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From the Principal



It was a privilege to celebrate our 20th Anniversary of our Newton Hall, Nanjing Campus in May this year. To think over 6,600 Year 9 students have each spent five weeks in China, much of that time staying at Newton Hall. In addition, 654 Year 11 students have also returned to China for a shorter visit for the purpose of enhancing their Mandarin language studies. Furthermore, 4-6 students have returned to Nanjing Campus each year after completing their Year 12 schooling, for a Gap Year working with each group of Year 9 students. Some 220 staff have taken part in the program. The delegation was led by President of Council, Mr Jim Hayman and I was delighted that we were joined by a number of members of School Council; past Principal and the founding Principal of Nanjing Campus, Mr Stephen Newton AO; past Heads of Nanjing Campus – Dr Malcolm Pritchard (founding Head of Nanjing Campus), Mr Rowen Lewis, Mrs Sue Sonogo, Mr Michael Chesterman and Ms Mary Craven. In addition, we were also joined by the then President of the Caulfield Grammarians' Association (CGA), Dr Chris Mathieson and CGA Executive Director, Ms Linda Sprott and Mr Andrew Cole, Director of Advancement.

It was a great honour to spend time with Stephen Newton and to hear of his vision of twenty years ago. A privilege of education is observing the growth that occurs for our students after they have had a transformational experience. The joy in Stephen's eyes when he saw the campus again and spoke with students will be a distinct memory for me of these celebrations. Our Internationalism Program in Nanjing provides a catalyst for students and our staff to challenge themselves in an unfamiliar environment. Listening to stories from past students and staff on the impact of this program on their personal and professional growth, exemplifies the importance of providing such rich learning experiences for our students.

My gratitude and thanks go to Mr Mike Gregory, Head of Newton Hall, Nanjing Campus and his team of dedicated staff. Our Year 9 students are

stretched beyond their comfort zone, are immersed in internationalism and are learning to co-exist in a residential environment. I look forward to what the next twenty years will offer our students as we continue to evolve and reimagine this wonderful legacy program of our school. Prior to arriving in Nanjing, the delegation stopped in Hong Kong to join with the then President of the Caulfield Grammarians' Association, Dr Chris Mathieson and Executive Director Ms Linda Sprott, to host a reunion for over 70 members of the Caulfield Grammar community who now reside in Hong Kong. The evening reminded me of the reach of our great school. Many memories were shared and it was wonderful to see such a thriving alumni that remains connected and engaged to our school today – it is a cornerstone of a thriving Caulfield Grammar.

I was an immensely proud Principal on 7 June when our community displayed the true spirit of Caulfield Grammar School on our inaugural Giving Day. I was incredibly heartened by the overwhelming response from our community and the comments accompanying the donations

were a highlight for me throughout the day. Together, we have created a fantastic launch pad for the future of our Foundation. Our next phase of forging community partnerships to foster sustainable and purposeful relationships for young people to join our School in the future is progressing well and I look forward to keeping the community informed of this progress. Mr Andrew Cole (Director of Advancement) and Mrs Michelle Hayward (Advancement Manager) led the initiative and were central to the success of this campaign. I also acknowledge and thank our Foundation Board members; President, Mr Jim Hayman, Mrs Kate Barnett, Mr Geoff Bainbridge, Mr Robin Coventry, Mr Ian Edney, Mrs Lynn Hoh, Mr Richard Harris and Mr Andrew Hunter.

In the latter weeks of Term 2, I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to meet and listen to parents from our three metropolitan campuses at coffee mornings I hosted. Valuing a strong community was reinforced during these conversations and the transparency and openness of the sessions was pleasing. I will continue to value listening to our community and

building strong relationships with our parent body. I want to be audacious in reimagining Caulfield Grammar School and I was pleased to feel the energy and passion from everyone to help make us be even better. We are a great school but as with any organisation, there is room for improvement. Hearing all experiences from our parents, positive and not so positive, helps me form clearer views on strategic decisions for our future.

We are in the midst of developing Strategy 2031. What was heartening for me at the coffee morning sessions, were the major themes - communication; teaching and learning; uniform and student appearance, and technology in the classroom, are also at the forefront of our strategic plan development. I am confident our community will see improvements in these themes and many other areas of our school in the short and long term. I have a clear lens on the now and the future when making strategic decisions and with my School Executive and School Council you will see traction on a number of improvement initiatives.

Ashleigh R. Martin
Principal



Chinese dancers entertain guests at the official anniversary ceremony.

Principal Ashleigh Martin, President of Council Jim Hayman and former Principal Stephen Newton at the 20th Anniversary of Nanjing Campus celebrations. The Campus was opened under the tenure of Mr Newton.

Morcom House blitzed the competition in the mixed netball during the Community Sport event.

Jim Alexiades, Head of Caulfield Campus; Ashleigh Martin, Principal and Rowan Williams, Project Manager for ADCO Constructions turn the first sods for the Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre project at Caulfield Campus. The project is due for completion in 2019.

Introducing the Middle Years Programme



The implementation of the Middle Years Programme (MYP) across Years 7-9 of our secondary campuses offers a wonderful opportunity to examine and renew our curriculum offerings across these important formative years. We are proud of the strong skills and knowledge we develop in our young people, but how can we better prepare them for the uncertainties and changing landscape of their future? The MYP places particular emphasis on building independence and skills vital for the workplace and beyond. Here **Daniella Warren**, Learning Area Leader - Learning Journeys and **Natalie White**, Learning Area Leader – English, Years 7-9 explain the implementation, and benefits to students of the MYP.

With Caulfield Grammar School now in the candidacy phase of accreditation by the International Baccalaureate for offering the MYP, teachers have been busy working together to consider how the MYP approach can enhance our students' learning. In January, all secondary teachers attended a training day which was facilitated by MYP trainers and differentiated according to teacher experience with the program. Many unit plans were developed and enhanced

through faculty discussions on the day. Much collaborative planning in Semester One was dedicated to the creation, development and evaluation of the learning strategies within each subject area. Different faculty areas have also been undertaking subject-specific sessions with MYP trainers in order to offer guidance and expertise for this process of curriculum renewal.

There are also opportunities for individual teachers to access the broader network

of International Baccalaureate schools. We were fortunate to be able to attend the IB Global Asia Pacific Conference in Singapore. As teachers, there is a sense of renewed energy that comes with being inspired and taking time to invest in our own learning. Caulfield Grammar School has always been generous with professional development opportunities, however this one was particularly special. We used the opportunity to strengthen our understanding of the MYP and better ourselves as a teacher and learner, with the intention of paying it forward on our return. Already there are several projects and ideas in motion that will ultimately lift our learning programs and allow critical thinking to drive them.

Daniella attended several presentations that centred around exemplars of what schools are doing in the field of Action Learning. These programs are designed to develop students' moral courage and compassion so that they become agents of change. While there are pockets of this happening throughout the school, there is so much more our learning community could be doing to develop this kind of thinking.

The MYP provides us with scaffolding to design programs that emphasise the importance of considering how our students can have a positive impact on the world.

The Learning Journeys team at Caulfield Campus has collaborated to alter the Choice Journey Project in order to reflect our desire for greater Action Learning. Students are required to complete a project of their own choosing and are then asked to consider how this might help serve others. Students still complete a project they are passionate about and develop new skills, however, we have added an additional element that allows students to look more outwardly to the community. The quality of projects so far has been astounding and it is clear there is no end to the students' creativity, innovation and empathy.

For Natalie, the conference provided opportunities to really focus on the learning behaviours of students. In order for skills and knowledge to be transferable, the MYP cultivates a set of Approaches to Learning (ATLs) in order to help students to 'learn how to learn'. Of course, great thinking goes on within our classrooms all the time, however the MYP encourages teachers to explicitly plan for and teach these skills to students. A number of conference sessions focused on how to best draw out students' abilities by giving them the tools to focus on the factors for their success. Within our education system, students are often limited in what they can control about their learning, but mindset, effort and strategy use are factors which can help them to build the skills framework for their future.

The English team at Wheelers Hill Campus has subsequently implemented a Power and Language unit where students explore the way language choices can affect an audience and consider the implications of this. In a world of "fake news" and less credible news sources, it is important that



students build ATLs such as media literacy and critical thinking skills. Students were able to explore a particular question they were curious about in terms of the power of language and to communicate their discoveries to their peers. It was here that teachers were able to witness the excitement and interest coming from the students about making sense of their world.

An exciting aspect of the conference was accessing the IB community from around the globe. It was powerful to see how the IB principles can be adapted and applied to different school contexts. We found it really helpful to hear about how other schools approached various challenges with implementation and to learn from these experiences. We also found that all schools are on a similar journey - just at a different stage of development. Meeting with IB teachers from around the world allowed us to share ideas and resources and look for ways to work together. Creating these cultures of collaboration among teachers is the key to implementation success.

Year 9 students had a community focus in their Choice Journeys projects. Piper Sweeney-Johnston shows her Base Bag, which is now resonating with the community. The result of her study and work in community shelters, the bag is printed with a map of Melbourne showing homeless services and is stocked with essential items. Piper, who is active in community service at Sts Peter and Paul's Mission House has had requests to bring the bag concept in for Adelaide and Bendigo, and now has significant donations and funding to keep the project alive.



Visible Wellbeing

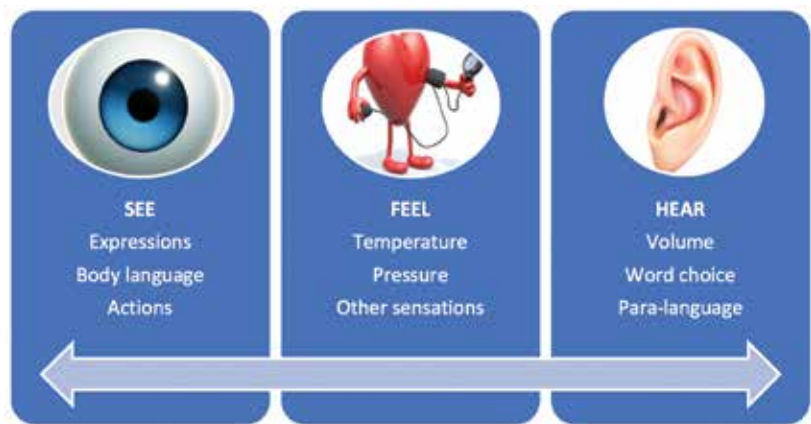
Visible Wellbeing is one of Caulfield Grammar's six Teaching and Learning priorities. Here, Mary Craven, Visible Wellbeing Project Leader, explains how our school community has been working in partnership with Professor Lea Waters to strengthen our understanding of wellbeing, how it can impact on our lives and strategies for improving it for all.

Our goal through the Visible Wellbeing approach is to make wellbeing visible so that we can proactively intervene and make changes in young people's lives and our own. We do this through acknowledging the negative, but specifically working to amplify the positives and increase overall wellbeing, which impacts all areas of life.

Training has included four days with all staff of the school, plus a representation of secondary students and parents working with Professor Waters. In 2018, coaching sessions and the last two training days have been undertaken to further develop our understanding and knowledge of the pathways to wellbeing.

To make wellbeing more visible we can make use of the practice: to see, hear and feel. To see, hear and feel what is happening around us and in others. Our young people have been introduced to the language of wellbeing at Caulfield Grammar through assemblies, House activities and classroom activities. We encourage members of our community to take time to 'tune in' to wellbeing and start noticing what they 'See, Hear and Feel' in themselves and in their families. This is a simple practice that will help to make wellbeing more visible within the home environment and can have a significant positive impact on each young person.

As a community, we are developing a shared language and understanding of the 6 positive pathways to wellbeing. For each person, wellbeing is already there and part of who they are. It is through the practices



of Visible Wellbeing that we can make it more consistent and visible. The focus of our training with Professor Waters has been to look at the practice, framework and process of Visible Wellbeing.



The Framework of Visible Wellbeing involves the 6 pathways to Wellbeing that Lea has addressed as part of our training, as shown here.

Each day of training has addressed these specific pathways. The focus of our first training day in October last year was that of the Strengths.

Across the school, staff and students have undertaken the Values in Action (VIA) survey which identifies the top 5 strengths of individuals.

As a result of the VIA survey being completed, a major focus on strengths is being embedded at Caulfield Grammar. Students are aware of their top 5 character strengths and how they use these in a range of daily activities. For example, ways their character strengths support them in their learning; how tapping into character strengths supports them as they interact with others as a member of our boarding community or residentially at Nanjing or Yarra Junction; how they allocate roles in collaborative tasks based on strengths; or in English, looking at the strengths of characters in their text studies.

Across the school, our young people and staff are working to make wellbeing more visible in their daily life and interactions through a range of activities.



When the day is long and energy levels and concentration begin to wane, these senior students begin a class with a few minutes of a mindfulness bodyscan activity to assist in re-focussing. The student committee at Caulfield Campus dedicated the last week of Term 2 to Wellness Week and encouraged teachers and students to commit a daily activity related to their wellbeing.

As part of their time at Yarra Junction, students focus on their character strengths to support them during their residential living experience and the daily 'challenge' activities that they undertake.

At the end of Term 2, there was a focus on wellbeing at Caulfield Campus through the student led initiative of Wellness Week. Each day of the week focused on a wellbeing pathway to raise awareness of and understanding of the 6 pathways. After lunch on the Tuesday, students took part in a mindfulness activity as part of the Attention and Awareness pathway. Wellbeing is improved when we are aware of, and able to direct our attention.

As part of our ongoing learning about the pathway of Emotional Management we are reminded that our feelings impact on how we function. Being present with our emotions and looking to increase our positive emotions is a key aspect of positive functioning. At Malvern Campus for example our Year 1 students focus on positive emotions when they reflect on what it is they are grateful for.

Our young people enjoy opportunities to talk about their strengths in action and also to make connections with those who have similar character strengths. We encourage parents and guardians to also complete the VIA Character strength survey (<http://www.viacharacter.org>) and take time to talk about their character strengths with their young people.

Every member of the extended Caulfield Grammar School community plays a vital role in ensuring that we are all well beings, and support each other as we continue to create a happy, healthy and high functioning school.

Mary Craven
Project Leader - Visible Wellbeing



Staff mapping their success with visible wellbeing.



The Gratitude Wall at Malvern Campus: Maintaining a positive outlook is helped when students show gratitude.



Students mapping their character strengths before challenging themselves at YJ.



Play in the Early Years

Each day children in the ELC explore their knowledge and understanding of the world, their social skills, their ways of negotiating, problem solving, risk taking, creativity and curiosity, through play. **Mary Grummet**, Coordinator – Early Learning Centres, explains the crucial nature of play in Caulfield Grammar’s approach to early learning.

The curriculum frameworks that guide the practice in the Early Learning Centres at Caulfield Grammar School emphasize PLAY as an essential part of children’s learning. An outsider might look at what they do each day and simply see children having fun.

Internationally renowned child psychologist, David Elkind says *“Play is not a luxury but rather a crucial dynamic of healthy physical, intellectual and social-emotional development at all age levels.”*

To illustrate how much children learn through play I share a recent experience.

I noticed four children playing with the indoor blocks. They were creating a very detailed construction using a variety of different sized blocks. As I watched, I saw them balance the blocks and manipulate them with care and creativity. They demonstrated a

knowledge and understanding not just of the blocks and where they needed to be placed, but also of themselves and how they needed to move around each other, sharing equipment and space. On closer observation, I realised they were recreating a scene from a story. At one point, one moved off to collect paper and pens. They then asked for help to make signs to add to their building. We worked together to create these signs which read “deep drop”; “stop” and “go back”. Whilst building, they had a disagreement and had to negotiate a way around the problem.

Through this play scenario the children demonstrated and developed their knowledge of mathematics and science (counting, sorting, classifying, measuring, balance, weight), literacy (conveying a message through text, identification of letters, breaking down

words into sounds), social and language skills (listening to the ideas of others; articulating ideas; negotiating, problem solving; enjoying the company of others; cooperation).

Our Early Learning Centre (ELC) children attend specialist lessons where play is also central to their teaching approach. The specialist teachers use stories and songs, games and hands on experiences to enhance children's learning.

An article by Joan Almon entitled *The Vital Role of Play in Childhood* reminds us that "the brain is not an isolated organ in the body. It is linked to everything else – to language, to movement, to social and emotional experiences. Thus, when the hands, the eyes, the ears or the heart are being stimulated through life activity, so is the brain". Play allows children to engage their hands, their eyes, ears and heart and is why we value it so highly.

When attending a study tour of the educational project known as the Reggio Emilia Approach in the Italian city of Reggio Emilia earlier this year, my colleagues and I were reassured to hear the speakers talk about the importance of allowing children to discover why they need to learn how to read and write as opposed to teaching letters and sounds in isolation.

They talked at length about how children ask questions to make sense of the world and that their early play often involves exploring mathematical and scientific skills by creating order such as grouping things according to colour and size.

To offer a program that recognises the importance of play and which fosters creativity and imagination you need to have skilled teachers who can support and extend children's learning, who know when to stand back and when to intervene. We are indeed lucky to have such educators in our Early Learning Centres.

Mary Grummet
Coordinator – Early Learning Centres



Around the School



RECONCILIATION WEEK: Sean Choolburra was recently invited to our Malvern Campus Reconciliation Assembly and provided a wonderful cultural performance. Malvern students learnt about the traditional songs and dance of Sean's people including the story of the grass skirt, the legend of the frill neck lizard, the dance of the crocodile, the defence mechanism of the echidna, and the story and dance of the dragonfly which is said to be over 300 million years old. Sean's performance was interactive with student involvement and included playing the didgeridoo and making fire from a jacaranda tree, a branch of which, he presented as a gift to the school.



Isabel from Pre-Prep Blue at Malvern Campus working on her reconciliation week inspired artwork based from the book Welcome to Country.



As part of Reconciliation Week at Caulfield Campus, indigenous sporting legend, and former Senator, Nova Peris, accepted an invitation from senior students to speak at their assembly. She spoke about her family history as members of the stolen generation; both her mother and grandparents were taken from their families and sent to missions. She talked about how important sharing those stories are saying “don’t keep history a mystery”.



The 2018 Caulfield Grammar School Indigenous 1st Football jumper was designed in a collaboration between members of the school community and indigenous elders. Staff including Dr Ross Brooks & Mr Rick Connors worked with Year 12 student, Luke Egan (left), a proud Bangerang man, and Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin on the design, to have it reflect the land in which Caulfield Grammar stands. Things you might notice:

- It is based on the map of Melbourne.
- The gold traces the Yarra (Wurrundjeri land) and the coat (Yalukit Willam land) and suggests the form of Bunjil.
- The zig-zag on the lower part echoes the waves.
- A wavy/curvy version of this mark also appears on the river part.
- Gold found in river, also represents the sun.
- Reflects a connection between salt water and fresh water.

Luke is pictured with First Football co-captains, Will Kennedy and Jack Ross.



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME: Recently, One million students around Australia and NZ all stopped to read a picture book to celebrate reading and literacy, and the importance of the library! Our Year 2 students at Wheelers Hill Campus joined the fun, donning mouse masks created while listening to Hickory Dickory Dash.

Around the School



MODEL UN: 'You can much better have an influence on the debate when you sit at the bargaining table and you can give input.' Year 10 student, Zach Ah-Tye, got to live the words of Angela Merkel at the Rotary Club Model United Nations Assembly last week. He, along with another student, Melanie, joined the debates on the Syrian War and North Korea in the Victorian Parliament chambers. More than 80 students from around the state took part, representing 40 countries.



NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY: Mr Andrew Strooper and Mr Lucas Collins led different walking groups, all celebrating with a cup of hot Milo on arrival at school. What a great way to start a chilly Friday!



CAFÉ PROGRAM: Each cohort of students in the Café Program at Caulfield Campus decide on a theme and cuisine for their turn at running the café. Recently students had an Italian week, featuring handmade cannoli.



LIBRARY: Our Year 4s at Wheelers Hill had a visit from author and Artist-in-Residence, Alex Lee Miles. Alex has penned an impressive list of books and made sure to sign copies for the students, including Mukhjo Bedi from Year 4W. Students and parents may know Alex's Olive Black books.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Our Human Resources Director, Jayne Hart, recently visited St Albans Heights Primary School to work with parents seeking employment. The school runs a community hub supporting refugees and non-English speaking school families with life skills and support. Jayne was able to assist the group, drawing on her professional expertise, providing guidance on key employment skills such as: building a resume, making applications and interview skills.



CLASSROOM LIFE: Head of Wheelers Hill Campus, Mr Paul Runting, working with VCE English students preparing for assesments.

Around the School

YJ ACTIVITIES: Bike Riding Experience at Yarra Junction - Year 8 Program. This group of Year 8 students from Wheelers Hill Campus were lucky enough to be the very first group to try bike riding at YJ. *“As a member of the first group to do bike riding, I found that it was a really enjoyable experience which was also quite challenging yet fun. I found myself to be quite comfortable with bike riding along trails, bridges etc, however bike riders of all strengths and skill levels, from really confident riders to beginners, rode together in a group effectively, with everyone who partook in the activity really enjoying it also. It was quite a privilege to be able to be the first group to try this new activity, and I am thrilled at how amazing it turned out to be! Overall, bike riding at YJ was a very positive experience, which will only get better as it progresses through the program.”* Zoe Rivers, Yr 8.



MOOTING WIN: Two teams of Caulfield Campus students took part in the Monash Uni Mooting Competition, with one of our teams walking away with the trophy after a fierce final. Congratulations to all the students and supporting staff, and to those on the winning team - Isabel, Chloe and Marie-Angelique.



INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD: Shanni Chen, (at left) in Year 12 at Wheelers Hill Campus was one of 17 talented young science students selected to represent Australia at the UNESCO-sanctioned International Science Olympiads in July and August. She joined a team of just three other students to compete in the International Biology Olympiad held in Tehran, Iran from 15–22 July. Shanni received a silver medal, which was just reward for her intensive training to make the cut and outperform more than 6,000 other students from more than 280 schools in the qualifying exams. Shanni then made a shortlist of 91 to attend a two-week summer school at the Australian National University in preparation for the Olympiads.



VISUAL LEARNING: Malvern Campus students work together on their literacy skills.





BASKETBALL STARS: Congratulations to Year 11 student Isobel Anstey (left), who has been named in the *Sapphires* Australian Under 17 Girls Basketball Team to compete at the World Cup in Belarus from 21-29 July. Isobel is pictured here with Caulfield Grammar Sport Ambassador, Lauren Jackson and Isobel's father and Head Coach, Chris Anstey, both legends of the game.



Congratulations to Year 12 student, Isis Lopes! She has accepted a basketball scholarship for 2019 at Clemson University in the US. An incredible achievement! Isis joined our Wheelers Hill community in Year 9 and has played 1sts basketball since. She has been on the 2016 & 2017 premierships winning teams, and was MVP both years. She has an APS playing record of 27 wins and 3 losses since 2015. She's from a basketball family; her mum, Suzi, played NCAA Div1 for Kansas. We wish Isis all the best for her bright future!

Around the School



CRITICAL THINKING: Students learn to be critical thinkers and media consumers in the new learning spaces in the Roy Hoult Centre at Caulfield Campus.



MEDIA CLASS: A student hard at work in Media Class at Wheelers Hill Campus.



MAKING A CHANGE: A ResourceSmart student initiative that was implemented in Term 2 at Malvern Campus was the introduction of 'soft plastic' bins. Hugo Malingbrough pictured with Mr Andrew Strooper informed the school that once the soft plastic is collected it can be recycled and made into park benches, walkways and signposts.



MAKING CONNECTIONS: On Making Connections Day, groups of Year 7s swap campuses. Visiting Wheelers Hill students to Caulfield Campus took part in yoga sessions, a bbq and a race around the school with their local counterparts.



VCE COURSE SELECTIONS: Our Year 10s were guided in their VCE subject selection by our experienced Careers Team. This helps students identify the best VCE subjects for them to pursue their interests and career aspirations.



BLACK MEDEA: A Year 11 production at Wheelers Hill, based on the ancient Greek Medea, this play looked at ‘country’, the urban life of indigenous people and the conflicts and concerns with domestic violence and alcoholism.

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS: “Two con men, a beautiful woman and the elite of the French Riviera collide in this irreverent farce.” The Caulfield Campus Year 7-12 musical was full of life, laughter and feathers this year. A fantastic show and a real crowd pleaser.

Around the School



NIGHT OF DANCE: A phenomenal exploration of dance styles and talents at our Night of Dance at Wheelers Hill Campus.



CAULFIELD CAMPUS CONCERT: Our student musicians put on an outstanding show to a sold out crowd in the Cripps Centre at the annual Campus Concert.





WHEELERS HILL JUNIOR CONCERT: The youngest members of our Wheelers Hill Campus put on a fantastic musical concert for parents, staff and friends.



MALVERN CAMPUS CONCERT: Our Malvern Campus singers and musicians travelled to the Cripps Centre at Caulfield Campus to showcase their talents to the supportive crowd. Instruments, singing and some interesting visuals were all part of this concert.



WHEELERS HILL SECONDARY CONCERT: A variety of styles of music and performances were put on show at the Wheelers Hill Secondary Concert, highlighting the wonderful talent of our students and the commitment of specialist music teachers.

Around the School



WINTER SPORTS: The winter sports are well underway this year. Students are able to get involved in sports like Football, Basketball, Soccer and Netball.





PHYS ED: Year 12 students being pushed to their limits with VO₂Max testing in their Phys Ed class at Wheelers Hill. A great opportunity to live an experience being studied in class.

From the Archives

A night of firsts - Thursday 30th April, 1931

A box of papers was recently delivered to the Archives Centre. There was one small item of particular interest which marked a very important event in the history of Caulfield Grammar School. It was a menu card for the **Caulfield Grammarians' Association dinner**, held at the **Esplanade Hotel** in St Kilda on **Thursday 30th April, 1931**.

This was a particularly significant dinner because it was the first held after the school became a company just ten days earlier. One of the first members of the School Council, **Mr Richard Ballard**, was present. **Mr Frank Archer**, soon to be the first Headmaster to operate under the newly formed Council, was there along with **Mr Walter Buntine**, the Principal.

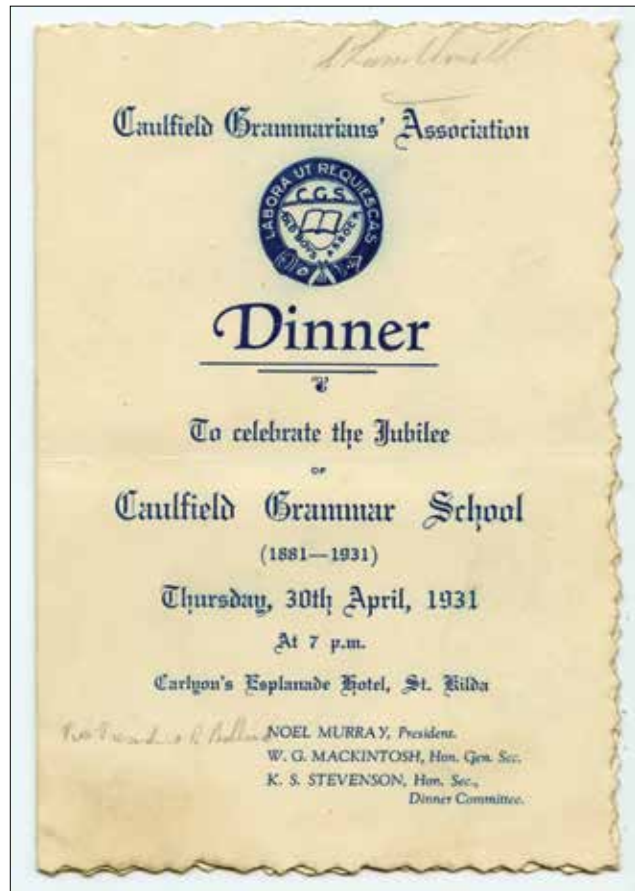
Also, in attendance was **Dr J.C.V. Behan** (1894-95), **Victoria's first Rhodes Scholar**, and a member of the School Council from its inception until 1938.

There are 51 signatures of past students and staff on the menu card. **R.W. McCulloch** (Staff 1908-59) and **Arnold Buntine** (Staff 1922-23) were among the diners but possibly the most interesting signature is that of Alfred Carlton who was one of the twelve boys who was in the former lolly shop at the corner of **Selwyn Street and Glen Huntly Road** on the very first day of the school's existence, 25 April, 1881.

At the dinner, **Mr Len Lloyd** (1897-1900), Deputy President of the CGA, proposed the toast to the school and the response was delivered by the Principal.

Guests were treated to an eight-course banquet to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary which marked a new era in its development. They would be truly amazed to see the school as it is today, just thirteen years short of its 150th anniversary.

Researched by Archives Volunteer, **David Thomson OAM**, (1951-64; Staff 1980-2016).



Get Well Soon, Peter! There is power in the thoughts we have and the words we choose. Can you remember the excitement of receiving a special card or letter that has lifted your spirits wor aided recovery?

In 1963 when **Peter N Hepworth** (1963-72) was in Prep III at Shaw House, he missed school for a number of weeks due to a wrist wound. While in hospital his teacher, **Miss Gwenda Smith** (1959-80), arranged for his classmates to write letters, for "... We thought perhaps a letter from each of us might help to cheer you up. I hope I will see you back at school very soon, love from Miss G Smith".

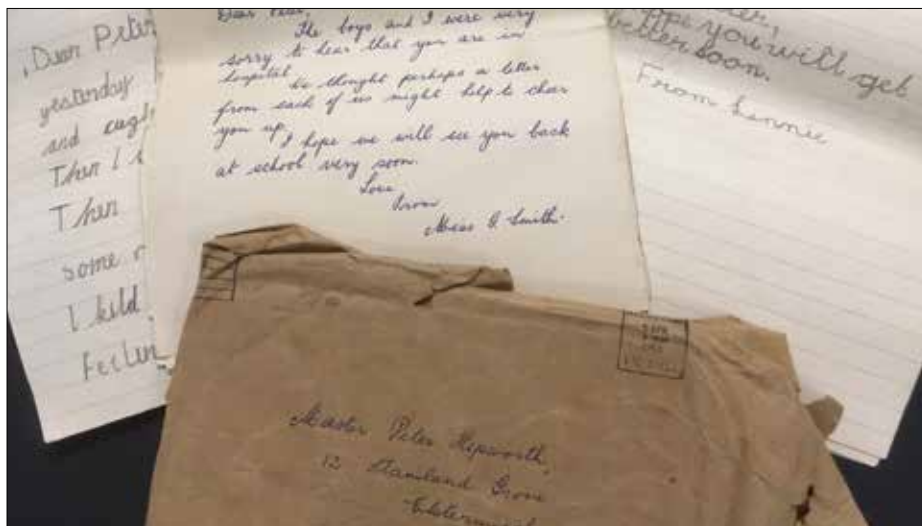
Aside from 'get well' messages, the thirty-two letters mention topics such as cubby houses, bluebird cars, spiders, family pets, playing marbles or cricket and seeing "a hippopotamus at the zoo". Letter writers include **Bruce Bickerdike, Peter Bucklow, Tony Conway, Sean Meltzer**, and others. These unique letters highlight the closeness of the **Shaw House community** and the honest reflections of little boys. Many thanks to Peter for thinking of the Caulfield Grammar Archives and donating the letters and memorabilia and trophies of the Caulfield Grammar School Cadets and Rifle Club.

Homework from Labora, May - Photo ID - Malvern Playground, 1997

Special thanks to **Janet Adey Spooner** and **Maria Vallianatos**, for suggesting names of the unknown students, in the "Malvern Playground, c. 1997" photo.

Taught by Mrs Andrea Machin. From Left to Right: Emma Henderson, Amanda Marvelli, Sarah Sackville, Kate Murfett, Marnie McColl, Patrick Lane and Kieran Gill.

Interestingly **Mike Vanderkelen** (1954-1965), noticed a similarity between the 1997 image and one from his years at Malvern, c.1954-55 and forwarded the image.



The photograph of young students, titled, **'Celestials, 1909'**, prompted **Kate Archer**, granddaughter of past Headmaster, **Frank H Archer** (1907-13; 1923-54), to ponder if the boys were in a Boarders discussion group on Philosophy or Enlightenment, for **Mr Archer** read widely, including the philosopher, **Plato** and may have shared his interest with the boys.

If you can help to grow the Heritage Collection & Archive of Caulfield Grammar and Malvern Grammar School, or have questions, please contact Judith Gibson, School Archivist on (03) 9524 6249 or email at judithgibson@caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au.



Foundation Focus

Transformational Giving Day

Thank you for your incredible support of our inaugural Community Giving Day. With the generosity of our donor matchers (as listed below), more than 630 donors and 40 volunteers, we were delighted to raise more than \$520,000 to fund our needs-based Foundation Scholarships. This is an amazing result, far exceeding our expectations. I am extremely proud to be working in a community that supported this wonderful initiative so enthusiastically.



Andrew Cole, Director of Advancement

It was inspiring to see and hear of donors ranging from current students, parents, staff and suppliers to Grammarians aged from 16 to 90 years getting behind the Giving Day. Our volunteers, including current students, staff, and past and current parents, did a wonderful job of making calls and creating fantastic momentum on the day.

We are thrilled that the funds raised will enable us to offer Foundation Scholarships to students from Indigenous communities, refugee communities and Grammarian families in 2019. These students will be represented at both Wheelers Hill and Caulfield campuses in the middle and senior schools and will include boarding (Morcom House) for some of the students.

Giving Day was the Foundation's first major initiative since the Twin Halls Appeal. We are delighted that as a result of the Giving

Day, we have now generated significant awareness of the Foundation's important role in raising funds to support needs-based Foundation Scholarships.

Our Principal, Ashleigh Martin, looks forward to sharing with you how these funds will positively impact young people. We were humbled by the overwhelming support we received from our community and look forward to building on this success and the exciting role the Foundation can play for students and the School in our shared future.

Thoughts of my School pass through my mind on a regular basis, 53 years on. I just loved my time at Caulfield Grammar School. Now hoping that these beneficiaries of the Giving Day love the school as much as I do.

Denis Hyland Grammarian 1965

Ashleigh Martin lends his support to the students, parents, past-students and staff who volunteered their time to the Giving Day call centre operations.



Special thanks to our Giving Day donor matchers:

Caulfield Grammar School Foundation Directors, Bainbridge Family, The Rich Hart Foundation, The Humanity Foundation, Kit Hoh Foundation, Caulfield Grammarians' Association, John Richards, Jon Webster, Geoff Webster, Jim Hayman, Robin Coventry, Brian Jamieson, Nuline Charter and current parents - Wheelers Hill and Caulfield.

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1881 Bequest Society - Your Lasting Impact

Caulfield Grammar School is what it is today due to the many people who have given generously of their time, ideas and energy, and have provided their philanthropic support through donations and bequests since the school was first opened in 1881.

It is therefore fitting that the School and the Foundation have jointly established the **1881 Bequest Society** to recognise the importance of bequests in securing our School's future. The **1881 Bequest Society** is named in honour of the men and women who have believed in, and contributed to, Caulfield Grammar since its inception.

A bequest is a lasting way of investing in the School and ensuring that individuals who make a bequest remain a vital part of its future. One such bequestor is Lindsay Cuming AM, whose family gave the land for our beloved Yarra Junction Campus. His family's gift in 1947 established Cuming



"The reward for me is in witnessing the enrichment the outdoor campus makes to the students' lives and the lasting impact it has on their learning"

Lindsay Cuming AM

Founding 1881 Society Member Lindsay Cuming with students at Yarra Junction Campus.

House, the first outdoor education campus for an Australian school. Lindsay who was President of School Council from 1978 until 2002 is continuing his family's tradition and leaving a bequest to the School.

We warmly welcome Lindsay as one of the founding members of the **1881 Bequest Society**. The Society recognises and honours those who remember Caulfield Grammar through a gift in their Will.

A gift in your Will provides you with the opportunity to support Caulfield Grammar School once your needs, and those of your loved ones, have been met. By making a bequest in your Will, you will create a significant and lasting legacy to Caulfield Grammar School, and leave an enduring impact on the next generation of students without impacting on your present financial circumstances.

We invite members of the Caulfield

Grammar community to consider making provision for the School in their Will. Those who indicate their bequest intentions, are eligible for membership of the **1881 Bequest Society**, enabling us to thank them in their lifetime for their commitment to the future of our great School.

Andrew Cole, Director of Advancement.

For information on how to support the Foundation by making a donation to our Foundation Scholarship or Building Fund, by volunteering, or to discuss making a gift in your Will to the Caulfield Grammar School Foundation (and join our 1881 Bequest Society), please contact the Director of Advancement, Andrew Cole by phone 03 9524 6113, mobile 0499 076 074, or email andrewcole@caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au.

Caulfield Grammarians' Association



Andrew Aitken, President

President's Message

I was honoured to be elected President of the Caulfield Grammarians' Association at the Annual General Meeting held on 21 May. I wish to record my sincere thanks to Immediate Past President **Chris Mathieson** for his hard work and dedication over the past two years. I also wish to thank Past President **Jeremy Pyman** who retires from the Committee after ten years of service. With approval being given for our new insignia at the AGM, and the brand refresh project now well underway, this is an exciting time to be involved with the CGA. My Committee and I are committed to increasing Grammarian engagement and ensuring we best represent and support the diversity of our alumni, strengthen our connection with the School and are known as the leading alumni association in Australia.

Andrew Aitken

CGA Report

At the CGA Annual General Meeting held on 21 May, **Andrew Aitken** was elected President following the retirement of **Chris Mathieson**, who had completed two years in office. **Emily Davis** was elected Senior Vice-President, while all other office-bearers were re-elected to their positions. We welcome **Sarah Connell**



Linda Sprott, Executive Director

and **Lachlan Van Styn** as new members of the general committee for 2018/19. Both attended the Wheelers Hill Campus of our School. Sarah has served previously on the Committee, while Lachlan joins us for the first time. We look forward to their input over the next 12 months.

At the AGM, outgoing President **Chris Mathieson** proposed a motion to change the CGA insignia. Members were asked initially to vote on whether to change the insignia and the motion for change was approved with very strong support received from those present. Members were then asked to vote for their preferred design from two options (which had been circulated prior to the AGM). The design below was favoured by the majority and will become the Association's new insignia.

The new insignia was introduced in **late July 2018** to coincide with the launch of the CGA's new website. We would like to thank everyone who attended the AGM,



as well as those who provided the Association with valuable feedback during this 12-month undertaking. The involvement of our community in the project has contributed to making it a very meaningful and worthwhile process. We look forward to continuing to work with our members to increase alumni engagement and provide an inclusive, welcoming and supportive alumni experience.

On Friday 27 April, more than 140 past students and guests joined the celebrations at our annual Founder's Day Reunion Dinner. The dinner served as a reunion function for the Classes of 1963, 1968 and 1973. Guests were entertained by the Grammarian Singers and we were delighted to welcome **The Honourable Neil Pope AM** (1963-67) as guest speaker.

Neil had a distinguished career in Victorian politics that included serving as Minister for Labour and Minister for Youth Affairs, and later concurrently as Minister for School Education. He left politics in late 1992 and established his own conflict resolution/workplace relations company which he ran for 20 years. The Governor General appointed him as Administrator of Norfolk Island in 2012 and he served in that position for two years. In 2017, the Attorney General appointed him to a judicial position on the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

In addition to providing a number of amusing stories about incidents that occurred when he returned to Caulfield Grammar after finishing school, Neil provided a wonderful insight into life on Norfolk Island during his term as Administrator and commented on some of the challenges he faced in that position. His talk was accompanied by a presentation that included photographs taken during the time he and his wife were resident on Norfolk Island.

Another highlight of the night was the awarding of prestigious CGA Fellowship

Awards to **Matthew Scholten** (1976-84) and **Ian Wilkinson** (1964-75). Currently a member of School Council, Matthew served on the CGA Committee for over a decade before being elected President in 2010 and serving in that role until 2012. He played 240 games for the Caulfield Grammarians' Football Club during the 1980s and 1990s, and was the Club's longest serving president from 1998 to 2012. He has also made a significant contribution to the Caulfield Grammarians' Cricket Club over many years as a player, administrator and sponsor.

Ian was a member of the CGA Committee in 1983/84 and from 1996 to 2001, serving as both Honorary Secretary and Junior Vice-President. Since 2001 he has worked in the part-time position of Projects Officer in the CGA Office. He is the author of *The Fields at Play*, a history of sport at Caulfield Grammar from 1881 to 1996. In addition to providing the CGA with outstanding service as a member of the office staff, Ian has undertaken countless hours of voluntary work on various CGA and School projects. He has an extensive knowledge of the history of our School and has played a significant role in the development of the School's Archives Collection over the years.

Soon after the Founder's Day Dinner, we hosted an international reunion in Hong Kong on 3 May at the Aberdeen Marina Club. This function, which formed part of the celebrations to mark the 20th anniversary of our Nanjing Campus, was a great success with those in attendance including a wonderful blend of past students, current and past parents, current and past staff members, future families and School Council members. Guests enjoyed a Chinese banquet and heard from recently-appointed Principal, **Ashleigh Martin**.

Following the CGA event, many of those present travelled on to Nanjing to



CGA Committee and Staff. Back (L to R): Sarah Connell, Sam Tuck, Ian Mathieson, Grant Poulter, John Sanderson, Rachel Muir, Ian Wilkinson, Samantha Naismith. Front (L to R): Sarah Collins (née Fagan), Chris Mathieson, Emily Davis, Linda Sprott, Andrew Aitken, Theo Vosnidis, Sarah Somes.

CGA Committee 2018/19

President

Andrew Aitken (1986-92)

Senior Vice-President

Emily Davis (2007-12)

Vice-President

Sarah Somes (1984-89)

Honorary Treasurer

Theo Vosnidis (1985-90)

Honorary Secretary

Sarah Collins (née Fagan) (2001-05)

YPS Representative

Sam Tuck (2011-14)

Immediate Past President

Chris Mathieson (1987-92)

General Committee

Sarah Connell (2004-06)

Ian Mathieson (1959-64)

Samantha Naismith (1984-89)

Grant Poulter (1998-2001)

John Sanderson (1993-2004)

Lachlan Van Styn (2003-15)

CGA Office Staff

Executive Director

Linda Sprott

Events & Marketing Officer

Rachel Muir

Projects Officer

Ian Wilkinson (1964-75)

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attend the School's official celebrations at Newton Hall – Caulfield's Nanjing Campus. It was fitting that **Stephen Newton**, who was Principal when the Nanjing Campus was established, was able to be present at these celebrations. They provided a fantastic opportunity for CGA representatives (Linda Sprott and Chris Mathieson) to connect with the broader school community and promote our Association. Twenty years is an incredible milestone for the School's international program and it is pleasing to report that soon after the anniversary celebrations it was announced that the Campus had won the Business Excellence Award for Sustainability, Diversity and Social Responsibility at the 25th Annual AustCham Westpac Australia-China Business Awards.

During second term, CGA also hosted successful reunions for the Classes of 1988, 2003 and 2013. We encourage you to look at the reunion news and photographs in this edition of *Labora* and read the reports from our affiliate groups. We look forward to Grammarians joining us at the reunions (and other CGA functions) still to come this year and to your continued support for our affiliates.

We would like to thank Principal **Ashleigh Martin** and Director of Community Engagement **Sue Sonogo** for their outstanding support of the CGA. Please remember to keep us up-to-date with your contact details. We want to stay in touch with you so that we can keep you informed and connected to the Caulfield community and your CGA.

Linda Sprott (Executive Director) and Andrew Aitken (President)

New Committee Members



Sarah Connell

Sarah attended the Wheelers Hill Campus from 2004 (Year 10) to 2006 (Year 12). After leaving school, she completed a Bachelor of Marketing and Bachelor of Management double degree at Monash University. Sarah was then involved with motor sports marketing and management with BMW that included a period working in Europe. In December 2017, she landed her dream job in the marketing department of Mercedes-Benz. She says that having previously worked as a sales executive for Mercedes makes her "very passionate about the brand" and she finds it is extremely rewarding to be able to "apply that knowledge to marketing to create a better customer experience". Although it sounds like she works a lot Sarah does also enjoy her down time playing golf and planning her next travelling adventure. She is pleased to be involved with the CGA again and sees her membership of the CGA Committee as a means of contributing to the School and its current students in some way. She says that she hopes to see the number of CGA events grow with the emphasis being on increasing the engagement of younger past students and past students from the Wheelers Hill Campus, in particular.



Lachlan Van Styn

Lachie started at Caulfield Grammar in Prep at the Wheelers Hill Campus in 2003. He was a member of Shaw House and was involved in most aspects of the House until finishing Year 12 in 2015. Lachie was appointed to the position of School Co-Captain in his final year. After Year 12, he completed a traineeship at Yarra Junction Campus. Lachie says that he found teaching and working with kids to be extremely rewarding and he thoroughly enjoyed his time at YJ. This has inspired him to look at education as a career, and so in 2017 he commenced a Bachelor of Health and Physical Education at Deakin University's Burwood Campus. He currently works for the School in a number of roles on a casual basis including in the sports department and at YJ, as well as a Learn to Swim instructor at a local pool. He enjoys interacting with all members of our school community, especially at events such as the YJ Working Bee. Lachie is looking forward to making some meaningful contributions to the CGA, especially with Younger Past Students and Wheelers Hill Campus students.



The guest speaker at the CGA Founder's Day Dinner on 27 April was Hon. Neil Pope AM (CGS 1963-67). Matthew Scholten (left) and Ian Wilkinson (right) were awarded CGA Fellowships at the Founder's Day Dinner. They are pictured with CGA Awards Sub-Committee Chair Grant Poulter. Jon Long (left) with Sandy Denney at the Founder's Day Dinner.



Founder's Day Dinner. Back (L to R): Andrew Aitken, Chris Worsnop (Old Xaverians), Linda Sprott, Andrew Crawford (Old Scotch Collegians), Peter Small. Front (L to R): Jim Hayman, Ashleigh Martin, Matthew Scholten. International Reunion – Hong Kong. (L to R): Clive Whittington, Terry Wight, Robin Coventry, Ian Edney.



International Reunion – Hong Kong. (L to R): Geoff Bainbridge, Principal Ashleigh Martin, Nick Silver. CGA President Chris Mathieson addresses guests at the International Reunion held at the Aberdeen Marina Club in Hong Kong on 3 May.



International Reunion – Hong Kong. Back (L to R): Sarah Weerappah, Paul Weerappah, Johnson Lau, Angus Hui, Michael Chow. Front (L to R): Razi Wight, Terry Wight, Dominic Low, Lynn Hoh, Nelson Lo, Michael Chan. L to R: Director of Community Engagement Sue Sonego, Rosaline Fu, Sam Chum, Yuki Fung, Brian Tu.

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Melissa Tapper

Profile

Melissa Tapper (2005-07) was one of seven Caulfield Grammarians to compete at the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. She is a table tennis player who, in 2016, became the first athlete to represent Australia at both the Summer Olympic Games and the Summer Paralympics. She has a brachial plexus injury resulting in Erb's palsy and is a class 10 table tennis player.

Melissa had an extremely busy time at the 2018 Games, competing in both able-bodied and para events (para table tennis

events were included in the Commonwealth Games for the first time in 2018). She was a member of the women's team that was defeated by England in the bronze medal play-off and also competed in the women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles events against able-bodied athletes. In the para competition she won the gold medal in the women's singles TT6-10 event, defeating Australia's Andrea McDonnell in the semi-final and Nigeria's Faith Obazuaye in the final.

Born in Hamilton, Victoria, in 1990, Melissa started playing table tennis in 2002 while still at primary school. Competing initially against able-bodied athletes only, she won many medals in national junior championships. She made her first appearance in an Australian national team in 2004 in a competition in Jordan, again competing against able-bodied athletes. In 2008 she was the Oceania Under 18 Champion, the Australian Under 21 Champion and competed in the Commonwealth Youth Games in Pune, India. Around 2010 it was suggested that Melissa try Paralympic table tennis. While reluctant at first, having never viewed herself as having a disability, she soon embraced the idea and began training for national selection on the Australian Para-Table Squad. In 2011 she won a number of gold medals, including wins at the Hungarian, Italian and British opens and at the Arafura Games.

Melissa was selected to represent Australia at the 2012 Paralympics in London, where she lost a tight bronze medal play-off to

China's Lei Fan. Two years later she was a member of the Australian team at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. She took part in the mixed doubles and women's teams events against able-bodied athletes, the women's team winning a bronze medal.

At the 2014 International Table Tennis Federation World Para-Table Tennis Championships in Beijing, China, Melissa won a bronze medal in women's singles (SF10), becoming the first Australian medal winner at these championships. Then, by winning her way through the Oceania Championships in March 2016, she made history as the first athlete to be selected to represent Australia in both the Paralympic and Olympic Games. At the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, Melissa competed in the women's team event and in the women's singles. At the Rio Paralympics, she won one match in the women's singles class 10 preliminaries and was placed fourth with her partner in the women's doubles class 6-10.

Gold Coast Commonwealth Games

Apart from Melissa Tapper, the Caulfield Grammarians who represented Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games were swimmers **Mack Horton** (2000-14) and **Hayley Baker** (2008-13), long jumper **Brooke Stratton** (2007-11), diver **James Connor** (2008-10), and women's basketball team members **Jenna O'Hea** (2005-06) and **Alice Kunek** (2006-07).

Competing in his second Commonwealth Games team, Mack won the gold medal

Queen's Birthday Honour

The CGA and the school community would like to congratulate **Neil Edwards** (1966-69) who received an AM (Member of the Order of Australia in the General Division) in the Queen's Birthday Honours

"for significant service to business and commerce through corporate governance and leadership roles in the public and private sectors" and **Trevor Martyn** (1957-61) who was awarded an OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division) "for service to the road transport industry,

and to the community".

We also congratulate former staff members **Terri Cater** and **Neville Sillitoe** who were awarded an OAM for their service to athletics. Both Terri and Neville were significant contributors to the School's athletics program over a long period of time.

in the 400m metres freestyle and was a member of Australia's winning 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay team. He was placed second in the 200 metres freestyle and third in the 1500 metres freestyle.

Hayley, representing Australia for the first time at a Commonwealth Games, qualified for both the 100 metres and 200 metres backstroke finals, placing equal sixth in the 100 metres and sixth in the 200 metres.

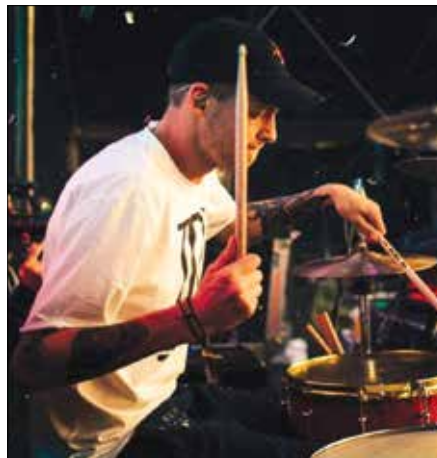
Brooke qualified for her second Commonwealth Games team when she won her third national long jump title in February this year. Unfortunately, injury prevented her from competing at the 2014 Games in Glasgow, so the Gold Coast Games marked her debut in Commonwealth Games competition. After qualifying with a leap of 6.73 metres in the preliminaries, Brooke went close to taking out the gold medal in the final with a jump of 6.77 metres, just seven centimetres behind the winner – Christabel Nettey of Canada.

Having previously competed as a 15-year-old in Delhi, James won two medals at his second Commonwealth Games – a silver in the 1-metre springboard and a bronze in the 3-metre springboard. He also competed in the men's synchronised 3-metre springboard event with partner Kurtis Mathews, finishing in sixth place.

The Australian women's basketball team went through their pool matches on the Gold Coast undefeated and then qualified for the gold medal match with a 59-point win over New Zealand. In the final they defeated England 99 points to 55 to win the gold medal. Both Jenna and Alice had court time in all Australia's matches and were significant contributors to the team's gold medal winning performance.

Music in Fashion

By the time **Alex Trail** (1999-2008) reached secondary school, he was well on his way to making a significant mark in



Alex Trail

music. Playing the saxophone and drums, he was a constant performer in most of the School's bands and ensembles, gaining triple colours for music and colours for service on the way.

In 2007, with **William Green** (1999-2008) and **Andrew Szetho** (2005-10), Alex formed a heavy metal rock band, the life of which extended way beyond their school days. Alex commenced an arts degree and diploma in language courses at the University of Melbourne in 2009 and continued to write songs for the band. A "demo" extended play CD was cut in Sydney and the band performed around Australia.

Re-branded as *Storm the Sky* in 2010, the band recorded again that year and in 2011. Their *Vigilance* extended play CD received a number of awards in 2012 in Australian music publications for "Best EP" and "Best Newcomer". Interest was being shown from the United States, New Zealand and Japan and the band supported headline acts on tours of both Australia and New Zealand. The band went to Arizona in 2013 and a full-length CD *Permanence* led to label endorsement by Warner Brothers in the UK, Rise in the USA and UNFD/New World Artists in Australia. They were featured on BBC Radio in prime time and received heavy coverage from

renowned music publications *Rolling Stone*, *Kerrang*, *Rock Sound*, *Blunt* and more, which reported their 2013/14 tour around Australia and overseas, this time playing in major venues. In mid-2015, they played for seven weeks in Brunswick workshopping their follow-up record and most successful CD *Sin Will Find You*, which was later picked up for distribution by Sony.

In 2016, the band gained a Top 30 ARIA ranking and *Sin Will Find You* was the number one digital record for a month, gaining excellent reviews in major publications. It was off to the USA and New Zealand again in 2016 and the making of several music videos prior to playing the festivals tour in January 2017. Music from the band's catalogue was also picked up to soundtrack the acclaimed Australian drama series *Wentworth* as well as home favourite *Home and Away*.

Needing to supplement his income, Alex had begun part-time work with the National Australia Bank in 2014 in settlements and account management. As the NAB recognised Alex's abilities, work grew in time and responsibility. In 2017, he left the band and began a full-time role in managing change and implementation and embracing regulatory change. He is also involved in digital transition and has been preparing material for the recently established Royal Commission into the banking industry.

Banking and rock music were not enough to exhaust Alex's talents. In 2017, together with a business partner, he established an online fashion label TOKA-MI, marketing tailor-made, high-fashion, unisex street wear, focusing on craftsmanship and quality rather than branding. The label was launched at a function in September 2017 and is doing well.

So now it is banking and fashion. Although he is no longer a drummer in a heavy metal rock band, rumour has it that Alex has

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dusted off his saxophone, is doing some practice, and he might just be heard as a guest artist with a jazz band later in 2018.

Miss Blidman of Counsel

Victoria Blidman (1996-2004) played a very significant role, in fact many roles, in her time at Caulfield. She was School Debating Captain, President of the Lord Atkin Society, Mooting Captain and her entry in the Leavers' Book goes on to list other key roles, and a string of prizes and awards.

It was no surprise that Vic went on to Monash University where, in 2009, she graduated Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. In 2010, she took up a graduate position at DLA Phillips Fox, working on commercial litigation and professional indemnity insurance claims. Vic sat the Bar examination in late 2013, undertook the Bar readers' course in March and April 2014, and signed the Bar roll in May of that year.

As a young girl, Vic learnt ballet and developed an interest in clothing for dancers so she set up, while she was still at school, a dancewear supply business. That interest has continued and Studio 7 Dancewear now stocks 190 retailers and has a factory outlet in Moorabbin. Vic has recently resumed ballet classes.

In 2009, Vic married physiotherapist Adam Dascal and they have two children, Jake



Victoria Blidman.

And Then There was Light!

By the time **Tony Youlden** (1953-61) reached Year 9, he had found his niche in the Theatre Guild under the dynamic leadership of **Bill Sayers**. It was the technical side that particularly interested Tony and he developed a lifelong interest in theatre lighting. In 1958 he assisted in lighting the world premiere of the all-Caulfield musical *Bullumbimbi*, written by **Bill Callander** and **Tony Kitton**, and directed by Bill Sayers with music by **Norman Kaye**. In the same year, Tony lit the production of *Androcles and the Lion* and, in the ensuing two years, *Without the Prince* among others.

Fast forward to the early 1970s and Tony

had become manager of the Australian Theatre in Newtown, Sydney. He moved to the New Theatre, also in Newtown, when its renovations were completed in the 1990s. In 1998 he became Technical Director at the National Institute of Dramatic Art where he remained until 2004.

After leaving NIDA, Tony took charge of production at the Actors College of Theatre and Television. In 2012 he was consultant on the development of the Eternity Theatre in Darlinghurst, the name chosen because its playhouse is in an old church. By then, Tony had celebrated 55 years of involvement in theatre and had designed the lighting for more than 450 productions Australia-wide.

who is four and Emily two. Between the Bar, family and ballet, Vic continues to lead a very busy life.

Evita

Congratulations to **Alexis (Lexie) van Maanen** (2012-17) who is making her debut performance in the 40th anniversary *Evita* tour. The musical opens at the Sydney Opera House in September and it will be heading to Melbourne after its Sydney run. No stranger to performing on stage at Caulfield, Lexie was awarded triple colours for theatre and triple colours for service to theatre in 2017. She recently sang the national anthem before a crowd of over 85,000 at the NRL State of Origin clash between NSW and Queensland at the MCG.

Fighting Pancreatic Cancer

William (Bill) Berry (2004-09) has been awarded a PhD from Monash University for his study into a more personalised approach to fighting pancreatic cancer. Currently pancreatic cancer patients have an overall five-year survival rate of only around five percent, one of the

lowest survival rates of any malignancy. William's thesis is titled: "Personalised medicine for pancreatic cancer: Using endoscopic ultrasound-guided biopsy for the development of a personalised pre-clinical model of disease." He has been a member of a multi-disciplinary team from the Hudson Institute of Medical Research, Monash Health and Monash University that has started an ambitious Victoria-wide clinical trial to improve treatment for pancreatic cancer. A study published in the *International Journal of Cancer*, of which William was the first author, forms the basis for a trial that will screen 150 to 200 patients recruited from hospitals across Melbourne. William explains that: "If successful, this clinical trial will demonstrate the application of precision medicine – targeting cancer treatment to the genetic profile of the tumour – in pancreatic cancer."

Historic Tour

Damon Egan (2011-15) was selected by Cricket Australia as a member of the Aboriginal men's squad that toured the

UK in June. The tour was organised to mark 150 years since an Aboriginal men's team toured the UK in 1868; this being the first overseas sporting tour by an Australian representative team. Both men's and women's squads, which comprised the nation's best indigenous players, took part in the 2018 tour.

Housing Awards

Ryan Moody (1988-95) won the 2017 Housing Industry Association (HIA) Award for the best Victorian custom home (\$1-1.5 million) with his company Seaspray Homes.

Andrew Walter (1988-95), who is the director of his own architecture studio (Walter & Walter), won a 2017 Victorian Architecture Award in the residential architecture (new houses) category.

Jogging Jack

Readers who were students at Caulfield Campus in the last years of the 20th century and the early years of the 21st will remember the lone figure of **Dr Jack Cherny** jogging around the Alf Mills Oval on most mornings of the year. It is calculated that he chalked up some 82,000 laps covering 45,990 kilometres over 32 years from 1975 to 2007.

Jack arrived at Caulfield Grammar from Ripponlea State School in 1942 and became a member of Barnett House. A self-confessed "swot" he maintained good results, but his other aim was to obtain house colours, which he achieved in swimming, tennis and debating. In 1945, he took part in the E1 Players production of *Twelfth Night* which was staged before an audience of 400 at the Malvern Town Hall. In 1949, he was appointed a school officer and took the notice boards portfolio.

He remembers with fondness **Mr Archer** and **Mr Pennefather**, who were kind to him, and **Dr Billigheimer** with whom Jack, from the age of ten, would walk from his house at the corner of Orrong Road and Tantrum Avenue.



Jack Cherny (right) in 2002 with then Head of Sport Denis Meyer. Denis had organised a student guard of honour on Jack's 70th birthday.

In 1950, Jack began an economics degree at the University of Melbourne. His Year 12 subjects led him in that direction: English Expression, English Literature, British History, Pure Mathematics and Accounting. At the end of first year, he took a holiday job which involved some accounting at the archives of Trustees and Executors in Melbourne. He was put to work in a caged area auditing share scripts. While he was studying second year economics, he started to develop an interest in medicine, so he enrolled at Taylor's College and attended classes in Chemistry. Fortuitously, in 1952, the University of Melbourne dropped all prerequisites for entry into medicine. Jack enrolled, worked hard and, in his final year, became a resident at the Alfred Hospital for a year. He then worked at the Royal Children's Hospital for 12 months before joining a private practice in St Kilda and then chose to spend six months studying

obstetrics at Crown Street Hospital in Sydney.

After leaving school, Jack had become a heavy smoker. Early in his work at the St Kilda practice, he consulted famous Spring Street psychiatrist Dr Ainslie Meares who taught him to relax and helped him to give up smoking. Jack was so moved by the Meares philosophy that he later took his sons to some of Dr Meares's public sessions.

After 40 years in the Carlisle Street practice and with his wife, Betty, then in a nursing home, Jack decided to cut down on his hours. Funded by a philanthropist, a young doctor wanted to establish a drug detoxification centre, so bought the practice and the property. A practice had opened nearby in Chapel Street. Jack called in one day, joined the doctors there, and remained for 13 years, ensuring he could

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be away by three o'clock each day to visit Betty.

Jack had a good relationship with Caulfield's then Head of Sport, **Denis Meyer**, who allowed him the early morning use of the oval. In 2002, on Jack's 70th birthday, at the suggestion of Jack's middle son, eye specialist Mark Cherny, Denis arranged a student guard of honour to greet him on his morning jog. Some years later when Denis visited Jerusalem, Jack's eldest son, Nathan, Associate Professor of Medicine at Ben Gurion University in Jerusalem as an oncologist and palliative care physician, took Denis and his wife on a tour of the city.

Unfortunately, in June 2013, Jack had a bad fall, injuring his head. Later in the year, he had a car accident, suffering a sub-dural haemorrhage which was related to the fall in June. After successful surgery, he realised that it was time to give up working. He was 81 years old.

In his speech accepting an Honorary Doctorate at Monash University in May 2017, Nathan described his father as "the ultimate caring, careful, wise but humble physician", a description which would be affirmed by all who have had the privilege of knowing Jack Cherny. He doesn't jog around the oval any more but, at the age of 85 in 2018, he travelled again to Israel to visit his sons, David, a former physiotherapist in the Israeli Army and now an Israeli Tour Guide, and Nathan, and their families.

The Grant Family

Kath Grant, whose husband **Brian** is a member of the CGA's Marsden Chapter, and whose son **Michael** attended Caulfield Grammar from 1970 to 1977, reports that her grandson **Simon Grant** (2004-09) is currently travelling around Europe with his partner Elizabeth. Both are primary school teachers who plan to return to teaching in December. Simon

was co-captain of Caulfield's basketball team that won the Australian schoolboy championship in 2009. His brother **Chris** (2002-07) is living in the United States, where he is a computer and electronic engineer working with the Superbowl. Brother **Alexander** (2000-05) runs his own business, while brother **Robert** (2009-14) is studying at RMIT.

Transitions

Births

Gavin Dyson (1993-98) and his wife had their first child Adeline Sophia Dyson on 15 April 2018.

Josh Kitchen (1988-93) and his partner, **Belinda Colaneri** (1989-93), are pleased to announce the birth of Archer Kitchen on 8 September 2017; Archer is enrolled to attend to Caulfield Grammar and will be the fifth generation of the family to attend the School.

Tess Moore (née Slykhuis) (1998-2001) and husband Kade Moore are delighted to announce the arrival of their second child, Hamish John Moore, on 8 April 2018; a brother for Chester. **Beth Eaton (née Slykhuis)** (1995-97) and **Anna Slykhuis** (1996-99) are very proud and loving aunties.

Matthew Scholten (1976- 84) and wife Lyndall welcomed daughter Amelia (Millie) Laura Rose Scholten into the world on 29 April 2018.

John Voudouris (1980-85) and his wife Michelle welcomed their second child and first son, Konstantinos Ioanni Voudouris, into the world on 25 March 2018.

Marriages

Philippa Howard (2001-08) married **Tim Connor** (2004-07) on 12 January 2018 at Quat Quatta, Ripponlea. The bridal party also consisted of **Claire Perriman** (2006-08), **Belle Connor** (2004-10), **Evan Atkins** (2002-07) and **Alex Snowball** (2002-07).

Jessica Llewelyn (1996-2008) married

Brendan Flanders (2003-08) on 9 December 2017 at Tanglewood Estate in Dromana. The bridal party included **Elise Flanders** (2005-10), **Chloe Mikronis** (1998-2008) and **Matthew Sammells** (2003-08). The guests included **Jack Hesse** (2003-10), **Andrew Llewelyn** (2002-14) and Class of 2008 members **Emma Bellenger**, **Nicole Filer (née Bierwirth)**, **Alex Jenkins**, **Laura Jones**, **Daniel Makar**, **Naomi Perri**, **Lisi Risborg**, **Natalie Sammells (née McLennan)**, **Kate Sauer (née Goode)** and **Gerald Yardley-Royle**.

Claire Yelland (2002-08) and **James Cleeve** (2003-08) were married on 9 March 2018 at the Tanglewood Estate in Dromana. The day included an outdoor ceremony by the property's dam, post ceremony drinks and grazing, and the reception in the barn on the property. Many Grammarians were in attendance, including close friends of the couple **Megan O'Neill** (2003-08) and **Peter Mayes** (2003-08).

Vale

Ken Elliott (1946-55 MMGS) died on 23 March 2018.

W D (Doug) Fairlie (1948-54) died on 25 April 2018.

Gordon Holt (1935-44) died on 28 June 2018.

Daryl Horejsi (1976-78) died on 3 April 2018.

Howard Humffray (1935-41) died on 24 April 2018.

Grant Murphy (1968-73) died on 19 December 2017.

W J (Wilf) Salmon (1936-43) died on 17 April 2018.

Darren Smith (1951-55) died on 23 March 2018.

C R (Ron) Shaw (1934-35) died on 28 December 2017.

Club Notes

Cricket

The Caulfield Grammarians/NCG Cricket Club enjoyed an excellent 2017/18 season on and off the field, with two of our three teams qualifying for finals and our financial position solid thanks to the efforts of our unflappable treasurer, **Chris Fagan**. Planning is well underway for season 2018/19, as the club enters a critical transition period. The committee and members met recently to discuss next season plus our long-term strategy.

As many of you will be aware, the Caulfield Grammarians' Cricket Club was re-formed in 2007 following the 2006/07 cricket season in which the club did not participate in any competition. Since then, the club has survived and prospered thanks to the efforts of club stalwarts **Cameron Scholten, Brett Scott, Nathan Guyett, Vishal Brahmhatt, Harshil Shah, Cameron Guyett, John Borneman, Gaurav Sharga, Cameron Dickson** and **Peter Prior**, along with **Chris Fagan** (Treasurer) and **Grant Poulter** (President). This period also witnessed a successful amalgamation with North Caulfield Glenhantly Cricket Club in 2011.

Nevertheless, with all of the above members nudging 30 years of age (or well and truly past that) succession and new recruits are sorely needed to ensure the club has a viable future. We want to ensure that the CGA continues to have a cricket affiliate as an offering to past students, and as a result we will be working closely with the School, the CGA and the Caulfield Grammarians' Football Club in planning the next phase of the club's history.

We are fortunate to play at a fantastic ground at Glenhantly Park

Grant Poulter

Cross Country

The 2018 APSOC season is well underway and our team of dedicated runners

continue to achieve many outstanding team and individual results. We're delighted to report that our Division 1 women's team placed third in the Frank Dyson Relay event at the Tan in May. Our Division 1 men's team performed admirably at the same event, achieving a very respectable top 10 place. The event featured many Commonwealth Games and Diamond League Athletes competing for other schools. **Rick Whitehead** (Class of 2011) ran a remarkable individual leg at the relay, recording a time of 12:13 for his lap.

In addition, there have been many exceptional individual results achieved in the non-points events this season. **Mark Frater** (1992) has continued his winning ways, taking out the half marathon held at Westerfold Park at the beginning of June. It has been the improvement of **Marc Cassidy** (1992) though, that has been truly wonderful to watch. Marc achieved his first podium finish in the Hare and Hounds handicap event in mid-May. At the

Ken McPhail 8 km handicap he went one better, taking first place to become the second CGA runner to win the trophy in the past three years. This event is quickly becoming a CGA favourite!

Many of our other runners have also been performing strongly in individual events this season, including **Anne Martin, Jake Malone, Tamzin Hall, Georgie Macdonald** and **Natalia Vanzo**, who have all placed in the top 10 for their age category. At the time of writing, with the season building to a close, Mark Frater is placed second in the APSOC Athlete of the Year (Open Division). He is in clear first place in his age category and we hope that he will achieve the CGA's first open win!

Remember, it's never too late to register and become a part of our fun-loving group of runners! If you would like to find out more, please contact me via email at somessa@gmail.com.

Sarah Somes

Marc Cassidy with his trophies from the Ken McPhail Handicap event.



Club Notes

Football

The CGFC has been a hive of activity since the 2018 season commenced in April. We were able to re-sign all our coaching panel, whilst adding some additional expertise, which was important for the development and stability of the Club. This was particularly so, given the elevation of our senior men's team back to B grade and the introduction of a second women's team.

We were delighted both our women's and under 19 teams maintained their position in the Premier division in 2018. This provides a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase the talent we have across the Club to the broader CGFC community and prepare our players for further development. We were pleased that a number of our 2017 women's team were able to go on to play

The CGA team that competed in the Annual APS Past Students' Bowls Tournament in March.

in the VFLW in 2018 and that some of our under 19 team members were selected in the VAFA training squad. We also congratulate senior co-captain **Tim Nixon** on being selected to train with the B grade representative squad. Well done to all!

We now have in excess of 180 active players on our collective rosters, which is exciting and shows the benefit of creating a pathway from the School to CGFC, which has always been an objective of the Club but which has been given greater emphasis over the past few years. We have also seen CGFC become an attractive option for players from outside the School system due to our approach to football, and the care we show to our playing group. And we have a bit of fun too!

Some of our social activities include game day lunches or afternoon teas at Glenhuntly Oval, a progressive dinner, a trivia night and the end of season Blue and White Ball. We are also supporting the Thick and Thin campaign to raise

awareness of mental health issues. There are plenty of opportunities for you to come down to the Club and mingle with old friends, meet new ones or even become a member in a friendly atmosphere. Our website (www.cgfc.com.au) has details of all our events and the fixtures section shows which teams are playing at home each weekend.

Our netball teams have continued to grow in 2018 and we are really pleased that they now have their own structure. I congratulate **Shayna Hingmann** who is now president of the netball group. A big thank you to all the new committee members is in order too. Scores and regular updates can be found on the website.

At the start of the season, the goal of all our teams was to play finals, and at the half way mark most of them were still in the fight for September action. It seems a long time ago when we started pre-season, yet the end of the season appears just around the corner. Look for the updates on the website.

The CGFC is like any club and its success is



reliant on a strong level of support from our community. It is very rewarding to help our young people grow and develop in a safe and welcoming environment – but we need to continually refresh our volunteer support group. If you would like to get involved (and we want you to) please contact me. Often this only means doing ONE thing – you don't have to be on a Committee, but as the saying goes, many hands make light work. It might be you have a job position that needs to be filled, or you can sponsor a player; think of the CGFC first and help us help you! I look forward to seeing you at the footy. Go Fields!

Peter Small

Lawn Bowls

On 25 March at the Glen Waverley Bowling Club, the CGA team was unable to repeat last year's great effort in winning the APS Past Students' Bowls Tournament. Nevertheless, every bowler put in a great effort and performed well on the day. The results of many games were close, and we finished in a creditable fourth position – Carey taking out the title this year. Caulfield's best rink was skipped by **Scott Wellington** supported by **Chris Warne, Eliza Wellington** and **Malcolm Finlayson**; each received a trophy for their efforts.

Our last game for the season was played at the MCC greens at Swinburne Avenue, Hawthorn, where we were pitted against MCC and Old Melburnians. Caulfield's best rink on the day was skipped by **Tony Bagnall**, who bowled well in his first appearance as a skipper; he was ably supported by **Kevin Allen, Bev Allen** and **Jan Sleeman**, who had great win over a strong Old Melburnian four.

We are looking for new bowlers to join us. Most of our games next year will be played on the beautiful greens at the MCC Bowls Club in Swinburne Avenue,



Caulfield Grammarians' Rowing Club members Val Dowell, Laurence Hennessy, Damien Hennessy, Keiren Tilbrook, Chester Lennard, Fiona Ryan, Catherine Pineo and Greg Pineo celebrate their State Championship wins.

Hawthorn. Male or female bowlers who are past students or are the parents or grandparents of past and present students, would be most welcome. Please contact the CGA Office if you are interested in joining. Letters will be sent out to all bowlers advising fixtured games for the coming season in August.

Phil Crabtree

Rowing

The masters' rowing sprint season really is a sprint! It begins in April, once the school rowing season concludes, and finishes in May with the National Championships. Regattas are held each week, and crews race over 1000 metres in singles, doubles, pairs, quads, fours and eights.

Our mixed quad crew won gold at both the Geelong and Carrum regattas. The Ballarat

regatta was cancelled due to storms, and at the State Championships we brought home gold in the mixed D coxed four, women's F scull, mixed E coxed four and men's F coxed four; silver in the mixed E coxed four and mixed double; and bronze in the female E-K coxed four.

The National Championships were held at beautiful Lake Barrington in Tasmania where we won bronze in the mixed F-G coxed quad.

It was an exciting and successful season. Training has now begun for the Head season – a series of long distance races which begin in September. And of course, we have much more leisurely social and learn-to-row sessions every Sunday morning.

Greg Pineo

Interest Groups



The Grammarian Singers presented their winter concert at the Wheelers Hill Campus in late May.

Grammarian Singers

"Everything is awesome!" – The Lego Movie.

Fully aware that I am somewhat biased about this group, I think it's true to say that everything really is awesome for the Grammarian Singers. This year kicked off with great energy and enthusiasm; the group feeling it had established that it truly can create great music.

The first performance for the year came at the CGA's Founder's Day Dinner in April; the warm reception and interest from the attendees left the ensemble on a musical high and feeling like an established part of the CGA community.

The 2018 Winter Concert in May produced a spectacular collection of sacred works. Entering the auditorium in procession, singing a 13th century plainchant and finishing with the vibrant and inspiring Halley's Freedom Trilogy, the Singers were overwhelmed by the sincere enthusiasm and enjoyment of the audience. It was a group that has become tighter, more certain and beautifully blended that sang on the anniversary of its inaugural concert.

The choir wondered what we could possibly do next to follow on from the excitement of that Trilogy. Without hesitation, musical director **Roger Creed** announced the Spring program will be sung to the theme

of Broadway musicals. Needless to say the ensemble was pleased! Rehearsals are already underway for a concert that will celebrate the best of musical theatre from Les Miserables through to Oklahoma. I encourage anyone in the Caulfield Grammar community who likes a show tune to join us for this event; details will be announced by the CGA.

Any ex-madrigal singer from Wheelers Hill Campus who wishes to join the Grammarian Singers can direct enquiries to grammariansingers@gmail.com.

Anita Muñoz

Members of the Grammarian Singers pictured with Director of Community Engagement Sue Sonego at the CGA Founder's Day Dinner.



Chapter Notes

Archer Chapter

Due to construction work on the new Aquatic and Wellbeing Centre at Caulfield Campus, our next luncheon, scheduled for Friday 26 October, will now be held at the Caulfield RSL, 4 St Georges Road Elsternwick. The main speaker will be new Principal **Ashleigh Martin**. The luncheon will provide Chapter members with an opportunity to meet Ashleigh and to learn something about his vision for the future of our School.

Walter Dowell

Marsden Chapter

Our next function will be a luncheon in the Ballroom at Malvern Campus on Thursday 4 October. New Principal **Ashleigh Martin** will be in attendance. As always, we look forward to your company. Further details will be mailed to members closer to the event.

Brian Frost

NEWS FROM REUNIONS

Class of 1963

Peter Beyer is retired. He holds a degree in agricultural science. He has worked as a pig farmer, a field officer for Barastoc Stockfield, and a field officer for SPC and Ardmona fruit processors. He has played tennis and football, and now plays lawn bowls.



Class of 1963 members Phillip Biencourt (left) and Robert Bennett at the Founder's Day Dinner.

Andrew Greenwood, who lives near Ballarat, has worked as a school teacher and grazier but has now retired from earning an income and is occupied with a number of community projects. He is chair of the BAC Music Foundation, chair of the Christ Church-St Andrew's Project and a member of both parish and cathedral councils.

Bruce Love is an orthopaedic surgeon. He is an associate professor at St Vincent's Hospital (University of Melbourne). He has extensive experience in the field of hip and knee replacement surgery and has acted as an advisor to government in his field. Bruce is also a part-time farmer at Redhill South.

Class of 1968

Ron Williamson worked for seven years in shipping and transport, 15 years in healthcare, 15 years in higher education and three years in the not-for-profit sector. His professional areas have been: human resource management; organisational development, governance and policy; and administration. He currently works as an administrator for the Royal Over-Seas League, which he describes as both an interest and an occupation.

Class of 1973

Colin Field is a neuropsychologist who lives in South Australia. He has worked in private practice for nearly 30 years and has also acted as a provider to agencies associated with bodies including the Government of South Australia, the Australian Government and the Australian Defence Force. He is an approved supervisor for the Australian Health Practitioner Tribunal.

Ross Huggard is a secondary school English teacher and educational consultant. He has been involved extensively in the assessment of VCE English state-wide, including 30 years of examination assessment and 10 years as assistant chief assessor. Ross has also lectured extensively to Year 12 English students and provided professional learning for English teachers. He



Members of the Classes of 1963 and 1964 at the Founder's Day Dinner.

Back (L to R): Tim Wood, Ralph Slimmon, David Thomson. Front (L to R): Peter Beyer, Tony Pyman, Ian Chisholm, Alan Cawsey, Chris Davey.

News from Reunions

co-published another guide for VCE English students in mid-2017. He has also been heavily involved in the Victorian Association for the Teaching of English (VATE) as a councillor and treasurer, and the Uniting Church as chair of a church council.

Peter Nichols was a scientist with the CSIRO from 1986 to 2016 and now is a CSIRO Fellow. He has led new initiatives with signature lipid technology and its environmental applications, and on marine oils with particular emphasis on omega-3 oils. He is the CSIRO co-inventor and leader on the Canola omega-3 project, which has the Australian headquartered Nuseed as its partner. Peter has made multiple trips to Antarctica. He is president of the Norfolk Rowing Club in Tasmania, and is a masters' rower and a junior rowing coach. Among other interests are catching, preparing and sharing wild Tasmanian abalone.

Stephen Szental has been a general practitioner in St Kilda East since 1982. He was married in 1980 and has three sons. Stephen has travelled extensively, mainly in the United States and Europe. He has been a hockey player for 35 years, and also enjoys tennis, skiing and jogging. He serves on boards related to general practice and a local aged care facility.



Founder's Day Dinner. Back (L to R): John Nicholson (Class of 1969), Geoff Webster (1968), Warwick Watson (1971), David Williams (1966), John Rosier (1968). Front (L to R): Manu Patel (1968), Bill Longworth (1968), Rob Watson (1968).

Class of 1968 members (L to R) Rock Watson, Bob Symons and Ross Middleton.

The Class of 1973 were well represented at the Founder's Day Dinner. Class of 1973 members (L to R) Stephen Dart, Stephen Parkinson, Colin Field and Mark Abourizk.





Class of 1988

Rebecca (Bec) Brideson is the founder and executive creative director of Venus Comms, and a gender intelligence consultant via BecBrideson.com. She is a regular speaker on gender intelligence issues and the author of *Blind Spots* published by Wiley in 2017. She was included on B&T Magazine's 2017 Women in Media Powerlist and on Smart Company's 2018 list of the top 20 writers and thinkers "who have a unique take on what it means to do business in Australia". She was a Cannes Lions (the International Festival of Creativity) Global Juror in 2017.

Adam Nowlan attended John G Diefenbaker High School in Calgary, Canada, after leaving Caulfield's Wheelers Hill Campus at the end of 1985. He graduated from high school in 1989 and then attended Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee. He taught high school science for two years before beginning his association with Emory University in Atlanta. He worked on research projects there for two years, then enrolled in the public health school, completing an MPH in epidemiology in 1997. This led to enrolment in the School of Medicine and a MD degree in 2001, followed by a medical residency in radiation oncology. For the past 12 years Adam has served as a radiation oncologist at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta. He has been listed amongst Atlanta Magazine's top doctors in radiation oncology for the last four years. He and wife Shannon (an Atlanta native) celebrated 25 years of marriage in May this year. Their daughter Eleanor is in Year 8.



Members of the Class of 1988 enjoyed their 30-Year Reunion at Wheelers Hill Campus on 11 May.

L to R: Melinda Damon (née Frankland), Rob Farmer, Martin Retschko, Jodie Johnson (née Morgan).

L to R: Justin Berriman, Nick Richards, Cameron Osborne, Travis Osborne.

L to R: Seaton Theobald, Sharon Gamble (née Segal), Andrew Dancer, Jacqui Partridge.

Chapter Notes

Class of 2003

Candice Fergeus writes that she is enjoying work as a physiotherapist in the emergency department at Eastern Health (the Angliss Hospital). She was not able to attend the Class of 2003 reunion in May as she was travelling around the UK and Europe at the time.



Class of 2013

Caroline Halley completed a BA at Monash University in 2016. She has been travelling and working in Europe since May 2017 and thus far has visited Italy, France, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic and Morocco. Caroline is currently living in Kensington, London, and working as chief receptionist at the Astor Hotel, Hyde Park.

Millie Nash is continuing her studies for a Bachelor of Education degree and working as a manager at Woolworths in Endeavour Hills.

Zoe Parlamentas is studying for a masters' degree and working for Nike. She travelled to Philadelphia in October 2017 to represent Australia in an indoor hockey series against the USA. She is a member of the Australian Indoor Hockey senior squad in 2018.



The Class of 2003 15-Year Reunion was held at Caulfield Campus in May.

L to R: Andrew Cooke, Ashleigh Thornton, Elise Stephens (née Kearsley), David Petersen, Lisa Turner.

L to R: Joel Pellicci, Rob Evans, Laura Chipp, James Black, Andrew Fuller, Polly Roderick.

L to R: Natalie Daire, Anthony Alibrando, Amelia Grevis-James, Veronica Gargano (née Lyons), Sharna Richardson, Chris May.





Dylan Speedy is continuing his work as a dancer around Australia. In December 2017 he performed at Euro Disney in Paris for four months as a tapper. He is currently working for Princess Cruises in Alaska and will be also going to the Panama Canal and Japan in the next 18 months.

Tigist Strode is currently "swinging" for The Book of Mormons in Sydney after graduating from the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (music theatre).



A large group of Class of 2013 members came together for their 5-Year Reunion on 15 June.

Class of 2013 5-Year Reunion.

L to R: Harry Stogdale, Hayley Baker, Lucy Jukes.

L to R: Kieran Silva, William Wang, Jordan Remzi-Johnson, Laura Ward, Ellie Zajko, Sarah de Bondt.

L to R: Ellie Hall-Prvulj, Daisy Connolly, Emma Schwarzer, Tom Gibbs, Will Hawke, Maeve McEvoy.



Caulfield

grammar school

29 August	7:30pm, Wheelers Hill Senior Vocal Concert Memorial Hall
31 August	7:00pm, Annual Fathers' Dinner – Kooyong Tennis Club (More info: Caulfield Online, search Fathers Dinner)
7 September	Wheelers Hill Senior Festival of the Arts
12 September	7:00pm, Wheelers Hill Senior Dance Showcase Night – Memorial Hall
18 September	5:00pm, Wheelers Hill Junior, Year 6 Exhibition
20 September	9:30am, Wheelers Hill Early Learning Centre Information Morning
20 September	7:30pm, School Strings Concert – Memorial Hall Wheelers Hill Campus
21 September	Last day of Term 3
9 October	First day of Term 4
12 October	7:30pm, Caulfield Campus & Wheelers Hill Campus Band End-of-Year Concert – Memorial Hall Wheelers Hill Campus

For the full calendar of school events, go to Caulfield Online.



WHEELERS HILL VOCAL CONCERT EVENT: SING OUT!

**MEMORIAL HALL
WHEELERS HILL CAMPUS**

Wednesday, 29 August 2018. 7:30pm

Featuring soloists, vocal groups and choirs from the Junior and Secondary Schools

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CGA Events Programme for the Remainder of 2018

5 September	Developing Business Networks with LinkedIn (6pm to 8.30pm in the Function Room, Memorial Hall, Wheelers Hill Campus)
4 October	Marsden Chapter Luncheon
26 October	Archer Chapter Luncheon



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