

CHRONICLE

CHRIST CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL



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The pace of change . . .
 Early in 1975 an
*Innovations Grant from the
 Australian Schools
 Commission enabled Christ
 Church to become one of the
 few schools in Australia to
 own their own stand alone
 computing system. ...*
*... The system bought is a
 WANG 2200B with 8 K
 (8000 characters) of
 memory. The main input
 device is a key board, but
 there is also a manual feed
 mark sense card reader that
 optically reads cards marked
 by a pencil. For output,
 there is a VDU (Visual
 Display Unit, similar to a
 television screen) and a
 High Speed Printer. ...*
*... Courses in computing are
 being included in the Year 9
 and 10 mathematics
 syllabus. At present a
 computer club has been
 formed from Years 11 and 12
 enthusiasts. ...*
*... Computing is an
 extremely wide and involved
 discipline. The role of the
 school is to introduce as
 many computing concepts as
 possible. Christ Church
 Chronicle No.17, 1976.*

Broadening Horizons

As Christ Church is committed to providing the best possible learning environment a comprehensive Information Technology policy has been developed.

The School is moderately well-equipped with computers. Most are located in three computing laboratories. Others are rolled into classrooms to demonstrate concepts or to be used by boys working on special investigative projects. This year the use of computers has taken a dramatic new direction: no longer are they used exclusively by those studying computing, but by every academic department in the School. Cross-curricular use of technology is encouraged, allowing all students access to Information Technology in context.

One area attracting increasing interest is electronic communications. Its appeal stems from its flexibility and content-free nature: it can be a provider of information through a variety of online databases, a forum for discussion with distant participants and a means of communication, encouraging collaborative work and broadening understanding of different lifestyles and cultures.

The School is installing a network enabling communication within and outside the School from any classroom or office. Staff and students will then have first hand experience of the ways that the most innovative and advanced companies work now.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: WHAT IS IT?

The term Electronic Communication is used to encompass all modes of communication available via computers. It includes use of electronic mail (local, national and international), bulletin boards, online databases, fax and computer and video conferencing. Put simply, electronic communication is the ability to link with other computers around the world via the telephone system.

The School has the appropriate hardware - computers, outside telephone line, a modem, and a subscription to NEXUS, a service designed by educators specifically for schools which can be "accessed" from anywhere in Australia by a local (timed) call through the Austpac telephone system. The challenge now is to develop a school-wide network accessible to all.

Such facilities are becoming commonplace in the commercial world and students will, without a doubt, need to be able to use them for business and leisure.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE

Electronic communication can bring down classroom walls. It enables access to an enormous range of information and resources which traditionally were out of reach of the average school.

Electronic mail is increasingly important. Many offices, particularly larger corporations, use an internal email system such as QuickMail for easy communication between staff, and a number of students are already aware of bulletin boards for leisure activities. Through electronic mail (messaging), bulletin boards and perhaps computer conferencing, it is possible for students to contact others around the world, to join in cooperative projects, share views and collect information which may not be available in other ways. Our Preparatory School languages pupils do this via Minitel, contacting French schools direct to find out about life in France. There is enormous potential for this kind of research, in every subject.

A vast range of databases are available online such as the Australian Associated Press database used by newspapers and news broadcasters to provide up-to-the-minute news, the ABS Census material, the dangerous chemicals database, the CES Job Guide - even the King James Bible and the Complete Works of Shakespeare. Some offer access to a resource on a pay-as-you-use basis; others offer the ability to search for specific information or download parts for manipulation in a word processor. Many curriculum projects are enhanced by the use of Email.

By creating a school-wide network we expect all students to gain access to this most pertinent of current technologies. Students of all ages and abilities and in all subject areas will be involved in exciting and motivating projects which will not only enhance the topic under study but also provide opportunities to become familiar and comfortable with a technology which will no doubt shape the future in some form. ■

*On the cover:
 Hand-painted cushions were
 amongst the wonderful crafts
 for sale at Family Fair '94.
 Cherryl Box, Jean Farquhar
 and Christine Price were
 members of one of the many
 groups that worked for months
 to prepare for the big event.
 The Fair was a great success
 in every way.*

STOP PRESS

*What a Fair!
 Thousands of visitors, a day of
 fun for the whole School
 family, and (when combined
 with pre-Fair activities like
 the Raffle drawn on the day
 and the Garage Sale raising
 funds for materials for the
 Craft stalls) a grand total in
 excess of \$200,000!
 Thank you, dynamic Fair Co-
 ordinator Ray West and the
 marvellous, dedicated (and
 huge!) team!*



From the Headmaster's Desk

FROM GOALS TO ACTION

In the last edition of CHRONICLE I outlined our exciting Strategic Planning Goals, and mentioned that we all look forward to getting our teeth into the practical task of turning vision into reality. Who is to do what by when, and how?

I am pleased to be able to report that much has been achieved between then and now. School Council has adopted in principle a comprehensive Implementation Program. For every goal there is an action plan, and many members of staff have been given responsibility for tasks, committees, programs and reporting.

An especially exciting project has been preliminary work on a Master Plan linking educational goals to physical needs on the Claremont campus. The whole School Council has been involved in consultations with the Master Plan Working Party. Creative, forward-thinking proposals for the shape of the Claremont campus are rapidly emerging, taking into account many Strategic Planning Workshop participants' visions of Christ Church ten years hence.

Our newly stated goals are being addressed in numerous other ways. The question of optimum class sizes in popular senior subjects has been explored by Executive and by Education Committee of Council. As a result, School Council has approved some important adjustments to the Upper School staffing establishment. We at the "chalkface" are delighted. The boys will be the beneficiaries.

Pastoral goals have been addressed too. A widely consultative process has led to the defining of a new, more interventionist and comprehensive policy on bullying and harassment, building on current pastoral philosophy and practice, but giving boys as well as staff "ownership" in the way things are to be done.

Teaching conditions are also being vigorously debated. The School has always tried to be progressive and flexible in managing working conditions for the professionals at the heart of the enterprise. The planning goals reaffirm that approach, guiding the team of employer and employee representatives working to develop an enterprise bargaining agreement. We are optimistic that the results of negotiations will, again, see our boys as the beneficiaries.

On other fronts, there is progress too. School Council has approved the establishment of a Centre for Religion and Ethics, to be led by Canon Frank Sheehan. Second, we are exploring ways to further

develop intercultural contacts. We have already met with representatives from a second and very different Japanese independent school with a view to extending exchange opportunities. Third, in line with the goals, funds have been set aside to extend staff professional development in information technology and co-curricular activities. And much else besides.

Just because the goals are in place doesn't mean that the pace is slowing.

GETTING ON WITH THE JOB

Meanwhile, our day to day program doesn't stop for anyone.

Take the first fortnight of this term, as the boys returned from another successful Cadet Camp at Northam, an exciting English Literature Tour to the UK and Italy and a high level of participation in the voluntary Job Appreciation program.

Somehow we managed to include :

- The Middle School Summer Sports Carnivals : very cheerful and spirited.
- The Cadet Unit's annual Headmaster's Parade. A polished performance. A big crowd of parents, all of whom were impressed, especially by the Advance and Review, which was the best I have seen.
- The Cadet Unit's annual Senior Mess Dinner. The Governor of Western Australia, Major General Michael Jeffery, was guest of honour.
- The production of Shakespeare's LOVE'S LABOURS LOST. The bard has universal appeal when interpreted cleverly. Elizabethan language, complex in its witty plays on words, lived! Ms Jenny Davis, actor, friend of Drama at CCGS and Guest Director, inspired the cast to be properly flamboyant and the musicians to genuinely entertain. Shakespeare set to a rock/jazz mix was most effective! (Very young Old Boy Tim Minchin's original score was a hit, as was Haslett Grounds' (Year 9) herculean (literally : he was Hercules minor) struggle with the Laocoon, the mythical (in this case rubber) serpent.
- The presentations at Chapel by the Community Service representatives of Romsey and Queenslea Houses of a total of \$5,100 to Mr Kim Williamson (of The Children's Leukaemia and Cancer Research Fund), Ms Katie McCreadie (of Raptor Retreat ... I had to sit through Chapel with a sharp-beaked and -taloned Falcon perched on a gauntlet resting carelessly on the back of the Headmaster's chair, my right ear perilously close, my courage in tatters in spite of outward calm) and Mr John Hollingshead (of Rotary's Indonesian Mobile Eye Clinic). A superb fund-raising effort by the boys of just two Houses.

There is never a dull moment! ■



Jeremy Madin, Headmaster.

The members of the ADAPE Conference Management Committee, celebrate the success of Conference '94 at the Dinner at the Kings Park Restaurant.



ADAPE

The Association of Development and Alumni Professionals in Education (ADAPE) is comprised of representatives engaged in supporting and developing primary, secondary and tertiary educational institutions. With diminishing government funding to universities and independent schools, and moves to increase the autonomy of government schools, educational institutions are looking to promote their organisations and gain support from their communities to safeguard their futures. Throughout Australia, the United States of America, Canada, the United Kingdom and Mexico, schools and universities are employing professional personnel and establishing Development or Foundation offices to mount fund raising projects.

ADAPE is modelled on the long established United States Council for the Support and Advancement of Education (CASE) which serves 2900 colleges, universities and independent schools and has a membership of 14400 Development professionals.

Although Development has been practised in Australia for some time it was not until 1988 that the first conference was held. By 1990 many educational institutions had embraced Development in Education and a group of Victorian delegates called a meeting to formalise ADAPE. This organisation now has a membership of approximately 300 and chapters in five states and in New Zealand.

It was decided that a biennial conference would benefit the cause and the professionals working in Development. It was further agreed that each state take turns to host a conference and that the President of that state hold the position of National President for the two preceding years.

Western Australia won the bid to host the inaugural conference. Headed by Dean Bowker, Christ Church Gramm School Foundation Director and President of the WA Chapter of ADAPE, the Conference '94 Management Committee consisted of representatives from twelve Western Australian schools and universities. The team's hard work and excellent planning resulted in a very successful conference being held on the combined campuses of Methodist Ladies' College and Christ Church Grammar School between 9 - 12 October 1994.

Conference '94 was opened by Trevor Eastwood, AM, BE, Cit WA. USA keynote speakers Peter Buchanan (President of CASE), David Dunlop

(Director of Capital Projects at Cornell University) and Richard Matheny (Vice Chancellor for University Relations, University of California, Davis), shared their wisdom and experience with the 224 delegates. There were thirteen other speakers - The Hon. Mr Justice David Malcolm, Chief Justice of Western Australia, Julian Wright from Healy McKay and Wright Pty Ltd, vice chancellors and principals and experts in development, fundraising, marketing, alumni and public relations from various Australian universities and independent schools. Workshops, forums and case studies covered such areas as publications, special events, archives, direct mailing, computing and fundraising. Twelve sponsors mounted an excellent Trade Exhibition, providing invaluable information and advice.

The program included Mentor Breakfasts, morning and afternoon teas and lunches at MLC and Christ Church, an evening in Fremantle and a river cruise and evening in Northbridge. The Conference Dinner and Presentation of Awards at the Kings Park Restaurant proved to be an outstanding grande finale to a busy three days.

The atmosphere of Conference '94 was buoyant throughout. Delegates learned much from the program and from one another, and appreciated the Perth environs and hospitality. If they left feeling a little daunted by the amount of work that needs to be done for the advancement of education, they also felt inspired to get on with it.

ADAPE members, clearly sharing the view that education is the hope of mankind, are committed to service to education and to fostering the spirit of philanthropy in Australia. ■

Donations to the Archives

Mrs Joan Renfrey, on behalf of her husband DONALD C RENFREY (1943-46), has donated her husband's School tie and blazer pocket.

RONALD MINCHIN (1937-39) has donated August 1937 and August 1939 copies of MITRE.

Mrs N R Wade, on behalf of her brother ROLAND E LARKE (1936-39), has donated two portraits of Roland and photographs of the 1938 and 1939 Christ Church Grammar School Swimming Teams.

Copies of photographs of the 1969 and 1970 Queenslea House Boarders and Staff have been donated by ROBERT W HUNT (1969-70).

Photographs of the 1921 School Staff and Students,



Peter Buchanan, President of the United States Council for the Support and Advancement of Education, gave an inspiring address on the directions of Development in Education at the Conference Dinner.

the 1923 First XVIII, the 1924 First XI, the 1924 School Tennis IV and the 1936 Old Boys' Hockey Club A1 Grade Team have been donated by KEN SUDLOW (1919-24).

Dr DAVID MCNAMARA (1952-56) has donated a series of framed photographs from the Year of '56.

JEREMY PACKINGTON (1956-62) has donated two photographs of himself and JOHN JAMES (1951-62) in Cadet uniform in 1961 and his mother has donated a box of slides of Cadets.

ROBIN RETCHFORD (1951-54) has donated his School cap.

An anonymous donation of a School suit has also been received. ■

A Vital Resource

The School Archives project is entering its third year of operation. An Archives Management Plan has been implemented, detailed research for the preparation of a School Register has begun and a comprehensive Records Retention policy is being developed. Historical displays have become a feature of School life as well as a focal point at Old Boy reunions. Great emphasis has also been placed on the recording of oral histories. It is people's memories of their time at the School that will make the history of Christ Church live.

As work in the Archives has taken shape, members of staff, students, parents and Old Boys have increasingly become aware of the value and diversity of the records. Indeed, in the words of Archivist Ann Pederson at the Opening of the Guildford Grammar School Archives in May 1992, they are the "documentary life-blood" of a school. Admission registers, minutes of meetings, photographs, trophies, cups, school magazines, press clippings, letters, speeches, honour boards and memorial plaques create a sense of identity and tradition. They document decisions, capture experiences and flesh out memories.

School Archivist Wendy Hillman and Social Science Department teachers Simon Clarke and Jenny Gates are currently planning how the School's collection can be used as a curriculum resource. A unit on the History of Christ Church may be introduced into the Year 8 Social Science course soon and Year 9 and 10 classes will have access to archival information relevant to their Australian History studies. Activities such as an historical tour of the School, a study of a diverse range of items of memorabilia and a research project which

incorporated an oral presentation have been piloted with some of the Year 8s.

The Headmaster regularly draws on information stored in the Archives when writing articles or preparing speeches on the School's history and personalities. In particular, when drafting speeches for Old Boys' reunions and dinners, he believes that it is important to "get at" the "student voice" from the MITRES of the period. Likewise the editor of CHRONICLE often uses archival material in the magazine, linking past with present.

Housemasters have begun looking to the Archives for photographs and written records to engender a sense of House history and tradition. At School Founder's Day Services a representative from each House reads an historical extract pertinent to the history or naming of his House. Furthermore, two Year 8 students have compiled databases on prominent figures in *Craigie and Noake* and the *Queenslea* boys have accepted the challenge to raise funds to conserve their House flag.

The Archives keeps in touch with the student body primarily through the pages of the student magazine BLATT. "Links with the Past" is a regular feature. The Archives page, currently edited by Year 10 student Matthew L Rowe, picks up each issue's overall theme from an archival perspective. Topics researched this year have included student fund raising, sport and movies.

Parents and Old Boys are aware of the need to exhibit the School's archival resources so that the history of Christ Church can be shared with as wide an audience as possible. To this end the Mothers' Auxiliary has set aside funds for a Parents' Association endorsed project, the refurbishment of the Mount Claremont Pavilion including the provision of display cabinets for School sporting memorabilia. Parents also helped organise the School Calendar, featuring archival photographs, which was produced in support of the Rugby Tour to New Zealand. ■

Year 8 students Philip Singh, Ben Hawley, George Athanasiou and Nicholas Averbuj are intrigued by the memorabilia in the School Archives.



The Senior School's computing laboratories are in constant use.



Profile : The Director of Information Technology



Ros Keep

At the beginning of 1994 Ros Keep was appointed to the new position of Director of Information Technology. She has already introduced inspiring and exciting initiatives and we know that there is more to come!

Ros is from the United Kingdom. She trained as a teacher but for the last twelve years has worked in educational computing, writing educational programs, researching the use of computers in schools, designing educational software and, finally, running a British national project investigating the use of Electronic Mailing in school curriculum.

In 1991 Ros came to Australia. Before joining the Christ Church staff she worked for two years as an Educational Consultant with Random Access, dealing with Macintosh computers.

As well as teaching TEE Computing and taking Year 11 and 12 classes in Applied Computing, Ros has a huge brief.

With the help of Staff Computing Mentor Kyrne Holloway, she is currently carrying out an audit of staff computing skills, School computing equipment and the effectiveness of the teaching program. Recommendations for expanding Information Technology offerings will follow.

At present the aim is for every student to learn at least basic computing skills. As part of their General Studies course all Year 8 boys learn some computing. They gain further experience when their core subject teachers choose to make use of the Senior School's two laboratories of colour Macintoshes. Laboratory use is already stretched to the limit.

Ros is establishing Electronic Mail Messaging throughout the School. Members of the Executive, Computing staff and Housemasters are now able to communicate within the School and the same system can also be used to access such services as the NEXUS Bulletin Board and the Australian Associated Press (AAP) database, the bulletin board used by newspaper professionals. These provide wonderful opportunities for the boys. For example Year 11 Applied English students participated in a newspaper production competition using the AAP database to access up-to-the-minute news.

All Housemasters now have their own Powerbooks (laptop computers) for administrative tasks and all departments have at least one computer.

Some very exciting programs are being used in the classroom such as Max Surf, a simulation package which assists Design and Technology students to design boats.

The School is fortunate to have Ros Keep on staff. Her considerable experience, vision and practical approach augers well for Christ Church becoming a leading Information Technology school. ■

Old Boy Links Up School

In a fairly quick bound Glenn Chisholm changed status. He was a student at Christ Church from 1983-91 and he is now the School's Computing Technician.

Each morning Glenn works from the Christ Church Information Technology Centre. His main job is to link up and maintain electronic communication throughout the School. He has already established a network to the Administration offices and the Staff Room, and this will soon be extended to all Housemasters and the Senior Library. Some external electronic mail links are also available. Eventually the entire School will be professionally cabled. Another of Glenn's jobs is to maintain the file server which provides students and staff with access to available programs and information.

Although Glenn has been working with computers since he was ten years old he is especially grateful to Ken Hopkins, the School's former Head of Computing, whom he found to be an innovative teacher who set and achieved high standards. Glenn is amazed at the improvement in equipment and electronic communication in the few years since he left School.

In the afternoons Glenn attends Curtin University where he is a 3rd Year student of Computing Science. He hopes to pursue further studies in artificial intelligence and computer communications and eventually to work in the commercial field in the area of technical innovation. ■

Stuck? Call Kyrne

Welcomed by some, timorously regarded by others, learning computing is becoming almost as essential as learning the 3Rs - reading, writing and arithmetic. Most schools are now teaching computing and most pupils readily learn at least basic skills. It is the 'oldies' who sometimes flounder!

These days, when computers seem to be springing up like mushrooms at Christ Church, it is becoming



Kyrne Holloway



Glenn Chisholm



Computing is demystified at Kyrne Holloway's evening classes for parents.

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increasingly important that members of staff not only be comfortable with the technology but also be able to use it to advantage in the classroom. To these ends Kyrne Holloway has been appointed to the new position of Staff Computing Mentor. He is well suited to the role, defusing the overwrought with his special humour and patience, explaining the inexplicable in his well-honed teaching style, solving intractable problems and even converting hardened computer haters into ardent enthusiasts - like himself.

Kyrne is from Adelaide where he graduated from Flinders University and taught at Scotch College until he joined the Christ Church staff in 1980. He is well known as a teacher of Biology and Human Biology. He also taught computing to Year 8 and 9 boys from 1989-91. During 1980-83 Kyrne was a McClemans House tutor and since 1984 has been Housemaster of Noake. He has coached rowing since 1980, was Master-in-Charge of Rowing from 1981-83 and Master-in-Charge of Rugby from 1991-92. His wife Carol has been McClemans Housemother for the past fifteen years.

Kyrne's interest in computing spans a number of years during which he informally helped School colleagues to become more proficient in the technology. Since the beginning of this year that role has been formalised and now Kyrne spends half of his teaching program time with Year 11 Human Biology and Year 12 Biology classes and the remainder as Staff Computing Mentor, answering help calls, solving problems, providing information and conducting staff classes after school in all aspects of computing. He also finds software to help staff teach their subject more effectively and visits Social Science, Art and English classes to assist teachers with particular programs. He is currently running evening classes for parents. These have been booked to capacity so the series is sure to be repeated. ■

The Selwyn Prior Library

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

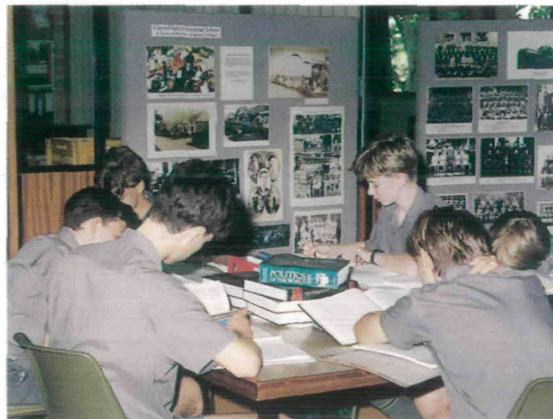
A start has at last been made. The inaugural concert provided 104 books; a handsome donation from Ken Lyall of 50, and other gifts from the Old Boys and others ... have brought the total up to 205. This is a wonderfully gratifying result ... We aim at having eventually a well equipped library of 1,000 volumes.
THE MITRE August 1917.

The first librarians were students R Todd, A Christian and S Prior. Selwyn Prior went on to spend most of

his working life on the editorial staff of THE WEST AUSTRALIAN. He never lost touch with the School and remembered it in his will. His generosity greatly facilitated planning for the library which was named after him and officially opened on 4 April 1976 with nine thousand books, one hundred magazine titles, two daily and six weekly newspapers, four hundred cassette tapes, and 580 film strips and video tapes.

Today the Selwyn Prior Library contains approximately 20,000 books, cassettes and charts as well as many magazine and newspaper titles. About 1200 new books are added to the collection each year and those that become out of date, mainly text books, are donated to schools in Third World countries.

Funded by a Parents' Association grant, library automation commenced in 1989. The collection is now recorded on a constantly improving database with public access terminals. It is expected that national and international resources will be accessible by mid-1995.



With an Archives display in the background Senior School boys work on assignments in the Selwyn Prior Library.

In addition to this central resource each Senior School faculty and boarding house has its own support library.

All Year 8 boys take classes in introductory library and research skills. Other library periods are held in conjunction with classroom teachers who may arrange with the Library staff for specific subject material to be available.

The Library is a stimulating place. In addition to the excellent books and cassettes there are constantly changing displays on a wide variety of themes as well as Archives, Art Department and numerous other exhibitions and occasional guest speakers. And then there are the boys - it is rare to find the Library without them - working on assignments, reading for pleasure, quietly talking.

Neither innovation nor atmosphere can be achieved

... In what I considered to be an over-zealous desire to preserve these books intact, they were mostly kept securely locked in their shelves. Therefore, despite the gloomy forebodings of the librarians, all locks have been removed and the books made accessible at all times. Alexander Todd: Headmaster's Report, December 1948.

It is my wish that the boys learn to read good books and I should like to feel that parents encourage it. ... The comic does not constitute a training in reading, and the English and Spelling is appalling. The main result would seem to be mental laziness. Peter Moyes: Headmaster's Report, December 1951.



The Senior School Library Team - Felicity Renner, Rikta Hawkins, Alison Hewson and Margaret Watson.

without a responsive and willing team. It is the Library staff who create the warm and stimulating atmosphere of the Selwyn Prior Library. Well informed, always friendly and always helpful, their commitment often extending beyond the call of duty.

This dedicated team is steered by Senior Librarian Margaret Watson. Margaret trained at Claremont Teachers Training College and taught in Education Department secondary schools for about eight years before embarking on library and further education in WA and abroad. She joined the Christ Church library staff in 1980 and became Senior Librarian in 1984. Margaret's love of books is part of her love of learning which she regards as a life-long process.

Teacher Librarian Alison Hewson, Library Assistant Felicity Renner and Library Clerk Rikta Hawkins complete the team which from time to time receives support from parents, trainee teachers and technicians, job skill trainees and students. ■

Education Support Unit

In 1971 Christ Church established a Remedial Centre in the Preparatory School to help boys with learning difficulties. By 1975 this had developed into the Special Education Centre, a fully equipped facility

... Finally there is the aim of developing in each student the study habits and library skills he can carry for more effective use of public libraries and the libraries of the tertiary institutions and, most importantly, the aim of developing a love of reading that will carry him through life. Christ Church Chronicle No.17. September 1976.

The ESU team - (back) Elizabeth Langdon, Heather Norris, Anne Ramsay and Lorna Matthews; (front) Muriel Roughan and Jo-Anne Piller.



catering for about sixteen intellectually handicapped Preparatory and Senior School boys. In 1987 the Centre was renamed the Education Support Unit (ESU). It offers four levels of support - full-time, part-time, temporary and assistance to mainstream students.

The education and integration of the full-time "core" group is the main aim of the ESU. At present there are eighteen students in the Preparatory and Senior Schools in this group, presenting a range of disabilities such as cerebral palsy, severe language impairment (dyspraxia), mental retardation, specific learning disabilities, medical problems, developmental deficiencies and co-ordination difficulties.

Enrolment at an early age is preferred. Students on the waiting list are assessed according to a checklist of criteria. Unfortunately, only two or three places are available each year and priority is often given to boys from country areas. Also of priority is the need to maintain a balance of age groups.

Enrolments in the core group are based on the Special Education Committee's consideration of medical, psychological and educational reports from relevant professional sources and the ability of the ESU to cater for the education and management of the individual boy. Individual programs are determined by the Education Support Team after consultation with counsellors and staff.

Integration with mainstream schooling is effected according to the special needs of each student. All boys take part in the corporate life of the School, in the house and tutorial system, sport, camps and options. The minimum integration for core students includes subjects such as Physical Education, Manual Arts and Health. Most boys take a part-time course of studies in mainstream, the number of periods varying but in most cases half-time. Temporary support may be as much as full-time or as little as one period a cycle and some boys are maintained fully in the mainstream, supported by ESU staff either directly or via their teacher, sometimes for one specific subject only. A comprehensive Job Appreciation program helps prepare the students for the workplace.

Teacher-in-Charge Lorna Matthews is assisted by Special Education teachers Elizabeth Langdon (Senior School) and Jo-Anne Piller (Preparatory School) and support aides Heather Norris and Anne Ramsay. They work closely with School Counsellors John James and Dean Moore, visiting Speech Pathologist Muriel Roughan and a Physical Education specialist who assists boys with co-ordination problems. Parent volunteers often help ESU students in special and mainstream classes. ■

Science Awards

A record 382,000 students entered the Esso Australian Schools Science Competition organised by the University of New South Wales Educational Testing Centre.

Christ Church boys proved their scientific skills in no uncertain way.

The students who were awarded a High Distinction (top 1% in the State) are Benjamin Hollings and Tony Ma (Year 8); Ian Deutscher, Luke Dunlop, Tobias Locsei and David Thackaberry (Year 9); John Hughes and Matthew Tilbrook (Year 10); Matthew Beecroft, Mathew Brbich and Oliver Mailes (Year 12); and Ben Reynolds (Year 12).

In the Esso Awards (top boys in the State) Christ Church boys were top in four out of the five years. They are David Thackaberry (Year 9), Matthew Tilbrook (Year 10), Oliver mailes (Year 11) and Ben Reynolds (Year 12).

The boys were presented with their awards at a School Assembly in Term 3. ■



Raptor Retreat Visit

A longtime concern about the mistreatment of our native wildlife prompted Queenslea Housemaster Paul Draper to invite David McCreadie of the Bassendean Raptor Retreat to visit his Year 10 Social Science class.

Twenty-eight fascinated boys were introduced to three of David's special raptors (birds of prey) - Ebony the brown Falcon, Short Circuit the Barn Owl and Gossie the Goshawk. A few boys even enjoyed the experience of being temporary falconers. As the three birds cannot return to the wild they have been trained to work with crowds, especially school children.

David spoke about the birds' habitat, ecology, position in the food chain, diet, hunting methods,

benefits to humans and their survival requirements. Some of the more amazing facts the boys learnt were that there are 33 species of raptor in Australia; falcons have been clocked at over 400kms per hour; wedge-tail eagles have a wingspan of 2.6 metres, two tonnes of crushing power in their talons and actually help farmers by eating 300 rabbits a year each (they do not take grazing animals); birds of prey do not fight each other and smaller raptors will actually bow to superior, larger raptors; if all raptors and reptiles were removed from the face of the earth we would soon be metres deep in insects!

Raptor Retreat is a Rehabilitation and Education Centre dedicated to birds of prey. It is believed to be the largest of its kind in Australia. Veterinary experts examine the birds on arrival, day or night. In the wild, an injured bird will look to its mate for support. That mate will hunt for it and feed it until it either recovers or dies. At the Retreat, handlers become that mate, supplying food and caring for the bird until it is well.

Birds that are capable of survival in the wild are not kept in captivity. Last year 100 birds went through the centre, with a 60% release rate.

The Retreat is entirely dependent on donations to keep going and is desperately seeking corporate sponsorship. Paul Draper hopes to arrange some work experience there for Year 10 boys and to organise other assistance. As Queenslea Housemaster he has already pledged part of his House's annual fund raising to the Retreat. Those interested in helping in any way are asked to contact Paul Draper at School or the Raptor Retreat directly on 377 2271. ■

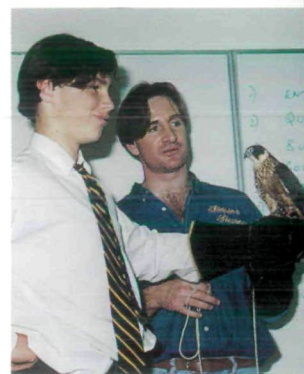
Understanding Australia

Shaun O'Brien (Year 11) was selected to attend the 1994 National Capital Seminar, directed and organised by The Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Trust for Young Australians and held at Canberra Grammar School in late September.

Shaun was one of ninety-nine Year 11 students from all over Australia (ten from Western Australia). The selection criteria included demonstrated leadership qualities, an interest in national issues, the ability to absorb what they are taught and the ability to communicate it back to their peers.

The purpose of the Seminar is to examine the way the country is governed, to increase the participants' understanding of Australia's relationships with other countries, to share ideas, to meet some of the decision-makers of Australia and see some aspects of Canberra.

Shaun's preparation was thorough and his selection a credit to him and to the staff who supported him. ■



David McCreadie introduces Nathan Rainey to Ebony the Brown Falcon.

Successful science pupils - Matthew Tilbrook, Oliver Mailes, David Thackaberry and Ben Reynolds.

Congratulations to Scott Gibson, Campbell Read and Jerome Partridge, winners of the Year 10 Division in the 1994 AHISA Debating competition; and to Bryn Hardcastle (Year 10) winner of the Nedlands/Claremont Division of the Rotary Public Speaking competition.



History teacher Peter Brien and Year 9 students Tom Kendall, Simon Biss and Christopher Geelhoed get the feel of the weapons used in the American Civil War.

History Alive

The boys in Mr Peter Brien's Year 9 History class who are studying the American Revolution (1775-1783) had a rare treat in July when visited by Dr Leo Laden, an expert in military weaponry.

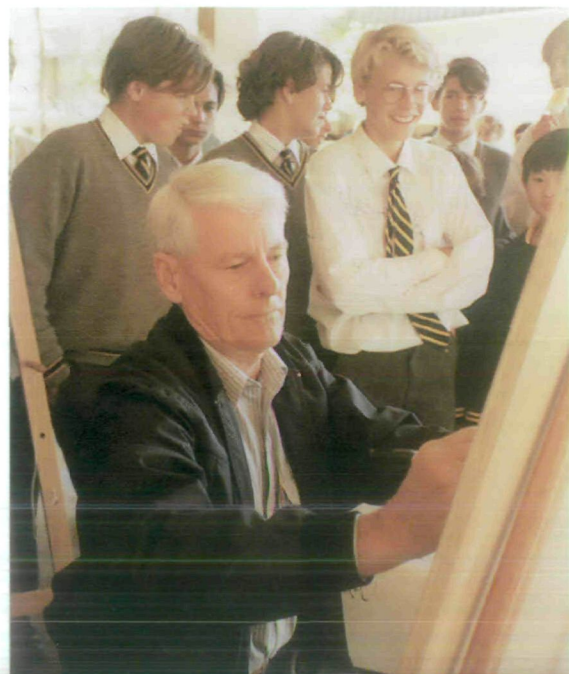
Dr Laden demonstrated and explained the equipment used by the infantry on both sides, illustrating his points with many pieces of authentic equipment. The origins of many common expressions were explained, such as "firing a round", "going off half cocked" and "a flash in the pan", as well as others, less often used, colourfully expressing a gunner's reactions when a gun failed to fire!

The highlight of the afternoon was the firing of the Brown Bess flintlock musket, the British army's most reliable and commonly used gun for over one hundred years. The result, to say the least, was deafening.

The memorable and enjoyable afternoon brought History alive. ■

Art Week '94

Simon Hunt, Vice Captain of Art, reports that Art Week went into full swing after the June mid-term break. The Mothers' Auxiliary supported the Anniversary Art Awards Exhibition 'Postcards from



Cartoonist Alan Langoulant sketches a caricature while Guy Patrick (Year 10) looks on.

Paradise'. It was a great success. Many boys entered works, all of which were exhibited in the Art Department until the end of the week when prizes were given for the most creative.

On Tuesday chalk artist Sonia Blair visited the school and helped enthusiastic boys to cover the Q Block pavement with colourful designs. The boys were free to draw on the pavement during recess and lunchtime or try their pot making skills with Jill Phillips, the Art Department potter-in-residence. Jill stayed the week and took classes in the dos and don'ts of pot throwing.

Wednesday was theme dress day. The boys dressed to the aesthetic theme 'dominance' by selecting a specific colour, shape, pattern or other feature to dominate their attire. Art Committee members had morning tea with the staff in the Art Department, and Duncan MacLaurin, Head of English, won a prize for the most creative outfit. At lunchtime a Year 12 band played in the Chapel for the boys and MLC girls.

Professional cartoonist Alan Langoulant visited the School on Thursday and, to everyone's amusement, sketched many caricatures of boys and teachers.

On Friday the boys were able to watch visiting professional Swiss graffiti artist Ivan completed a large spray-painted picture.

Art Week '94 stimulated everyone to have fun with art. Simon says it would not have been so successful without the organisation and help of art teachers Mrs A'Court, Mrs Zuchner-Mogall and Mr Richards and, of course, the boys of the Art Committee. ■

Gallery Tour

Sue A'Court, Head of Art, had a number of aims for the tour of Eastern States galleries which she undertook in the Term 2 holidays with the assistance of a Parents' Association Staff Professional Development Grant.

She wanted to see what was new in Australian contemporary art and craft, bring back ideas for projects with the boys, make a first hand study and photographic record of some of the works the boys study, and plan an itinerary for an Year 11 and 12 Art Tour in 1995.

There were many highlights. In Sydney Sue enjoyed the Darling Harbour water sculptures blending harbour and land, the Convention Centre with Whitely and Olsen exhibits, the galleries around the Rocks and the wonderful Art Gallery of New South Wales. In Canberra there was the laser light

show; the Parliament House art collection; the National Gallery, the National Science and Technology Museum; and the War Memorial containing the war works of artists such as Dobell, Streeton, Dargie, Nolan and Herman. Melbourne offered the National Gallery of Victoria and Arts Centre and the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Christ Church art students can expect to reap the benefits of Sue's stimulating tour. ■



Camp, Concerts and a Remarkable Achievement

The combined Christ Church Grammar School and St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls Music Camp at New Norcia was a great success.

Seventy-one boys, fifty-girls and fifteen members of staff packed in twenty-four hours of solid rehearsal time over three days during the mid-year holidays. They worked in a fascinating monastery setting, their efforts culminating in a Sunday concert which many parents attended.

The Music School Choral and Orchestral Concert in the Chapel in September was an ambitious and exciting evening involving many of the boys in the music program.

The first half consisted of items from the String Quartets, soloists and a jazz flute duet, whilst the

second half combined the instrumental and choral forces helped by members of the staff chorale, parents and friends, in performances of the Vivaldi GLORIA and the FANTASY IN C FOR SOLOISTS, CHORUS, PIANO SOLOIST AND ORCHESTRA by Beethoven. Both works had previously been performed most creditably by the orchestra during their trip to Albany to accompany the combined Choirs of Albany and District.

On both occasions the piano soloist was Raymond Yong (Year 11), who had recently returned from the finals of the Yamaha interstate pianoforte competition where he was placed a national second - a marvellous achievement for this talented young man. ■

Shakespeare, Superman and an International Tour

Drama Director, Tony Howes, spent the July holidays in England investigating drama in schools and youth groups in such places as Eton and Hoxton Hall. "I was impressed with the diversity of theatre being produced", Tony said. "It strengthened my resolve that CCGS drama should offer as wide a variety of dramatic expression as possible and not get caught in any sort of rut, either practical or ideological."

Tony also found a great willingness to assist with Christ Church plans to tour England with SONG OF THE SEALS by Dorothy Hewett and the group-devised pieces FRIENDS BUT NOT NEIGHBOURS. The tour, for the month of January, will begin with a grand opening ceremony in Lincoln Cathedral and end in London with special Australia Day performances in the Commonwealth Institute Theatre. On the way home, the company will perform for the Australian High Commission in Brunei.

The School's drama performers were honoured by a special Reception at Government House in August. His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Jeffery thanked the young people for their contribution to theatre and congratulated them on the standards they have reached. We understand that this is the first time such a theatre group has been so honoured by a Vice-Regal Reception.

The Drama Department finished the 1994 season with two major productions in the School's Drama Centre - in October Shakespeare's LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST, directed by Jenny Davis, and in November MAN OF STEEL, the musical spoof of the Superman story, directed by Rod Langlands. As well, boys were involved in drama productions for Health Week and the Family Fair. ■

Sue A'Court appreciates the use of art in public places - such as the wrought iron doors in the Darling Harbour food hall which she photographed on her Eastern States tour.

Three Go Into Print



Lorraine O'Brien.

A recent collaboration between Lorraine O'Brien of the English Department and Gisela Zuchner-Mogall of Art has resulted in the joint publication of a short story and accompanying sketch. PORTMANTEAU WORDS will appear in the forthcoming Fremantle Arts Centre's SUMMER SHORTS II, the second anthology to be edited by media personality and Christ Church Old Boy Peter Holland (1960-61).

Lorraine O'Brien's essays and short stories have appeared in various Australian literary magazines and anthologies. She has been teaching English and Literature at Christ Church for five years and is editor of the School's creative writing magazine IMPRESSIONS.

Gisela Zuchner-Mogall migrated from Germany to Western Australia in 1985. A former partner of a Studio Gallery for Contemporary Art, she has been teaching Art and Art History at Christ Church since 1988. Her work is represented in several private collections.

Lorraine and Gisela intend continuing their joint artistic venture and are working on their own collection.

This year there were 1054 entries for the rapidly growing Tim Winton Award for Young Writers. The contest is encouraged by novelist and children's writer Tim Winton who has been a guest speaker at the School on several occasions.

Alan Lau (Year 12) won the senior secondary school category and was also awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award for his sensitive sketch of teenage love and proxy marriage in Malaysia.

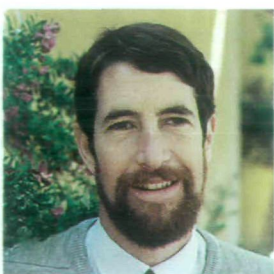
Alan, a McClellens House boarder from Sarawak, began at Christ Church this year after attending school in Singapore for four years. He has enjoyed writing since primary school days and has already received an award in Singapore for one of his short stories. Although Alan plans to study Architecture when he finishes school he intends to keep writing. ■



Gisela Zuchner-Mogall.



Alan Lau.



Alistair McNeil.

New Appointment

Alistair McNeil has been appointed to the newly named position of Assistant Dean of Studies.

Intermittently over the past two years, during the illness and since the retirement of Mr Tony Burns, Alistair has been Acting Assistant to the Headmaster.

The nature of that position has gradually changed with less time being spent on assisting the Headmaster

and more time in academic planning and administration. In practice the Assistant to the Headmaster has become the Dean of Studies' right hand man, while the Dean of Studies has become increasingly involved with curriculum initiatives, decision-making, implementation and management. It became apparent that the title of the position ought to reflect the reality: that the incumbent ought to be responsible directly to the Dean of Studies and the position entitled Assistant Dean of Studies.

Alistair hails from South Australia. He came to WA in 1975 and worked in the mining industry in Mt Newman and Shay Gap for some years before taking up studies at WACE where he gained a Diploma in Mathematics Teaching and a Bachelor of Education. He joined the Christ Church staff as a Mathematics teacher in 1985 and was appointed Head of Mathematics in 1990.

With the formalisation of his new appointment Alistair now officially joins the School Executive. ■

Teachers Keep Learning

"Opening Doors to Learning" was the theme of the annual Staff Seminar Day in July. A choice of workshops followed the keynote address by Catherine Gavigan from the National Centre for Self-Esteem Education. Staff were able to explore aspects of self-esteem, how it develops, characteristics of students with high and low self-esteem, and strategies for building and enhancing self-esteem. Practical demonstrations showed how delving into the theory of the latest technology can motivate students to indirectly learn the basics; how independence of learning and collaboration across the curriculum can be facilitated through an instructional reading technique; and how De Bono's learning strategies can provide a focus for thinking strategies which can be used in every classroom. A brief insight into the new Year 8 General Studies program was also provided.

All the Preparatory School teachers were involved in a three hour "Writing Policy" session, using the training knowledge and skill gained from First Steps in-servicing to draft a practical policy for use in teaching and developing the writing ability of their students. This followed the successful first semester implementation of a School written spelling policy. A guiding document emerged from discussion across a broad range of perspectives, giving direction, cohesiveness and continuity to the teaching of the writing process which will be trialled and evaluated

throughout second semester with a view to it becoming a part of the Language Learning Policy of the School.

A Seminar on Collaborative Learning, initiated by Mr Geoff Matthews and Mrs Jenny Vincent and underwritten by the Junior Schools' Heads' Association of Australia, was conducted by Assistant Professor Barrie Bennett from the University of Toronto. The purpose of the seminar was to involve educators in critical enquiry, personal reflection and discussion about the concept underlying co-operative strategies and effective classroom application.

Geoff Matthews, Alison Hewson and Justin Mills attended the National Conference of The Australian Reading Association; Eril-Jane Reid attended the Third International Social Science Conference in Nairobi, Kenya which focused on Literacy, Democracy and Multiculturalism; Robin Dunn attended a conference on Current Methodology in Mathematics at Curtin University; and Helen Pedrotti attended the Music Teachers' Conference In Perth. ■

Koorinal Changeover

The position of Assistant Director of Koorinal is tenable for two years, after which the staff member is expected to return to teaching at the Claremont campus.

The limited period means that a number of teachers from the main school can enrich the Koorinal offering by bringing different pedagogical perspectives to its program and providing a vital link between it and the Claremont campus, whilst at the same time enjoying a stint working at our outdoors education base. Furthermore, the Assistant Director has opportunities to develop experiential and investigative science-oriented (or other relevant disciplines) projects and curricular innovations that excite him or her as a teacher, the Koorinal staff as colleagues and, most importantly, the boys as learners.

Dr Peter Whitmore, the present Assistant Director of Koorinal, will return to the Claremont Campus to teach Chemistry and General Science from the beginning of 1995.

Mrs Christy Barker, currently a teacher of Biology and General Science, will take the Koorinal position. Christy has been with the School for five years and is a highly respected and enthusiastic teacher. With her appointment come the opportunities to strengthen the environmental science dimension of our outdoor education program. ■

Instructional Technology

For some years Shane McGurk, Head of Physical Education, has been working with the Development Unit for Instructional Technology (DUIT) in the Department of Human Movement at the University of Western Australia to develop a computer-based interactive learning course for Years 11 and 12 Physical Education. Shane was seconded to DUIT for Term 3 in order to complete the series before the end of 1994.

There are long-term benefits to the School. At present Shane is the only person to have used the materials in a classroom setting, and the School is to receive copies of all the resulting Physical Education programs. The materials being developed are at the cutting edge of educational technology.

DUIT course developers are keen to continue working with Christ Church staff. The School's role will be acknowledged in all related publications and forums.

DUIT intends to produce similar materials in a range of subjects: Physics and Human Biology materials are in the planning stage. ■



Shane McGurk.

Playing for the State

A number of boys have gained selection in State sporting teams.

Graig Gibson (Captain of School) is a member of the State Team for Schools Tennis; Alexander Watkins (Year 11) is in the State Under-16 Hockey Team; Nathan Rainey, Luke Arnold, Oliver Black (all Year 10) and James Watson-Galbraith (Year 9) are in the State Under-15 Lacrosse Team (Nathan has been appointed Captain); and Robert Scott (Year 11) is in the State Under-17 Lacrosse Team. ■



Peter Whitmore.

Football Tour

A Football Tour to Peninsula Grammar School, Victoria, with whom we have built a good relationship over many years, was successful off the field. On the field the age and inexperience of our players showed, although Lincoln Lee-Steere and Richard Prideaux (Year 12), Haaron Bokhari (Year 11) and Russell Hillman (Year 10) performed well. The boys were accompanied by Sportsmaster Peter Rickey and Assistant to the Dean of Studies Alistair McNeil. ■



Christy Barker.



Christ Church sailors finished second in the National Schools Championships: (standing) Ron Jensen (Team Leader and Chris Clogner (representing WA sponsors Westralian Sands Limited): (seated, back) Tim Wishaw, Peter Chambers, Ben Durham, Gregor McQueen (Coach): (front) James Kornweibel, Bryn Jones, Toby Bishop and Brendan Brittliffe.

Sailing Through Hailstones

Over five days of intense competition at Geelong and in cold, wet and windy conditions, the School team representing Western Australia in the Epiglass National Secondary Schools Teams championships performed very creditably to finish second to the Port Lincoln High School team from South Australia.

Icy conditions were an extra obstacle for the young yachtsmen. They had to buy special gloves to keep their hands warm enough to operate gear, though at one stage the sun was shining through the hailstones.

Five months of preparation under the direction of Team Leader Ron Jensen and Old Boy coach Gregor McQueen (1987-91) stood them in good stead to meet the exhausting physical conditions and demonstrated the depth of the skills built up over the past five years.

The team consisted of Ben Durham (Captain), Peter Chambers (Vice Captain), James Kornweibel, Brendan Brittliffe, Tim Wishaw, Toby Bishop and Bryn Jones. ■

Trips to the Snow

Ski Tours to the Victorian Alps were made by groups from both the Preparatory and Secondary School.

Mr Williamson once again organised the Preparatory School ski trip to Mt Hotham. He was assisted by five teachers for the task of looking after forty excited boys. Snow conditions were very favourable and by all accounts everyone had an enjoyable and productive time. Some boys have developed a high level of proficiency on skis and those new to the activity all mastered the skill. As usual the late return to WA, which entails a full day's journey by bus and plane, took its toll and most lads slept soundly and long over the next two days.

On their way to Falls Creek fifteen Senior School boys and teachers Simon Clarke and Shane McGurk stopped off in Melbourne for a day. They did a bit of sightseeing and saw a Collingwood-Carlton football match, thus adding other dimensions and gains to their ski trip. ■

Young Man on the Move

Like anyone venturing into uncharted territory, Bunbury youngster Jaymon Crabb (Year 11) had reservations before taking off on a tennis tour through Germany, but after winning two titles, reaching the semis in another and the quarters in his worst performance on the trip, he now knows his game is on track.

Jaymon toured Germany with Jed Gould and their trip began with a visit to Wimbledon late in the championships where they were given the centre court tickets reserved for the great Lew Hoad who was too ill to attend.

Their tennis appetite whetted, Jaymon and Jed then tackled the best players of their age with Jaymon, particularly, stringing together good results.

Jaymon started playing tennis only five years ago, so his progress has been remarkable. ■

Medical Centre Programs

Trish Cahill, Sister-in-Charge of the Christ Church Medical Centre, and Mary Goldthorpe, Relieving Sister, attended a Royal College of Nursing Australia conference in Sydney during the semester break. The conference was attended by 420 nurses from 15 countries, including a large contingent of 120 from USA. Topics covered research by nurses and included pain control in children, the effects of cancer controlling drugs, and the link between humour and immunity in children. Trish and Mary left the conference feeling that nursing had truly come of age as a science.

Trish was recently made an Honorary Research Fellow of the Institute for Child Health, University of Western Australia, as a result of her work with the Respiratory Unit and Asthma Research programs.

Another program is about to get under way at the Centre. Selected boys will act as a control group in research into Limited Joint Mobility in children with Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus, now the commonest chronic disease of childhood. It affects approximately one in 500 children. In addition to aiding medical research Trish believes the program will be of educational value to the boys. They will learn something about disease, research methods and possible career paths.

An extra member has now joined the Medical Centre team. Roberta Hills, the new Monday night Relief Sister, brings to four the team covering the twenty-four hour a day/ seven days a week service. ■

When Only the Best Will Do!

Though it is not uncommon for senior Swiss school students to spend an exchange year in another country, Hans George Meier, from co-ed Ksoe School, Oerlikon in Zurich, arranged his year away on a private basis.

He could have gone almost anywhere in the world but George chose Perth. Twenty years ago his father had visited Australia and liked Perth so much that he recommended it and enquiries through a family friend in Dalkeith resulted in George commencing at Christ Church in Term 3, 1993. Before returning to Switzerland at the end of Term 2, 1994, he said it had been an extremely happy arrangement.

There were a few adjustments to make such as becoming accustomed to a single sex school, a boarding environment, wearing a school uniform, more sport and a different academic program. Although it took a bit of getting used to George thinks he made friends quicker by being a boarder.

George was able to spend holidays in Melbourne and to visit WA regions between Exmouth and Esperance. He really liked the Perth weather and beaches and particularly enjoyed School sport, explaining that there is not much in Swiss city schools because of lack of space.

It will take George another year and a half to complete his schooling in Switzerland where it is not unusual for students to continue until 21 years of age. After that he hopes to avail himself of the renowned Swiss training and study for a career in Hotel Management. ■

George Meier, second from left, being presented with a memento of Christ Church by Walters House friends John Gaw, Kataro Yamamoto, Peter Dias, Idham Suleiman and Justin Longbottom.





Grounds Manager Dixie Joy (centre) gives groundsmen Alastair MacGregor and Brad Smith a hand with the pruning.

Eden on Campus

As every householder knows, work in the garden is never finished. Watering, planting, pruning, weeding, nourishing and maintenance are on-going jobs. Sometimes it can be a chore but often the work and the results are satisfying, even a delight.

Looking after school grounds is not so different.

Christ Church Grounds Manager Dixie Joy experiences the ambivalence common to many gardeners. He says he rarely feels satisfied with more than ten percent of the grounds at any one time, but perhaps he is over-zealous because most people enjoy the School's attractive outdoor environment.

It doesn't just happen on whim. Fundamental principles of horticulture and attention to safety, labour intensiveness and aesthetics are incorporated into carefully considered plans worked out between Grounds Staff, Headmaster and Bursar, subject to budget and to Council approval.

There is an eight-year landscaping plan for the whole School. Each year decisions are made about what work will be tackled over the coming twelve months. As an example, the final stage of a three-year plan for reticulating the grounds was completed in September with the reticulation of the Giles and Clarkson Ovals at Mt Claremont. Clearing, draining, paving and planting the area around the new Refectory and renovating the area outside the Sandover Dining Hall form part of the 1994 plan. Maintenance and improvements to roads and pathways regularly feature on the agenda.

Dixie Joy, Grounds Manager at Christ Church for the past three years, holds Certificates of Horticulture, Turf Management and Landscape Design. Kim French, (second-in-charge), Jim Barsden, Alastair MacGregor, Brad Smith, Andrew McFarlane and Paul Bailey (on six-months Job Start) work at the Claremont campus, while Rachel Cox and Wayne

Fraser tend the Mt Claremont grounds. The attainment of qualifications is encouraged and at present three of the staff are actively engaged in study. Another three have completed their courses.

Decisions about where and what to plant take into account consistency of appearance, beginning with the well-known splendid avenue of London Plane trees in Queenslea Drive. As there are many shade areas around the Claremont campus shade-tolerant plants often feature. Where practicable native plants are used, especially to encourage the bird life, but trees that easily shed branches, or those whose appearance deteriorates after a few years are not generally used.

Environmental conservation is also considered important. Grass cuttings and prunings are composted and used to mulch and condition the soil in new and established gardens. Although they may take longer to be effective only natural derivatives are used for pest control.

As a cost-effective measure and an exercise in good staff training hundreds of plants are produced each year in the nursery and Nature's most prodigious worker - the earthworm - is highly valued. A couple of years ago Dixie began a worm farm which now has a population of about 40,000 worms, bucketfuls of which are put into the gardens to aerate and fertilize the soil.

It is good to know that Dixie and his team enjoy their work, care about the environment and have a broad vision for constantly improving the quality of the Christ Church grounds. ■

Confirmation

In May eleven boys were confirmed by Bishop David Murray at St Margaret's Church in Nedlands. It was marvellous for them to have two adults confirmed alongside them: Mrs Ruth Smith-Hunter who was the first Senior School Librarian at Christ Church, and Mr Ray House, Deputy Headmaster.

In preparation for Confirmation, Canon Sheehan gave several classes. As well, Bishop Murray made two visits to the School to get to know the boys and talk to them about the sacrament. Father Murray Brown, parish priest at St Margaret's, also visited the boys and spoke about the whole notion of faith.

During the Eucharist the Preparatory School Choir, under the direction of Ms Pedrotti, joined with the parish choir and led the congregation in singing Mr John Bates' STIRLING MASS. Mr Bates played the organ and was a sponsor for Andrew Pickford who was being confirmed.

Mr and Mrs Madin and Mr and Mrs Norris were

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there as sponsors and to support the boys and their families. Mrs Diana Hammond who assists Canon Sheehan with teaching Religious Education was also part of the congregation.

The parish of St Margaret's was most welcoming and provided a lovely supper after the service. During the gathering Canon Sheehan presented each of the confirmees with a book donated by the Mothers' Auxiliary.

"We are finding the Confirmation Services to be important and delightful aspects of life in the School" said Canon Sheehan. "We are a Church school and value connections with the wider life of the church. I think it is enriching for all involved. Bishop Murray does a great job in making the connections." ■

Year 11 Dance

The Year 11 Dance, held on the Edith Cowan University Claremont campus in September, was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The success of the function was due to the efforts of a number of members of the Mothers' Auxiliary and the committee of Year 11 boys who arranged two hot dog stalls to raise funds toward costs and went on to encouraged more than one hundred and forty boys to attend with their partners.

The 'Rude Emily' band had many on the dance floor all night and the food, supplied by parents, went down particularly well! ■



At the Year 11 Dance - Ravinda Ehelepola, Matthew Farrelly, Derek Chih, Ben Day, Alexis Sadler and Mathew Brbich.



These boys and their partners obviously had heaps of fun at the Year 11 Dance.



Thomas Ching (right) takes out a book from the Preparatory School Library under the supervision of Library Monitors James Hunt, Daniel Sheehan and Darrell Jackson.

A Hive of Industry

The Preparatory School Library is a lively place.

All Prep School classes have the equivalent of two library periods a week for literature studies and information research skills. Class teachers also use the Library for special lessons and they may request bulk loans on particular areas of study.

In addition the Library is used extensively for pleasure and interest and for such activities as Chess competitions. It is open at morning recess and lunch times for boys to borrow and return books. A Library newsletter was launched recently.

The Library contains about 8000 books, 250 videos, magazines for the various age groups, and charts and posters for use as teaching aids. About 1000 new publications are added each year and outdated books are donated to charities.

A Parents' Association grant has enabled a start to be made on the automation of the Library. All stock will be bar coded and details entered on computer. When completed the system will allow much improved information, search and material retrieval, and greatly facilitate stock control.

Teacher Librarian Bill Ranger presides over the Preparatory School Library, a position he came to after experience in other occupations.

Bill left school at 16 and worked for two years as a clerk with the Bank of Adelaide and six years as a State Government clerk, firstly to the Minister for Agriculture and then to the Minister for Local Government. During this time he completed tertiary entrance studies at night school. He then studied full-time at Churchlands Teachers College, graduating in 1975. The following year he joined the Prep School staff as a classroom teacher.

In 1987-88 Bill enjoyed an exchange year at a school for 400 Year 4 - 12 boys in Toronto, Canada.

After returning to Christ Church Bill again took up part-time studies in Teacher Librarianship. In 1990 he became the Preparatory School Teacher Librarian.

This is a busy position. Bill is grateful for the regular help of a team of six mothers and the Library Monitors - Years 4 - 7 boys who at recess and lunchtime check loans in and out and return books to the shelves. ■



Bill Ranger.

Geoff McPherson gets Tim Dillon, Rowan Clarke, Pete Harris and Jim Mussared started on cooking the stew.

1995 Scholarships

The School takes pleasure in announcing the award of Scholarships for 1995 to the following boys:

Council Entry Scholarships:

James R Andrewartha

Claremont Primary School

David G Holmes Mosman Park Primary School

Paul W Tilbrook Floreat Park Primary School

Ryan A White Dampier Primary School

Simon R Zilko Christ Church Grammar School

Parents' Association Scholarship:

Eugene Chen Rossmoyne Primary School

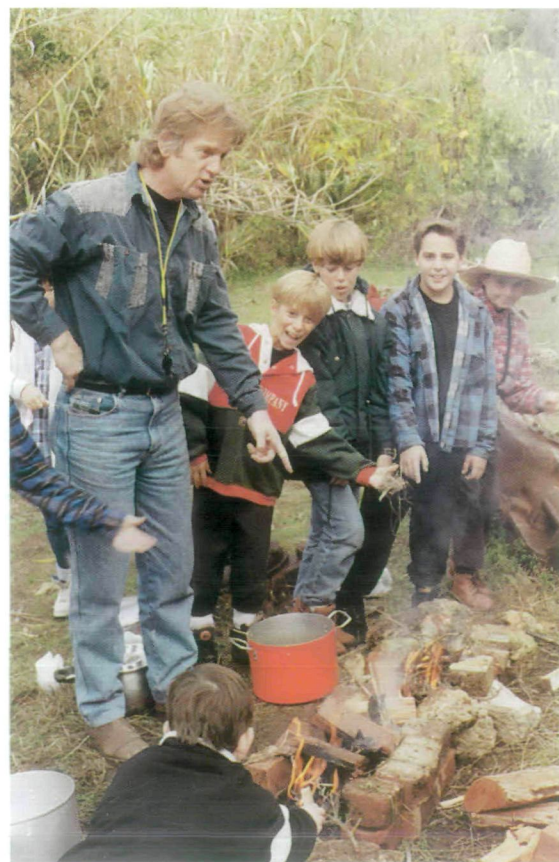
Old Boys' Association Scholarship:

Chris J Angel Kalannie Primary School ■

Foundation Day Celebration

The boys of Mr Geoff McPherson's Year 5 class celebrated Foundation Day in style by cooking a huge traditional stew on the School foreshore.

This exercise tied in with the Social Studies and Language programs the boys have been studying this term. ■



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Operation Seahawk

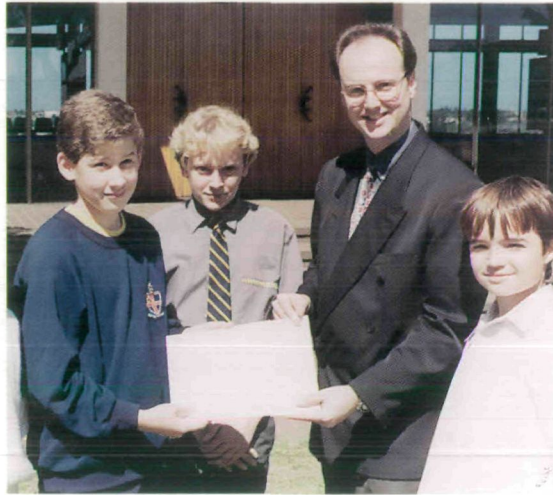
It was not by chance that a Royal Australian Navy Seahawk Helicopter landed on the Christ Church top oval on 12 August. Rod Salmeri from Navy Public Affairs, whose sons David (Year 8) and Paul (Year 7) attend the School, had arranged the visit so that Preparatory and Senior School boys could see a large helicopter at close range and ask questions of the three crew members.

The RAN has sixteen Sikorsky S70B2 Seahawk helicopters. These very sophisticated craft can carry out anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface ship surveillance and targeting. They effectively extend the range of a ship's sensors and allow long range Harpoon missile firings to be conducted over the horizon from Navy Guided Missile Frigates. ■



Award for Headmaster

The Rotary Club of Nedlands has awarded the inaugural David Cruickshank award to Geoff Matthews, Headmaster of the Preparatory School. The award is given to a person who has made a significant contribution, above and beyond the requirements of the job specifications, to a vocation in the area. ■



On behalf of the Preparatory School Alex Parkinson, Ben Woffenden (School Captain), Shenton French and Michael Ryan accept a 'Thank You' certificate from Mr Mark Fairclough of CARE Australia.

Rwanda Appeal

For more than a term the staff and boys of the Preparatory School organised games, functions and food stalls, as well as holding a couple of casuals days, to raise funds for the people of Rwanda.

Their efforts raised \$800. At an assembly a cheque was given to Mr Mark Fairclough of CARE Australia who thanked the boys and presented a certificate in recognition of their endeavour. ■

Curtis Hesse, Year 1, meets a crew member and gets the feel of flying a helicopter.

To mark Australia Day Year 7 boys embarked on a clean-up of the district, with special emphasis on the river foreshore.



Chris Lewis and Ryan
Turnbull with fans from 6G.



'Footyball'

FOOTYBALL by the Kangaroo Street Gang, a group writing especially for schools, depicts a Grand Final between the Eagles and Kangaroos which results a draw!

The musical was performed at a September Assembly by Jenny Vincent's 6G class. Helen Pedrotti directed the music and parent Meredith Bishop helped with the production. All the boys in the class participated.

Old Boys Christopher Lewis (1984-86) and Ryan Turnbull (1981-88) of the real West Coast Eagles were invited to the Assembly and after the performance they handed out the weekly Honour Certificates.

Much to the delight of all Chris and Ryan later signed autographs, joined staff, boys and parents in the 6G classroom for morning tea and posed with the boys for numerous photographs. ■



David Solomon, Alex
Parkinson and James Kay
(all Year 7) were finalists in
the Speak Up Awards.

Year 3 boys intent on
preparing their pot plants for
the Family Fair.

Pot Plant Project

Presided over by Headmaster Geoff Matthews, in his element in gardening gear and wellies, and assisted by parent helpers led by Mrs Sue May, the Preparatory School boys potted over 2000 plants for the Family Fair Garden Stall.

Parents David and Pam Lee of Pixie Mix donated a truckload of potting mix and the response to the call for donations of pots, cuttings and seedlings was good. Every boy was expected to plant five or six pots and ensure that each was labelled with his name and the name of the plant

The project was chosen for its practical nature. It allowed everybody to be involved, raised money at the Fair and could also be incorporated into the Science program. Under the guidance of their classroom teachers, the boys were responsible for nurturing their charges by providing the right environment and adequate water, food and care, and by monitoring the growth and condition of their plants from June to the Family Fair almost five months later. ■



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Year 7 Chess Club members Nick Larkins, David Knezevic, Benjamin Tai, Nicholas Whiteley and Michael Collin. Boys play in interschool competitions and some recently travelled to Bunbury to compete against Cathedral Grammar School.

Year 7 French students enjoyed an outdoor "French lesson" from Mr Christophe Vaillant, a professional hang-glider and the first to fly down Death Valley in California. After showing some exciting slides and explaining what the sport involved, Mr Vaillant gave the boys the opportunity to experience, on firm ground, being harnessed to the glider.



Mrs Eileen Coppin helps with tennis coaching. Each year thirty to forty Preparatory School parents assist with sport, classroom work and special projects.

Alastair Black, Alistair Price and Yuya Suzuki enjoyed the JSHAA Art and Craft Exhibition.



The Preparatory School Guitar Ensemble performed at the JSHAA Art and Craft Exhibition.

Monica Newnham (organiser), Alex Clarke, Chris Prosser, Angela Ikstrums and Barbara Waldron fill a basket with a selection of some of their many of yummy jams and preserves.



Family Fair

From late last year parents planned and worked towards the November Family Fair, many putting body and soul into this giant project.

Jean Farquhar, Helen Leach, Georgie Marshall, Kathy Hardie (organiser), Margaret Morris and Chris Price handpaint bowls and pots, and a handsome rooster!

Alas, around the time of the Fair this edition of CHRONICLE was in the process of being printed - too late to advertise the event and too early to give an account of it! However, at the time of writing everything was shaping up so well that an outstanding success could be predicted with confidence.

Fund-raising for the Fair kicked off with a gigantic Garage Sale in March which brought \$13,000 to go towards operating costs. Since then many groups have worked tirelessly.

In the old canteen a team of mothers cooked for two days each week throughout Terms 2 and 3 to produce a variety of delicious Gourmet Freezer Food, the sale of which supplied a regular income for Family Fair running costs. Another group worked in the same venue once a week, as well as at their homes, making a wonderful array of homemade jams, preserves, pickles and pastes.

Lydia Hollings, Valli Callegari- Rudd and Wendy Morgan put the finishing touches to beautifully decoupaged door stops, place mats and trays for the giftware section of Family Fair.

In the basement beneath the Music Department mothers worked for months at trestle tables making special gifts such as beautifully decoupaged door stops, place mats and trays, hand painted china and pottery and a bedazzling variety of attractive plaster, wood and ceramic artefacts.

At 14 Queenslea Drive the sewing girls made waistcoats, hand-smocked nightdresses and all kinds of lovely items, while the Fantasy Land team produced masses of glittery things like treasures boxes, fairy bears, magic wands, fancy dress costumes, bon-bons and astral decorator items. Queenslea Drive was also the venue for collecting

Sue Pass and Theresa Smith helped create this glittering array of beautiful things for 'Fantasy Land'.



Cooking up a Treat for Gourmet Freezer Food in the Old Canteen are Devi Thangarajah, Jane Webb-Ware (Convenor), Robyn Bishop and Helen Sneddon.



and sorting the huge number of donated books, sports gear and wonderful treasures for Aladdin's Cave.

From early in the year mothers potted plants several days a week for the Garden Stall, while others amassed collections of plants at home. A number of garden seminars and tours proved to be very popular as well as helping to raise funds.

Meanwhile hordes of other parents became involved in the logistics, organisation and advertising

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of the auction, various stalls, entertainments, refreshments, food, facilities, parking and a myriad matters to ensure that Fair day was an unqualified success in every respect.

It is not possible to mention by name all the wonderful, dedicated conveners, helpers and donors who put so much time and energy into this function but their efforts are greatly appreciated and Fair Co-ordinator Ray West has done an absolutely splendid job in bringing it all together. ■

Still Carrying the Flag

June Bowman will be remembered by many former parents for her energy, efficiency and graciousness.

June's three sons attended the School between 1972 and 1985. In 1977 June became really involved in School activities when she joined the Mother's Auxiliary. She ran the Clothing Service from 1978 until 1982, co-edited the Parents' Association Newsletter in 1980, and was President of the Mother's Auxiliary in 1983 and 1984. In addition she helped in the Music Department, took turns on the Canteen roster, and gave support to numerous other School projects, all while in full-time employment.

As if that were not enough June continues to support the School. She is the Year 13 co-ordinator, keeping in touch with mothers of past Christ Church students and arranging the Reunion Luncheon which has been held each year since 1985. This is a great opportunity for former School mothers to renew friendships and the occasion is filled with much chatter and laughter.

The 1994 Luncheon was held on 21 October, again in the Mt Claremont Pavilion. The profit from the modest charge is always donated to the School libraries for new reference books.

June and her husband Brian have now retired to North Dandalup. That does not mean they have actually stopped working for they run merino sheep and beef cattle on their 600 acre farm and are trying very hard to breed a Melbourne Cup winner!

June is also very active as a year representative for the St Hilda's Old Scholars Association; works tirelessly to raise funds to re-establish 'Nutcote', the Sydney cottage of Australian artist May Gibbs (a distant relative by marriage); plays a part in the restoration of an historical Harvey cottage and carries out research into her family history.

Year 13 mothers who would like their names included the mailing list may contact June Bowman at Wandarrah Springs, PO Box 418, Pinjarra, WA 6208: telephone 5 301 350. ■



Jacob Gilmore and Nigel Metz (Year 12) catch up on the news - thanks to the arrangement made by the Mothers' Auxiliary for newspapers to be supplied daily to the Student Refectory.

As the Refectory is often used by the School community for various functions, the Mothers' Auxiliary has also provided a large quantity of china, featuring the School crest, which may be used on such occasions.

The Efficacy of Herbs

Surrounded by a rosemary hedge, parsley, basil, chives, sage, oregano, a variety of other herbs, a lemon tree and two cumquat trees grow in the courtyard beside the School Canteen. In the garden a limestone pillar awaits the installation of a sundial which is being made by metalwork students. Other garden beds in the courtyard are also thriving but there is a hint of enchantment about the herb garden with its special aromas, epicurean secrets and healing powers.

Canteen Manageress Lori Riley and parents Suzie MacIntosh and Debbie Gwynne thought of the idea while parent Trina Vaughan of Ibis Landscapes and Mrs Joy, the wife of Christ Church Grounds Manager Dixie Joy, designed the garden and selected the plants.

Like all herb gardens this one has practical as well as aesthetic value. The herbs are used in some of the tasty foods prepared in the Canteen and their properties occasionally provide an interesting topic in the classroom. ■



June Bowman.



A big lemon on a little tree! Canteen staff Gail Samuel, Helen Crompton and Lori Riley are delighted with the first fruit from the lemon tree growing in the Canteen herb garden.

Christopher Lewis.



Lewie

CHRISTOPHER L LEWIS (1984-86) hardly needs any introduction. Everyone wants to lay claim to him and the stakes have gone up since he played his 150th AFL match in August and his second AFL Grand Final match in October - at the age of 25.

The Lewis family have a fairly long association with Christ Church. IRWIN LEWIS (1953-56), a scholarship holder and boarder at the School, is credited with being the first Aborigine to have gone to the University of Western Australia. He too was a consummate football player and a member of Claremont's 1964 premiership team. His three sons CLAYTON LEWIS (1975-77), CAMERON LEWIS (1977-79) and Christopher attended the School and all were noted for their sporting prowess. Clayton and Cameron are also well known WAFL footballers, both having played for Claremont and East Perth.

Chris is regarded as an orthodox athlete, classically so. Initially he learned his football as a kid in the local park, playing two-on-two and three-on-three, often until it was dark. He's always had enormous drive and he plays to win. Though known as an individual he well understands that football is a team game and he values that.

Because of Alcock Cup commitments with Christ Church, Chris had played just three games for Claremont before he was scooped up by the West Coast Eagles' recruiting net. Fans did not need to wait long to see him display his extraordinary talents. Few who were there will ever forget his performance in the club's first match against Richmond in 1987 when he helped turn the game after starting on the interchange bench. Nor will the memory of a seven-goal haul against St Kilda later that season dim.

But there have been events which robbed Chris of some of the exuberance which helped to earn him the tag as the best player in the country during the 1990 finals campaign and culminated with a club fairest and best award.

There were a few unfortunate incidents and opposition teams quickly found racial taunts could

distract Lewis from his task. It was not easy for Chris to cope with this but he realised he needed to change his attitude and channel all his energies into the game. Now he is back in full, and perhaps his most consistent, form.

Nowdays Chris has found a very constructive counterbalance to the racial jibes. Together with his father and others he is trying to educate white Australia about Aboriginal culture which more and more people are beginning to appreciate.

So Chris Lewis's lustre deepens. He carries a lot of responsibility for a young man, particularly as he is so often under media scrutiny, but he carries it well. He has become a role model as an Australian sportsman, Aborigine and true teammate, and an inspiration to young fans, a credit to his old school and, perhaps most important of all, a really nice all-round guy. ■

To Chile and Argentina

The AFS is an international organisation that co-ordinates a student exchange program between about forty countries.

Each year the Western Mining Corporation sponsors two AFS scholarships for which the children of WMC employees may apply. ANDREW BROOKE (1989-93), whose father John works for WMC and whose mother Hilary is the Art Specialist in the Preparatory School, received one of these and is spending the year in Chile. He is staying in Los Angeles in middle Chile, an area where a lot of German families settled last century, and is attending a Catholic co-educational German speaking school.

Before leaving Perth Andrew did a six week intensive course in Spanish which he found to be of tremendous advantage when first meeting with his Spanish speaking host family.

Andrew has travelled to South Chile to meet with other AFS students and he has also been on a skiing trip. He hopes to see more of Chile before returning home to take up studies in Law and Science at the University of Western Australia..

Another Old Boy on an AFS scholarship is TODD PITMAN (1989-93) who is spending the year in Santiago del Estero, Argentina. Todd attends a Spanish speaking private school and greatly enjoyed a class camp in the snowfields. He is now quite fluent in Spanish and really enjoys talking to the local people whom he actively seeks out. He has also made friends with exchangees from other countries.

Todd now has the 'travel bug' and may alter his plans to study Science at UWA next year. ■

There was much rejoicing in Western Australia when the West Coast Eagles won the 1994 AFL Grand Final.

Christ Church football enthusiasts had three reasons to be particularly pleased as three of the Eagles in that memorable game were Old Boys of the School - Tony Evans (1982-86), Christopher Lewis (1984-86) and Ryan Turnbull (1981-88).



Andrew Brooke wearing the Australian bush hat presented to him by his sponsor, the Western Mining Corporation.



Todd Pitman.

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Old Boys Titillate the Palate

A number of Old Boys are involved in the wine industry.

Well known wine makers include GERRY ATHERDEN (1945-47), Yungarra Lodge and Vineyard; DAVID ATKINSON (1958-62), Jane Brook Estate; ROB BIRD (1957-64), JOHN SALEEBA (1955-60) and RICHARD SALEEBA (1981-85), Hotham Valley Estate; DAVID HOHNAN (1963-66), Cape Mentelle Estate; NIGEL LEVINSON (1957-64), Genesta Estate; KIM SKIPWORTH (1965-66), Eastbrook Estate Vineyard; FRANK TATE (1969-78), Evans and Tate Margaret River Vineyard; MICHAEL WRIGHT (1952-56), Voyager Estate; while Wignalls is owned by the father of DOUG WIGNALL (1972-76) and PETER WIGNALL (1975-79). BRIAN BEETSON (1959-64), HOWARD MOORE (1950-51) and ED WHITAKER (1943-44) are establishing vineyards.

In the initial tasting for the prestigious Chairman's Award at the recent Sheraton Awards the judges were unable to separate the 1993 Cape Mentelle Chardonnay from the 1993 Voyager Chardonnay, so both were awarded a gold medal, only the second time that this has happened. The 1993 Wignalls Reserve Pinot Noir won the light bodied red class. ■

The Brothers Elischer

The Elischer boys have traversed the world in pursuit of their respective careers. JULIAN ELISCHER (1970-76) completed a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Engineering and Computing. He is currently working as a Computer Systems Engineer with TRW Financial Systems Inc. in Oakland, California (USA). Two years ago his team won the Chairman's Award for Innovation.

Meanwhile, after completing a Bachelor of Economics degree at UWA, his younger brother BILL ELISCHER (1979-85) went to the UK and joined the British Army. Initially Bill achieved the coveted "Green Beret" and saw service in Canada, France and Egypt as well as completing three months combat training in the Arctic region. More recently he accepted the challenge of being selected for officer training. In April this year he graduated from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, probably the first Christ Church Old Boy to do so. Second Lieutenant W K Elischer has just received his first officer posting to the Prince of Wales' Own Yorkshire Regiment, based in Germany. ■

Victory Recalled

At the inaugural pre-season Football Guernsey Presentation Dinner, held in the School Refectory in June, MARK MORRISSY (1969-79), Biology teacher, Housemaster of the new Moyes House and Coach of the First XVIII, welcomed one hundred parents and students and introduced the special guests Football star Barry Cable and five members from the victorious 1977 Alcock Cup Team - Old Boys



ROBERT DONALDSON (1973-77) (Captain of School), PETER DUNBAR (1975-77), JOSEPH FISHER (1966-77), GREGORY NIXON (1973-77) and WAYNE SHEPPARD (1973-77) (now teaching in the Preparatory School) .

Asked to speak on behalf of the guests, Rob Donaldson soon had the crowd in awe by vividly describing Christ Church's dramatic victory over Aquinas in the last round of the 1977 fixtures. ■

Peter Dunbar (1975-77), Greg Nixon (1973-77), Joe Fisher (1966-77), Robert Donaldson (1973-77) and Wayne Shepherd (1973-77), guests at the Guernsey Presentation Dinner.



When Ken Pilley (1936-39) (left) from Brighton, Victoria, recently spent a holiday in Perth he caught up with G H (Jack) Neil (1934-39). The two Old Boys visited the school and were delighted to meet Archivist Wendy Hillman and be shown memorabilia from their Christ Church days. Ken and Jack were members of the 1939 Athletics Team which won the Lynn Shield in competition against Wesley College. They identified themselves in the Team photograph which Wendy had recently had enlarged.

Michael Hobbs.



Old Boy Honoured

HOBBS - Grit and determination, never gives up, works very hard. Good player. Football Notes, 1st XVIII Critique, THE MITRE 1948.

These hallmarks have extended well beyond the playing field.

Professor MICHAEL HOBBS (1937-48) was awarded the Order of Australia in the 1994 Queen's Birthday Honours List for service to public health through research and teaching.

In 1947, at the age of sixteen, Michael completed his Leaving. He returned to Christ Church to Captain the School in 1948 while deciding on a course for tertiary study. He chose Architecture but changed to Medicine the following year and graduated in 1956.

Michael worked in hospital posts until 1964 during which time he attained membership of the College of Physicians and became Deputy Superintendent of Royal Perth Hospital. He spent the next three years at Oxford University where he gained his Doctorate and held the post of lecturer in the Nuffield Department of Medicine.

In 1967 Michael returned to WA. He was appointed Deputy Superintendent of Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, a position he held until 1970 when he joined the Department of Medicine at the University of Western Australia where he has remained since.

Michael's work is in the area of public health and over the years he has been especially involved in research into perinatal health, asbestos related diseases in Wittenoom Gorge miners and coronary heart disease. Academic public health was not well established in the 1960s but has since developed into such a strong, disciplined movement that a separate Department of Public Health was established at UWA in 1991. The range and depth of research and teaching and the subsequent promotion of public awareness have developed considerably and the Public Health Association of Australia now has a high profile with regard to policy making. Michael says that he finds it satisfying to be associated with that

evolution. The award in recognition of his work came as a surprise to this modest man, but there is no doubting the great contribution he has made.

Michael's four sons are also Christ Church Old Boys. JEREMY HOBBS (1967-75) is now the Director of Community Aid Abroad, based in Melbourne; PETER HOBBS (1975-79) is an Architect with Brian Klopper; DAVID HOBBS (1978-82) builds boats, composes music and works as a mechanist in theatre; and SAM HOBBS (1982-86) recently completed an Honours degree in Fine Arts and History at the University of Western Australia. ■

The Bowman Boys

When RICHARD BOWMAN (1979-85) recently returned to Western Australia to holiday with his family he took the opportunity to visit the School. He enjoyed meeting up with some of his former teachers and was pleasantly surprised by the changes that had occurred on campus in the past nine years.

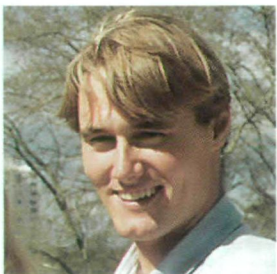
After graduating from UWA in Commerce Richard spent time in Queensland before heading for Europe. He worked in Switzerland for a year and he is now living in Copenhagen, Denmark, where he is studying linguistics.

Richard has two older brothers. PETER BOWMAN (1972-77) also graduated in Commerce from UWA. He runs his own agency business in Subiaco. GEOFFREY BOWMAN (1973-79) graduated from UWA in Commerce and in Law. He is a taxation consultant with Arthur Andersen in Johannesburg and is the Old Boy South African representative. ■

Double Winner

EU-JIN ANG (1984-88) completed a highly successful education at Christ Church by winning the Beazley Medal (top TEE student in the State) in 1988. Earlier this year he graduated from the University of Western Australia a Bachelor of Science with First Class Honours in Electronic Engineering. For the past few months he has been working as an Associate in the Boston Consulting Group in Sydney.

We heard recently that Eu-Jin had won two scholarships. Though he was awarded a UWA Hackett Scholarship to study at either Stanford or Columbia University in the USA he decided to accept the offer of a Commonwealth Scholarship to pursue a Ph.D at the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine at the University of London. ■



Richard Bowman.

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Different Times, Same Spirit

Christ Church Preparatory School opened in February 1910 with an enrolment of nine day boys pupils.

In 1917, at the instigation of twenty-eight of the one hundred and ten former pupils, the Old Boys' Association was formed. The annual membership fee of five shillings (fifty cents) was payable in half yearly instalments and the aims of the Association were to keep alive and foster the School spirit and to preserve School friendships.

Since its foundation the Old Boys' Association has been committed to helping the School. Over the years it has supported or funded a broad range of projects.

Today there are more than 1200 pupils at the School and more than 7000 Old Boys.

To ensure that Christ Church will continue to grow and prosper, while remaining widely accessible, the Association is now setting up an endowment fund to provide a scholarship each year to the son or grandson of an Old Boy. Each scholarship will be for fifty percent of the tuition fees for each of the five years of secondary education. Once the program is established there will be five concurrent scholarships, one in each

year group.

To help raise capital for the Scholarship Fund the Association recently raffled a 1994 Mitsubishi Pajero - GLS Wagon and a 1994 Hyundai Power Sprint. Only 4000 tickets were available for this exclusive draw which took place at the Association's Annual General Meeting in the School Refectory on 20 October. Old Boy GEORGE HILL (1949-56), who was per chance visiting from New Zealand, accepted the President's invitation to draw the winning tickets. The Pajero was won by Dr Douglas Sneddon of Wembley Downs and the Hyundai by Mr Ross Campbell of Claremont.

As the Association's actuaries have estimated that a minimum of \$300,000 needs to be invested to provide the interest to service these scholarships the Old Boys' Association continues to seek contributions.

Donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. They will be invested in perpetuity and so help provide scholarships for many future students.

If you would like to support this worthwhile initiative please send your donation to Dean Bowker, PO Box 51, Claremont, 6010 or give Dean a call on 383 1044 to discuss the project. ■

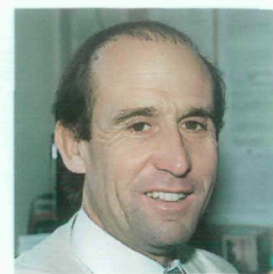


The lucky winners - David Fardon (1969-73) (right), President of the CCGS Old Boys' Association and a Trustee of the Old Boys' Scholarship Fund, presents the Mitsubishi Pajero GLS Wagon to raffle winner Dr Douglas Sneddon. Dr Sneddon lost no time in checking out the driver's seat while Mrs Helen Sneddon and their son David (Year 9) happily look on. They are accompanied by Mr Ross Campbell who won the second prize, a Hyundai Power Sprint.

Trevor Chirchiglia (1960-69) came from Melbourne and Euan Clarke (1961-69) came from Adelaide especially for the 1969 Reunion.

Jeremy Buxton (1959-1969), whose family endowed the Mark Buxton and the Edmund Clifton Prizes for English Literature and History, enjoyed catching up with old friends at the 1969 Reunion.

Paul Draper was the Guest of Honour at the Annual Dinner, recognising his twenty-five years of service as a member of the School's teaching staff.



Reunions - Reunions!

In March a small group of 1956-60 School leavers enjoyed a tour of the School followed by lunch in the Sandover Dining Hall.

June 22 was a special occasion for the Class of '69. Some fifty Old Boys were welcomed back to the School for a 25th Anniversary lunch organised by Foundation Director Dean Bowker. JOHN NEWNHAM (1960-69) read the lesson at the Chapel Service conducted by School Chaplain Canon Frank Sheehan. An Archives Display in Sandover Dining Hall was followed by a magnificent lunch and a brief address by Headmaster Jeremy Madin. Captain of School PHILIP HEWTON (1965-69) proposed the Toast to the School and A A "Johnny" WALKER (1962-69) brought the house down with his Toast to Absent Friends.

This year's Annual Dinner was held at the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club FBYC on 15 July. Organisers CHRIS SHELLABEAR (1969-74), JUSTIN SMITH (1983-90) and ROHAN HARDCASTLE (1985-92) did a fantastic job and the two hundred Old Boys who attended paid tribute to staff member Mr Paul Draper, the Guest of Honour, for his twenty-five years of service to the School.

At the London reunion on 30 July nine Old Boys, some with partners, dined with Headmaster Jeremy

Madin at Waltons Restaurant. London Old Boy representative Dr GEOFFREY LAURENT (1961-65) had organised a private room for the small gathering. The Headmaster's first visit to the UK coincided with the summer holidays so unfortunately many Old Boys were travelling and unable to attend. Those who appreciated catching up with the Headmaster included HAYDN EVERITT (1949-54), JONATHON EVANS (1955-63), JAMES BUCHANAN (1970-74), GRAEME FERRERO (1962-66), RICHARD PARRY (1966-70), MICHAEL SALEEBA (1982-88), GLENN LEIGHTON (1981-85) and SIMON McLEVIE (1983-89).



John Garrett (1955-59), John Charlesworth (1959-60) and David Stewart (1955-59) caught up at the 1956-60 School Leavers' Luncheon

Graham Forward (1964-69), Philip Douglas (1964-69) and Jamie Fagan (1963-69) at the 1969 Reunion Luncheon.



Michael Coate (1958-69), Wayne Martin (1965-69), Ric Charlesworth (1961-69) and David Miller (1960-69) were also at the 1969 Reunion.



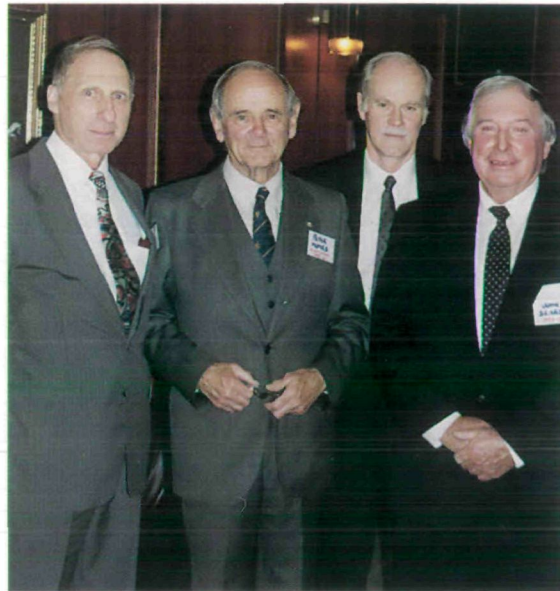
Peter Moyes (Headmaster 1951-81), Alan Blackwood (Deputy Headmaster 1949-83) and Headmaster Jeremy Madin were the Guests of Honour at the 1949-56 Reunion Dinner organised by JOHN BELL (1944-55) and MICHAEL DIXON (1950-52) at the WA Club on 16 September. EDMOND de CHAZAL (1946-55), one of the eight old boys to travel from the eastern states for the occasion, proposed the Toast to the School. The "countdown" (when each Old Boy introduced himself and recounted his fondest, and often hilarious, memory of his School years) involved the entire gathering of fifty Old Boys and staff and proved to be an outstanding success. It was this group that immediately preceded the School's entry into the PSA in 1957.

On 30 September the Class of '74 celebrated their Twenty Year Reunion in the Queen Victoria function centre at Ogdens Albion Hotel in Cottesloe. Organiser CHRIS SHELLABEAR (1969-74) did an outstanding job in convincing sixty-five of his peers that it would be a memorable occasion. In his welcoming address GRAEME HANKEY (1970-74) made particular mention of the Guests of Honour - Peter Moyes, Alan Blackwood and Akos Kovacs. Mention was also made of the many Old Boys who had travelled from

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the country and of CRAIG WILLIAMS (1970-74) and DAVID CROOKE (1964-74) from Sydney and JOHN HARRIS (1970-74), CLIFF PUNYANITYA (1968-74) and PAUL TAYLOR (1969-75) who had travelled from Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore respectively to share memories of the past with their peers. Master of Ceremonies JON DOUST (1961-65) and PETER 'Bean' BUTLER (1969-74), who proposed the Toast to the School, both ensured that a great time was had by all.

Reports have yet to come through on the Melbourne and Sydney reunions at which Peter Moyes was the Guest of Honour and the Adelaide reunion held jointly with Old Scotch (WA) Collegians, which were held at the end of October: also the Thirty Year (1964) Reunion organised by JULIAN WRIGHT (1957-64) on 18 November and the Ten Year Reunion (1984) organised by BRIAN BERESFORD (1980-84) on 2 December. ■



In 1951, Peter Moyes first year as Headmaster, six prefects were appointed - three of them named John. The Three Johns - John Browne-Cooper (1944-51), John Howlett (1950-51) and John Sears (1943-51), Captain of School, - were photographed once again with their Headmaster Peter Moyes (second from left) at the 1949-56 Reunion.



Peter Hallo (1944-53), Eugene Liu (1953-56), Euan Bruce (1951-55), Alex Liu (1956-59), Terry Pritchard (1953-55), Phillip Mathews (1951-56), Robin Retchford (1951-54) and Edmond de Chazal (1946-55) came from interstate especially for the 1949-56 Reunion.



Cricketers of the 1949-56 era - Irwin Lewis (1953-56), John Carroll (1949-55), Elmo Jumeaux (1952-53), Euan Bruce (1951-55), Michael Beros (1946-55), Colin Moore (1951-55), Michael Dixon (1950-52) and Dean Bowker (1948-55) - played a different game at the Reunion Dinner!

Walkabout

Many doors have opened for RODNEY O'DEA (1971-75) since coming to the "big smoke" from the small country town of Ballidu as a wide-eyed twelve year old boarder. Life after Christ Church saw him guiding tourists through Europe with the Contiki group. On his return to Perth he became a very efficient member of the Gordon 'Taffy' Davies Real Estate team. More recently however Rodney returned to Edith Cowan University to complete a Business/ Finance degree. A stint in the marketing division of BankWest resulted in him being awarded a grant to study Asian Banking. As a consequence of his work in this area he was recently appointed to head up the Asian Banking Division of BankWest. ■

As a result of an extremely heavy workload in his thriving Swagman Shell Roadhouse in South Hedland JOHN MINCHIN (1953-56) has been advised on medical grounds to opt for a more sedate lifestyle. With the business now in the hands of a capable manager, John has semi-retired to Bunbury. ■

With over twenty years service in the Ministry of Education, the last six years as Principal of Southern Cross High School, GARRY (GJ) SIMMONS (1966-67) is on the move again. Together with his wife and youngest son Jamie he is currently touring Europe before to taking up the position of Principal of the Dongara District High School. Garry's eldest son DAVID (1989-93) is doing a Surveying Course at Wembley TAFE. ■

After trying his hand at 'Fruit and Veg' retailing THEO MATHEWS (1963-67) has relaunched his architectural practice in Margaret River. With more than fifteen years experience in the area the Mathews touch should be seriously considered by those intending to build anywhere between Dunsborough and Augusta. ■

The new Finance and Administration Manager at St George's College is STEPHEN LAWRENCE (1978-82). Various doors have opened for Stephen since completing his Bachelor of Commerce (UWA) part time while working at Coopers and Lybrand. By 1990 Stephen had completed a Diploma in Business Management at Curtin University and accepted a position as a Supervisor at Bourne Griffiths. Twelve months on and Stephen had acquired a certificate in Superannuation Fund Management through the

Macquarie University (NSW) by correspondence. Now married to Cristina, Stephen has purchased a home in Duncraig. ■

HOWARD LIU (1953-57) has accepted a position in Hong Kong with McKenna and Co., a firm of Solicitors associated with the Australian legal giant Minter Ellison Morris Fletcher. For many years Howard has been our Old Boy representative in Canberra. We thank him for organising many ACT reunions in the past and wish him well for the future. ■

Earlier this year MARK ALDERSON (1968-79), who is living in the United States with his wife Kathryn and his son Scott, presented papers at Conferences in Paris and California on the use of drugs for AIDS. Mark is involved in medical research with the US drug firm Immunex. ■

If you have called the Perth office of OPTUS to enquire about the new telecommunications technology or sought advice on the benefits of using OPTUS for long-distance or mobile calls, you may have been put through to JEREMY MATTHEWS (1984-87). Jeremy is among the new breed of young, enthusiastic company executives providing helpful, friendly customer service. He has already won the Employee of the Year award. ■

Surgeon Lieutenant TONY ROBINS (1971-82), on leave from RAN Nowra, recently spent four weeks with his parents in Cottesloe before taking up a new posting with the United Nations Forces in Mogodishu, Somalia. ■

After spending their entire schooling at Christ Church the Reberger brothers have travelled extensively to achieve their goals. REG REBERGER (1963-74) achieved a Science degree at UWA and took up teaching. Now married with two children he is the Head of Science at the Mateula College in Vanuato. His younger brother CHRIS (1965-76) completed an Engineering degree at UWA before going on to do his Masters at the University of NSW. Currently Chris is doing advanced studies and research at Harvard University in Massachusetts (USA). ■

Yet another old boy destined to complete his studies in the USA is NICK REYNOLDS (19871-82) who, after marrying in London earlier this year and working in the Marketing Division of Abbots Laboratories, has



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now been accepted to do his MBA at the Kellogg School of Management at the Northwestern University in Illinois. His elder brother HUGH (1971-80) lives in Subiaco with his wife and three children. Since completing his degree in Engineering at UWA ten years ago Hugh has been doing off-shore contract work with Ampol Exploration. ■

While studying Architecture at Curtin University JOHN LEWIS (1980-85) managed to combine pleasure with work on the odd trip to England. John graduated in 1991 and joined Brian Klopper Architects to gain valuable experience in residential and small commercial work. He has now opened his own practice in Subiaco. ■

KEN JIN HENG (1989-90) is one of our many Singaporean Old Boys currently serving his two and a half years Military National Service. Ken completed his Bachelor of Science with Honours in Biotechnology at Murdoch University last year. ■

Congratulations are due to Murdoch University Japanese Studies student DEAN EVANS (1983-86) who has been awarded the prestigious WA/Hyogo Prefecture Japanese Studies Scholarship. Dean will study in Japan for twelve months in 1995. ■

ALAN EDWARDS (1949-58) is doing a great job representing Australia abroad. As the Ambassador to Greece since 1991 he heads up the Australian Embassy in Athens. He has also taken on the role of Ambassador to Bulgaria. Before this Alan was the High Commissioner to Zimbabwe and Botswana and Ambassador to Mozambique. ■

Two years ago GEOFF CURRAN (1973-74) decided to opt for an extended working holiday in the UK. He found the lifestyle in Europe so much to his liking that he spent time in Italy doing a course in Italian! In April this year Geoff returned to Sydney and has accepted a position with a Recruitment Consulting firm specialising in executive appointments to the Marketing and Advertising industry. ■

Indonesian student RAOUL HAKIM (1988-90), who commenced his tertiary studies at the University of Hawaii in 1992, recently transferred his units to the Sacramento University (USA) where he is completing a degree in Communications. Similarly ERIC LIM (1988-90), who came to Christ Church from The Raffles Institute in Singapore, has gone to the United

States to further his qualifications after gaining his BA from Adelaide University. ■

IAN ROBINSON (1973-78) has a big interest in computing. Now living in Sydney with his wife and three children he is the Managing Director of Information Exchange Pty Ltd and Editor of WINDOWS SOURCES AUSTRALIA, a monthly publication aimed at technically knowledgeable PC buyers. Old Boys interested in a sample copy of this magazine can ring Ian on 018 270 936. ■

Young Old Boy RICHARD POLLOCK (1991-93) is completing his secondary studies at the Morawa District High/Agricultural School. The Morawa Lions Club recently selected Richard to be an exchange student. He will spend December and January living with three host families in Canada and will speak to Lions Clubs there about life in Australia. ■

While studying part-time for an Arts Degree TOM LITTLE (1973-75) has commenced work in the Human Resources Department at UWA as the Aboriginal Employment Co-ordinator. Tom is married, enjoys his summer role as a director of the Willetton Cricket Club and ultimately hopes to work in the area of Industrial Relations. ■

GRAHAM (Chook) LEE (1961-65) and his wife will be leading a very relaxed lifestyle over the next twelve months. They have purchased a motor home and intend driving through Europe and Scandinavia at a leisurely pace. ■

Three to four years ago JOHN HARRIS (1970-74) went to Hong Kong to explore the business potential. Amazingly he is still there, having launched himself into a small publishing business, and doing extremely well. Meanwhile his older brother RICHARD (1967-70) runs a small business in aircraft parts, out of a Brisbane based office, from his property on Caves Road, Yallingup. Richard's neighbour just happens to be DREW BRENT-WHITE (1966-69). Drew has his own earth moving business. Meanwhile Drew's older brother CRAIG (1962-65) is involved in special projects in the property division of Paspaley Pearls Pty Ltd in Darwin. Drew and Craig's mother is the energetic Nedlands Councillor Meg Sheen. ■

In an endeavour to increase his trading stock RICHARD BURRIDGE (1960-65) has moved his Futures Trading office to Hong Kong. ■

Coming Events 1995

- 31 Jan ORIENTATION DAY
for new Year 8-12 boys Chapel 9 am
Parents' Association SUNDOWNER
School barbecue area 6 pm
- 1 Feb COMMENCEMENT OF TERM 1
- 28 Feb INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING
CARNIVAL (Senior School)
Superdrome 6 pm
- 3 - 6 Mar MID-TERM BREAK
- 10 Mar QUADS SWIMMING CARNIVAL 7pm
- 11 Mar PSA Bye
- 12 Mar OBA vs SCHOOL Summer Sports Day
- 17 Mar PSA SWIMMING INTERS
Beatty Park 7 pm
- 25 Mar HEAD OF THE RIVER
(Canning Course) 9.30 am
- 26 Mar OBA COLLEGE CUP YACHTING
REGATTA RPYC 12 noon
- 12 Apl INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Perry Lakes Stadium 9.30 am
- 13 Apl END OF TERM 1
- 28 Apl Beverley and District Combined PSA
DINNER Beverley Golf Club 7.00 pm
- 2 May COMMENCEMENT OF TERM 2
- 20 May QUADS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
12 noon
- 27 May PSA ATHLETICS INTERS
Perry Lakes Stadium 12 noon

