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Old Scholar John Brady (Class of 1974) enjoys a BBQ lunch at the 'Gippsland Grammar School' reunion at the school's Garnsey Campus as part of the Centenary celebrations..

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From the Principal

Welcome to 2024!

As we reflect on the whirlwind of activities that have already unfolded in the first few months of the year, I am filled with gratitude for our vibrant and engaged school community. The energy and enthusiasm displayed by students, parents and staff have been truly remarkable, making each event a resounding success.

As we do each year, we have welcomed new staff and students who will undoubtedly enrich our community further. Our journey began with our annual Welcome Picnic at St Anne's, where new and returning families came together to kickstart the academic year. The vibrant hues of the campus's colour run illuminated the spirit of unity and fun and set the tone for the year ahead. Families in Bairnsdale enjoyed a delightful picnic, strengthening bonds and fostering a sense of belonging within our extended school family. At Garnsey Campus, we celebrated International Mother Language Day, embracing diversity and honouring the rich tapestry of languages and cultures within our community.

In early February, we had the honour of inducting our new Prefects and School leaders. These students embody our CLERR values and I have full confidence in their ability to inspire positive outcomes within our School Community throughout 2024. Our Year 12 Leaders further honed their leadership skills during the SEISA Leadership weekend, which offered reflection, networking and laying the groundwork for a year of impactful initiatives and meaningful contributions.

The excitement continued with the swimming carnivals across all campuses, where students showcased their talent, determination and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding performances and commendable team spirit. A huge thank you to the organisers and our dedicated staff for enabling these extra-curricular growth opportunities to be a part of our children's development.

The dedication and teamwork of our rowing teams continue throughout the rowing regattas, exemplifying the spirit of resilience and excellence that defines Gippsland Grammar and highlights the dedication of our coaches and families who unwaveringly support our students.

Our performing arts continue to thrive through preparation for our senior and junior productions, a successful outreach program that saw our musicians inspire an entire hall of St Anne's students burst into spontaneous

song as they enjoyed the talent of our band members. The performances at events and soirees continue to highlight the outstanding commitment and accomplishment that our program offers.

The event attendance so far this year has demonstrated how strong our School Community is. It was heartening to see the overwhelming turnout at the Year 7 parent information evening and welcome drinks, where families received valuable insights into the beginning of their child's educational journey at Garnsey.

The culmination of our Centenary events – the gala, launch of our two books, Eucharist and Old Boys' BBQ – was a testament to the enduring legacy of our school. It was a time of reflection, gratitude, reunion and celebration.

Meanwhile, our students immersed themselves in transformative experiences during various camps, including Year 7s, Year 11 and 12 Outdoor Ed camps, and the Year 9 Tali Karng hike. These adventures foster resilience, teamwork and personal growth, equipping our students with invaluable life skills. Similarly, Year 10 students embarked on elective camps, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Amid the hustle and bustle, we also conducted NAPLAN assessments, scholarship testing, interviews and tours, providing valuable insights into our students' academic progress and areas for growth. And our campus Open Days also offered prospective families the opportunity to experience the warmth and vibrancy of our School firsthand.

As we look forward to the blessings of Easter and a well-deserved rest, let us continue to embrace every opportunity for learning, growth, and community engagement. Together, we will build upon the successes of the past and create an enduring future filled with promise and possibility.

Michele Wakeham
PRINCIPAL





Deputy Principal Bo Power (Above) and Director of Learning Lori Field (Right) enjoy meeting students in Term 1.



Director of People and Culture Belle Deacon (Above right).



New year, new faces

THE Leadership team welcomed three new faces in 2024.

Deputy Principal Bo Power and Director of Learning Lori Field both joined the School Community for the beginning of Term 1, while the School's new Director of People and Culture Belle Deacon started on March 18.

Mr Power comes from Launceston's Scotch Oakburn College and has worked in the independent education sector for more than 25 years. As well as serving as a key member of Leadership team, he is also teaching Years 8 and 10 RAVE.

"I've been welcomed wholeheartedly, which has been wonderful," Mr Power said. "I've thoroughly enjoyed working with the Leadership team and excited about what we can do together. And when I've been in the classroom I've been particularly impressed with the culture of learning which is already well-established with our students."

"Attending our Centenary events also gave me a deep appreciation of the importance of our school and its significance for the people of Gippsland."

Director of Learning Lori Field was born and bred in Sale and has a 20+ year career in leadership, advisory and teaching roles in international, independent, Catholic and public education. She is responsible for the quality of learning across Gippsland

Grammar's three campuses and is also teaching RAVE to Years 7, 8 and 10.

Ms Field says her first term has given her an insight into the strong sense of community across all three campuses. "It is pleasing to see the deep knowledge our learning leaders demonstrate and the support they provide to staff and students," Ms Field said. "I've loved seeing the genuine care and investment of our staff in supporting our students to be independent and engaged learners, as well as positive citizens in our community. Our Prefects recently demonstrated this by organising a lunchtime event which raised \$1000 for a local charity. It was brilliant."

The 2024 Leadership team includes:

Principal

Michele Wakeham

Deputy Principal

Bo Power

Director of Learning

Lori Field

Business Manager

Lee Nethercote

Director of People and Culture

Belle Deacon

Director of Safeguarding and School Operations

Kate Ray

Head of Garnsey Campus

Rohan Jayatilake

Head of St Anne's Campus

Jie Van Berkel

Head of Bairnsdale Campus

Virginia Evans.



WHAT'S up, doc? Bugs Bunny would be impressed with this haul of school-grown carrots picked by ELC Transition students Hugo Coleman and Harper Hayes in the lead up to Easter.

The carrots were destined for the Bairnsdale Campus canteen kitchen ... minus a few that got nibbled on by the green-thumbed students along the way.



2024 Student Leaders



Garnsey School Captains and Prefects: (standing from left to right) Abby Crozier, Zahrarose Beaty, Zara Tacey, Zahra Hanratty, Georgia Steel, Henry Storer, Alex Hamilton, Zara Clydesdale, Stella Mekken, Pippa Young and (seated) Head of Garnsey Campus Rohan Jayatilake, Ivy Johnson, School Captains Andrew Crawford and Sienna Hill, Rhys Bennett and Principal Michele Wakeham.



St Anne's Campus Captains and House Captains: Jobe Leeson and Darcey Langshaw (Blundell Bogong) Head of St Anne's Campus Jie Van Berkel, Sophie Arnup and Lucy McDonnell (Wellington Binks), Charlotte Greenwell and Charlie Strachan (Campus Captains), Evie Barbetti and Max Del Busso (Tisdall Hotham), Frankie Balfour and Indi Drew (Cranswick Dargo) and Deputy Head of St Anne's Campus Julie Jago.



Bairnsdale Campus Captains and student leaders: (back row) Edward Knight, Head of Bairnsdale Campus Virginia Evans, Blake Maxwell (Campus Captain), Isabel Williams, Ayla Buckley (Campus Captain), Rhys Rodriguez, Reuben McInnes, Alexander Collins, teacher Mr Todd Cook, Morgan Soulsby and (front row) Juliette Khoo, Adanna Otuonye, Evie Dullard, Oliver Forcier, Jaymee Richardson, Omar Aly, Kaleb Harper, Charlotte Earl, Theodore Ding.



The Class of 2023 on the final day of school.

2023 Dux Georgia Shell is thrilled with her ATAR result.

Parents Josie and Damien with Georgia on her last day of school (far right).



2023 VCE Success

THE day students receive their VCE results is always significant as it signals the culmination of 13 years of schooling. In December last year Gippsland Grammar was once again proud to celebrate outstanding VCE results alongside the Class of 2023, with two perfect study scores and excellent Australian Tertiary Admissions Rankings (ATAR).

A total of 13 per cent of the graduating cohort achieved an ATAR above 90, placing them in the top 10 per cent of students in the state. Twenty-six students achieved a study of 40 or above in at least one subject placing them in the top nine per cent of students in that subject in the state. Two now Year 12 students - Zara Clydesdale and Ellen Roberts - achieved perfect scores of 50 and 40 per cent of students achieved an ATAR of more than

80. The School's median ATAR was 73.8.

Georgia Shell was Dux with an ATAR of 97.6. Georgia is from Forge Creek and attended our Bairnsdale Campus in her junior years.

Principal Michele Wakeham said: "The cohort has shown such resilience through the adversity of Covid during much of their secondary education. We are very proud of our community and our Year 12 students."

Students joining Dux Georgia Shell as the School's highest achievers with an ATAR above 90 include Nathaniel Shelton (Bairnsdale), Samithri Kaluarachchi (Sale), Leah Brutovic (Paynesville), Lailah Moore (Bairnsdale), Monty Richardson (Eagle Point), Edward Courtier (Bairnsdale) and Sophie Alexander (Bairnsdale).

Georgia said she was surprised but thrilled to be awarded dux.

"When I saw that result I was shocked because I wasn't really expecting it," Georgia said. "But at the same time I felt a lot of relief and pride because I knew I had worked hard to deserve it."

Georgia said being named dux was a surprise because she had always associated high ATAR rankings with STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) subjects. But Georgia's VCE subjects included French, PE, Business Management, General Maths, Psychology and English Language and she achieved study scores of more than 40 in all but one.

"[French] is considered one of the hardest VCE subjects to take and I poured my heart and soul into it - it's always been my favourite," she said.

Gippsland Grammar is also pleased to acknowledge the students who made a successful transition into the workforce through an apprenticeship or traineeship this year.

Term 1 in Photos



Foundation student Blaisilia Garcia is all smiles with her parents on the first day of school at Bairnsdale Campus. When Blaisilia finishes Year 12 she will be a member of the Class of ... 2036!



The year started with a burst of colour at St Anne's with the Colour Run being held in the first week of term. Pictured are Year 5 students Elena, Lexi, Mila and Indiana (front).



April and James Clancy with children Pippa (ELC Reception) and Hunter (Year 1) on the first day of school at St Anne's. James is a member of the Class of 2003 and he has shared his story in our Centenary book, Memories.



Year 9 student Kody Said set two new records at the Garnsey Swimming Carnival, in 12-15 butterfly and the under-15 50m freestyle. Kody is pictured with mum Brooke (Class of 2000) and siblings Milla (Year 7) and Hudson (ELC Transition). It was great to welcome parents and families to the carnival to support students.



Rehearsals are in full swing for 'Catch Me If you Can', the Garnsey production on stage in the Garnsey Hall for four shows from April 18-20. Book here: trybooking.com/COATP



The Garnsey Swimming Carnival was held on February 7 with Cranswick Dargo the winning house, and Tisdall Hotham winning 'House Spirit'. Pictured are age champions (back) Archie Treasure, Tessa Newstead, Paul Ng, Teddy Ripper, Kody Said, Max Williamson, Milla Said. And (front) Aliesha Turnbull, Grace Ng, Scarlett Tavasci, Molly Dettbarn, Eamon Brady.



Transition students Leighton Hong, Jack Penglase and Chloe Maxwell play with new equipment at the Bairnsdale Campus ELC.



Year 3 students Gemma Dennett and Natalie Smythe take part in the Bairnsdale Campus 'Clean Up Australia Day' rubbish collection.

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Gala MC and ABC Gippsland journalist William Howard entertains the crowd with Music teacher and singer Cara Schaefer.

Centenary Gala

IT WAS a celebration 100 years in the making and over three days in February more than 400 people attended four Centenary events to mark our school's Centenary.

Principal Michele Wakeham said the weekend of celebrations - which included a gala hosted by the Gippsland Grammar Foundation, the launch of two books, a Centenary Eucharist and a reunion BBQ for the former students of Gippsland Grammar School - was an incredible success that brought together Old Scholars with current students and families.

"It was amazing to see so many people with so many fond memories of their time at our school return for our celebrations," Mrs Wakeham said.

"Each of our events had its own distinct feel and was attended by a slightly different cohort of our Old Scholars and current families."

"My favourite part was watching old friends reconnect and listening to them reminisce. We can't wait to continue celebrating with everyone throughout the year."



What does it feel like to turn 100?

For us, it tastes like flutes of champagne, passionfruit sponge and a barbecue with beers

It feels like connection, reflection, remembering, paying tribute, a warm hug from those with familiar faces and a (happy) tear in the eye.

It sounds like laughter, shrieks of hello at the sight of an old friend and rich conversation between former and current students whose only commonality is that they attended the same school decades apart.

And it reads like a century's worth of schoolyard memories and a collection of bedtime stories that capture the spirit of these stories and bring them to life for our youngest students.

Over the past three days our entire School community came together to celebrate Gippsland Grammar's 100th birthday at a gala, a book launch, campus tours, a Chapel service and a reunion BBQ. We have so many more stories and so many more photos to share with you but, for now, here's a taste of what it felt like when we turned 100.

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Principal Michele Wakeham is joined by former principals Tony Horsley, David Baker and Mike Clapper.



Leadership team members (from left to right) Rohan Jayatilake, Michele Wakeham, Jie Van Berkel, Virginia Evans, Bo Power, Kate Ray, Lee Nethercote and Lori Field.



Member for Gippsland South and current parent Danny O'Brien with wife Vicki Miller and Gippsland Grammar Foundation member Dan Devine.



Parents Pam and Glenn Crawford and Ryan and Peta Crawford.



Parents Ruth Smythe, Stacey Smith, Jayde Coleman, Nicole Coleman and Rebecca Riley.



Old Scholars Helene Booth, Evelyn Jones and Sally Friend.

With thanks

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William Howard

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Ann Andrew authored a book to commemorate Gippsland Grammar's centenary. Titled 'Memories, Stories from 100 year of Gippsland Grammar', the book includes 100 stories from Old Scholars spanning the 100 years of the school's existence.

Book launch ; 100 stories from 100 years

CAPTURING 100 years of history in print is no mean feat, particularly when the goal is to make that history interesting to the whole age spectrum of our School Community.

Which is why Gippsland Grammar has launched two centenary publications; *Memories, stories from 100 years of Gippsland Grammar* by Ann Andrew is a wonderful compilation of 100 stories from students from our earliest years until today; while its companion publication *Wheelbarrow's Birthday* is a children's book that reimagines 12 of those stories in a form more suitable for our current youngest students.

Principal Wakeham said "While *Memories* is for the coffee table, *Wheelbarrow's Birthday* is better suited to a child's bedside table. And together they capture the spirit of schoolyard storytelling."

More than 150 people, include many former students from St Anne's Church of England Girls' Grammar School, attended the book launch at Lorna Sparrow Hall on Saturday February 24. The keynote speaker for the event was Old Scholar from the Class of 1986 Hugh Williams, who shared his recollections of his school years in *Memories* and his story was also reimagined in *Wheelbarrow's Birthday*.

Mr Williams was a trailblazer in the early years of the internet and has worked alongside Bill Gates at Microsoft as well as at Google and eBay. He is the person who invented the infinite scroll, a piece of technology used by billions of people around the world every day, and he is also one of the world's foremost experts on internet search and data management.

Former Gippsland Grammar Board member and member

of the Class of 1969 Val Jones was also in attendance and said she was absolutely thrilled to return to the school for the event.

Driving to Sale for the book launch I didn't quite know what to expect," Mrs Jones admitted. "But I found my classmates and memories flowed and I was surprised to see many people I know

although I didn't know they were associated with the school.

"The day showcased how many different people work to make a school - not just students and teachers. A highlight for me was meeting Year 12 student Eden Levchenko who illustrated my story in the *Wheelbarrow's Birthday* book."



St Anne's students Max Del Busso and Frankie Balfour blow out the candles on Gippsland Grammar's birthday cake at the launch of two books to mark the school's centenary.



Old Scholars Jocelyn Brand and Hilary Rash take a first look at Gippsland Grammar's centenary publication 'Memories' at the book launch on Saturday February 24.



Gippsland Grammar Old Scholar from the Class of 2023 Iman Simnett illustrated the image on the cover of 'Wheelbarrow's Birthday', the children's book Gippsland Grammar has published to mark its centenary.



Head of St Anne's Campus Jie Van Berkel reads a chapter from the centenary children's book 'Wheelbarrow's Birthday' at the book launch.



Old Scholar and former Board member Val Jones with Year 12 student Eden Levchenko who illustrated the portrait of Mrs Jones in 'Wheelbarrow's Birthday', the children's book Gippsland Grammar has published to mark its centenary.



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Centenary Eucharist

THE Bishop of Gippsland, the Rt Revd Dr Richard Treloar was joined by School Chaplain the Revd Dr Tim Gaden and former Board member and Dean Emerita of St Paul's Cathedral the Revd Susanna Pain for the Centenary Eucharist on Sunday February 25.

Held at the Chapel of St Anne at Garnsey Campus, the service was attended by many who had returned for the weekend's events, including former Principal Tony Horsely and Bev Beard, wife of former Principal Jim Beard (dec).

Revd Pain gave the sermon, in which she eloquently reflected on the highs and lows of her own schooling at an Anglican school as well as her family's own history in Sale's Anglican community and the life of the school.

An extract of the sermon is as follows: *"My invitation to you as you remember and build new memories is to hold onto those special times as nourishment for when things are tough, hold on to the values of an Anglican School: the excellent teaching, in the classroom and beyond, hold on to the care, that you can give, and receive, hold on to the idea of service, giving back to the school, and to the community, hold on to the notion of hospitality, offering generosity to all, and especially those who are different, hold onto gratitude for who you are and your presence here.*

"... Follow your passion, make the most of all the opportunities here at Gippsland Grammar, and to go for it, find your way and encourage others in their way, whatever your role here. Stand up for justice, fight inequality, stand alongside those in need, speak the truth, and most of all love and care for one another, like Bishop Cranswick, Miss Sparrow, and all those who have led this school in their own way. These are the values of an Anglican School – valuing the intellect, pastoral care, service, faithfulness, hospitality, being strong role models for the community – let's continue to live them."

The Bishop of Gippsland the Right Revd Dr Richard Treloar with Dean Emerita of St Paul's Cathedral Sale Revd Susanna Pain, who returned to mark the school's centenary with a centenary Eucharist.



Prefect Abby Crozier leads the procession for the Centenary Eucharist at the Chapel of St Anne.



Student leaders Pippa Young, Alanna Magee, Andrew Crawford and Zahra Hanratty.



Hilary Rash, Wendy Johnon, Bev Beard, Nola Soutar and Jocelyn Brand at the Centenary Eucharist.



Old Scholars Jill Williams (Class Of 1959) with son Hugh (Class of 1986) at the Centenary Eucharist. Hugh was a trailblazer in the early years of the internet, is the person who invented the infinite scroll (a piece of technology used by billions of people around the world every day) and was a keynote speaker at one of the school's centenary events.



Marie Potter showing the page in 'Wheelbarrow's Birthday' that features her reimagined story and a portrait of her drawn by current Year 1 student Lucy Williamson.

Marie's story

BAIRNSDALE Campus held a Centenary Fellowship on March 8 which featured the Year 3/4 Melaleuca students giving a summary of our past 100 years, a performance by the campus choir and a fabulous multimedia presentation featuring the students interviewing Old Scholar Marie Potter who graduated from what was then St Anne's Church of England Girls Grammar School in 1947. It was particularly special that the 92-year-old Marie attended the Fellowship in person to read the chapter about herself from our Centenary book 'Wheelbarrow's Birthday' to the students.

It was Marie's recollections about the boarders in the 1940s inventing a birthday for the school's wheelbarrow because they wanted an extra birthday in their calendar to celebrate (which meant birthday cake for dessert!) which gave our children's book its name so it was real treat to hear Marie read her own chapter to the students. Marie even embellished her story a little and shared extra tales about what it was like to be at a boarding school during the war years.

"There were a lot of scary nights when a plane went over," Marie said. "And every time a plane went over and it was unidentified we had to grab our gumboots and race down to the trench." The 'trench' referred to the 'slit trenches' which were dug in a zig-zag on the St Anne's oval, designed to protect students and staff from air raids.

Marie's story also features in 'Memories, stories from 100 years of Gippsland Grammar' where she recalls listening to the weekly Hit Parade radio show with her boarding house friends and the sneaky midnight feasts they used to enjoy. After school Marie became a pharmacist and travelled the world.

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Daughters of founding Gippsland Grammar School Headmaster Revd Bert Neil, Evelyn Jones and Margret Bampton with a portrait of their father, which usually hangs in the Garnsey Hall.

Old Boys Reunion BBQ

A BBQ lunch in the shade of the trees at Garnsey Campus's Neil Forest was a fitting location for a reunion of more than 90 Old Scholars from the former Gippsland Grammar School on Sunday February 25.

Neil Forest is named after Revd Bert Neil, Gippsland Grammar School's foundation headmaster (from 1960-65). Revd Neil was much-loved for his amazing commitment to each boy under his tutelage and for his commitment to encouraging the boys to become young men who would live their lives to the full. The keynote speaker for the event was member of the Class of 1973, Lindsay Tanner. Mr Tanner was the Federal MP for Melbourne from 1993 to 2010 and served as the Minister for Finance from 2007-2010. Since leaving politics he has undertaken various senior roles including Director of Suncorp Group and Chairman of Essendon Football Club.

In his speech, Mr Tanner reflected on the values the school embodied at a time when Australia was still under the White Australia Policy.

"The Gippsland Grammar School sent out signals to us as kids that probably seemed subtle at the time, which were that all people of all different racial origins should be treated equal, that racism was unacceptable and that racial discrimination was unacceptable," Mr Tanner told a crowd of about 90 of his former schoolmates at the reunion. "I absorbed these messages, and they had a big influence on me over time. They now of course are now mainstream, thankfully, but at the time for a country Victorian boarding school were pretty unusual."

A poignant moment from the day was when Revd Neil's daughters Evelyn Jones (Class of 1971) and Margaret Bampton (Class of 1973) reflected on their father's time at the school and the importance of it on his life.



Old Scholar (Class of 1973) and former Federal MP for Melbourne Lindsay Tanner was the keynote speaker at the 'Gippsland Grammar School' reunion BBQ.

Celebrate with us!

TERM 2

MONDAY APRIL 22:

St Anne's Campus
Grandparents' Day and
presentation of 'Generations
Badge'

TUESDAY APRIL 23:

Garnsey Campus
Grandparents' Day and
presentation of 'Generations
Badge'

WEDNESDAY APRIL 24:

Bairnsdale Campus
Grandparents' Day and
presentation of 'Generations
Badge'

TERM 3

FRIDAY JULY 26:

St Anne's Day and launch of the
Centenary Walk

MONDAY AUGUST 5:

Commemoration Day with all
campuses gathering at Garnsey
Campus

TERM 4

SATURDAY OCTOBER 12:

Decades reunion celebrating
the cohorts of 1964 (60 years),
1974 (50 years), 1984 (40
years), 1994 (30 years), 2004
(20 years) and 2014 (10 years)
at Garnsey Campus from
3-5.30pm.

MONDAY OCTOBER 14:

Celebration Day at Bairnsdale
campus acknowledging the
19-year anniversary since the
first sod was turned for the
construction of the Bairnsdale
Campus

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16:

STAGGfair! The return of our
biennial school fete brings
together the communities
from the Bairnsdale, St Anne's
and Garnsey Campuses for a
twilight celebration at Garnsey
Campus from 4-9pm. This
event marks the conclusion of
our Centenary celebrations.

To update your contact details
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Old Scholar Bruce Savage (Class of 1970) and wife Viv.



Old Scholars Tom Derham and Bill Schacht.



Old Scholar Alan Berry (Class of 1966) managed to fit into his old school blazer to be the unofficial 'best dressed' at the reunion. Mr Berry borrowed the school tie of his neighbour to complete his outfit.



Brothers Andrew (Class of 1974) and Bill Rule (Class of 1976) with Brian Parsons (Class of 1972, pictured centre).



The 'Old Boys' from Gippsland Grammar School at the reunion BBQ.

Getting Social



Ballkids ahoy!

January 2



Two of our students are set to rub shoulders with the best tennis players in the world at this year's Australian Open at Melbourne Park. Riley Nicholas (Year 10) and Louis Lazzaro (Year 9), have been chosen to work as ballkids at the world renowned tournament. The boys were selected from a pool of more than 1000 kids aged 12-15 who tried out for the coveted volunteer role and they will be on court most days, working in front of thousands of fans in the stands, and millions who watch the broadcast around the world. Louis, who was a ballkid in 2023, has also been selected as a Ballkid Leader for this year's AO.



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Grace Ng

January 4



Outstanding Science student Grace Ng is about to embark on a two-week long Science Summer Camp vying for a chance to represent Australia at the 2024 International Biology Olympiad in Kazakhstan. Grace, who is going into Year 12 this year, was invited to attend the camp after achieving Distinctions in Physics, Chemistry and Biology, and a very rare pair of High Distinctions in Chemistry and Biology last year. This month's camp will be held at the Australian National University in Canberra after which the Australian Olympic Science Team will be announced.



Reach 3850



Rowing camp

February 12



Huge shout out to our rowing coaches Nick Bartlett, Alexandra Watson, Henry McLeod and Helena Singleton. They are currently on "rowing camp" with our 2024 rowing squad enjoying the beautiful Gippsland Lakes and local waterways.



Reach 2700



Year 10 Outdoor Ed

February 15



Our entire Year 10 cohort has been out on their elective Outdoor Education camps this week and we are pleased to report the students all survived the storms on Tuesday night and have been enjoying canoeing, diving, snorkelling, surfing and fishing at locations across Victoria including Queenscliff, Bright, Wilson's Prom and at the Snowy River at Orbost and Marlo. "All groups handled the weather well and bunkered down when the storms hit last night," co-head of Outdoor Education Cass Booth said. "And on Wednesday they were all back out enjoying the different activities."



Reach 3360



Generations of Blundell Bogong

February 16



We love this pic of Old Scholars Garry Leeson and Bruce Savage with their grandsons Jobe and Darcey taken at the St Anne's Campus Leadership Induction Fellowship today. Jobe and Darcey are both Blundell Bogong House Captains this year AND both grandfathers were also House Captains of Blundell Bogong back in their own days at the school more than 60 years ago! What a lovely coincidence in a year when we are all about celebrating the traditions of our school over the past 100 years!



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Debating

February 17



Congratulations to Samithri Kaluarachchi (Class of 2023) who was awarded the 'Swannie Award' for best speaker for the Berwick region at the Debating Association of Victoria (DAV) Awards Ceremony at the State Library on Thursday night. Samithri was awarded the Swannie Award for capping off a sterling contribution to debating over her past six years at Gippsland Grammar. Co-Head of Debating Rachel Patton was particularly impressed that Samithri dusted off her old Gippsland Grammar uniform for one more occasion. Year 12 students Zara Clydesdale and Debbie Husodo were also awarded Swannie Awards for B Grade (Year 11) which is also highly competitive and a fabulous achievement. 2023 was certainly a successful year for our Debating team!



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Big night out February 27



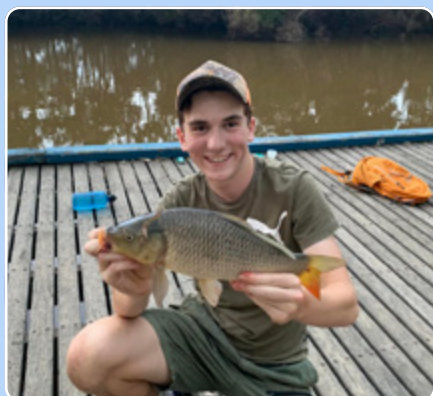
Our Year 7s have had a fun start to their week thanks to our 'Big Night Out' program. Students have either hiked and done raft building in the Gippsland Lakes National Park or did some tie dye and cooked their own dinner at school yesterday. Today all students participated in an 'Amazing Race'-style challenge around Loch Sport.



Reach 3340



Fishing March 2



One of our favourite parts of the boarding experience is seeing the students throw themselves into extra-curricular and social pursuits in their down time. So we loved seeing these photos of Year 8 students Oscar and Jackadam taking advantage of the warm summer evenings to go fishing at either the Port of Sale or Lake Guthrie after dinner. With a handful of corn kernels from the Sam in the Blackwood House kitchen, the boys have managed to catch a few carp and even the occasional eel!



Reach 5114



#IWD2024 March 8



On this International Women's Day in our Centenary year, we would like to pay tribute to the strong female leaders who have shaped our school over the past 100 years.

Gippsland Grammar was founded in 1924 as the Church of England Girls' School Sale under the watchful eye of Deaconess Marie Sundell. Subsequent headmistresses included Miss Ritchie, Sister Maud, Miss Tisdall and then, in 1943, Miss Lorna Sparrow. Miss Sparrow was appointed headmistress of the then St Anne's Church of England Girls Grammar School as a 33 year old and, over her subsequent 32 years at St Anne's, she worked tirelessly to improve facilities and to support her students, both in and beyond the classroom. In 1964 Miss Sparrow was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire and in the following year the hall at our St Anne's Campus was (and still is) named after her. An annual scholarship in Miss Sparrow's name was also established to provide an opportunity to a student to attend our school and the scholarship continues to this day.

As part of our Centenary celebrations we asked our current students to illustrate portraits for some of our most significant Old Scholars and Leah Brutovic from the Class of 2023 chose to honour Miss Sparrow with this beautiful pencil sketch, which we are thrilled to share with everyone on #IWD2024. This illustration also features in our Centenary children's book 'Wheelbarrow's Birthday'.

Principal Michele Wakeham said: "While International Women's Day is just one day, I welcome it as an opportunity to celebrate those who came before us, such as Miss Sparrow, and showed us everything women are capable of, particularly in education" Mrs Wakeham said. "Long may these legacies continue."



Reach 3200



ICCES Carnival March 6



You will need to forgive us ... we have been seeing stars since yesterday! At the 2024 Independent Country Co-Educational School's annual carnival held at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre our swimmers won the S.T.A.R. Shield. This award is based on each School's population and points achieved in the pool. And our swimming squad came second overall as well. It's a fabulous effort for our small school. In addition, we came second overall in table tennis, while our junior girls won their division, and our badminton team came fourth. Well done to everyone who participated - representing our School and flying our colours is a great achievement in itself.



Reach 3100



Garnsey Quad March 15



The Garnsey quad was full of smooth sounds and sugar at lunchtime today with the Year 12 students organising a lunchtime concert and bake sale to raise money for Free 3D Hands, an organisation that provides free bionic hands to people who need them from all over the world. Thanks to the support of our students and staff, more than \$1000 was raised for this worthwhile cause.



Reach 2750



Community Connections

2023 Decades reunion

The Decades Reunion for the classes of 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 and 2013 was held in October last year with almost 100 students from across the cohorts reconnecting, reminiscing and mingling.



Old Scholars from the Class of 1973.



Old Scholars from the Class of 1993.



Old Scholars from the Class of 2003.



Old Scholars from the Class of 2003.



Old Scholars from the class of 1973 Meredith Ashton, Joan Ebbels and Kerry Watson (nee McIlwain) reminisce over old school photos.



Gippsland Grammar School Old Scholars Ian Fox, Ralph Hill and Grant Derham with former Gippsland Grammar School headmaster Revd Bert Neil's daughters Evelyn Jones and Margret Bampton.

St Anne's Day dinner

St Anne's Old Scholar Mary-Beth Higgins (nee Stagg) would like to encourage her fellow Old Scholars from the cohorts of 1962-63 to attend this year's St Anne's Day event on Friday July 26. "Myself and others from that cohort intend to travel to Sale for this event and it would be marvellous to see everyone and possibly join together again that evening for a dinner," she said.

Anyone from those cohorts who would like to join Mary-Beth for dinner can email her directly at stoneycreek159@bigpond.com



Anthea's success

FROM Old Scholar to best-selling order, Anthea Todd has forged a path for herself in the world of healthcare with her first book skyrocketing to become an Amazon best-seller in its first week.

Since Dr Todd graduated in 2012 she has embarked on a journey that not only showcases her commitment to enhancing women's health but also her ability to communicate complex ideas with simplicity.

Dr Todd's book, 'What's My Body Telling Me? Your Body Isn't the Problem. It's the Solution' empowers women to understand and listen to their bodies, breaking the conventional moulds that have long defined women's health narratives. The book's success on Amazon underscores its resonance with readers across the globe who are craving for a new perspective on women's health.

Dr Todd is the daughter of local chiropractors Wayne and Angela Todd, whose five children all attended our school from ELC to VCE.

Dr Todd is hosting a 'Female Fundamentals' event in Garnsey's Laurie Pain Sports Centre from 6.30pm on Friday May 10.

Buy tickets here: <https://events.humanitix.com/female-fundamentals-mothers-day-event-sale>



Author Fellowship

BUDDING young authors at Bairnsdale Campus are being inspired by local author and illustrator Meg Wheeler thanks to the Gippsland Grammar Foundation and its Lorna Sparrow Fellowship.

Meg's Fellowship includes is part of a 10-session program nurturing and developing writing skills, fostering creativity, expression, and literary excellence.

Students are exploring the art of crafting their own stories and bringing them to life in a book and Meg said she has been incredibly impressed with the way students 'hit the ground running'.

"We dove into a 'story structure' brainstorm using 'Pig the Pug' as an example for structure and character development.

"We discussed illustration options, sharing various illustrator examples and a diverse range of preferences emerged.

"Some students went into crafting their captivating plots immediately and the energy in the room was palpable! I can't wait to see their wonderful stories coming together over the coming weeks!"

'Speck's Trek' by Meg Wheeler is available now.

Giving Week

THE Gippsland Grammar Foundation will host a 'Giving Week' early in Term 2 to raise funds for the School's Building Fund.

A current focus for the Building Fund is the new St Anne's early years zone, which includes the campus's ELC and Foundation classrooms as well as and other building improvements at our Bairnsdale and Garnsey campuses.

In recent years the Foundation has contributed \$650,000 to Garnsey's Art & Design Centre and significant funds to St Anne's Years 3/4 Learning Centre known as 'Kukun Kalak', Garnsey's Laurie Payne Sports Centre and updates to Blackwood House.

Donations for the 2024 Giving Week can be made in Week 2 of Term 2, which coincides with our Grandparents' Day events.

More information will be shared with families in coming weeks.



VALE

Gippsland Grammar was sad to hear of the passing of **Elaine Hill** (nee Ireland), aged 82.

Elaine was born in 1941 and grew up on a dairy farm in Trafalgar and started boarding at St Anne's in the then Year 7 equivalent and remained at the school until she finished her Matriculation year in 1958 when she was the St Anne's Head Prefect.

Sadly Elaine had arranged to meet her dear fellow St Anne's boarder and lifelong pen pal Jill Williams at our Centenary book launch event in February and it was only when Elaine didn't attend the event that Jill found out Elaine had died. Elaine was 82 and lived at Warrnambool.

Gippsland Grammar's Generations



Year 3 student Harry Brighton with his grandmother at last year's Grandparents Day event at St Anne's.

TO MARK our Centenary year, our Old Scholars are launching the 'Generations Badge', a badge which will be presented to all current students whose parents, grandparents or even great-grandparents also attended our school. Badges will also be presented to the Old Scholar parent and/or grandparent at the Grandparents Day events on Monday April 22 (St Anne's), Tuesday April 23 (Garnsey) and Wednesday April 24 (Bairnsdale) ... please save the date!

To ensure our records are as accurate as possible, we are asking families to let us know of any grandparent or great-grandparent connection, so please email Sarah Guinness at development@gippslandgrammar.au if you have a Generations connection you wish to be recognised in this way.

The list below shows which connections we have already confirmed.



In 2017 Old Scholar Faye Cuthbertson (nee McKinnon, Class of 1962) alongside grandson Cohen Frith (Class of 2023) addresses the congregation at Bairnsdale Campus Grandparents Day. Faye's daughter Margo also attended our School as part of the Class of 1987. It's great to reflect on the impact Gippsland Grammar has had on so many generations.

NAME	SURNAME	CAMPUS	PARENT	PARENT	GRANDPARENT	GRANDPARENT
Ava	Alexander	Garnsey	John Alexander 2000			
Georgia	Anderson	Garnsey	Tony Anderson 1992			
Grace	Anderson	St Anne's	Fergus Anderson 2004			
Matilda	Anderson	Garnsey	Trent Anderson 1997			
Riley	Anderson	Garnsey	Trent Anderson 1997			
Alex	Andrew	Garnsey	Richard Andrew 1999			
Max	Andrew	Garnsey	Richard Andrew 1999			
Mikayla	Armstrong	Garnsey	Cam Armstrong 1997			
Hamish	Arnup	Garnsey	Dave Arnup 1994		Joan Ray (Forsyth) 1969	
Henry	Arnup	St Anne's	Andrew Arnup 1997			
Sophie	Arnup	St Anne's	Andrew Arnup 1997		Joan Ray (Forsyth) 1969	
Stella	Arnup	Garnsey	Dave Arnup 1994			
Maria	Baggaley	St Anne's	Rob Baggaley 2006			
Patrick	Baggaley	Garnsey	Rob Baggaley 2006			
Roger	Baggaley	St Anne's	Rob Baggaley 2006			
Blair	Bain	Garnsey	Amanda Bain (Wigg) 1990		Lindsay Wigg 1967	
Felix	Baxter	Garnsey	Kylie Baxter (Farley) 1987			
Sophie	Bermingham	Garnsey	Jason Bermingham 2000		Bruiser Bermingham 1971	
Harry	Black	St Anne's	James Black 2000			
Jack	Black	St Anne's	James Black 2000			
Lachy	Black	St Anne's	Timothy Black 2003			

NAME	SURNAME	CAMPUS	PARENT	PARENT	GRANDPARENT	GRANDPARENT
Mitch	Black	St Anne's	Timothy Black 2003			
Sarah	Black	Garnsey	James Black 2000			
Xav	Black	St Anne's	Timothy Black 2003			
Felix	Blandford	Bairnsdale	Nicholas Blandford 2002			
Jeremy	Blore	Garnsey	Tracey Blore (Sutton) 1982			
Charlotte	Board	Garnsey	Nicholas Board 1994			
Dylan	Board	Garnsey	Nicholas Board 1994			
Charlie	Brumley	St Anne's	Caitlin Brumley (Walker) 2002			
Harry	Brumley	St Anne's ELC	Caitlin Brumley (Walker) 2002			
Iris	Brumley	St Anne's ELC	Caitlin Brumley (Walker) 2002			
Hunter	Clancy	St Anne's	James Clancy 2003			
Pippa	Clancy	St Anne's ELC	James Clancy 2003			
Poppy	Cliff	St Anne's	Anthony Cliff 1991			
Alfie	Clyne	St Anne's	James Clyne 2004			
Isobel	Clyne	Garnsey	Alister Clyne 1997			
Lily	Clyne	St Anne's	James Clyne 2004			
Olivia	Clyne	Garnsey	Alister Clyne 1997			
Pippa	Clyne	St Anne's	James Clyne 2004			
Gisele	Coggan	Garnsey	Linde Coggan (Waters) 1993			
Tab	Coggan	St Anne's	Linde Coggan (Waters) 1993			
Sophie	Cox	St Anne's	Brea Adams 2002			
Alana	Crawford	Garnsey	Glenn Crawford 1997			
Andrew	Crawford	Garnsey	Glenn Crawford 1997			
Evie	Crawford	St Anne's	Ryan Crawford 2003			
Leo	Crawford	St Anne's	Ryan Crawford 2003			
Jack	Crowe	Garnsey	Ben Crowe 1999			
Sam	Crowe	Garnsey	Ben Crowe 1999			
Abby	Crozier	Garnsey	Adrian Crozier 1991	Andrea Simm 1991		
Archer	Deschepper	St Anne's ELC	Joshua Deschepper 2008			
Isla	Dick	Bairnsdale	Mathew Dick 2007			
Lucas	Dick	Bairnsdale ELC	Mathew Dick 2007			
Harry	Donaldson	St Anne's ELC	Mackenzie Donaldson (Stein) 2008			
Leo	Donaldson	St Anne's	Mackenzie Donaldson (Stein) 2008			
Lucy	Dray	Garnsey	Katy Dray (Relph) 1990			
Milly	Dray	Garnsey	Katy Dray (Relph) 1990			
Indi	Drew	St Anne's	Javiera Drew 1999	Shauna Drew (Zaal) 2002		
Lacey	Drew	Garnsey	Javiera Drew 1999	Shauna Drew (Zaal) 2002		
Sadie	Drew	St Anne's	Javiera Drew 1999	Shauna Drew (Zaal) 2002		
Alfie	Durning	St Anne's	Angela Gaw 1998			
Liam	Durning	St Anne's	Angela Gaw 1998			
Lexie	Elliman	St Anne's	Mark Elliman 2000			
Ned	Elliman	St Anne's	Mark Elliman 2000			
Alakai	Fischer	Bairnsdale	Kris Fischer 2007			
Eziah	Fischer	Bairnsdale	Kris Fischer 2007			
Kael	Frith	Garnsey	Margo Cuthbertson 1987		Faye Cuthbertson (McKinnon) 1962	
Fletcher	Fyfe	St Anne's	Haley Fyfe (Anderson) 1996			
Iris	Fyfe	St Anne's	Haley Fyfe (Anderson) 1996			
Abby	Gannon	St Anne's ELC	Thomas Gannon 2001			
Emma	Gannon	St Anne's	Thomas Gannon 2001			
Leah	Gannon	St Anne's	Thomas Gannon 2001			
Archie	Gault	St Anne's	Matthew Gault 1991			
Archer	Gerrand	Garnsey	Andrew Gerrand 1991			
Ella	Gerrand	Garnsey	Andrew Gerrand 1991			
Jessica	Gerrand	Garnsey	Andrew Gerrand 1991			
Emily	Gibson	St Anne's	Abbey Gibson (Birmingham) 2007	Damien Gibson 2005	Bruiser Bermingam 1971	
Hannah	Gibson	St Anne's	Abbey Gibson (Birmingham) 2007	Damien Gibson 2005	Bruiser Bermingam 1971	
Leah	Gibson	St Anne's	Abbey Gibson (Birmingham) 2007	Damien Gibson 2005	Bruiser Bermingam 1971	
Will	Gibson	St Anne's	Abbey Gibson (Birmingham) 2007	Damien Gibson 2005	Bruiser Bermingam 1971	
Zoe	Gibson	Garnsey	Abbey Gibson (Birmingham) 2007	Damien Gibson 2005	Bruiser Bermingam 1971	
Tobi	Hall	Garnsey	Laurence Hall 1986			
Austin	Hasler	Garnsey	Ingrid Jennings 2000			
Eadie	Heath	Garnsey	Ross Heath 1985			
Georgina	Heath	Garnsey	Ross Heath 1985			
Finn	Henwood	St Anne's ELC	Neil Henwood 2006			

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Isla	Heyne	St Anne's ELC	Alice Heyne (Vos) 2007			
Oscar	Hill	Garnsey	Jillian Hill (Burstons) 1994			
Sienna	Hill	Garnsey	Catherine Hill (Cross) 1999			
Zoe	Hoernlein	Garnsey	Nicole Hoernlein (Warren) 1998			
Arlo	Hooper	St Anne's	Nicholas Hooper 2004			
Jole	Hooper	Garnsey	Nicholas Hooper 2004			
Sophie	Hooper	Garnsey	Nicholas Hooper 2004			
Tex	Hooper	St Anne's ELC	Nicholas Hooper 2004			
Hayden	Hutty	St Anne's ELC	Adam Hutton 2011	Amy Hutton (Jameson) 2011		
Flynn	Inglis	Garnsey	Molly Work 1998			
Poppy	Inglis	St Anne's	Molly Work 1998			
Ivy	Johnston	St Anne's ELC	Justin Johnston 2006			
Jace	Johnston	St Anne's ELC	Justin Johnston 2006			
Ashan	Keppitipola	Garnsey	Kate Keppitipola (McLaughlin) 1999			
Luca	Keppitipola	Garnsey	Kate Keppitipola (McLaughlin) 1999			
Emma	Kewish	Garnsey	Neil Kewish 1983			
Noah	Kewish	Garnsey	Neil Kewish 1983			
Charlie	Lafferty	St Anne's	Felicity Lafferty (Friend) 2000		Sally Friend (Bowman) 1967	
Hannah	Lafferty	St Anne's	Felicity Lafferty (Friend) 2000		Sally Friend (Bowman) 1967	
Harriet	Lafferty	St Anne's	Felicity Lafferty (Friend) 2000		Sally Friend (Bowman) 1967	
Mason	Lancaster	Garnsey	Benjamin Lancaster 1992			
Sage	Lancaster	St Anne's	Benjamin Lancaster 1992			
Tommy	Lancaster	St Anne's	Benjamin Lancaster 1992			
Darcey	Langshaw	St Anne's	Simone Langshaw (Savage) 2002		Bruce Savage 1970	
Pippa	Langshaw	St Anne's	Simone Langshaw (Savage) 2002		Bruce Savage 1970	
Billy	Larsen	St Anne's	Emily Larsen (Andrews) 1999		Susan Andrews (Chalmer) 1971	
Evie	Larsen	St Anne's	Emily Larsen (Andrews) 1999		Susan Andrews (Chalmer) 1971	
Heath	Leeson	Garnsey	Ricky Leeson 1995		Garry Leeson 1970	
Jobe	Leeson	St Anne's	Ricky Leeson 1995		Garry Leeson 1970	
Regan	Leeson	Garnsey	Ricky Leeson 1995		Garry Leeson 1970	
Claire	Lightfoot	Bairnsdale	Robert Lightfoot 1997			
Isabell	Lindrea	Garnsey	Adam Lindrea 1999	Myra Lindrea (Budge) 1999		
Ruby	Lindrea	Garnsey	Adam Lindrea 1999	Myra Lindrea (Budge) 1999		
Rex	Livingstone-Rintoul	St Anne's	Angela Rintoul 1997		Louella Rintoul (Nolan) 1967	
Eli	Llewellyn	St Anne's	David Llewellyn 2003		Phillip Llewellyn 1979	
Alex	Macdonald	Garnsey	Marian Macdonald 1987			
Declan	Marshall	St Anne's	Cass Booth 2001		Helene Booth (Cordes) 1967	
Hugo	Marshall	St Anne's ELC	Cass Booth 2001		Helene Booth (Cordes) 1967	
Freddie	McArthur	St Anne's ELC	Alex McArthur 2000			
George	McArthur	St Anne's ELC	Alex McArthur 2000			
Harriet	McArthur	St Anne's	Alex McArthur 2000			
Blair	McDougall	St Anne's	Hamish McDougall 1997			
Conor	McDougall	Garnsey	Hamish McDougall 1997			
Ethan	McDougall	Garnsey	Hamish McDougall 1997			
Arlo	McGeoch	St Anne's	Crystal Goodwin 2001			
Nellie	McGeoch	St Anne's ELC	Goodwin, Crystal			
Gage	McGrath	St Anne's	Guy McGrath 2002			
Tayah	McGrath	St Anne's	Guy McGrath 2002			
Vera	McGrath	St Anne's ELC	Guy McGrath 2002			
Heidi	McInnes	Garnsey	Andrew McInnes 1995		Malcolm McInnes 1966	
Reuben	McInnes	Bairnsdale	Andrew McInnes 1995		Malcolm McInnes 1966	
Billy	McKay	St Anne's	Bradley McKay 2005			
Indiana	McKay	St Anne's	Bradley McKay 2005			
George	McNaughton	St Anne's	Andrew McNaughton 1995			
Arna	Mesaric	Garnsey	Nadine Lineham 1989			
Emily	Millar	St Anne's	Leesa Millar (Johnston) 2007			
Logan	Mills	Garnsey	Fiona Mills (Neumann) 1995			
Oscar	Morrison	St Anne's ELC	Leigh Morrison (Ting) 2005	Tom Morrison 2005	Lisa Morrison (Blandford) 1978	Timothy Morrison 1981
Arabella	Noble	St Anne's	Benjamin Noble 1996			
Mackley	Noble	St Anne's	Benjamin Noble 1996			
Willow	Noble	St Anne's	Benjamin Noble 1996			
Chloe	Olijnyk	Garnsey	Emma Gault 1994			
Abby	Paulet	Garnsey	Tim Paulet 1995			
Ruby	Paulet	Garnsey	Tim Paulet 1995			

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Charlie	Pemberton	Bairnsdale ELC	Hugh Pemberton 2002			
Evan	Pemberton	Bairnsdale	Hugh Pemberton 2002			
Callan	Plant	St Anne's	Fiona Plant (Clyne) 1995			
Lexie	Plant	Garnsey	Fiona Plant (Clyne) 1995			
Xavier	Plant	Garnsey	Fiona Plant (Clyne) 1995			
Charlie	Priestley	Bairnsdale			Charles Priestly 1972	
Ella	Priestley	Bairnsdale			Charles Priestly 1972	
Lily	Reynolds	Garnsey	Denis Reynolds 1988			
Mack	Reynolds	Garnsey	Denis Reynolds 1988			
Chloe	Rickerby	St Anne's	Emma Germaine 2003			
Olivia	Rowley	St Anne's	Kim Hawryluk-Rowley (Hawryluk) 2001			
Baylin	Said	St Anne's	Brooke Said 2000			
Hudson	Said	St Anne's ELC	Brooke Said 2000			
Kody	Said	Garnsey	Brooke Said 2000			
Milla	Said	Garnsey	Brooke Said 2000			
Anna	Sellings	St Anne's	Julian Sellings 1997			
Mary	Sellings	St Anne's	Brooke Said 2000			
Jack	Sheridan	Garnsey	Andrew Sheridan 1979			
Maggie	Sheridan	Garnsey	Andrew Sheridan 1979			
Blake	Shotter	St Anne's	Elizabeth Shotter (Semmens) 2006		Dianne Semmens (Rule) 1969	Allan Semmens 1965
Mackenzie	Shotter	St Anne's	Elizabeth Shotter (Semmens) 2006		Dianne Semmens (Rule) 1969	Allan Semmens 1965
Isla	Steele	St Anne's	Brett Steele 1992			
Audrey	Tait	St Anne's	Jordy Tait 2007		Nancy Bertacchini (Weatherley) 1973	
Eadie	Tait	St Anne's ELC	Jordy Tait 2007		Nancy Bertacchini (Weatherley) 1973	
Isla	Tilley	Garnsey	Adrian Tilley 1992			
Luke	Treasure	Garnsey	Carl Treasure 1992			
Aliesha	Turnbull	Garnsey	Simon Turnbull 1989			
Angus	Turnbull	St Anne's	Simon Turnbull 1989			
Toby	Turnbull	Garnsey	Simon Turnbull 1989			
Levi	Vardy	Garnsey	Ryan Vardy 1994			
Obi	Vardy	Garnsey	Ryan Vardy 1994			
Jack	Waller	Bairnsdale	Claire Louise Bowen 1999			
Isaac	Ward	Garnsey	Alexander Ward 1997			
Artie	Warren	St Anne's ELC	Rodney Warren 2003			
Emily	Warren	St Anne's	Mathew Warren 2000			
James	Warren	St Anne's ELC	Mathew Warren 2000			
Lillie	Warren	St Anne's	Mathew Warren 2000			
Matilda	Warren	St Anne's	Rodney Warren 2003			
Sylvia	Warren	St Anne's	Rodney Warren 2003			
Thomas	Warren	St Anne's	Mathew Warren 2000			
Bailey	Webster	Garnsey	Simon Webster 1992		Rodney Webster 1961	
Archie	Whelan	Bairnsdale	Ainsleigh Whelan (Skeels) 2005		Peter Skeels 1977	Paula Skeels (Gray) 1980
Grace	Whelan	Bairnsdale ELC	Timothy Whelan 2005			
Hudson	Whelan	Bairnsdale	Ainsleigh Whelan (Skeels) 2005		Peter Skeels 1977	Paula Skeels (Gray) 1980
Lachie	White	St Anne's ELC	Brad White 2000			
Oscar	Wilkins	Garnsey	Narelle Wilkins (King) 1989			
Nash	Wilson	Garnsey	Anita Wilson (Leeson) 1998		Garry Leeson 1970	
Rudy	Wilson	Garnsey	Anita Wilson (Leeson) 1998		Garry Leeson 1971	
Elsa	Wynne	Garnsey	Matthew Wynne 1994			
Fletcher	Wynne	St Anne's	Matthew Wynne 1994			
Tallulah	Wynne	Garnsey	Matthew Wynne 1994			
Patrick	Ashley	Garnsey			Pauline Bommer (Weston) 1973	
Hannah	Ashley	Bairnsdale			Pauline Bommer (Weston) 1973	
Chloe	Ashley	Bairnsdale			Pauline Bommer (Weston) 1973	
Madeline	Ashley	Bairnsdale			Pauline Bommer (Weston) 1973	
Eadie	Liston	Bairnsdale			Gillian Liston (McLarty) 1969	
Henry	Liston	Bairnsdale			Gillian Liston (McLarty) 1969	
Stuart	Ray	Garnsey			Joan Ray (Forsyth) 1969	
Riley	Nicholas	Garnsey			Neville Nicholas 1972	
Madi	Nicholas	Garnsey			Neville Nicholas 1972	



Rowers Lucy Huges (cox), Scarlett Tavasci, Ella Gerrand (Rowing Captain), Ruby Lindrea and April Harrison with their trophy at the Head of the Schoolgirls Regatta at Geelong.

Rowing

TERM 1 has been one of the busiest and most successful terms of rowing ever for Gippsland Grammar. Our standout results have included our first Open Division 1 Head of the Schoolgirls Quad Scull title for 14 years alongside multiple wins at the Victorian Senior and Junior State Championships, Barwon Regatta, Scotch Mercantile Regatta and medals from the ACT State Championships and Head of the Lake.

At the Head of the Schoolgirls our Div 1. Quad crew of Ella Gerrand, Scarlett Tavasci, April Harrison, Ruby Lindrea, and cox Lucy Hodges won the HOSG title with a commanding performance, beating the whole field by a stunning six-second margin. This coveted title is one of the hardest to secure in Australia and the girls' squad had targeted the win since August 2023. Likewise on the same weekend,

our boys Div. 1. Quad crew of Sam Reynolds, Hagen Cook, Evan Lewis, Lagan Joshi, and Camden Beyer secured a strong victory at the Scotch Mercantile Regatta, a title never won before by Gippsland Grammar.

These crews were then joined by an inter boys double, a senior boys double and an inter girls quad to travel up to the National Championships in Sydney. The squad achieved some great results, with the girls coxed quad scull placing fifth and were the highest placed Victorian crew and the boys' coxless quad placing 9th and securing the distinction of highest placed Victorian crew.

This term has also seen our Rowing Program hit record numbers of students for a third consecutive year. With a grand total of 92 rowers participating in racing across regattas in Geelong, Nagambie, Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney and Ballarat, Gippsland Grammar continues to achieve outstanding results with a pool of dedicated and skilful rowers.

Alongside our rowers, our coaching team and the McColl Club has also excelled and put in some significant hard yards. I would like to acknowledge the significant help and support from Henry McLeod, Helena Singleton, Alex Watson, Chris Ray, Justin Henderson, Anthony Dwyer, Trevor Pendrick, Matthew Thompson, Lachy Rose, Mike Cook, and the McColl Club.

Looking to the future, we have five trialists involved in the Victorian U18 Pathway Crew process which will be taking place over the Easter holidays who we wish the best of luck to (Ella Gerrand, Scarlett Tavasci, April Harrison, Lagan Joshi, Hagen Cook and Lucy Hodges), as well as two Old Scholars who have been confirmed as competing at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games for Australia: Paige Barr and Fergus Hamilton.

Lastly, with the success this year of the Rowing Program, we look forward to further growth of numbers, and with that comes the need to continue adding to our equipment to enable us to compete at the highest level and achieve our best outcomes.



Zahra at our recent Centenary Eucharist.

Congratulations Zahra

YEAR 12 student Zahra Hanratty received the John Leaver Award for 2023, with the ceremony day for the award being held earlier this year.

John Leaver was the founder of many independent schools in Victoria and the initiator of the Ecumenical Schools Association, which is a group of like-minded schools that are open to people of all religions.

The John Leaver Award is nominated by the school and is given to an individual that demonstrates a spirit of compassion, resilience, an ability to connect with others, including those of other generations and broad-mindedness. Head of Year 12 Justin Henderson said Zahra "represented herself and our school extremely well and participated in this leadership development day positively and humbly".