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Mervyn Brooking (1910-14)



Selwyn Prior (1917-22)
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THE WEST AUSTRALIAN.



Infinite Gift

For the past eighty-five years Christ Church Grammar School parents and old boys have been investing their time, expertise and money in the School. This may have begun as an act of faith and hope - faith in the ideals of the School, hope that their support would be sufficient for the ideals to be realised - but over the years their investments have returned handsome dividends.

More than eight thousand boys have been educated at Christ Church since the School was founded in 1910. Most have gone on to make a positive contribution to our society, some taking prominent roles on local, national and world stages.

At any time and in any society the future is determined by the education provided for the young. An investment in quality education is amongst the most prudent one can make because it is an investment securing the well being and progress of subsequent generations.

Although fees cover most recurrent expenditure, independent schools such as Christ Church rely upon the support of parents and former pupils to complete their mission. Such support may be help with day to day matters and special activities, or gifting funds for buildings, equipment, specific projects, endowments, scholarships and bursaries.

It is difficult to estimate the return on a gift of time, expertise or money. Giving such a gift is like dropping a pebble into a pool - the ripples spread in wider and wider circles, to the boundaries of the pool and ultimately to the areas beyond.

How can one, for example, possibly estimate the long ranging effects of the bequests of Christ Church benefactors Mervyn Brooking (1910-14) and Selwyn Prior (1917-22)?

Mervyn Brooking held the interests of the Old Boys' Association close to his heart. He was the Association's second President and over the years served in that capacity for a record nine years. A well known sportsman, he captained the State hockey team and later played for the Christ Church Old Boys' team, encouraging it to reach A1 grade. Mr Brooking

was engaged in the motor vehicle industry for most of his life, gaining the distribution rights for Mazda vehicles and establishing the firm Brooking Mazda. He died in 1971. His bequest to Christ Church Grammar School was used to transform the original Christ Church School classrooms (T Block) into the Brooking Arts Centre. It continues to flourish as the centre for Art and Design and Technology.

Selwyn Prior was one of the first student librarians at Christ Church when the library proudly boasted 205 books! He joined THE WEST AUSTRALIAN in 1923 where he spent most of his working life on the editorial staff. All who knew him and worked with him praised his dedication and his courteous, friendly temperament. He named the School the residual beneficiary of his estate. His bequest helped fund the development of L Block which was officially opened in April 1976. The top floor was named the Selwyn Prior Library to commemorate his magnificent gift. By then the Library housed approximately 9,000 volumes: today it holds 20,000.

By remembering Christ Church in their wills Mervyn Brooking and Selwyn Prior made invaluable gifts to posterity. Many boys have been influenced and inspired by what they learned in the Brooking Arts Centre and the Selwyn Prior Library. The effect is compounded as their skills and knowledge are built upon and shared during the course of their lives.

The returns on an investment in education will not swell your bank account but will yield gains of another kind as you come to realize that you are benefiting so many current and future Christ Church pupils and, in due course, society at large.

You may achieve this by actively supporting Christ Church initiatives and projects, by donating to fundraising appeals and by making a bequest to the School.

This edition of CHRONICLE marks the launching of the Mitre Society which will recognize those who make a bequest to the School. There is more information about this in the Foundation section of the magazine and a detailed brochure will be posted to those who complete the request form included with this magazine. ■

On the cover: Tony Burns, Old Boy 1948-50, member of staff 1959-93 and current parent, chats with a group of Year 2 boys in the Preparatory School playground in late 1995.

From the Headmaster's Desk

DOING SOMETHING ABOUT DREAMS

It has been said that meetings are rather like cocktail parties. You don't want to go but you're cross not to be asked.

That might be the case in some places. But in a vital school like Christ Church most meetings are pretty interesting. I rather like them. I find that all involved are keen to make the School a better place. Enthusiasm, warmth and plenty of practical ideas combine to make things happen.

An especially memorable meeting took place in December 1989. Chaired by Mr Peter Hunt, the members of the newly-elected Parents' Association Committee debated their objectives for 1990. Committed member (and Past President) Dr Ted Keogh listened restlessly to a discussion about setting aside \$2,000 for a staff development project ... then simply asked me how much teachers earned. A warm and generous man, Ted's response was characteristic:

How can teachers do something about professional dreams on that? How can they work with people at the cutting edge of their discipline interstate, overseas? What can we do about it? Let's provide five times as much, six, seven ...

Thus was the Association's Staff Professional Development Scheme born. The committee members resolved to actively support the kinds of professional development projects that are not ordinarily funded via a School budget. In other words, they wanted staff members to have opportunities to take part in study tours, mentorship arrangements with experts in their fields and the hosting of specialists in residence. It goes without saying that this kind of professional development will be of benefit to colleagues and to pupils in the long run. However, the focus of the scheme is on the imaginative and stimulating difference made to each teacher, as enquirer, as learner and as professional.

Six to nine members of staff have received substantial grants each year since 1990; some 50 in all. There are few more concrete ways for parents to recognise the value of the work done by their childrens' teachers.

This year Mrs Hilary Brooke (Preparatory School Art) will host a "paperclay" exponent, Graham Hay; Ms Sheryl Gardner (English) will attend Mediaworld '96 in Brisbane; Mrs Alison Hewson (Senior Library) will take part in an innovative literature promotion course; Mr Kyrne Holloway (Director of Information

Technology) will work for several weeks in an exciting cross-curricular information technology program, developing CD Rom resource material "in house" at The Dalton School, New York; Ms Elizabeth Langdon (Head of Craigie House) will travel to keep up to date with work in Special Education; Mr Don Morrissy (Head of Science) will visit specialist science education institutions whilst on long service leave in the United Kingdom; Mrs Sue A'Court (Head of Art) and her team, Mrs Gisela Zuchner-Mogall, Mr Charles Warren and Mr Charlton Sadlow, will work with sculptor Mr Geoff Green-Armitage; and a group of Heads of Academic Departments will host and work with guest of Mr Kerry Clarke (Head of Biology), the environmental poet Mark O'Conner.

EXTRAORDINARY SUPPORT

The Parents' Association and Auxiliary help us to pursue ambitious goals in myriad other ways. Parents and staff are sustained and strengthened through fellowship. Communications are enhanced via consultative networks. Projects are supported with funds energetically raised by big volunteer teams.

The single biggest project for 1996, the terracing and shading of the western side of the pool, is a joint enterprise, funded by the Auxiliary via a grant of \$50,000, but made possible by the organisation of parent volunteer labour by the Association Committee. I am especially pleased by the co-operative nature of the works.

The Association and Auxiliary are sharing the funding of the remainder of a big list of projects including such diverse things as materials for a ceramic mural for the Refectory Court, a saltwater marine stock holding tank, beehives for Kooringal, equipment for the Music Department's computer composition studio, Preparatory School solar and wind energy working model building, continued upgrade of our mirror dinghy fleet (from our own mould), a perceptual motor program for our youngest boys, the establishment of a World Wide Web site accessible through our newly-completed school wide optic fibre computer network, and head sails for our Redwitch keelboats.

In all, the commitments total almost \$150,000, another wonderfully generous act of support for the boys and staff of the School, from both Parents' Association and Auxiliary.

The spirit of giving is alive and well! ■



Jeremy Madin, Headmaster.

"As founding patrons of the Mitre Society we recommend the Society's purpose to you. We ask all members of the School community to consider a bequest as a worthwhile means of joining others in contributing to the ongoing strength of our great School. We both look forward to the opportunity of meeting you as a fellow member of the Mitre Society."

Joe Lord.

Dorothy Ransom.



The Mitre Society

Enclosed with this issue of CHRONICLE is an invitation from founding patrons Mr Joe Lord and Mrs Dorothy Ransom to join the Mitre Society. The Mitre Society has been established jointly by the School Council and the Foundation Board to recognise those who remember Christ Church by making provision for the School in their wills.

A number of people have supported the School in this way in the past. For example, Mervyn Brooking (1910-14), who died in 1971, left a bequest to the School which facilitated the creation of the Brooking Arts Centre, whilst the bequest of Selwyn Prior (1917-22) was directed towards the Senior School Library which was opened in 1976 and named after him.

Not all bequests lead to named buildings. A bequest can remain anonymous if that is the testator's preference or it can be directed to any number of purposes. Whether it be the establishment of a scholarship, an endowment, a prize or support for a particular project, field of study or sport, every gift will help to preserve and strengthen the School.

Many parents, old boys and friends of the School would like to support Christ Church. A bequest is one way to satisfy this desire. The Mitre Society will allow the School to say thank you during their lifetime to those people who include the School in their wills.

If you are interested to know more about bequests to the School a booklet is available. Please complete the confidential reply card enclosed with the invitation and a copy will be sent to you. Alternatively you may prefer to discuss the matter with someone who has specific knowledge of the School's needs. If so please contact one of the Patrons or the School's Bequest Officer on (09) 383 1044. If you have already included Christ Church in your will and you wish to join the Mitre Society, please indicate this on the enclosed reply card.

Both patrons have a long-established relationship with Christ Church and have seen the School benefit from the generosity of others. ■

Founding Patrons

Joe Lord and Dorothy Ransom, the Founding Patrons of the Mitre Society, have had long and loyal associations with Christ Church Grammar School.

Joseph Henry Lord, MBE, BSc, FGS, FAusIMM, FAIG, attended Christ Church between 1929-37. He was Captain of School in 1937.

Mr Lord had a distinguished career as a Geologist. He was director of the Geological Survey of Western Australia for over nineteen years, Chairman of the Mineral and Energy Research Institute of Western Australia for nine years and served on a number of advisory committees, particularly for the School of Mines. He was appointed a member of the Curtin University Fellowship in 1991. Mr Lord was also the Australian Representative on the International Rugby Football Board from 1971-83.

Mr Lord's service to Christ Church has been exceptional. He represented the Old Boys' Association on School Council for twenty-nine years and served as Chairman of Council for a record seventeen years. His son Trevor (1961-69) is also an Old Boy of the School.

Dorothy Ellen Ransom BSc.(UWA), Dip.Ed. (UWA) has supported Christ Church since her sons John (1960-66) and David (1965-71) (Captain of School 1971) attended the School.

A former President of the Mothers' Auxiliary and an Honorary Life Member of the Parents' Association, Mrs Ransom maintains a keen interest in the School and regularly attends Christ Church functions. The John Ransom Memorial Prize, awarded each year to a boy in Year 10, was endowed in 1978 by Aubrey and Dorothy Ransom and their daughter-in-law, Jennifer, in memory of their son and husband, John, who died in October 1976.

Mrs Ransom has been a Member of the Senate of the University of Western Australia since 1978. She has served on many committees including Chairing the Buildings Committee for the past ten years. She retired from the Senate in March 1996. ■

Christ Church Grammar School Foundation (Inc.)

The Christ Church Grammar School Foundation was established in 1985 to assist the School Council to secure the School's independence and develop its facilities.

Through the Building Fund, which derives its income from tax deductible gifts from parents, old boys and friends of the School, the Foundation helps fund the construction and renovation of school buildings and facilities.

Through the Trust Fund, which derives its income from the foundation fee paid when each student enters the School, the Foundation generates an income to help finance a wide variety of other projects.

The control and management of the Foundation are vested in the Board of Trustees which acts in consultation with the Headmaster and the School Council. The day to day running of the Foundation is the responsibility of Director Dean Bowker supported by his Assistant Jan Broun and Foundation Officer Andrew Baird.

The members of the Board generously give their time and expertise. They are:

DAVID CRAIG, B.Juris.(Hons.), LL.B.(Hons.), LL.M.(Lond.). School parent and Old Boy David Craig (1965-73) is Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He has served on the School Council since 1992. In the same year David, a partner with Law firm Parker and Parker, made a change to the Stockbroking firm Hartley Poynton Ltd. David's sons Matthew (Year 7) and Jock (Year 5) attend the Preparatory School and George will join them soon.

JOHN SALEEBA, B.Com., LL.B., A.A.S.A. Old Boy John Saleeba (1955-60) has been a member of the School Council since 1977 and Chairman of Council since 1988. Formerly a Chartered Accountant and commercial business director, John is now a partner in the Law firm of Clayton Utz. His sons Richard (1981-85) and Michael (1982-88) are also Old Boys of the School.

TIMOTHY CAMPBELL, F.C.A. Old Boy Tim Campbell (1957-61) joined the School Council in 1990 and became Treasurer of Council in 1995. Tim is the sole practitioner of the Accountancy practice W D Allen & Co.

ANTHONY PACKER A.V.L.E. Parent and Old Boy Tony Packer (1961-71) is the Director of the P A Property Trust and he has just completed a second term as President of the Building Owners and Managers Association of Australia Ltd. Tony's son

Peter is a Year 10 pupil at Christ Church.

KENNETH GOTFRIED F.C.A. Parent Ken Gotfried, a Chartered Accountant, first worked with Price Waterhouse in Hong Kong then moved to the International Hotel Industry and spent ten years with the Peninsular Group of Hotels before settling in Australia in 1981. He joined the Burswood Resort Casino as Director of Finance in 1986 and is now the Chief Operating Officer. Ken's son Roderick is a Year 3 pupil at the School.

RODNEY SHEA A.A.S.A., C.P.A. School parent and Old Boy Rod Shea (1960-64) is the Managing Director of Security Capital Corporation Pty Ltd, financiers and property investors. Rod's older son Andrew (1989-95) is an Old Boy of the School and his young son Nicholas is enrolled to commence in Year 5 in 1998.

Headmaster Jeremy Madin, Foundation Director Dean Bowker and Bursar Vince Evans are also members of the Foundation Board of Trustees. ■



David Craig



John Saleeba



Timothy Campbell



Tony Packer



Ken Gotfried



Rod Shea



The 1995 Crest.

The Ultimate School Crest

Early in 1923 it was found that Christ Church School was without an official crest.* The Diocesan crest, with the words "Deus Dux Doctrina Lux" in place of "Dieu avec nous" was being used. The Council for Church of England Schools directed that Headmaster Reverend Lionel Parry seek advice and submit designs for a School crest.

The design that was adopted retained the Mitre of the Diocesan crest, the Motto and the School colours - blue and gold. The shield was quartered by the Red Cross of St George, the soldier saint of England and of the Diocese of Perth. The black swan in the dexter quarter symbolised Western Australia. The letters i and X on the cross are the symbol of Christ Church, Canterbury, the Metropolitan See of the Anglican Communion. These letters stand either for the initials J and Ch of the name Jesus Christ, or are the first two letters, Chi and Rho, of the word Christ in Greek. They stand on the crest for the name of the School.

In April 1962 Headmaster Peter Moyes expressed concern to the School Council that School suppliers and manufacturers did not appear to discriminate to whom they sold Christ Church items. The Council resolved to enquire whether it was possible to register the crest and regulate the sale of badges. A review followed and a number of changes to the crest were made. The direction of the swan was reversed which brought it in line with the State emblem on the Western Australian flag, the red cross of St George was set on a gold background and the mitre and scroll were modernised. At the November 1963 meeting of Council, the Secretary reported that the Registrar of Copyright, Canberra, had issued certificate No. 8048 registering the copyright of the Christ Church Grammar School crest.

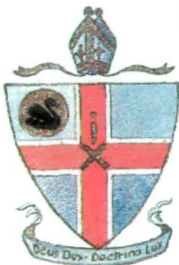
By the late 1980s changes in manufacturing and printing technology necessitated another review. Although the 1963 crest looked dramatic on the side of buildings it was often difficult to "make the crest work" as a logo. There was a need for a streamlined version appropriate for use on publications and stationery that could effectively be reproduced using computer graphics.

Invited to present designs John Davies Design (now Insight Communication & Design) submitted three versions of the crest: a blue and white version for stationery, a coloured version for publications and the School badge, and a black and white version for photocopying and newspaper advertisements. These designs were officially adopted in 1995. ■



Deus Dux Doctrina Lux.

Diocesan crest with Deus Dux Doctrina Lux: 1910 - July 1923.



School crest drawn by Miss F C Ross: August 1923-1948.



Revised version of School crest printed on the cover of the MITRE 1949-53. A coloured crest was first printed on the MITRE in 1954. This version was used until 1963.



The crest which was copyrighted in October 1963.

* The official term is "arms" but through common usage "crest" is the preferred term.

Snippets About Donations

Some examples of donations to the School are:

SWIMMING

"The second annual Swimming Carnival took place at the local baths on 14th March last, and a fair number of parents and some Old Boys were present. The chief event, School Championship (100 yards), was won by Stansfeld, with Mathieson second. The prize for this event was a gold medal given for the second time by Mr Manford." THE MITRE, Vol.1, No.1 August 1917

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

A start has at last been made. The inaugural concert provided 104 books; a handsome donation by Ken Lyall of 50, and other gifts from the Old Boys and others, together with a donation of 20 books from Messrs. Dwyer & Carrol, have brought the total up to 205. This is a wonderfully gratifying result for only three weeks' effort. We hope to bring the total up to 300 during Michaelmas term, which ends December 4th. THE MITRE, Vol.1, No.1 August 1917.

THE IPOH CUP

Mr Jack Jennings, Editor and Proprietor of the "Times of Malaya", whose two small sons are at the School, has very generously offered a Silver Cup for annual competition. This will be known as the Ipoh Cup and will be held for one year by the School Champion Athlete, which proud title will be competed for at the Annual Sports Meeting. THE MITRE, Vol.1, No.5, December 1918.

GROUND FUND

"Following the custom of large schools elsewhere, schools much more wealthy than Christ Church, a subscription list has been opened, and all well-wishers of the School are cordially invited to subscribe liberally to the fund which will be held in trust for the purpose by the Secretary of the School's

Council. Promises of assistance to be rendered at a later date will also be gratefully acknowledged. THE MITRE Vol.1, No.3 May 1918

THE ROSALIE HELEN PARRY MEMORIAL PRIZES

were first awarded in 1934. Mrs Parry, the wife of Archdeacon L W Parry (Headmaster of Christ Church Grammar School 1923-32), bequeathed to the School a sum of money, the interest of which was to be devoted annually to prizes.

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY

has greatly increased in size since last year. This is due to no small extent to the very generous donation of thirty-one bound volumes of the National Geographic Magazine, totalling in all, issues since 1922, by the Rev. H. Webb. To him, and other donors, we express our sincere appreciation. THE MITRE, Vol.XII, No. 3. 1939

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

Surplus funds are allocated each year to Bursaries, which are given as the occasion arises, and only after most exhaustive inquiries; and here I would like to point out that "Sporting" Bursaries are not awarded under any consideration whatsoever; only boys who will be a credit to the school and to themselves are selected, and the selection is entirely secret. Additional funds are provided from time to time for gymnasium equipment, boat fund etc. THE MITRE, Vol.XII, No. 2, August 1938.

M E BIRD LEGACY

The 1984 School Council Minutes record the receipt of a substantial sum from the estate of Miss M E Bird. Miss Bird was the sister of Noel Bird who attended the School during the 1930s. He was killed in 1941.

Donations to the Archives

JOHN CRIMP (1931-37) has donated 1931, 1932, 1936 and 1945 copies of MITRE and a copy of the pamphlet that was prepared for the War Memorial Appeal. The artist's impression of the proposed memorial gates, driveway and new school buildings are most interesting.

IAN BISHOP has donated a series of photographs taken at the Cadet Bivouac at Koorngal in April 1979.

KEITH CURRIE (1924-32) has donated photographs, a comprehensive collection of Aboriginal artefacts and a copy of CHALLENGING FAITH by JOHN A MCKENZIE (1927-31).

ALAN BLACKWOOD, who taught at Christ Church from 1949-83, has donated a 1st XI cap and a 1962 photograph of Queenslea House boarders and staff.

ELIZABETH BEDELLS, on behalf of her late husband TOM BEDELLS (1927-31), has donated photographs, cuff links and a sports shield.

COLIN BREDE (1936-41) has donated his Prefect's blazer. In his final year at School he was a Prefect, the Open Athletics Champion, Captain of the First XI and a member of the 1st XVIII football team. He was also in the School's Boxing team and a cadet.

SUSAN HARLEY has donated a 1923 photograph of Miss Parnell's Girls' High School. Christ Church acquired Girls's High School in 1930 and it is now Walters Boarding House.

ALF MOUNTIER, who taught at Christ Church from 1967-81, has donated six rowing photographs which are currently being framed for display in the School.

JOHN D CARROLL (1949-1955) donated a crayon drawing that he had sketched at School. ■

Reserve Four 1971. Hamish Pearse (1962-72), Robert Bogle (1968-72), Robert Prior (1970-73), Alan Chambers (1967-71), Geoffrey Prior (1971-73). Photograph donated by former member of staff Mr A A Mountier.



Karen villagers and members of the Christ Church team enjoy a well deserved lunch break at the water source site.



Clean Water for Karen Village

The village of Ban Huey Pong Lao in northern Thailand now has a clean water supply thanks to the efforts of the Ruamkanpattana Foundation and Christ Church Grammar School.

The 159 villagers had been carrying water by bucket from a polluted stream and had suffered from diseases associated with the contaminated water.

The Ruamkanpattana Foundation's main mission is to bring fresh water to the Karen hillstribes. Christ Church was approached to help.

Funds were raised from sponsorships, pie and drink stalls and free dress days to purchase the materials for the project. A group of ten boys, accompanied by Bursar Vince Evans and Senior Master John Norris, together with their wives Judy and Heather, spent three weeks in January working on the installation. The villagers also assisted. The work was managed by Paul Girling of the Ruamkanpattana Foundation

and his Karen assistant Salahai.

A small dam and a tank were built at the clean source of a stream five kilometers from the village; a trench was dug through the jungle terrain with hoes, crowbar and pickaxe, and pipes were laid to carry the clean water to each house in the village.

At first the boys and staff had to wake early and walk for an hour and a half to the source. At the end of the day they would walk back to the village and tuck into a well deserve meal prepared by one of the staff. Afterwards the visitors and villagers spent the evening together around the camp fire.

When the project was finished the people of Ban Huey Pong Lao showed their appreciation by giving the visitors handmade gifts and killing a buffalo for a farewell feast. In such a subsistence economy the gift of a buffalo is like giving away the family car.

The students and staff took a week to recuperate in Pataya before returning to Perth at the end of January.

The project was quite a challenge for boys and staff. From fundraising for the materials through the rigours of installation, they worked hard, often in difficult conditions. They emerged with a sense of accomplishment, enriched by new experiences and with happy memories of the friendly Karen people of Ban Huey Pong Lao.

A similar venture is being planned for 1997. ■

Ben Gauntlett Appeal

The School's major fundraising project for Term 1 was a Fun Run in support of Ben Gauntlett.

Ben, a 17-year old John XXIII College student, sustained serious spinal injuries in an interschool rugby match last year.

A talented young man, Ben represented Western Australia in cricket and rugby, was a state champion athlete and participated in other sports such as rowing and surf lifesaving. In addition, he was a straight 'A'



The carved sign erected beside the water storage tank marks the completion of the Ban Huey Pong Lao project.

student and a leader in his peer group.

In the face of adversity Ben has responded with characteristic and inspirational cheerfulness. The severity of his injuries was such that his doctors believed that he would be a quadriplegic but he has now gained some movement in his shoulder and his bicep and tricep muscles, enabling him to use a manual wheelchair.

Due to complications in the rules regarding the refereeing of the rugby match Ben cannot claim insurance for his injuries. High rehabilitation costs, the necessity to modify his home and the need for a level of independence in the future has inspired a number of schools and other organisations to rally to his support.

At Christ Church the Preparatory School boys raised funds from a series of activities, while in the Senior School House Prefects motivated the boys to 'get as many sponsors as possible' for the Fun Run at Perry Lakes in late March. Transport to and from Perry Lakes was provided free of charge by one of the School's bus contractors, Eno Oudman of Transport Coach Service.

The Parents' Association Auxiliary sponsored a special 'junk food' day at the Canteen and many School suppliers generously supported the initiative. Manageress Jane Law said the Canteen was deluged with enthusiastic customers and all profits were donated to the Appeal.

All told the School raised approximately \$30,000 for the Ben Gauntlett Appeal - a good effort for an exceptional young man. However the effort was not aimed solely at Ben, but also to increase awareness of the enormous difficulties that many families and individuals face as a result of accidents. ■

Romsey Philanthropists

Romsey House is justly proud of its long standing association with the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Foundation which is affiliated with Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH).

Since 1989 Romsey has raised about \$15,000 for the Foundation and to achieve this the students have initiated a variety of activities.

In the earlier years the primary source of fundraising was a sponsored run on the School oval. Even though this event was not compulsory it was always gratifying to see such a large proportion of the House community turn up to do their bit. More recently chocolate sales have proved lucrative and funds have also been raised from hot dogs and home-made cake stalls and the sale of the House magazine.

Many Romsey boys have had an opportunity to visit the laboratories and oncology wards of PMH where Dr Ursula Kees has explained the value of the research that is being undertaken. Put simply, leukaemia cell lines are investigated in order to identify genetic lesions. The research is thereby helping to develop an understanding of whether specific genetic lesions are a prognostic indicator of leukaemia, the most commonly occurring cancer amongst children.

The research program conducted by Dr Kees and her team is now recognised at an international level and collaborative work is undertaken with centres in North America and the United Kingdom.

The value of such research is dramatically demonstrated by the fact that the overall cure rate from childhood leukaemia stands at 70-80%. This progress certainly makes the Romsey boys' efforts more than worthwhile. Furthermore the House charity project is also considered to be an important element in the Romsey program because it engenders values of compassion and altruism which may be understated in today's 'me first' type of society. ■



Dr Ursula Kees, a guest at the 1995 Romsey House Sundowner held in the Refectory, discusses with a Christ Church parent how the House Charity Project has benefited her research into childhood leukaemia.

New Member of Council

Lindsey Read has joined the School Council, replacing Professor Con Michael who retired at the end of 1995. She is one of the three Synod nominees and serves on the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee.

Mrs Read has been very active in schools for a number of years, serving in a variety of volunteer roles. She has been a member of the Christ Church Grammar School Parents' Association Auxiliary since 1989 and is the co-ordinator of the Care program established to help families through difficult times.

Mrs Read has been involved with the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Foundation for some time, organising and co-ordinating fundraising projects. She has also worked in the Hospital's Public Relations Department.

In addition to her voluntary work Mrs Read has worked in the fashion industry for about eight years. She is currently the State Manager for Melbourne Fashion Designer Jane Lamerton.

Mrs Read's husband Howard is the Chairman of advertising agency Marketforce. He is a Christ Church Old Boy, attending the School between 1956-60.

Mr and Mrs Read have two adult daughters. Their son Campbell is a Year 12 pupil at Christ Church and a School Prefect. ■



Lindsey Read.

Exhibition winners Raymond Yong, James Seow, Simon Thackrah, Leow Kwock Loh, Mark Teh, George Pratt, Timothy Hillman and Shun Yuen after receiving their awards in Winthrop Hall.



1995 TEE Results

General Exhibitions were awarded to six Christ Church students in the top forty in the State. They are Shun Yuen, James Seow, Timothy Hillman, Mark Teh, Raymond Yong and Yeow Kwock Loh.

Subject Exhibitions were obtained by Timothy Hillman (Calculus), George Pratt (French) and Simon Thackrah (Politics).

Fifteen Certificates of Distinction (the top 0.5% in each subject) were awarded to twelve students over a range of seven subjects: Oliver Mailes (Applicable Maths), Luke Streitberg (Biology), Timothy Hillman, Oliver Mailes and Shun Yuen (Calculus), Shun Yuen (Chemistry), George Pratt (French), Chin-Kiat Tang and Raymond Yong (Music), Yeow Kwock Loh, John Ma, James Seow and Shun Yuen (Physics), Bryn Hardcastle and Simon Thackrah (Politics).

Thirty one students achieved Tertiary Entrance Scores in excess of 400: Mark Andrich, Raymon Baba, Andrew Boden, Mathew Brbich, Tysun Chan, Derek Chih, John Davidson, Finn Dawkins, Tom Flett, Cameron Gleeson, Bryn Hardcastle, Timothy Hillman, Yeow Kwock Loh, John Ma, Oliver Mailes, Nicholas Male, David Moore, Alister Norwood, Shaun O'Brien, Emanuel Petros, George Pratt, Bartholomew Price, Jamie Rosewell, James Seow, Luke Streitberg, Chin-Kiat Tang, Mark Teh, Simon Thackrah, Adam Yap, Raymond Yong and Shun Yuen.

Certificates of Excellence were awarded to twenty students who achieved at least ten A grades in Accredited courses (and no grade less than B) in their last two years of upper secondary study: Ramon Baba, Mathew Brbich, Tysun Chan, John Davidson, Tom Flett, Timothy Hillman, Yeow Kwock Loh, John Ma, David Moore, Alister Norwood, Amanuel Petros, Bartholomew Price, Jamie Rosewell, James Seow, Chin-Kiat Tang, Mak Teh, Simon Thackrah, Adam Yap, Raymond Yong, Shun Yuen. ■

Matthew Enjoys a Challenge

Matthew Tilbrook (Year 12) is an outstanding all-rounder. He is a School Prefect, a member of the PSA Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics teams and a member of the Year 12 Debating team. Furthermore his academic achievements are exceptional.

While most students were relaxing over the summer holidays Matthew was breaking new ground in the Eastern States with what might be termed 'an academic hat-trick'!

Following a series of exams in 1995 Matthew was selected as one of fifteen students Australia-wide to attend the Physics Olympiad Training School in Canberra in December, and one of twenty students Australia-wide to attend the Chemistry Olympiad Training School in Geelong in early January.

As if that were not enough, his application, submission of prepared work and a series of interviews resulted in Matthew being selected by the Floreat Rotary Club to attend the CRA National Youth Science Forum at the University of Canberra in late January. He describes these comprehensive weeks as "two of the most incredible, influential and educational that a student could possibly experience".

In mid-March Matthew sat the two Physics and two Chemistry exams to select the five-member Australian team for the Physics Olympiad to be held in Oslo and the four-member Australian team for the Chemistry Olympiad in Moscow.

Matthew was selected to represent Australia in both the Physics Olympiad and the Chemistry Olympiad - a prodigious feat.

The regulations stipulate that an individual may represent Australia in only one Olympiad team: Matthew has chosen Physics.

The Christ Church community salutes Matthew for his academic, sporting and personal achievements. ■



*Matthew Tilbrook.
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SCHOOL

New Members of Staff



Mary-Jo Alvarez
Senior School
Religious Education



Kerry Browne
Senior School
English



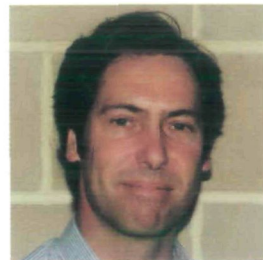
Matthew Berry
Koorringal
Outdoor Education



Peter Burt
Senior School
Physical Education



Scilla Covil
Preparatory School
French



Simon Hunn
Senior School
English



Andrew Jarvis
Senior School
Modern Languages



Geoff McGillivray
Senior School
Design & Technology



Peter Murray
Senior School
Information Technology



Rebecca Shepherd
Senior School
Social Science



Sophie Stuart
Koorringal
Outdoor Education



Charles Warren
Senior School
Art

New Head of Noake

The new Head of Noake House is Ben Hodsdon. He replaces Kyrne Holloway who was Head of House from 1984-95. Kyrne now leads the Information Technology Department.

Ben is an old boy of Trinity College. After gaining his Bachelor of Education in 1983 he worked at the Curtin University Aboriginal Bridging Centre for a year before joining the staff at Christ Church.

Ben teaches Mathematics and is an active member of the West Australian Mathematics Association.

During his time at the School he has been the second in charge of Department for two years and acting head for one year.

For the past ten years Ben has been the Master in Charge of Debating. He has also coached Year 8 rowing, Year 8 cricket and Year 10B Football.

Ben was a resident tutor in Parry House during his first four years at the School. He accompanied the 1989 Sports Tour to Hong Kong and the 1994 Basketball tour to the United States. He has twice sailed on the Sail Training Ship Leeuwin, first as a trainee then as purser. ■



Ben Hodsdon.



World No.1 ranked sailor - Old Boy Peter Gilmour (1968-77) - gives valuable instruction to a rapt middle school sailing group.

Ill Wind Brings Opportunity

The Development Group of Middle School Sailing had the opportunity of the year when the boys met World No.1 ranked Sailor - Christ Church Old Boy Peter Gilmour (1968-77).

Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, through parent Clive Digney, organised transport for the boys on the Club's Start Boat "Tam Thompson" to Royal Perth Yacht Club where the Australian Cup Match Racing Championships were being held.

Alas "Murphy's Law" struck and the sailing for the

afternoon was cancelled due to lack of suitable wind conditions. Fortunately Bill Gilmour was on board and he arranged for his son Peter to meet with the sixteen students on one of WA's new Foundation 36 yachts. These yachts have been specifically designed for world standard match racing. A very informative and lively discussion followed on many aspects of sailing, from the trimming and handling characteristics of the Foundation 36's to training and career paths in this sport.

Peter Gilmour went on to win the Australian Cup Match Racing Championships, re-establishing himself as World No.1. Ron Jensen, Teacher in Charge of Sailing, commends Peter for giving his time to pass on his experiences to the young sailors. Ron was interested to note that in the eyes of the students what the No. 1 said must be true, whereas when parents and teachers say the same thing it is met with indifference!!

Ron and his students are thankful to Bill and Peter Gilmour, Clive Digney and Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club for this unique opportunity. ■

Holiday Cricket

Christ Church hosted four visiting cricket teams over the Christmas break.

Felsted School from the United Kingdom made 175, with Dave Hoppe and Nathan Rainey each taking three wickets. Outclassed by the older and more experienced side (two of whom have County contracts for next summer), Christ Church was only able to make 110 in reply, with Chris Webster, Year 9, (who was meant to be a scorer) a star with 15 n.o.!

Durham School, also from the UK, sent a 1st XI and an U/15 side. Christ Church played a two day match against each. Our U/15 team, captained by Simon Philippides who made 90, won easily on the first innings in a day and a half, with the leg spin of Jim Allenby (29 and 4/21) assisting their victory. As there was no chance of an outright result, the teams played a limited overs match, won by Durham. The Christ Church 1st XI won the toss on a hot day and elected to bat. They made 335, with Captain Sam Smart making 79 and Vice Captain Nathan Rainey 65. The Durham 1st XI was bowled out for 219, Nathan Rainey taking a match winning 7/68 off 20 overs.

The last touring party was old rival Prince Alfred College (PAC) from Adelaide. Following some very loose bowling from Christ Church they made 4/520, their opener making a fine 178. Christ Church saved the game by batting for the whole second day, thanks

to 61 from Nathan Rainey, 59 from Sam Smart, 43 from Simon Philippides and an outstanding knock of 51 n.o. by Jim Allenby of Year Nine.

“Young Warriors” Sam Smart, Nick Brunson, Imran Valibhoy, Tyrone Stott, Dave Hoppe, Greg Swan, Chris Webster and Jim Allenby had the fantastic opportunity to be rope boundary boys at the Geoff Marsh Tribute Match at the WACA. They were a credit to the School and are now on first name terms with some of the cricket stars.

Drew McDonald, Master in Charge of Cricket, and Lorraine Day, Manager of the 1st XI, thank the cricketers’ parents for their outstanding contribution to the holiday season. Not only did they billet 56 boys in their homes, but they maintained the Christ Church tradition of producing the best lunches and afternoon teas in the State and, some would say, the World! ■



State Representatives

In January Toby Masters (Year 11) represented Western Australia in the National Mirror Sailing Championships on Sydney Harbour. Toby skippered his boat to victory in the fifth and final heat. He and his crew member finished fifth in the Open Division and first in the Sub-Junior Division.

James Rhodes (Year 11) has been selected to represent Western Australian in the U-16 State Water Polo team. ■

Horse Riding

Each year Education Support Unit (ESU) teacher Heather Norris takes a group of eight ESU boys to saddle up at the Claremont Therapeutic Horse Riding Centre. Those new to the experience are sometimes a little apprehensive but the ‘old timers’ resume riding with much enthusiasm and confidence.

A group of Year 10 boys taking part in the Development Award Scheme also attend the Riding Centre. Their role is to assist ESU boys in the often difficult task of mounting the horses and to lead them through the demanding obstacle course and the vigorous relay races.

This activity gives the Year 10 boys the opportunity to help and to work on a one-to-one basis with the ESU boys, a terrific learning experience for both parties.

Year 12 photography student Matthew Williams is full of enthusiasm for the horse riding activity. He says: “The atmosphere in the bus on the journey back to school after a successful ride is electrifying to say the least, with Christ Church war cries being chanted with much spirit”. ■

Cricket practice at the nets. Sam Smart (Year 12) works on his bowling technique.



Under the supervision of M'Liss Henry of the Claremont Therapeutic Riding School, Year 10 Development Award Scheme boys Seaton Meade and Paul Fooks lead horse riders Bryn Jones and Giles Rischbieth.

The exuberant 9A crew sport their medallions after their great win at the Hale Regatta - Shenton French, Nicholas Larkins (Cox), Ben Woffenden, David Knezevic, David Petricevic, David Gibson, Mark Petricevic, Jonathan Carroll and Giles Miller.



Tim Wong, Mrs Sue Pass, Philip Singh, Richard Alston, Magistrate Sue Gordon, Canon Frank Sheehan, Nicholas Averbuj and Sean Lim.



Eye-opener

In November, Perth magistrate Ms Sue Gordon spoke to one hundred and fifty Year 9 students about young people and the Law. It was quite an eye-opener for students, staff and various guests who attended this function sponsored by the Centre for Ethics.

As Western Australia's only Aboriginal magistrate, Ms Gordon brought a unique insight and knowledge to the issues of juvenile justice in contemporary society. She spoke with compassion and hope. She also spoke about the values that must be modelled and maintained if our community is to be a place of justice and peace.

The Director of the Centre for Ethics, Canon Frank Sheehan, said Ms Gordon's visit was a great success. "Magistrate Sue Gordon is an important ethical leader in our society. She brought a whole new world into the lives of our students. And she spoke about strategies that will have to be employed if we are to find ethical solutions to complex problems". ■

Father Saibo Mabo's Visit

The Centre for Ethics is running a series of talks for Year 11 students on the complex issues surrounding Mabo.

The Centre wanted to put a human face on these issues and it was decided that the best way to do this was to invite Anglican priest Father Saibo Mabo to spend a week at Christ Church. Father Mabo came to the School towards the end of first term accompanied by his wife Sania and seven year old son Ganomi.

The Mabo family touched many hearts with their warmth and their readiness to share ideas and feelings. The students heard about Father Saibo's birth place, Mer Island, one of the Murray Islands claimed by Eddie Mabo. They also heard about Eddie Mabo himself. Father Saibo is Eddie's nephew.

Father Mabo's message went well beyond land rights. He spoke to the students about having the courage to say 'No!' to drugs and alcohol. He asked them to share in his vision for Australia, a vision which was inclusive and generous. "We should all feel proud of our cultural inheritance and be ready to draw on the positive aspects of the culture that nourishes us," he said. "If there is to be true reconciliation in this land, we must help each other."

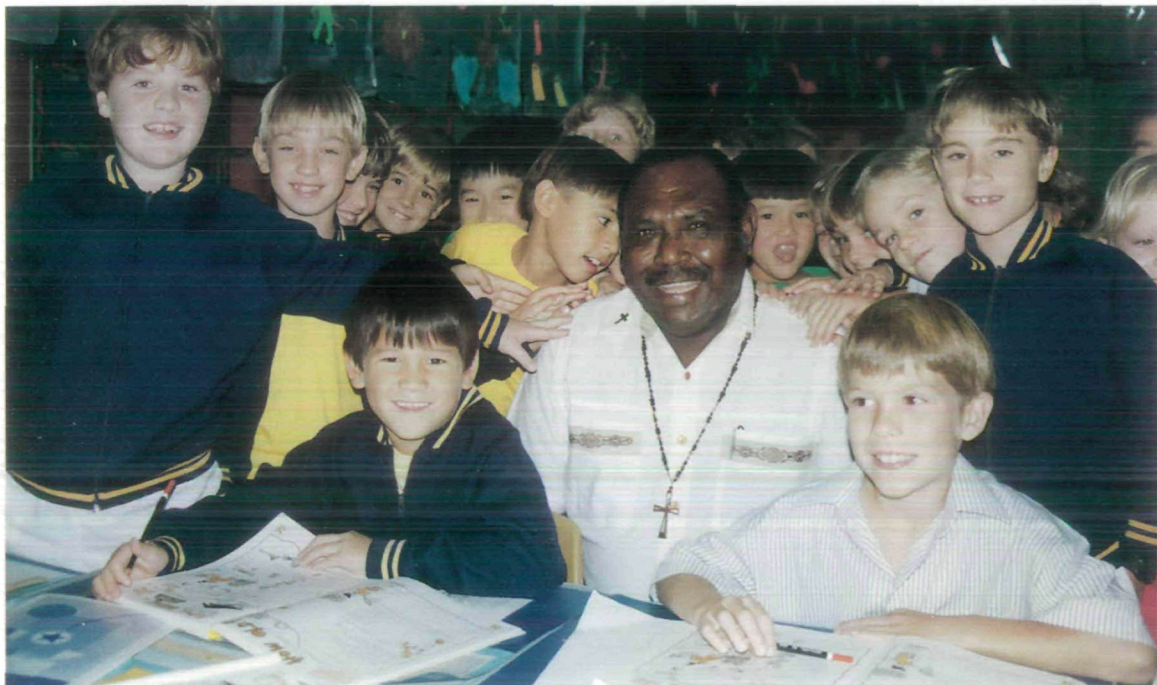
Canon Frank Sheehan who organised the visit of the Mabo family said, "Ethics is about relationships; relationships based on mutual respect and trust. The Mabos have made a wonderful contribution to the



Christ Church community. They have given us a new perspective on values and spirituality, in particular the ways in which we relate to the very land we live in. They take the sacredness of the landscape as a given. In their own gentle but firm way they asked us not to forget this."

In second term, Richard Barlett, Professor of Law at the University of Western Australia will discuss "Legal Aspects of Mabo". Another speaker will be Mr Fred Chaney. ■

Prep School boys have fun singing along with Father Mabo and his wife Sania in the Chapel.



During his week-long visit to the School Father Mabo discussed a variety of ethical issues in classroom sessions with the boys.



New Summer Uniform

The School summer uniform has been changed from the 'greys' to a smarter navy blue and white combination.

The shorts are navy blue, the short-sleeved shirt is white with well defined navy blue pinstripes and the mid-calf length socks are navy with a single gold band. Navy long trousers, in the same material as the shorts, are an option for senior boys.

To complement the new summer clothing and the existing winter uniform the new School pullover is navy blue with an embroidered School crest on the left side of the chest.

There is a changeover period: the new uniform can be worn from the start of Term 1, 1996 but will not become mandatory until the start of Term 4, 1997. ■

Preparatory and Senior School boys wearing the new summer uniform.



Scene from the Preparatory School Swimming Carnival.



Smoke-Free School

The School Council has decided that Christ Church is to be a smoke-free school.

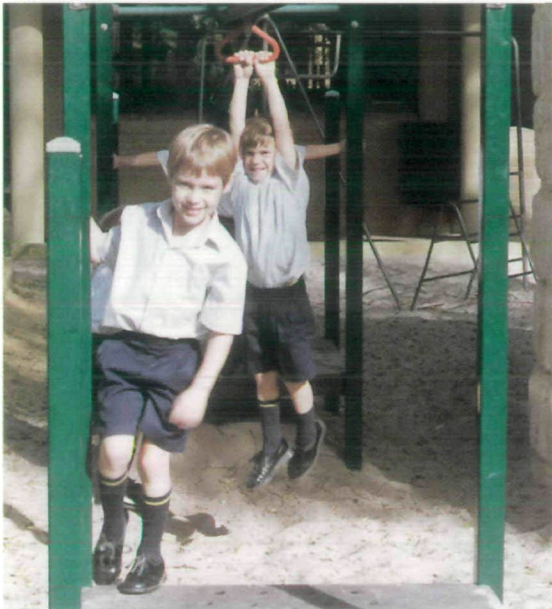
In the belief that pupils are at risk from both active and passive smoking the new School policy aims to discourage student smokers and to provide a positive statement about the importance of a smoke-free working environment.

The School seeks to maintain a total smoke-free environment at all times. No smoking shall be permitted within any building, grounds or vehicles, either during or outside school hours. It is intended that this prohibition apply to staff, students, parents and visitors to the School. ■

SCHOOL



Preparatory School boys engrossed in a computing lesson.



Fun at recess time.

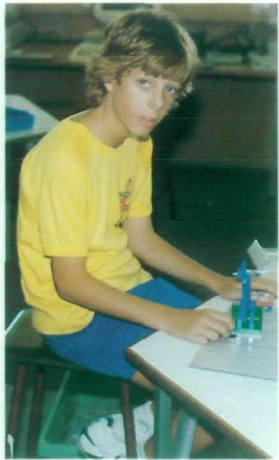


Practising ball skills.



Learning about team work.

The problem-solvers at work.



How Does It Work?

For more than four years Preparatory School Headmaster Geoff Matthews and Computing teacher Jamie Fagan have shared the responsibility and excitement of running an after school problem-solving technology group.

Boys in Year 4 and above are eligible to join. Geoff and Jamie are usually swamped with enthusiasts and this year they have extended the group size from twenty to twenty-four.

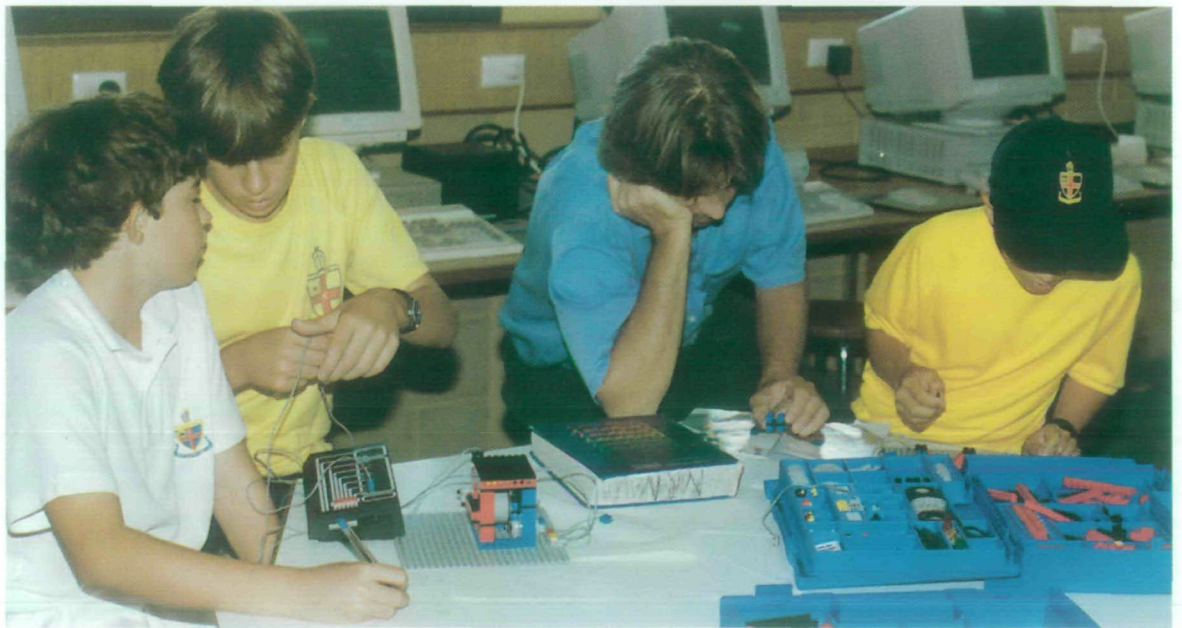
The group meets on Tuesdays after school. Mainly they investigate the nature of materials and renewable energy sources such as sun and wind. Computer technology is integrated into the program. The boys use computer driven models and write basic line programs using Lego 9700 techno kits.

For their current project Geoff and Jamie have given the boys a solar cell, wire and an electric motor to see what they come up with in the way of solar energy.

Geoff and Jamie give very little instruction to the boys. The exercises are intended to be ones of discovery. The boys often work on a trial and error basis, using their creativity and intuition. They are

expected to do some research between lessons.

Geoff says this is a facet of learning which is important to some children but often untapped through other sources. ■



Prep Boys Play Interstate

Last December a group of eighteen boys from the Preparatory School, accompanied by teachers Jo-Anne Piller, Murray Robertson and Wayne Sheppard, represented Christ Church in Adelaide at an interstate cricket and tennis carnival.

The cricket carnival has been running for ten years whilst tennis was first introduced in 1992.

The cricket and tennis teams each played five matches against five South Australian independent schools during the six day carnival. Wonderful team spirit and sportsmanship was displayed by all the boys during the contest.

Although the cricket team did not win a match the players showed tremendous improvement over the week. As testimony to this Chris Wiese, Nick Elliott and Oliver Hanson were selected from the five West Australian school teams to play in the WA State Cricket Representative Team.

The tennis players had a very successful week, losing only their opening game. Matthew Milner and Michael Hales were selected to play for the WA State Tennis Representative Team. ■



James Ward, Robert Olivier, Matthew Milner and Chris Wiese played in the interstate cricket and tennis carnival in Adelaide last December.



Day one, Year 1.

Suzie Martin, Gayl Porter and Peter Kyle at the Parents' Association Christmas Party.



Parents' Association Winds Up Year on High Note

Attractive decorations, subtle lighting, delicious food and refreshments and a great gathering of happy people marked the Parents' Association combined Christmas Party and Annual General Meeting in the Refectory in late November.

President Suzie Martin thanked all those who had supported the organisation and summarised the year's activities which had focused on the goals set at the Sunday morning strategy meeting in February 1995.

The main objective had been to raise the profile of the Parents' Association by including a number of new projects on the agenda.

The first event for 1995, the annual Sundowner, attracted five hundred parents, many attending a Christ Church function for the first time.

Staff development grants to the value of \$14,570 were approved in February 1995 and the Association was delighted to support capital grants to a total of \$124,000 whilst continuing with commitments such as scholarships and bursaries.

The Association launched the Year 12 Book to be presented as a farewell gift to the Year 12 boys at the Valedictory Dinner in November. The Association funded the book and Suzie particularly thanked Pam Emery, Lorraine Day, Helen Hardcastle, Ben Hodsdon, Lou Mylonas, Margie Grover, Jack Beverley,



Pam Emery and student helpers sort through some of the photographs collected for the Year 12 Book.

Beth Weyland, Wendy Hillman and the printer Muhlings Pty Ltd for their valuable contributions.

The Library Service co-ordinated by Ray West was also started in 1995. Approximately thirteen volunteer parents joined a Friends of the Library group which was co-ordinated by Chris Heavens and trained in library skills by Senior Librarian Jan Kaye.

In collaboration with Methodist Ladies' College and Christ Church Counsellors Dean Moore and John James, the Association helped co-ordinate and finance the Careers Expo held in the Gymnasium in May. This was well received by both the boys and the girls. The Parents' Association, together with other local schools, will be co-ordinating a larger expo focusing on occupations as well as on educational institutions on Wednesday 31 July 1996. The Association would like more parents to help with this project.

Under the guidance of Anne Hawksworth the Resource Register questionnaire and data base have been upgraded. Volunteers are needed so please contact the Parents' Association if you can help with the Register.

The Association has decided to hold a social function each September to give parents the opportunity to socialise informally. The 1995 function, the Fifties Dance co-ordinated by Valli Calligari-Rudd and held in the Gymnasium, was a raging success and Suzie thanked those who supported this event.

As part of the Association's philosophy to provide pastoral care Peter Sly arranged two educational forums on risk taking behaviour and coping strategies in adolescence. The forum will be continued in 1996.

The School Seat project will continue throughout 1996. Individuals or groups can purchase seats for \$1500 each and donor names can be imprinted on the back. The seats will be scattered around the Claremont and Mt Claremont campuses. Contact Michael Rees (telephone: (h) 383 2538; (w) 270 3311) if you would like to participate in this project.

At the strategy meeting Joseph Tan volunteered to be the Association's overseas representative. He is available to help overseas students and their parents.

An open forum for parents on Information Technology was held in the computing rooms. Parents sipped glasses of wine as various aspects of computer technology were explained. They then watched the boys demonstrate their computing skills. It was a wonderful evening and it is planned to hold another in 1996.

The annual raffle was organised by legal eagle Peter Kyle. The prize, valued at \$10,000, was a trip for two to Atlanta, USA, for the 1996 Olympics.

P A R E N T S

Suzie paid tribute to the important role of the Mothers' Auxiliary and reported that she had worked along with Auxiliary President Kerry Chandler, Association Vice-President Peter Kyle and Headmaster Jeremy Madin to change the Constitution to reflect the aims and objectives of the Mothers' Auxiliary which includes running the Clothing Service and Canteen amongst its activities. The name of this organisation has been changed to the Parents' Association Auxiliary and it has been granted wider autonomy whilst still complying with the agreed objectives of the Parents' Association Constitution.

Finally, Suzie informed the gathering that the Association had decided to combine a Christmas function with the Annual General Meeting each November to foster fellowship and provide an opportunity for more people to join the Parents' Association committee. ■

The Auxiliary Report

Following the 1995 amendments to the Constitution the Mothers' Auxiliary is now named the Christ Church Parents' Association Auxiliary - 'the Auxiliary' for short.

Kerry Chandler is President, Caroline Olivier is Secretary and Sally Woods has taken over the Treasurer's job from Rosie Caithness who has now graduated to Year 13!

Vice-President Sue Wenn extends a warm welcome to new members and a special invitation to Preparatory School parents, particularly those with sons in the lower grades. The Auxiliary aims to represent all year groups to facilitate efficient and informed communication.

The Auxiliary has an interesting program for 1996. Parents are reminded that they do not need to be members of the Auxiliary in order to participate in these events:

COUNTRY MARKET: 23 April - organised by boarders' parents and offering plenty of wholesome farm produce for sale.

KOORINGAL FAMILY PICNIC: 28 April - an opportunity to spend a fun day at the School's Outdoor Education Centre.

YEAR 12 FATHER AND SON BREAKFAST: 9 May.

ITALIAN NIGHT: 22 June - great Italian food will be served. Keen cooks and waitresses are required.

BOARDERS' PARENTS' AFTERNOON TEA: 4 July - an informal gathering for boarders' parents to meet with boarding masters and staff.

YEAR 12 MOTIVATIONAL BREAKFAST: 20 August - with a guest speaker to 'rev up' the boys for their exams. This function is usually good fun.

HEADMASTER'S SUPPER: 22 August - an opportunity for parents to hear Mr Madin speak and there will be time for questions.

YEAR 11 DANCE: 21 September - an exciting chance to work with Year 11 mothers and boys and great fun. Volunteers need not attend the dance.

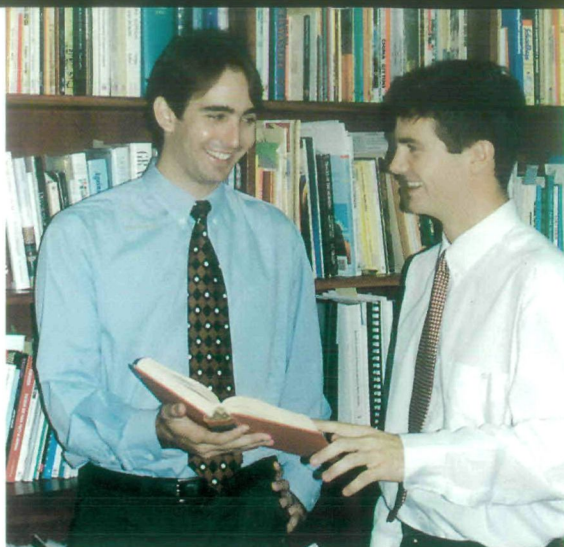
NEW PARENTS' MORNING TEA: 8 November.

Sue Wenn says the Auxiliary aims to assist and support many School projects and groups. She thanks those who helped the Auxiliary last year and welcomes new members. A sub-committee has been set up for each 1996 function and parents are warmly invited to take part in the program. Telephone Sue on 384 5622 to join in. ■



The Methodist Ladies' College and Christ Church Grammar School Auxiliaries joined forces for morning tea in a giant marquee on the oval last November. Kerry Chandler from CCGS and Suzanne Collis from MLC introduced guest speaker Wayne Stubbs of Subiaco. Five hundred people attended the function and the raffle raised \$2,720 for the Ben Gauntlett Appeal.

Simon Price and Rohan Hardcastle.



Classmates on Similar Roads

ROHAN HARDCASTLE (1985-92) and SIMON PRICE (1991-92) were in the same year at School and in the same debating team. Their No. 2 team took second place in the 1991 AHISA competition (Christ Church No.1 team taking first place) and second place in the 1992 WADL competition.

Rohan was Captain of School in 1992 and Simon a Prefect. Both are now pursuing careers in Law.

Rohan is in the fourth year of a five year Arts-Law course at the University of Western Australia. As part of his degree he is working part-time in the Office of the Attorney General - Old Boy PETER FOSS (1958-63). Rohan is Vice President of the UWA Blackstone Society and a committee member of the Christ Church Grammar School Old Boys' Association.

After leaving School Simon was offered a scholarship to Bond University in Queensland. He graduated from the three-year Law-Commerce course with first-class honours. Now he has scored one of the most sought-after law graduate jobs in the state. Law firm Mallesons Stephen Jaques hired Simon earlier this year only to give him a year off when he was asked to be an associate to Justice Kennedy at the Supreme Court. He is the youngest associate at the Court. ■

Old Boy Joins Senate

Dr ALAN EGGLESTON (1953-59) was elected as the Liberal Party's third West Australian Senator in the recent Federal elections.

He is the first senator to be elected from the North-West and he plans to educate city MPs about life in the area which is producing much of Australia's wealth.

Alan joined the North-West medical service as a flying doctor four years after graduating from the University of Western Australia. He went to Port Hedland for three months and stayed for twenty-two years!

At the time of his pre-selection for the Senate Alan resigned from the Port Hedland Council which he had served since 1988, the last three years as Mayor.

Alan joined the Liberal Party as a student and was president of the University Liberal Club in 1963. He is an avowed republican and has already moved to get

republican supporters together with a view to forming a lobby group.

Alan is the younger brother of ROLAND EGGLESTON (1944-50), who was Captain of School in 1950, and Dr DERYCK EGGLESTON (1945-50). Their father was the pharmacist in Busselton and the three boys boarded at the School. Deryck's sons SETH (1974-83) and TOBY (1974-84) also attended Christ Church. ■

School Cadet Now British Army Captain

Ten years after leaving Christ Church BILL ELISCHER (1979-85) returned late last year to briefly address the twenty or so School cadets taking part in the three day NCO Leadership course held on campus during the second week of December.

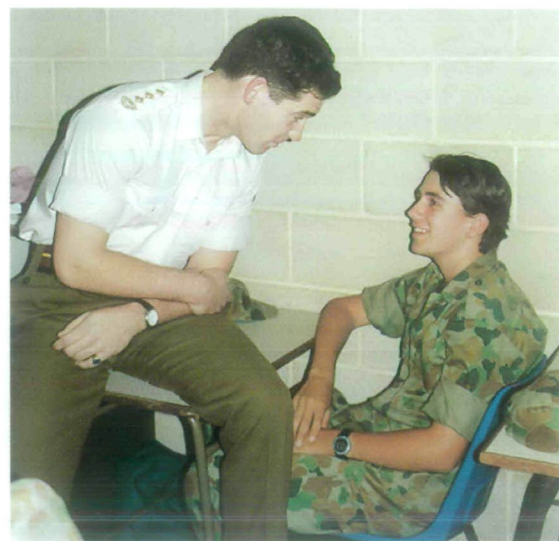
Captain Elisher, who is currently posted to the Prince of Wales' Own Regiment based in Yorkshire, joined the British Army as a private six years ago. His rapid promotion through the ranks is a tribute to his determination to succeed.

Bill, back in Perth to visit his parents for Christmas, was delighted to be invited to address the future leaders of the School Cadet Unit. As well as speaking about the qualities one should acquire to be a successful leader, Bill also spoke about his experiences in Canada, the Arctic, France, Egypt, Germany and a brief stint in Northern Ireland.

The boys found Bill's address fascinating. They were particularly impressed to learn that though he aspired to being a leader in the cadets he did not actually achieve that goal. ■

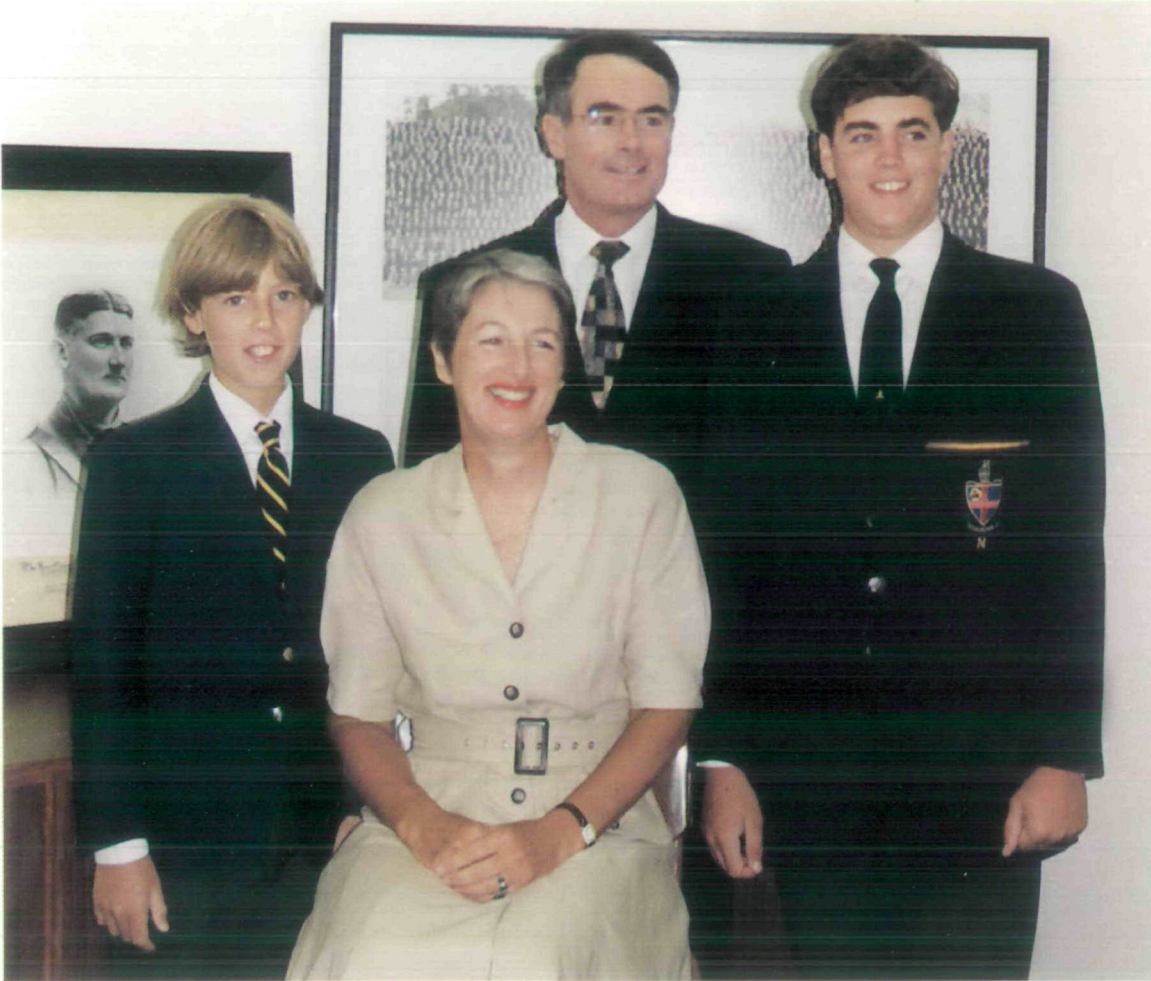


Alan Eggleston



Captain Bill Elisher chats with Stephen Allen, Year 10, at the Junior NCO Leadership Course at School in December

OLD BOYS



Rowan Clarke, Alexandra Clarke, John Poynton and Blair Poynton.

A Family Tradition

Christ Church Old Boy JOSEPH CLEMENT HARTLEY POYNTON (1933-36) spent the final year of his education at Hale School. He worked as a clerk with Beam Transport Limited for the next three years then served in the Army between 1941-46. Hartley took advantage of the returned servicemen's rehabilitation scheme to study accountancy. Duly qualified he left for Melbourne in 1948 to learn about stockbroking. Back in Perth Hartley founded the stockbroking firm Hartley Poynton & Co in 1955. He retired as a partner twenty-one years later, thereafter working as a part-time consultant to the firm until his death in 1993.

Hartley had two children - John and Alexandra. John Poynton (1957-68) is a Christ Church Old Boy and his son Blair Poynton is a current pupil in Year 12. Alexandra Clarke's older son Robert Bates-Smith (1991-95) is also an Old Boy and her younger son

Rowan Clarke is in Year 7.

John and Alexandra have recently made a substantial gift to the Old Boys' Association Scholarship Fund to endow a scholarship to be known as the Hartley Poynton Old Boys' Association Scholarship.

This is one of five scholarships available to the sons or grandsons of old boys. Each allows for fifty percent of the tuition fees for each of the five years of the recipient's secondary education.

Three generations of the Poynton family have now attended Christ Church and, in due course, perhaps more will follow. In the meantime John and Alexandra's most generous endowment will preserve the memory of their father Hartley Poynton and benefit many boys in the years to come

Anyone interested in finding out more about the naming rights of an OBA scholarship may contact Dean Bowker, Director of the the Christ Church Grammar School Foundation, on 383 1044. ■

On Speech Night, Monday, December 9th, 1935, the Gymnasium was packed with parents, friends, and as many boys as could find room - the rest gazing from the lawns without. The Headmaster in his report recorded the continued growth of the School, and, in anticipating further development, had some very apt remarks to make about growing pains and the way not to treat them. The Lord Mayor of Perth, Mr J J Poynton, whose presence to present the prizes we much appreciated, spoke mainly of the need and utility of examinations. His Grace the Archbishop of Perth, who was in the chair, closed the formalities of the evening - and the year - with a speech which sent us away, though rejoicing in the holidays, glad to think we should return.
THE MITRE July 1936.

At the time when Mayor Poynton presented the 1935 Speech Night prizes his sons Hartley and Irwin were pupils at the School.

School Captains sixty-four years apart, Dr Keith Currie (1924-31) and Shaun O'Brien (1991-95) compared experiences on a recent visit to the Archives, when Dr Currie donated his collection of Aboriginal artefacts to the School.



The Hutchison Brothers

The four brothers HUTCHISON would have been well known to the members of the School community in the 1940s. HARRY (1934-38) was followed to Christ Church by his younger brothers DAVID (1934-40), ROBIN (1936-44) and BRIAN (1941-45). All, at one time or another, were members of the Old Boys' Hockey Club and for a number of years after the War Harry was the Hon. Secretary of the OBA.

Harry spent most of his working life in the paint industry. In fact he managed an Auto Paint Laboratory in Nigeria from 1983-86. He now lives in retirement in Panorama, SA with his wife; his five children and eight grandchildren also live in SA.

David completed Engineering and Arts degrees at UWA before ultimately returning to Christ Church in 1954 as a member of the academic staff. He remained on staff until 1967, for most of that time as Assistant to Headmaster Peter Moyes. Though long retired from his last position at the WA Museum, David is still very active as a writer, historian and translator. In fact he recently travelled to Canberra to have an Inaugural Honorary Fellowship of the National Museum of Australia conferred on him, recognising his outstanding contribution to the understanding and appreciation of Australia's cultural heritage. Of interest to those who have visited the town of New Norcia is his recent publication *A TOWN LIKE NO OTHER - THE LIVING TRADITION OF NEW NORCIA*. David's son MARK (1968-76) is now on the academic staff at Hollywood High School. ■

Academic Achievements

Two Old Boys were amongst those international students honoured for their academic achievements in the 1994 University of Western Australia Prize List.

VINCENT LAU BUON KIONG (1992-93) sat his TEE examinations at Christ Church in 1993 and, on the basis of his excellent grades, was awarded a University of Western Australia Scholarship for International Students to enrol in the Bachelor of Engineering undergraduate course. He was awarded the Engineering Club Prize as the top first year

Engineering student in 1994.

ONG TENG SAN (1989-91) was also awarded a University of Western Australia Scholarship in recognition of his TEE results and entered a combined Science/Engineering program in 1992. He consistently achieved excellent grades and in 1994 was awarded the prestigious Royal Australian Chemical Institute Prize in Chemistry. ■



Business Directory

Times change, so too do the careers and businesses of Old Boys.

As it is four years since the publication of the last Old Boys' Association Careers and Business Directory it is now time to update the entries and add new ones.

From all accounts the 1992 Directory was popular and helpful. There is every reason to believe that the next edition will be even more comprehensive and especially beneficial as a career guide for the younger generation of Old Boys.

Because of high publication costs there will be a charge of \$10 for an entry while advertisements will be charged according to size. The Directory will be mailed to more than five thousand Old Boys.

If you would like to feature in the Christ Church Grammar School Old Boys' Association Careers and Business Directory please contact Dean Bowker or Andrew Baird at the School on 383 1044. ■

Brian Wheeler, Senior Master of History at Christ Church from 1967-74, married the School Librarian Maureen Corry. Brian and Maureen moved to New Zealand twenty-two years ago. Unfortunately Maureen passed away suddenly in June 1995. Brian visited Perth and the School over the recent summer vacation and was pleased to catch up with some former colleagues over lunch - (clockwise from top) Tony Burns and his son Timothy, Glenys and Arthur Pate, Mrs Fraser and Frank Fraser, Brian Wheeler, Cliff Watkins, Bob Woollett, Dean Bowker and John Leach.

1995 School leaver Oliver Mailes (1987-95) has been awarded a Chancellor's Industry Scholarship in Chemical Engineering at the University of Sydney. The four year scholarship, valued at \$10,000 per annum, is funded by companies and instrumentalities. Each year a number of these scholarships are awarded to students who are regarded as having academic and leadership potential. Three Christ Church leavers have been awarded Chancellor's Scholarships in the last five years.

OLD BOYS

The Pre-PSA Reunion 1910-1956

Five hundred and seven Old Boys - all those from the 1910-56 era for whom an address is recorded - were invited to the Pre-PSA Reunion. An excellent forty-five percent response rate resulted in ninety-one Old Boys attending the Luncheon held at School on Wednesday 3 April 1996, while one hundred and thirty-eight Old Boys sent a written apology. OBA President ROBERT MCKENZIE (1963-70) and Council Vice-Chairman PIP HOLLINGSWORTH (1960-64) were special guests.

The Reunion began with a Chapel Service conducted by School Chaplain Canon Frank Sheehan. Next an Archives display in Sandover Dining Hall triggered many memories and stories.

During the Luncheon Wendy Hillman spoke on the Archives, IAN McCALL (1935-44) proposed the toast to the School, Sir WILLIAM HESELTINE (1943-46) toasted Absent Friends and Headmaster Jeremy Madin spoke on the ethos of the School.

A booklet, published for the occasion, was distributed to all those present and copies posted to those who sent their apologies. ■



*Barry Jones (1949-54) and
Elmo Jumeaux (1952-53).*



*Jack Grylls (1945-50), Peter
Bowers (1929-39) and Ian
McCall (1935-44).*



*Graham Watkins (1939-46)
and Ian Argyle (1950-52).*



*David Norrie (1938-47) and
Robin Elliott (1940-45).*



*Peter Lynn (1935-45) and Pat
Kerr (1924-28).*



*Don Lee (1919-20), Lawrence
House (1942-44) and Brian
Minchin (1937-40).*

Walkabout

Spending two weeks on a bicycle, following the Darling River from Brisbane to Adelaide via Goondiwindi, Bourke, Wilcannia and Broken Hill, is not everyone's idea of the perfect holiday, especially if you're fifty-eight years of age! Amazingly ROBIN RETCHFORD (1951-54) enjoyed the adventure so much that he says he would do it again. Robin is our OBA Queensland representative. His son and daughter are members of the Australian Youth Orchestra based in Adelaide and he was keen to visit - obviously on a "shoestring" budget! Both Peter Moyes and Alan Blackwood would welcome Robin to "The Two Portraits Dinner" at the Burswood Resort in July, but both hastened to add that he should begin riding now! ■

RAY DOUST (1944-47) and his wife are overseas visiting the USA, UK, Europe and the Middle East. While away they will visit their son IAN (1974-78) who is on sabbatical leave from the University of New South Wales. Ian is working at the Institute of Mathematics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and his wife is on a post-doctoral scholarship at the same university. ■

We heard recently from DAVID GRIGG (1964-72) who graduated in architecture in the late 1970s and took a position in the USA. In 1982 David moved to New York and completed his Master's at Columbia University before marrying Ellen Albert from Princeton, New Jersey, a director of MTV Networks. Now David and Ellen live in Manhattan with their two children. David is the principal responsible for the marketing and business development of a Rochester architectural and engineering firm employing 400 staff. Their six year old daughter finds the CHRONICLE fascinating reading and enjoys comparing life on the campus of an Australian boys' school with her life in a twelve storey high girls' school on Manhattan's Upper East Side. ■

As an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago, USA, Dr RICHARD PESTELL (1969-75) was unable to attend last year's twenty year reunion of the Class of '75. Richard is mainly involved in working on breast cancer and transgenics with the goal of targeted gene therapy. He enjoys competing in triathalons occasionally. Richard is married to Nicky and they have two sons Tim (7) and Alex (5). ■



Late last year former Headmaster Tony Hill (1982-87) bumped into Dr HARSHA CHANDRARATNA (1984-86) in Harvard Square, Boston. Tony had just cycled into Boston from St Mark's School where he is now Headmaster, along the route of the famous Boston marathon. At the time Harsha was in the USA completing work for his fellowship in Surgery. ■

After graduating from the School of Mines (Kalgoorlie) with an engineering degree JEFF BROWN (1984-89) worked in North Queensland for sixteen months, gaining experience in open cut mining. Last May he was appointed mining engineer at Endako Mine Division in British Columbia, Canada, working for Placer Dome Canada. ■

IAN TREGONNING (1965-76) showed an interest in puppetry when he left School. He was influenced at the time by Peter Wilson at the Spare Parts Theatre in Fremantle. Now living in Devon, England, his main work has been on TV programs for children. Recently, however, he hit the jackpot when he landed a position as a puppeteer in the smash hit movie BABE which, as we all know, was nominated for many Academy Awards. ■

BRYAN COOPER (1959-60) knows how to pick the eyes out of brokers' information. As the Managing Director of Argosy Asset Management in Melbourne he controls a huge portfolio in equities funds for private clients - and manages to get it right! ■

One of Sir NORMAN GILES (1913-22) grandsons is ROHAN SUTHERLAND (1982-86) who won the coveted Roger Mackay Trophy at last year's Annual Golf Day. At one stage Rohan was a Business Development Executive at W D and H O Wills and saw a lot of RODNEY LEWIS (1984-86) who is an Associate with the Precedent Group. He reports that PATRICK HO (1984) is currently part of the management team establishing a new operation in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, for the British American Tobacco Company. ■

Staff member Mrs Gillian Nicholas, sister of BILL JACOBS (1964-68), reports having recently attended the wedding of CHRIS BONG (1986-88) in Kuching. After spending six months last year at the TRANE Education Centre in La Crosse, Wisconsin, USA, Chris is now working with TRANE Malaysia, an American company specialising in large scale heating and air conditioning systems. Later Gillian and her

husband caught up with EUGENE HO (1985-88) and KHONG CHID CHIA (1988-89) in Kuala Lumpur. Eugene completed a degree in Information Technology at Curtin University in 1992 and is now working for Computer Systems Advisers in KL. Khong Chid, having completed a Commerce degree at UWA, is with Price Waterhouse in KL and currently studying towards a Masters from Hull University (UK) via a Malaysia/UK twinning system. ■

We heard recently that ANTHONY DOWLING (1983-85) is working in Japan. He was in Kobe last year during the earthquake and stayed on to help out in the refugee centres. After a brief return to Perth to holiday with family Anthony returned to take up a position teaching English in Osaka. He is also enjoying some recreational rowing and rugby. ■

There were four Doust brothers who travelled up from Bridgetown to board at Christ Church. Not surprisingly the three younger ones were landed with the nickname "Goof", a hand-me-down from the eldest brother RICHARD (1959-64) who now manages the family Retravisision store in Manjimup and has a son (Year 8) boarding at the School. The younger "Goofs" in chronological order are JON (1961-65) a well-known comedian around town, and PAUL (1966-70) and JAMIE (1969-73) who both run family retail businesses in Bridgetown. ■

The UNFORGETTABLES are a group of retired old boys from the 1940s who meet regularly to recall old times. Those swapping unforgettable stories over lunch at Matilda Bay Restaurant recently were BOB ANDERSON (1939-46), LEW LANE (1942-44), IAN MACPHERSON (1942-45), JOHN NORTH (1941-45), PETER "Butch" PORTER (1942-43) and BOB WALKER (1939-44). Long may they continue to reminisce in style. ■

After leaving School DAVID BARNARD (1987-88) completed a Science degree in Environmental Studies at Murdoch University. Early last year David embarked on a comprehensive world trip. He spent the first four months touring Canada, the US and the Bahamas before moving on to the UK and a brief look at Paris. However, David had long held a desire to visit South Africa, the home of his ancestors (his grandmother was born in Johannesburg in 1913 and his parents had gone to college there). By July 1995 he had moved on to South Africa and we have since heard that in the past six months he has travelled the

length and breadth of the Republic and has now decided to take up temporary residence in Newlands, Cape Province. He has some wonderful stories to tell, a highlight of his trip being an invitation to join an elite game safari with ten of South Africa's top businessmen. ■

A number of old boys travelled huge distances to attend reunions last year. TASMAN McMANIS (1966-70) from Sydney and ROBERT SHAND (1966-70) and KEN SMITHSON (1965-70) from Melbourne took time off work to be with their peers at the 25 Year Reunion lunch for the Class of '70. TIM PRICE (1969-75) came from Melbourne to attend the 20 Year Reunion for the Class of '75, as did BRETT MORGAN (1984-85), though he came for the 10 Year Reunion for the Class of '85. MATTHEW MACFARLANE (1979-85) however 'takes the cake' - he travelled half way across the world from Switzerland to catch up with his schoolmates from the Class of '85. ■

When MICHAEL KIRKMAN (1959-70) left CCGS life as a 'starship trooper' had far greater appeal than tertiary studies. Accordingly the dippy hippy trail led to London in 1975 and he's been there ever since. Now married and with a reasonably high work ethic, he runs his own very successful business exporting music to the world. He's come a long way since he was in Grade 1 at CCGS in 1959 yet he says it only seems like yesterday that he was being chased around the oval by BRUCE TREGONNING (1959-71) for fudging at marbles! ■

We have just heard that JIM DOLLIMORE (1951-56) accepted an overseas posting late last year as the Australian Ambassador to Syria. For many years before that Jim was spokesman for the Department of Foreign Affairs in Canberra. ■

After having graduated from RMC Duntroon as a Lieutenant in June 1992 DAVID MADDAMS (1983-87) completed brief stints with the Armoured Corps and the 2nd Cavalry Regiment before being posted to the Pilbara Regiment based in Karratha. Whilst in a 'mock battle' he discovered that the enemy troop commander was TOM DONALDSON (1985-90) and one of the umpires was the current O C Cadets Major Bob Peterson. Recently David was posted as a platoon commander to 2RAR in Townsville. In 1968 David's father Captain JOHN MADDAMS (1954-59) fought in Vietnam with the same regiment. ■

Coming Events 1996

- 18 May QUADS ATHLETICS 12 noon Scotch College
24 May OBA CLASS OF '86 - 10 YEAR REUNION
25 May PSA INTERS ATHLETICS
12 noon Perry Lakes
- 30 May -
3 June MID TERM BREAK
4 - 7 June ANNIVERSARY ART AWARDS EXHIBITION
9 June PSA BYE
22 June CRICKET TOUR TO UK departs
24 June OBA LONDON REUNION
29 June REUNION ISLAND EXCHANGE visit
5 July A SPECIAL OCCASION -
THE TWO PORTRAITS DINNER -
Burswood Resort Ballroom 7.30 pm
- 13 July PREP SCHOOL SKI TRIP departs
24 July TERM 3 commences
1 Aug FOUNDER'S DAY ASSEMBLY
Chapel 8.30 am
- 4 Aug FOUNDER'S DAY FAMILY SERVICE
Chapel 7.00 pm
- 9 Aug OBA CLASS OF '66 - 30 YEAR REUNION
7 - 10 Aug Drama "MAN OF LA MANCHA"
The Playhouse 8 pm
- 16 Aug OBA CLASS OF '71 - 25 YEAR REUNION
LUNCHEON
- 18 Aug OBA v The School - WINTER SPORTS DAY
Mt Claremont
- 22-26 Aug MID TERM BREAK
31 Aug OBA BRISBANE REUNION DINNER
6 Sept OBA SYDNEY REUNION DINNER
7 Sept OBA MELBOURNE REUNION DINNER
8 Sept OBA ADELAIDE REUNION DINNER

