of 95.7.

Two students achieved a perfect study score of 50; Sarah Beyer in Chemistry and Sarah Husodo in Biology. Twenty-eight per cent of students achieved a study score above 40 with Jack Burton, Hannah Ng and Demi Edward accomplishing this in three subjects.

Gippsland Grammar is also proud to acknowledge the 21 students who have made a successful transition into the

workforce through an apprenticeship or traineeship this year.

Principal Leisa Harper said that the 2021 Year 12 cohort has been amazing in their approach to their studies as well as how they have pivoted through such challenging times in their schooling. Their successes have been realised through apprenticeships, employment and VCE results and we are very proud of each of them.

"Notwithstanding the many changes in and out of Learn@Home, the results achieved reflect the strong relationship between our students, staff and their families. It has been an amazing team effort of our whole community," Mrs Harper said. "Our students continue to excel even when their resilience and determination have been tested. There are many compelling stories of success from a Dux who achieved a well-deserved 99.2 to 21 per cent of our students scoring above 90 and 94 per cent of our students with an ATAR above 50.

"I am very excited for our students but also for our fantastic staff who have guided our students to this point of their academic journey. A Gippsland Grammar education is so much more than an ATAR and, for me, the true reflection of success is clearly demonstrated within the character of all of our students."

The 2021 Year 12 cohort included 87 students from across Gippsland, the Latrobe Valley and far East Gippsland. The cohort also included two students from China and 16 boarders at the School's Blackwood House.



Principal Harper with 2021 DUX Demi Edward, who achieved an ATAR of 99.2.



SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to graduating student Alizah Triplett who received the inaugural Mildred Laphorne Scholarship, valued at \$10,000. Mrs Mildred Laphorne (nee Fitzpatrick) was a St Anne's Old Scholar with a passion for further education. She left school in 1941 to pursue studies in Science and later worked at the Baker Institute. She died in 2019 and left a generous bequest to the Gippsland Grammar Foundation to create a scholarship to help a deserving Gippsland Grammar student attend university. Alizah wants to study a double degree in nursing and midwifery.



In February a group of Green Grubs enjoyed lunch at Blackwood House before touring St Anne's Campus. A highlight for the Old Scholars was visiting the modern boarding house rooms and hearing from fellow Old Scholar Ann Andrew while enjoying lunch in the Blackwood House dining room.

Green Grubs on Tour

THERE was a bus from Bairnsdale and lunch in the boarding house, just like they were used to. But for the 25 St Anne's Old Scholars who attended the recent 'Green Grubs on Tour' event in February, quite a few decades have passed since they last took part in this once familiar routine.

The 'Green Grubs' - what our School Community affectionately calls the ladies who attended St Anne's when it was a girls-only School from 1924-1971 - returned to Gippsland Grammar at the invitation of Principal Leisa Harper for lunch at Blackwood House before a tour of their former St Anne's Campus, including the modern Kukun Kalak Years 3/4 centre.

Old Scholar and author of *'Life at St Anne's, Gippsland Grammar School and STAGGS'* Ann Andrew spoke at the

lunch about her own time at St Anne's, becoming a librarian and a mother and grandmother to children at the School.

Principal Leisa Harper said the day was a lovely opportunity to catch up with the former students and was a fabulous day of connection and culture.

"If I had to give the day a mark, it would be 10/10," Mrs Harper said. "I thoroughly enjoyed having our Green Grubs visit both our Sale campuses and our current students were intrigued by their stories, particularly the tales of what School was like during the war years.

"The event proved that age shows no boundary; what connects our Green Grubs and our students is their love of their School. We were truly blessed to hear their stories and learn from their overarching love of their School."

Former boarder and long-time St Anne's volunteer Margaret Mynard said a highlight was returning to St Anne's which is where she boarded for her final year of schooling.

"It was great," Mrs Mynard said. "I loved returning to see where we once boarded. And of course having lunch at the more modern boarding house."

Many of the group were chauffeured on the School's bus from Bairnsdale by Gippsland Grammar's Archivist Tim Gibson and Development Officer Sarah Guinness and the day prompted many connections not only among the former students of St Anne's but also between the Old Scholars and our current School leaders.

Getting Social



National Golden Retriever Day Feb 3



Today is International Golden Retriever Day and we love this extra excuse to celebrate our Bairnsdale Campus therapy dog Wilson, pictured here with Year 1 student Elizabeth and Year 4 student Morgan. Wilson is owned by Foundation teacher Mrs Crowe who first brought Wilson to our School in 2019 as a three-month-old puppy when the Foundation students were learning a 'Word of the Week', which happened to be 'dog'. He was such a hit with students and staff he began regular visits and in 2020 he played a pivotal role in helping students deal with stress as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. School therapy dogs provide comfort and support to children and teachers and have been proven to lower anxiety, increase empathy and reduce the incidence of bullying. So today we wish Wilson a very happy International Golden Retriever Day and we hope he gets to indulge his favourite pastime, which is being cuddled by all of his friends in the school yard.

Reach 3054 Reactions 340 Likes 187



Twosday February 22



Happy Twosday! To mark today's once-in-a-lifetime palindrome date (meaning the date can be read the same both forward and backward) our St Anne's Year 2 teachers Mrs Tayler and Miss Wheeler celebrated by wearing tutus to teach their Year 2s. A palindrome date has only happened twice before on 1/11/11 and 11/11/11 and the next palindrome will occur in 11 years on 3/3/33, but we think Year 2 teachers wearing tutus on 'Twosday' compliments today's occasion perfectly.

Reach 278 Reactions 50



Wheelchair basketball February 23



Wheelchair Basketball was one of the foundation sports on the Paralympic Program in Rome in 1960. Today, it is one of the most popular sports for athletes with a disability and this week in PE all students were introduced to this amazing sport. The program was delivered in conjunction with GippsSport. Students learnt to navigate their way around the basketball court in the wheelchair as well as the rules of wheelchair basketball which are very similar to normal running basketball.

It is fast-paced and played by two teams of five players where the object is to shoot the ball into the opposing team's basket (normal sized court with the goal rings at the same height). A player may wheel the chair and bounce the ball simultaneously, however, if the ball is picked up and placed on the players lap, they are only allowed to push twice before they are obligated to shoot, pass, or dribble the ball again. Pictured is Year 2 student Hazel Barbetti.

Reach 2648 Reactions 300 Likes 99



Shrove Tuesday March 1



Today is Shrove Tuesday - the day that immediately precedes Ash Wednesday, also known as the first day of Lent. The Christian season supposed to replicate the Biblical story of Jesus Christ's withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. So, the day before Lent they would rid their homes of fatty foods including eggs, milk, sugar, syrups and butter; all the ingredients needed to make pancakes. Rather than seeing the food go to waste, they cooked them into pancakes to celebrate their final day of free eating. What a great reason to cook and eat pancakes! Early Learning Centre Director Lisa Burgess said our youngest students thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Reach 2030 Reactions 209 Likes 77

Alpaca show-and-tell March 3



Spotted at St Anne's today ... a baby alpaca on the schoolyard! It wasn't an alpaca on the run; rather seven-week-old Poppy who was brought in for Show and Tell by ELC Transition student Harriet. Poppy spent time in the ELC playground and even popped her long neck into Harriet's sister's Year 2 classroom to say g'day. And we're happy to report Poppy had no prob-llama with the extra attention while she was an honorary St Anne's student for the afternoon. Happy weekend!

Reach 267 Reactions 41



Clean Up Australia Day March 7



Leading the charge...School Captains Mia Mackintosh and Rory McLeod are 'pumping up the music' while keeping our School neat and tidy. Connecting with fellow students and picking up stray pieces of rubbish was all part of Clean Up Australia Day. "The music created a great vibe," they said. "Encouraging everyone to respect our environment was key." So if you hear music coming from the quad during lunchtimes, this is why. Junior campus students have also followed Mia and Rory's lead.

Reach 2025 Reactions 287 Likes 63

Radio recording booth March 15



Tune into TRFM to hear our Principal Leisa Harper, School Captain Rory and Year 1 student Annie invite interested families to our upcoming Open Days on April 2 (St Anne's and Garnsey) and Bairnsdale (May 7). Visiting the studio and recording audio in the sound booth was a new experience for both Rory and Annie but they both embraced the opportunity and loved learning new skills.

Reach 1728 Reactions 238 Likes 51



MP Danny O'Brien March 16



Yesterday our School Community was thrilled to welcome MP Danny O'Brien to our Garnsey Campus to catch up with our Principal Leisa Harper as well as some of our Year 7 students. It has been so great welcoming visitors such as Mr O'Brien back to our School over the past few weeks. As part of today's 'Year 12 Seminar Day', our senior students will enjoy hearing from Ultimate Endurance Athlete Luke Atkins, comedian and co-writer of Ronny Cheng Decal Fay and Jennifer Bullers from Mental Armor.

Impressions 268 Engagements 19

Ned beats Pendlebury March 27



"I bet him by this much," six-year-old Ned Elliman tells his class he broke Scott Pendlebury's 1993 Sale Little Athletics 100m record. A former Little Athletics, Pendlebury is now an Australian Football League player and current Collingwood Football Club captain who apparently showed speed and agility when he was six, just like our Ned. At the weekend Ned ran 100m in 18.25s breaking Pendlebury's long-standing record of 18.37s. To say Ned's first season at Sale Little Athletics has been great is an understatement. He now holds records in the six year boys 100m, 300m, 60m hurdles and the long jump. Great effort! Incidentally, Ned is a Collingwood fan who is looking forward to meeting Pendlebury one day.

Reach 2723 Reactions 850 Likes 322

Community Connections



OLD SCHOLAR REBECCA HAYMAN

THE Gippsland Grammar Community is excited to congratulate Old Scholar Rebecca Hayman (Class of 1987) who was ordained as a Deacon in Sale's St Paul's Cathedral in February.

Rebecca attended Gippsland Grammar from Prep to Year 12 and enjoyed returning to Sale with her family and friends for her special ordination performed by Bishop of Gippsland The Right Rev Dr Richard Treloar, who is also a director on the Gippsland Grammar Board.

Rebecca was one of three daughters of Elaine and John Hayman. John was the pathologist at Sale Hospital. After school she moved to Melbourne to study behavioural sciences and a Bachelor of Ministry. She went on to marry and have two children who are now aged 20 and 18, and has recently relocated to a property at Coalville, in the valley of the Narracan Creek, south of Moe.

Rev Hayman is now working as a Deacon in Morwell.



OLD SCHOLAR PAIGE BARR

Former Gippsland Grammar rower Paige Barr (pictured above in the front of the boat) has been selected in the Senior Australian Rowing World Cup team.

The young woman from Bairnsdale, who began rowing at School in Year 9, will now travel to Europe to compete in the World Cup series and is a strong chance for the next Olympics.

Paige qualified fastest in her under-23 age group to join 14-girl open-age crew and is currently training with Mercantile Rowing Club which has a proud history of rowing on the Yarra River. Paige is the daughter of Naomi and Russell Barr and her brother Cooper graduated from Gippsland Grammar last year.

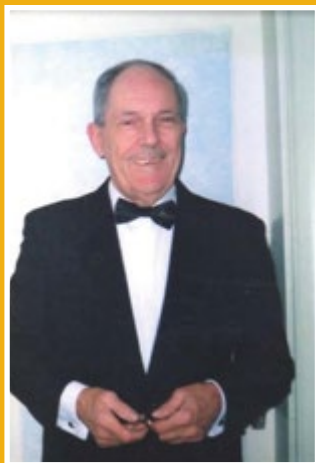


OLD SCHOLAR RYAN CLANCY

CONGRATULATIONS to Old Scholar Ryan Clancy (Class of 2013) who married Kaitlyn Abrahall at Fulham Park on December 18, 2021. Pictured is the happy couple alongside a number of Ryan's fellow Old Scholars who were guests at the nuptials. Pictured, back from left to right: Zac Elliman, Hamish Howlett, Angus Howlett, Jeremy Todd, Sam Adams, Riley Hodgson, Indi Gladman. Middle: (father of the groom) Ross Clancy, Laura Lamin, Alex Murphy, (groom) Ryan Clancy, Eden Mogridge, Anthea Todd, (bride) Kaitlyn Abrahall. Front: Will Brougham, Jordan Robertson, Tom Murphy.

Vale

Gippsland Grammar was sad to hear of the passing of the following Old Scholars and former staff members.



Martin Lowe (contributed by former Gippsland Grammar teacher Marylyn Matheson)

Former teacher Martin Lowe died on October 4, 2021 aged 81.

Martin began teaching Geography and junior History in 1978 after working as a teacher at the Naval Cadets in Western Australia. Sale was his first experience of teaching girls – a situation he faced with some trepidation however he was passionate and knowledgeable about his subject and during his time at the School he built a reputation as a competent and enthusiastic teacher. Martin was a popular face at school reunions and in later years he even travelled from his home of England to attend.

Beyond his teacher persona, Martin was an amusing and interesting colleague and friend. He had a delightfully dry sense of humour and could keep his colleagues entertained for hours recounting stories of his adventures and the people he had met.

After some 25 years in Australia, Martin returned to England where he spent several years living on a canal boat upon which he explored many of the canals and waterways around his homeland. In his later years, Martin suffered a stroke however he was able to maintain his independent living, but was restricted to a house on land. That quirky sense of humour never left him and on my last visit to him, he was still the entertaining Martin that he had always been. He is survived by his brother and family. Vale Martin Lowe – a gentleman to the end.

Old Scholar **Robert Brett** died in January 2021, aged 67. Robert was a member of the School's 1964 football premiership team and worked for many years as a tennis coach and worked with Grand Slam champions including Johan Kriek, Boris Becker, Goran Ivanisevic and Marin Cilic. Read more about Robert's career here: <https://www.atptour.com/en/news/bob-brett-obituary-2021>

Old Scholar **Mary Lang** (nee Maskrey) from the Class of 1946 died on April 4, 2021. Mary was a boarder at St Anne's where she made lifelong friends. After leaving school Mary worked as a book keeper before meeting and marrying Reg Lang when she became a fulltime mother to their four children. In time Mary became a proud grandma and then a great grand mum to 12. She suffered many health issues over the years and in later life resided in Glenwood then Margery Cole Aged Care. Her husband Reg regularly attended Green Grub luncheons on her behalf and became an honorary Green Grub.

Old Scholar **Catherine Robertson** (nee Stringer) died on October 25, 2021 after a short illness.

Old Scholar **Robin Roser** (nee Rhodes) died in January 2022 in Canberra, surrounded by her family.

Old Scholar **Noelle Amiet** (nee Hill) from the Class of 1953 died in December 2021.

Former teacher **John Duncan** died on December 19, 2021, aged 79. John came to Gippsland Grammar from Western Australia in 1995 and was appointed Head of Mathematics. In 1996 he took leave and returned to WA but returned to the School in 1998 as Director of Studies. In 2002 John became Assistant to the Principal Tony Horsley and in 2005 he was appointed Director of Staff Services before retiring in June 2006 due to ill health. John later served as an elected Councillor on the Wellington Shire Council and is survived by a wife, Pauline and children, Michael, Carolyn and Jenny.

Reunions

AFTER two years of reimagined online reunions we are pleased to confirm that this year's events will return to being an in-person occasion, albeit with changes from the usual format.

Following the success of last year's combined online reunion, this year's reunions will also become a single combined event, which will include the Classes of 2012 (10 year), 2002 (20 years), 1992 (30 years), 1982 (40 years) and 1972 (50 years).

The 2022 Reunion will be held on Saturday October 8 from 12.30pm at the Garnsey Campus and will include a sit-down lunch featuring presentations and highlights for each represented cohort.

We encourage all Old Scholars from those cohorts to save this date in your diary with more details to come via email and in next term's *Veritas*.

To ensure you receive relevant emails about this event, please email Development Officer Sarah Guinness at sarah.guinness@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au if you can't recall ever receiving an email from us or if your details have changed.

FAMILY NEWS

Gippsland Grammar is always excited to hear about any engagements, marriages or births from Old Scholars. We also request news of any deaths of Old Scholars or former staff so we can also pass this on to our Community. Please email Marketing Manager Zoe Curtis at zoe.curtis@gippslandgs.vic.edu.au



Gold medallists Kaylah Young, Billy Osborne, Anthony Smith, Lindsay Hamilton and Cameron Rule on the podium after winning the Australian Rowing School Boys Coxed Quad Scull Championship at Nagambie on April 3.

The Nationals Story

The 2021-2022 rowing season has undoubtedly been the most successful season Gippsland Grammar has ever had. From the early head races in Melbourne in November to Rowing Camp then Barwon Regatta, NSW State Championships, VIC State Championships, Head of the Schoolgirls and Nationals our rowers have achieved record results.

At the National Championships at Lake Nagambie in early April, our rowers came away with two national titles: in the U19 double: Billy Osborne and Lindsay Hamilton (for the second year running) and the schoolboy coxed quad scull: Billy Osborne,

Lindsay Hamilton, Cameron Rule, Anthony Smith and Kaylah Young (last won by a Victorian school (also Gippsland Grammar) in 2008). They also took home a silver in the U19 coxless quad scull: Billy, Lindsay, Cameron and Anthony and in the U17 women's double: Ella Gerrand.

As a result of the above results, Billy, Lindsay, Cameron and Anthony have met the standard to travel overseas to compete at the Henley Royal Regatta in July.

During the National Championships we were also able to watch as Old Scholar Paige Barr took

her place in the Victorian Queen's Cup Interstate crew and took out the win from New South Wales a fantastic moment for our current students to witness.

At the Victorian State Championships, Gippsland Grammar was again the most successful school at the Victorian championships, both in terms of gold medals won and total medals won. Impressively across the three state championships, all our Year 10, 11 and 12 rowers came home with a medal.

I would also like to acknowledge the variety of volunteer coaches who

have assisted with the Program this year along with the McColl Club and their president Michael Wilmot, who have worked tirelessly to ensure our rowers are well fed and looked after at both rowing camp and all our regattas.

After Term 1, rowing takes a break until the beginning of Term 3 when we start up our winter training program.

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