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CHRONICLE



An Innovating School

Never before has there been a period in human history when change has proceeded at such a pace, or when so much information is so readily accessible. Schools are challenged to equip their pupils in every possible way not only for today's world but also to deal with inevitable and rapidly accelerating change.

A faster, information-packed world not only requires individuals to have highly developed critical intellectual competence, but expects them to have balancing emotional, physical, creative and ethical capabilities.

Our young people must be helped to become life-long learners. They need to understand their connection with and obligation to society and the world at large. Rather than memorise, record and summarise, they should interpret, evaluate and integrate. As a result, academic staff have challenged themselves to review their approach to teaching.

Our boys must also be stimulated to develop other strengths through co-curricula activities such as creative arts, sport, outdoor education, cadets, community service, debating and public speaking. They must be encouraged to be contributors, to accept leadership, develop interpersonal skills and be sensitive to others.

Responding To Change

Christ Church is a community of learners. Boys, staff and parents learn from one another. To maintain the momentum we must be vigilant and innovatory. We do just that, in numerous ways.

For example, the Master Plan anticipates the School's physical needs. Significant improvements to boarding facilities are well in hand and a state-of-the-art Library Resource Centre is being planned.

The School has an excellent academic record. Last year eight students were awarded General Exhibitions, the highest number received by a Western Australian school in any one year. Innovations abound. Subject departments take a lead: extension programs in Mathematics, cross-curricular integration of Information Technology, Biotechnology initiatives, provocative lecturers in English and English Literature classes, overseas tours for Business Studies students, an enquiry focus in the Social Sciences, use of the School Archives as a teaching resource and special Languages Other Than English and English as a Second Language programs.

Beyond Curriculum

Through the Midnite Youth Theatre Company boys gain valuable experience performing with students from other schools and young professional actors. The Music Department caters for tastes from Rock to Classical music. Three hundred boys and girls from Christ Church and Methodist Ladies' College performed in the choir and orchestra at the ambitious but highly successful presentation of Handel's Messiah in May.

The School's Outdoor Education program, Cadets and Year 10 Venture teach boys about self-reliance, cooperation and leadership, whilst Community Service gives others the experience of helping those less fortunate than themselves.

The Skills Development Trust helps staff learn specialised sports coaching skills.

Policies on harassment and projects on land rights, racism and land care teach boys about respect for others and for the environment.

Speakers at the Centre for Ethics offer boys, parents and the wider community opportunities to consider a range of topics from which to determine their moral principles.

Teachers as Leaders

Extensive professional development programs and opportunities for teacher exchange and extended leave allow staff to widen pedagogic skills. Groundbreaking enterprise bargaining agreements are in place for teaching and non-teaching staff.

As an innovating school Christ Church helps young people to reach their potential and make a worthy and productive contribution to tomorrow's world.

The curriculum was standard and simple. Divinity daily, English, English History, limited Australian History, Arithmetic, later extending into Geometry, Algebra and the horrors of Trigonometry. Geography and the languages which were Latin and French. I seem to remember some Drawing, which in retrospect was very elementary draftsmanship.

Sporting activities came under the heading of compulsory fun, as I remember. There were one and a half terms of cricket, half a term of athletics and one term of football.... Tennis was limited owing to lack of courts. Quite a few years were to pass before fundraising managed to place a crew on the river.

These are amongst reflections contained in a letter sent to the School in October 1987 by old boy Dr George Gibson of South Australia. Dr Gibson attended Christ Church from 1917 to 1927 and became a well respected member of the medical profession.

On the front cover:
A candid shot of
Year 7 boys, 1997



From the Headmaster's Desk

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If we at Christ Church are to provide young people with the resources necessary to deal with the future we must not only be mindful of universal values and core educational principles, not only respect present ideals, but also project beyond current realities. In doing so, we can mould a preferred future rather than simply react to changing circumstances.

Hence our interest in thoughtful discussion of futures and, at the same time, regular reviews of our goals. The two go together. As Nietzsche said: "he who has a why to live can bear with almost any how". We try to get the "why" right so that we can best define the "how". And if our purposes are right, and the "how" is informed by them, learning can be active, enjoyable, enquiry-oriented and stimulating rather than just something to bear!

Doing things our way

Issue by issue we feature lively, futures-oriented, educational innovative programs.

We have reported on DNA electrophoresis in Year 10 biotechnology, literally at the cutting edge, using restriction enzymes as molecular scissors or scalpels to cut DNA in a predictable manner. We have pictured Year 8 boys involved in genuine historical enquiry as maritime archaeologists. We have featured instrument making as a key element in properly appreciating music. We have described hands-on leadership camps for seniors, and the introduction of peer support well before such schemes became generally accepted. We have explained how we encourage boys, parents and the wider community to engage in significant conversations on matters of ethics and the human spirit.

Innovation continues to be a feature of life and work at Christ Church. Chronicle gives point to

that. I invite you to participate in discussions about goals and programs by contacting Department Heads and teachers featured in articles, pictures and snippets of School news in this issue.

Supporting innovation

Marathon runner Steve Monaggetti once said that there is a beginning, a middle and a new beginning. How true of life in schools. And how readily could Monaggetti's observation be applied to staff and to their Parents' Association and Auxiliary supporters.

Again and again staff refuse to accept that their programs are as effective as they could be. They plan new beginnings. Again and again the Association and Auxiliary committees hack the schemes, with generosity of spirit and substantial funding - almost \$120,000 this year! We are tremendously grateful... and we are proud that our support groups take a genuinely futures-oriented approach to giving their sons the best start in life.



Jeremy Madin, Headmaster.

Jeremy Madin meets a group of 1998 Year 1 boys.



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Wagin Woolorama

Christ Church was one of more than twelve independent schools represented at the Wagin Woolorama in March.

Set up by Wendy Hillman and Andrew Baird, the Christ Church display at the Wagin Woolorama attracted much favourable attention.

Despite the hot weather the Woolorama attracted a great crowd and there were many visitors to the eye-catching Christ Church booth.

the end of each long day they appreciated the hospitality of Diana and John Pickford (parents of Richard, Year 11) at their Woodanilling property.

The Christ Church representatives enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Many old boys stopped by for a chat, along with a number of past, present and prospective parents. Much interest was shown in the School's boarding facilities by a number of country families.

Many took away School publications such as **Chronicle** and **The Events Calendar**. Of particular interest was the **Home Away from Home** brochure, published to celebrate the opening of the new Walters Boarding House.



Diana Pickford receives a framed sketch of the Preparatory School from Headmaster Jeremy Madin - a thank-you gift for accommodating Christ Church staff during the Wagin Woolorama.

At various times Jeremy Madin (Headmaster), Wendy Hillman (Assistant to the Headmaster and Archivist), Dean Bowker (Foundation Director), Andrew Baird (Assistant Director of the Foundation) and Graham Ferguson (Senior Boarding Master) were at the booth to chat with visitors and answer questions about the School. At



The best start in life

The best start in life campaign was launched in April 1997 to raise \$4 million to supplement the cost of the building projects in Stage One of the School's Master Plan.

The next major project is the Library Resource Centre.

To keep pace with the changes brought about by the information technology revolution the Centre will be future-oriented, flexible and geared to collaborative, enquiry-based learning. Services will include gateways to Internet resources, the provision of full text and image databases and document supply. There will be group meeting places, individual work spaces, reading and display areas and a resource collection for academic staff. The School aims to empower its students to take full advantage of this information-rich world and to teach them to take their place in society as life-long learners.

\$ 1 million was pledged for the best start in life campaign in 1997 but there is still a long way to go. Many more pledges are required before the Library Resource Centre can proceed.

The majority of parents are still to be asked to support the campaign. This is a time consuming process because an individual approach needs to be made to each family. Campaign staff are seeking the help of more volunteers to increase momentum.

While personal approaches continue to be made, the Headmaster is hosting small group lunches to meet parents and inform them about the School's plans. Additionally strategies are being formulated to contact old boys of the School.

Students will benefit greatly from the new Library Resource Centre so the sooner it can be built the better. Please consider the project carefully when you are asked to support the development. The target can only be achieved through the generosity of the School family.

New Members of Mitre Society

The Headmaster recently had the pleasure of welcoming four new members to the Mitre Society.

Past parents Harry and Margaret Perkins have agreed to this announcement of their request to endow the Christ Church Grammar School Old Boys' Association Perkins Family Scholarship.



Harry and Margaret Perkins on the occasion of their receiving their Mitre Society membership lapel badges from the Headmaster.

Those who have made, or are considering making, bequests to the School and would like to join the Mitre Society please contact Andrew Baird, Bequest Officer, on (08) 9442 1528 or write to him at PO Box 156, Claremont, WA, 6010. All enquiries will be treated confidentially.

Parents and members of the 1st XI and the School's touring cricket teams to the UK, gathered at the Mount Claremont Pavilion for the opening of the cabinets for the display of cricket memorabilia. The cabinets were funded by the parents of boys who played in the Christ Church Grammar School 1991 and 1995 Cricket Tours of England and the School Archives. Pictured at the function are Caillin Howard (1988-92), Michael Gillett (1987-91), Clay Bowker (1980-91) and Michael House (1991-92).





Akos Kovacs shows Archivist Wendy Hillman the restored bow of the L R Jupp Rowing VIII.

Meticulous Restoration

Akos Kovacs, former Physical Education teacher and man of many talents, is restoring the School's old rowing bows.

The bows, from the late 1950s and early 1960s were in such a bad state of deterioration as to appear irredeemable. However Akos has stripped and meticulously repaired the thin and worn shell of the L R Jupp Rowing VIII, bringing it back as near as possible to the original. He has also made a sling so that the bow can be hung for display.

Akos is now restoring the bow of the D T Walters VIII and will later work on the W J McClemons.

Donations to the Archives

DENNIS HODGES (1947-51) donated a collection of framed photographs including photographs of the 1950 1st XI Cricket team, the 1951 School Athletics, Tennis and 1st XI Hockey teams and ATC Officers and NCOs.

ELMO JUMEAUX (1952-55) donated his School cricket cap, tracksuit, cadet lanyard and two book prizes. The cap and tracksuit were featured in the first major cricket display at Mount Claremont last October.



Elmo Jumeaux presents his School cricket cap to Foundation Director Dean Bowker.

DAVID GLASSON (1941-47) donated photographs and negatives of the 1945 School Athletics team and the 1947 Swimming team.

KIM HARRISON (1962-66), who was a member of the 1966 winning PSA Hockey team, donated his 1st XI pennant. 1966 was the first year in which Christ Church won the Hockey competition. The School has won the Hockey Cup on three other occasions - 1967, 1973 and 1986.

DAVID CRAIG (1965-73) donated the souvenir history and program for the 1968 Head of the River.

WILLIAM STRANSKY (1968-75) donated his rowing singlet.

ALAN BLACKWOOD, who taught at Christ Church from 1949-83, donated a series of Mitres from 1947 to 1969, photographs of the 1st XVIII Football team 1959, 1st XI Cricket team 1965, Queenslea House boarders and staff 1962, a 1959 Speech Night Program and a School cap.

LEN BOULDEN (1926-27) donated a photograph which details the levelling of the Preparatory School Oval in 1930. His father's company won the contract to construct the oval. The development of the upper school oval was the highlight of second term. In his Headmaster's Foreword in August 1930 (Mitre, Vol IX, No.2) Canon Parry said:

This work is now so far advanced that it is possible to see what the final result will be. There will be a fine ground on a higher level and of a good size for cricket, approximately 110 yards by 100 yards, made by using the three strips of land that formerly were in the Romsey, Craigie and Girls' High School grounds. This ground will be about six feet above the level of the older ground which has been extended by the removal of the pittosporum hedge between the old ground and the Girls' High School property and when completed will have a length of 180 yards and a width of 120 yards and will run diagonally from near the corner of the old class rooms in the south-west direction to near the further drive. The clearance of various trees, much as it was regretted, was necessary, but only those trees that interfered with the grounds were removed, so there are still a good number of trees left about the school property.

MICHAEL MOORE (1937-47) donated his School blazer, two caps and a crest.



A large gathering of parents, past parents and old boys and their partners joined Jeremy Madin (Headmaster) and his wife Sally, Dean Bowker (Foundation Director), Andrew Baird (Assistant Director, Foundation) and Graham Ferguson (Senior Boarding Master) for lunch in Katanning in March. The function at the Katanning Mens' Club was organised by Peter and Chris Molinari and Pat and Chee Meng Chang - pictured here with Graham Ferguson (centre).

Michael Moore donated his School blazer, two caps and a crest to the Archives. He handed them to Headmaster Jeremy Madin at the River House Revisited luncheon in April.

This group of parents, prospective parents and old boys enjoyed a dinner at Kellerberrin in April with Headmaster Jeremy Madin, Foundation Director Dean Bowker and Assistant Director Andrew Baird. The purpose of the visit was to meet with the Christ Church community from Kellerberrin and environs and to acquaint them with the School's Master Plan and fundraising campaign. The farmers in attendance were delighted because along with the contingent from Perth came the first rains for the season!



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New Council Members



Michael Fagan.

Two Old Boys' Association (OBA) representatives on the School Council retired in 1997 - former Chairman John Saleeba (1955-60) and Denis Culley (1957-59). Their positions have been filled by OBA nominees Michael Fagan and Jon Sandford.

Michael Fagan, BJuris(Hons), LLB(Hons), attended Christ Church from 1966-72. After leaving School he became a professional musician, playing and recording with a rhythm and blues band in Melbourne and Sydney for ten years.

When it came time to consider 'life after music' Michael studied law at the University of Western Australia. After graduating he commenced work as a solicitor with Dwyer Durack and was made a partner in 1994. He is now a senior partner with law firm Clayton Utz, heading their Technology and Intellectual Property group.

Michael still enjoys playing music and recording. He also likes fly-fishing but claims no great success!

Michael has a strong family involvement with Christ Church. His brother Jamie Fagan (1963-69) and his cousin Dean Bowker (1948-55) have been members of the School staff for many years. When approached by President Robert McKemie (1963-70) to represent the OBA on School Council Michael welcomed the opportunity to return something to his old school. He serves on the Council's Finance and Education sub-committees.

Jonathan Sandford attended Christ Church from 1961-70 as a boarder and a day boy. He headed north after leaving School and, at twenty-one, became the state's youngest licensee when he took on the management of the hotel at Fitzroy Crossing. Although he was there for twelve years he travelled back and forth frequently to play

football with the Claremont Reserves.

When Jon returned to Perth he managed the Ocean Beach Hotel for six months before buying Recce's Hire and Structure Service in April 1985. This business now caters for many of the state's largest functions.

Jon still plays and coaches football and is President of the West Coast Amateur Football Club. He lists horse riding and golf amongst his many interests.

Jon and his wife Sally have two daughters and a son - Josh (1992-97) is also an old boy of the School.

Jon believes that his workplace experiences will allow him to present a different perspective on School matters. He is serving on the Buildings & Grounds and the Finance sub-committees.

Olympians

Talented all-rounder Michael Molinari has been selected as one of four students to represent Australia in the International Chemistry Olympiad in Melbourne in July. He was ranked second in the final qualifying examination. Two hundred students from fifty countries will compete in the Olympiad.

Michael is a School Prefect and Captain of McClemons Boarding House. He enjoys debating and is a keen sportsman. He has represented Christ Church in hockey, basketball, squash and swimming. He was also a member of the final training squad of twelve students to determine who would represent Australia in the Physics Olympiad.

Another of the four Australian representatives in the International Chemistry Olympiad is Jodie Lewis from Methodist Ladies' College. Jodie is the daughter of Dr Peter Lewis, Christ Church Grammar School's Dean of Studies (currently Acting Deputy Headmaster). Jodie is the first female from Western Australia to be selected in an Australian Chemistry Olympiad team since WA entered the contest approximately ten years ago.



Jon Sandford.



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Michael Molinari

1997 TEE Results

1997 was a good year for Christ Church in the TEE stakes. Eight students were awarded General Exhibitions, the highest number received in any one year. They are Tobias Locsei, Wei Yao Luo, Gareth Yeo, Kevin Ho, Luke Dunlop, Daniel Suan, Luke Chen and Justin Ng.

In addition Subject Exhibitions were awarded to Tobias Locsei for Calculus and Physics and to Luke Dunlop for Chemistry.

Twenty-seven Certificates of Distinction (awarded to students in the top 0.5% of any TEE subject) were received by Christ Church students: Tobais Locsei, Wei Yao Luo and Gareth Yeo (Applicable Mathematics): Luke Chen, Kevin Ho, Tobias Locsei, Wei Yao Luo, David Thackaberry and Gareth Yeo (Calculus): Luke Dunlop, Kevin Ho, Tobias Locsei, Wei Yao Luo, Daniel Suan, David Thackaberry and Gareth Yeo (Chemistry): Wei

YacrLuorJustin Ng and Gareth Yeo (Economics): Luke Dunlop (English): Luke Chen, Dean Chow, Tobias Locsei, Wei Yao Luo, Daniel Suan and Gareth Yeo (Physics): and Alexander Fletcher (Political and Legal Studies).

Certificates of Excellence were awarded to Alex Chen, Luke Chen, Edwin Chu, Ian Deutscher, Luke Dunlop, Kevin Ho, Timothy Hollingsworth, Tobias Locsei, Kuo-Yuan Loh, Wei Yao Luo, Justin Ng, Pradyot Saklani, Daniel Suan, Eric Tai, Justin Wong and Gareth Yeo who achieved at least ten A grades (and no grade less than B) in accredited courses in the last two years of their upper secondary education.

These students deserve our congratulations, as do the many other Christ Church boys who worked hard to reach their goals.

NATIONS TOP 1%
Six Christ Church Grammar School boys were amongst the five hundred students Australia-wide to be awarded a 1997 Australian Students Prize of \$2000 for outstanding academic achievements in the Tertiary Entrance Examinations. Tobias Locsei, Wei Yao Luo, Gareth Yeo, Daniel Suan, Luke Chen and Justin Ng received their certificates from Mr Allan Rocher, the Federal Member for Curtin.

Tobias Locsei was awarded a University of Melbourne scholarship. He will study science and engineering.



The 1997 Exhibition winners received their medals at a presentation ceremony in Winthrop Hall at the University of Western Australia: (back) Jeremy Madin (Headmaster), Wei Yao Luo, Daniel Suan, Kevin Ho, or Peter Lewis (Dean of Studies), (front) Tobias Locsei, Gareth Yeo, Luke Dunlop and Justin Ng. Luke Chen was not able to attend the ceremony.

Maths Enrichment Camp

The Methodist Ladies' College and Christ Church Grammar School Mathematics Departments held a weekend camp at Koorinal in early April. Ten Year 8 students from each school were invited.

The purpose of the camp was to provide a range of stimulating and challenging mathematical

experiences for these talented students.

Mathematical topics were discussed and studied over seven sessions conducted by teachers from both schools and a guest lecturer. A quiz and 'fun' maths activities were included in the program and time was set aside for swimming, orienteering and other outdoor pursuits.

Lecture Program

Christ Church Upper School students are provided with a sound coverage of Curriculum Council syllabi in Literature and English, but English Department staff are aware of the limitation of the syllabus and the tyranny of the timetable. To combat these restraints the Department introduced a program of Friday afternoon lectures by visiting academics and writers. The lectures are provided for students in Year 11 and 12 Literature and Year 12 English.



Simon Hunn.

Head of Department, Simon Hunn, explains that the idea is to extend, develop and challenge the boys' knowledge of texts and concepts within these disciplines and to introduce them to the lecture approach common at tertiary level.

Over the last year Year 12 Literature students have been fortunate to hear Associate Professor Chris Wortham of the University of Western Australia lecture on "Turning Turk; the Morality of Evil in Shakespeare's Othello"; they have heard Murdoch University's Dr Jenny De Reuck's perceptive insights into Joseph Conrad's novella Heart of Darkness and they have been inspired by eminent poet and critic Fay Zwicky's musings on the poetry of William Blake. Year 11 Literature students have heard Mr Mike Hughes from the Classics Department of the University of Western Australia lecture on "The Athenian Contest of Sophocles' Oedipus Rex" and listened intently to Dr Katerina Longley from Murdoch University speak on David Malouf's novel Fly Away Peter.

Kyrne Holloway, Director of Information Technology, works with a student in the Computing Centre.

Lectures in English are concept oriented rather than text centred. To this end Year 12 English students have heard Curtin University's Dr Anne McGuire's address on "Intertextuality" and Dr Carol Brands, from the same institution, talk on the intricacies of Documentary Film.

Simon says the English Department staff are most grateful for the efforts of all the visiting lecturers. He is confident that boys benefit enormously from the academic extension. The visiting lecturer program will continue well into the future.

Visiting lecturer, Mr Mike Hughes, speaks to Year 11 Literature students on The Athenian Context of Sophocles' Oedipus Rex".



IT at CCGS

Five years ago the Information Technology (IT) Working Party was formed to develop and implement an IT Strategic Plan that would guide the utilisation of IT throughout CCGS by both staff and students in the years to come. The overall focus of the plan was the use of IT as a tool to be used both within the curriculum and in the administrative and professional life of the staff.

The implementation of the Strategic Plan took two lines of attack. First there was the installation of a School wide network with every building in the school connected via optic fibre cable. At the same time a concerted effort was made to develop the IT skills of the staff so that they could use IT to supplement their professional responsibilities as well as feeling comfortable and confident in using IT as a teaching tool. IT support for teaching staff was enhanced by the creation of a new position on staff, that of the IT Mentor, to work with staff in developing their IT skills as well as assisting them in their classes.



All students and staff have access to their own area on the file servers where they can save their documents. Every student in the Senior School and all staff members also have access to email, the Internet via the School's 64K ISDN connection, the internal School Intranet, and printers. Every staff office in the School and the library is connected to the School wide network.

At the time of construction the new Walters Boarding House was fully networked in anticipation of providing the boarders with complete access to their files, email and Internet services. A total of eight kilometres of cabling and 130 data points were installed into the new building. Plans are also in place to provide similar network services for McClellans House. At present the IT Working Party is finalising plans to provide secure network access for the boarding community.



The Ipoh Cup for the School Athletic Champion was presented to Christ Church School in 1919 by Mr Jack Jennings, Editor and Proprietor of the *Times of Malaya*, on behalf of his sons Eric and Harold Jennings. At the time the two small boys were boarding at the School. The Cup, which is presented each year to the Open Athletic Champion, is now known as the Jennings Cup.

Year 9 boys Jim Mussared and Grant King with the Jennings Cup. They learned of the history of the Cup during a lesson on School Archives.

Let the Records Speak

The Archives project began in 1992. As the work took shape staff, students, parents and old boys became increasingly aware of the value and diversity of the records. Since then Admission Registers, minutes of meetings, cups and trophies, photographs, School magazines, press clippings, letters and speeches, honour boards, memorial plaques and oral histories have enhanced the identity and tradition of Christ Church whilst historical displays have become a feature of School life.

By 1994 Archivist Wendy Hillman was working with staff from the Social Science Department to determine ways in which the School's collection could be used as a curriculum resource.

Now all Year 8 boys learn about the history of Christ Church. They are taken on an historical tour of the School and enjoy a hands-on study of items of memorabilia. They are taught about preservation, conservation and the importance of keeping records. Each student is required to prepare a research assignment on a subject of his choice. Popular topics include headmasters, School discipline, the history of the School crest and the history of a particular report or building.

Some boys research Mitres for details of their relatives who attended Christ Church.

At all times students are encouraged to explain why things happened. This is very different from simply recording that something did happen. The questions that historians ask are shaped in part by what the records say.

Therefore students are taught how to ask questions of particular records so that they can learn and understand more about specific incidents and events. They are also encouraged to refer to as many sources as possible.

Boys in other years have access to archival information relevant to their courses of study.

The Christ Church website went on-line in October 1996. Since then boys have been able to access a brief history of the School. The aim is to develop this area by linking it to the best examples of boys' archives research. This is accessible through the Student Precinct.

Teachers in a number of independent schools in Western Australia and the eastern states have sought details about the course. Archivists at the State Library have requested a copy of the course outline so that they may incorporate ideas and strategies in the work they set for groups of school children who visit the Battye Library.

Year 8 students Lome Mills and Roland Pain check through archival records for their research.

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Testimonials

For many years each Year 12 boy received a Christ Church Grammar School Certificate on leaving School. It gave his Year 11 and 12 Secondary Education Authority grades, described his participation in cultural, pastoral and sporting activities, listed responsibilities held during the past two years of schooling and celebrated formal achievements and awards gained during his five years of Senior School life.

In 1997 it was decided to provide a more substantial statement. Now every boy completing Year 12 receives a School Testimonial.

The Testimonial contains all the details provided in the former School Certificate in enhanced form. Each boy's teachers, coaches and activity leaders provide information and commentary to help his Tutor, Head of House and the Headmaster to prepare the reference. Presented in an attractive folder the testimonial comprises a Statement of Academic Record for Years 11 and 12, Participation in Activities, Responsibilities held, Awards and Achievements and Personal Character Reference.

The Testimonial expresses esteem for the boy and recognises his contribution to the School community. It may be used as an open reference when seeking educational, training and employment opportunities beyond School walls or be kept as a memento of a happy and productive School career.

On the Cutting Edge

There is a diverse and interesting Senior School LOTE team (Languages Other Than English) at Christ Church. The office is a hub of activity. In one week, for example, there were two visiting

teachers, one from Albany and the other from the UK, both keen to learn from the Department's teaching programs and methodology. Western Australian LOTE programs are highly regarded worldwide and the Christ Church Department is a leader in using up-to-date texts and programs.

This year Gigi Thiele, Head of Department, is also the LOTE program officer for AISWA (Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia). This arrangement is possible due to the flexibility of the LOTE team. Teachers could see the benefits to the School of having immediate access to the AISWA network and of other colleagues having Gigi's LOTE expertise. Gigi recently attended an international conference in Melbourne on computer assisted language learning (CALL), her attendance jointly funded by AISWA and a Christ Church Parents' Association grant.

Back in the fold this year is Mike Armstrong, Head of Japanese, who has been broadening his teaching horizons in Brunei. Mike is currently coordinating the return trip for Christ Church students to our Japanese brother school - Hotoku Gakuen - in the Term 3 holidays. The invitation to travel is not limited to Japanese language students, but has been extended to boys studying Social Science.

An integral member of the LOTE team is Paul Draper, boules champion extraordinaire! Paul's expertise in French language is to be envied. He also heads Queenslea House, Tennis and Soccer - a multi-talented multi-linguist!

The Department welcomed two new teachers this year. Kiroki Asano (known affectionately and more easily as Hero!) is here for one year. He runs individual conversation classes. He also works collaboratively with St Hilda's staff developing support materials for implementing the new upper school syllabus.

Claire Leong brings vitality, youth and even more enthusiasm to the LOTE Department. Claire is an active member of LOTE professional associations. She is President of the French Teachers Association of Western Australia and Vice President of the WA-La Reunion exchange (Gigi Thiele is President). Claire is leading the tour to La Reunion this year and is taking with her from Christ Church a group of talented Year 11 French students.

LOTE Week celebrations will be held later in the year. The focus is on different languages. Staff and students will have the opportunity to taste foods from various nations and participate in quizzes, while parents are invited to LOTE lessons and Year 9 and 10 students will sit the National Australia Bank Language Exams.

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Year 11 students Paul Tilbrook and David Solomon, both of Hill House, have been selected for the West Australian Debating Team. They will travel to Darwin in July for the National Debating Championships. Teacher-in-Charge of Debating, Sheryl Gardner, is delighted that two Christ Church boys comprise half the WA team.

The LOTE team (l-r): Kiroki Asano, Paul Draper, Gigi Thiele, Claire Leong and Michael Armstrong.



The Department is engaged in several other projects, the development of the LOTE Curriculum Framework in particular. Gigi was a member of the LOTE Learning Area Committee which wrote the statement and she is now working to produce teacher support materials. The Department is investigating another exchange, exploring the possibility of Christ Church students visiting a school in Nice in April 1999. Language students enjoy the challenge of mixing with other schools for exams, social outings and emailing in a LOTE to a different country. The expansion of choice of LOTE within the Senior School is one of the Department's main aims.

Teaching in Brunei

Michael Armstrong, Head of Japanese, has returned to Christ Church after combining long service leave and leave of absence to complete a two year appointment to teach English in Brunei.

Michael taught at the SMPAP Haja Masna Girls' School where he was the Head of Form 1



(equivalent to Year 8 except that the students are aged from thirteen to nineteen years). He readily adjusted to the different teaching routine. At Islamic government schools lessons start at 7.30 am and finish at 12.30 pm. In the afternoons the students attend religious school.

Pedagogically Michael benefited from his experience. He found his Principal to be a forward-thinking woman who welcomed challenge and was keen to test new ideas. She was particularly interested in learning styles and Michael was able to attend a number of in-service courses about different teaching methods.

Although Malay is the language of Brunei, all teaching is in English. This is difficult for some children. Michael introduced a new course for 'repeaters' - girls who had failed their primary certificate of education examinations for two

consecutive years because of language problems, absenteeism or lack of ability or endeavour.

Before going to Brunei Michael was Head of Japanese at Christ Church for nine years. He came to the School from a similar position at Geelong Grammar where he taught for four years and before that he taught English in Japan for four years.

At Christ Church all Year 8 boys learn either French or Japanese and currently there are five Year 8 French classes and two Year 8 Japanese classes. The studying of a language is optional from Year 9 onwards.

Some years ago Michael played a key role in initiating the exchange program between Christ Church and Hotoku Gakuen High School near Kobe in the Hyogo Prefecture, Western Australia's sister state in Japan. Now he is planning for a group of Japanese language students to visit Japan in September. In the meantime two Japanese students are attending Christ Church, one on a four month exchange and the other for twelve months, and arrangements are in hand for a Year 10 student from Christ Church to go on exchange to Japan.

New Members of Staff



Emma Clement
Senior School
Drama & Media



James Francis-Hayes
Senior School
Mathematics



Preparatory School



Claire Leong
Senior School
LOTE



Deborah Mathwin
Koorringal Outdoor Education Centre
Assistant Director

Michael Armstrong's class at the SMPAP Haja Masna Girls' School, Brunei.

Professional Development

Dr Simon Clarke, Staff Development Officer and teacher of Social Science, comments on: *Grappling with the Postmodern: Staff Professional Development in 1997.*

It has long been recognised by both staff and management at Christ Church that professional development is inextricably linked to school Improvement. This recognition is, in itself, a crucial one for promoting teachers' learning at the School. Nevertheless, perhaps a greater challenge than acknowledging the importance of professional development is to ensure that the nature of the enterprise is appropriate to the contemporary environment of teachers' work. In this respect it may be contended that the waves of change are becoming rougher and higher; in other words, teachers' work is changing dramatically along with the world in which it is performed. In these circumstances, traditional notions of professional development which tend to be centred on the received wisdom of outside experts are being questioned. Instead teachers are increasingly turning towards each other for professional learning on a collegial basis.

At Christ Church this trend is rapidly emerging and can be illustrated by two events that helped to characterise the professional development scene in 1997. First was the annual staff seminar dealing with curriculum matters. The seminar was a series of workshops presented by academic departments. Teachers became Year 3, Year 8 or Year 10 pupils in each other's classes. This ensured that the occasion was not only embedded in the life and work of the School but also enabled the core area

of teaching and learning to be the focus of discussion and action.

Second, collegial professional learning has been emphasised by the introduction of teaching portfolios.

Preparing portfolios encourages teachers to think more reflectively about their teaching. Improvements in practice can be identified as well as the means of achieving them.

Furthermore, portfolios are compiled in collaboration with peers. Professional learning becomes a collegial undertaking. Already a number of impressive portfolios have been received, serving to affirm their value as effective vehicles for professional development.

Given the strong commitment to teachers' professional learning and the collegial approach, it can be said that Christ Church increasingly perceives itself as a learning rather than a teaching institution. The School is embracing contemporary notions of professional learning appropriate to the rapidly changing context of education.

Industrial Relations and Innovation

Since the introduction of enterprise bargaining principles in Western Australia, the School has embraced the new industrial relations arrangements with confidence and success.

Christ Church was amongst the first schools in the State to have a single enterprise bargaining agreement for its teaching staff. This was registered with the Western Australian Industrial Commission in January 1995. Furthermore, the

agreement was unique at the time because it applied for the relatively long duration of over two years. A second enterprise bargaining agreement for teaching staff, with a three year term, was registered in April 1997.

Enterprise bargaining has not been confined to the teaching staff. Christ Church was the first independent school in the country to register an enterprise bargaining agreement applying to the entire non-teaching staff.

This commitment to enterprise bargaining is underpinned by the general belief that single enterprise bargaining agreements strengthen the School's operational discretion.

In so doing, they create the opportunity for the School to re-examine the nature of the work that is undertaken, the way it is organised, and the

means of doing it better. It is also felt that the process of negotiation has the capacity to expand consultation between management and staff and promote trust between them. Indeed, genuine enterprise bargaining encourages different configurations of decision-making within the organisation and therefore represents a new educational environment. In particular, the degree of collaboration which is essential for progress towards an enterprise agreement automatically entails different relationships between the management and the staff. New roles are also required of certain individuals such as a staff negotiator and the 1 leadmaster.

Consequently, it is possible to claim that at Christ Church enterprise bargaining has been innovative because it has presented new visions of organisational possibility for the work of the entire staff. Enterprise bargaining has also created a new and challenging industrial environment to which the School has readily adapted.

Agreement

Some said: "It will never work." !

The School employs more than seventy non-teaching staff. Until recently the administrative, cleaning, grounds, laboratory, teacher aide, boarding, maintenance and nursing personnel were employed under separate awards.

This was cumbersome and not entirely equitable so towards the end of 1994 a working party was set up to investigate enterprise agreement options. A year later an enterprise bargaining negotiating committee was elected comprising three members of the non-teaching staff - Peter Dodd (Physics Laboratory Technician), Diana Schupp (Preparatory School Receptionist) and Derek Collighan (Maintenance Department).

Because of the disparity of the employee groups, and the necessity for each to have union representation, the possibility of reaching a consensus to include all non-teaching staff under one set of conditions seemed daunting. In fact some parties were of the opinion that "it would never work".

The first meeting with management to establish committee protocol took place in February 1996. From then on meetings were held once a fortnight.

In addition to employer and employee representatives the discussions involved representatives from the Miscellaneous Workers' Union (ALHMWU), the Construction, Mining, Energy, Timberyards, Sawmills and Woodworkers'

Union (CFMEU), the Australian Nursing Federation, (ANF) and the Independent Schools' Salaried Officers' Association (ISSOA).

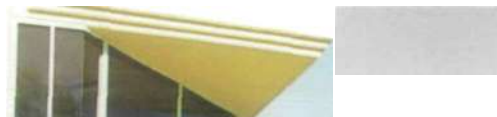
Months of negotiation followed before an agreement was reached. Instead of a multiplicity of award scales there is now a Christ Church baseline salary scale split into five levels, each containing six steps. Employees are slotted into the level appropriate to the work they do, their experience, their degree of autonomy and their level of responsibility for others. The baseline was raised by 4% in July 1996, followed by 2% steps every six months. The Agreement was for a two-and-a-half year term and a review will commence in July of this year when a new committee will be elected.

As part of the Agreement staff appraisal is to be introduced and will be incorporated with Professional Development. Gavin Baker (Deputy-Bursar) has been appointed to the position Non-Teaching Staff Professional Development Officer. He is being assisted by an elected committee comprising Sue Jensen (Biology Laboratory Assistant), Leonie Wynne (Secretary to the Executive) and Dixie Joy (Grounds Manager) in working towards formulating an appraisal procedure.

The Non-Teaching Staff Enterprise Bargaining Agreement is a ground-breaking achievement. Nothing like this has been done before and the accomplishment is a credit to the School and all parties involved in the negotiations.



Gavin Baker, Non-Teaching Staff Professional Development Officer.



Peter Dodd, Diana Schupp and Derek Collighan.



Musical Offerings



Enthusiasm for music making at Christ Church continues apace. Upward of fifty candidates competed at audition day in May for 1999 Music Scholarship-- and Bursaries. The winners will add to our already rich seam of talented musicians.

First term got off to a splendid start with well rehearsed performances of John Bates' musical score for *Midnite - The Musical*. The cast and orchestra played to packed and appreciative houses at The Playhouse.

Only two weeks later the popular annual All Groups Instrumental Night was also well supported and gave palpable evidence of many hours of productive rehearsal, especially from one new group, the Year 11 percussion ensemble coached by jazz teacher Thane Mandin. The slick performance was repeated by request at a later Assembly. Meanwhile Concert Band, Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra distinguished themselves in numerous Assembly performances and the playing of hymns seems to encourage the boys to sing these days with much more confidence and enjoyment.

combined with Christ Church old boys and some fine young Perth soloists in a tilt at this magnificent work. Conductor Roy Rimmer is to be congratulated on mounting such a large and successful presentation.

Concerto Night on 4 September, this time a combined effort, again with MLC, will be held in Hadley Hall. It will feature ten of the most gifted Year 12 soloists from both schools accompanied by various configurations of fine combined orchestral player-. This program promises to be of a high standard and includes, from Christ Church soloists, movements of a Mozart Horn Concerto (Karl Svatos), a Marcello Oboe Concerto (Nicholas Fielding), the Saint Saens Cello Concerto (Tony Ma), the Grieg Piano Concerto (Wesley Brandli) and the Bruch Violin Concerto (Matthew Kuo, Captain of Music) - a very considerable program indeed when one reflects that these talented students are still at School!

Innovation Celebrated

In January 1988 the School's Drama Department breathed new life into its policy by creating a youth theatre company to provide the boys of the School with access into the wider community and, in turn, allowing the community access to the School. This innovation, called the *Midnite Youth Theatre Company (MYTC)*, marked its birth by representing Australia in the United Kingdom for the Australian Bicentenary.

This year the MYTC celebrates its tenth anniversary. In January thirty-five members of the Company toured England with David Williamson's *Dead White Males* and Tony Nicholls' *Urbs, Urbis*. "It was fitting to tour these two Australian plays and give them their first official UK productions", says Tony Howes, Director of Drama. "The response was quite remarkable. Our first hosis, King Edward VI Grammar School (KEGS) Youth Theatre, set the standard of appreciation for the whole tour. Their director, Gordon Scammell, formerly of the Royal Shakespeare Company, was artist-in-residence at Christ Church in 1990. He will present the KEGS production of *White Socks and Stiletos* in Perth in July", Tony added.

The tour also allowed MYTC to make new contacts in the UK, for example with *Hurtwood House*, an independent school specialising in the performing arts. At the end of the tour the 1997 Captain of Drama, Chris Edmonds, began a twelve



Roy Rimmer, Director of Music, with choir and orchestra warming up for the Assembly performance of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*

At the packed Methodist Ladies' College and Christ Church performance of the *Messiah* on 8 May in the School Chapel 250 singers from Years 6-12 and an orchestra of thirty-nine players

month appointment as Trainee Director at Gresham's School in Norfolk.

The touring Company played in five centres. Its productions received critical praise from audiences and the media. In London the Company toured theatres, conducted workshops and saw some of the finest productions London has to offer. A Celebration Dinner held in Bath was attended by Western Australia's Agent General, the Hon. Clive Griffiths, and MYTC Vice-Patron, Sir Peter Gadsden, a former Lord Mayor of London. Mr Griffiths told the Company that they were excellent ambassadors for Western Australia, showing people in the UK that the State's standards in theatre were exceptionally high.

Within a week of the Company's return, rehearsals began for the revival of the show that started it all, *Midnite - The Musical*. This was performed in the Playhouse Theatre in March. Tony Howes said: "Once again John Bates' brilliant score brought the fun and lightness of Randolph Stow's classic bushranger tale to life. Richard Tulloch's adaptation makes splendid theatre and to be able to present it in a venue like the Playhouse gave our young people a memorable experience. If our original cast was exceptional - and it was - this cast was a more than worthy successor!"



The next MYTC productions will be Peter Shaffer's *Royal Hunt of the Sun* at Saint George's Cathedral in June; the KEGS tour from the UK in July, and Terry Pratchett's *Mort* at the Drama Centre in August. There will also be a production featuring the younger players of the School. Work began in April on a video drama-documentary for the Alzheimers Association, coordinated through the Volunteer Association of Western Australia.

A scene from the 1998 production of *Midnite* with Adam Carrel as Trooper O'Grady, Melvin Chen as Coach Driver, Bodi Ledwij as Judge Pepper, Ryan Dawson as Captain Midnite and Michael Geelhoed as Khat.

Blackwood Trophy

On 28 March 1998 the Christ Church 1st V Basketball team won the Blackwood trophy for the first time in the competition's eighteen year history. The 95-59 victory over Scotch College capped off a remarkably successful season.

After a slightly disappointing pre-season, which the team finished with a three-win two-loss ratio, the 1st V started the season in convincing fashion with a victory over Hale. The next game was against Wesley, a very strong team including three State representatives. However, the Christ Church defence was good and goal scoring sure, resulting in a sixteen point victory.

After wins over Guildford and Aquinas the team faced Trinity, the other unbeaten school in the competition. Following a strong start by Christ Church, in which a seventeen point lead was built, the Trinity team came storming back to be within two points with only minutes of play remaining. The Christ Church players kept their cool under pressure and pulled a four point win out of the bag.

The team's place on the PSA ladder meant that the trophy was assured. However, the next game, versus Scotch, was no formality. Our team members knew that they had to do well if they were to win the cup outright rather than share it with another school.

The Christ Church team contained all-round strength with Ben Browne (Captain), Michael Molinari (Vice Captain), Dan Strahan (Committee Man), Hayden Bartrop, Matt Porter, Andrew Prosin, Brett Ling, Sean Prosser and Matt Burston. Don Morrissy is the Teacher-in-Charge of Basketball and the team is coached by teachers Michael Ristovsky and Geoff McPherson.

Alan Blackwood, after whom the Blackwood Trophy was named, taught at Christ Church from 1949-83. He is pictured, holding the Trophy, with members of the winning Basketball team, coaches Michael Ristovsky and Geoff McPherson, and Teacher-in-Charge of Basketball, Don Morrissy.



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John Windows (left) assists Mike Hirsch to supervise lunchtime cricket on the lower oval.

Cricket Fever

There was a new vibrancy to the lower oval summer lunchtime scene when several dozen suit halls and light weight cricket bats were provided for the hoys. The practice nets were full of enthusiasts and improvised games were played over much of the available space.

This was an initiative of Michael Hirsch, the new Director of Cricket, who joined the staff at the beginning of the season as the School's first full-time cricket coach.

Mike's love of the game goes back to his boyhood days at Hale School. After leaving school he made the five hundred mile round trip each weekend from his family farm in Latham to play for Fremantle and later to coach the Fremantle and Melville teams.

In the Christ Church Preparatory School Mike now coaches Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 boys throughout the season. The number electing cricket as their summer sport has risen dramatically. They practice during Physical Education lessons and in the nets every lunchtime. During Term 1 they played three two-day games against other independent schools. Mike has received valuable support from Headmaster Geoff Matthews and teachers Wayne Sheppard and Jo-Anne Piller. He is expecting the boys' improved skills to show through over the next few years.

There is a teacher in charge of every Senior School cricket team and Mike is overall coach, ensuring that he gives each team at least one coaching session every week. In addition the boys receive weekly sessions from fast bowling coach Ron Booth. They also benefit from specialist hatting coaching one morning a week from ex-England player and current Melville Captain Paul Terry, by courtesy of the West Australian Cricket Association.

During January Mike ran a coaching course which

was open to any aspirant but was attended mainly by Christ Church enthusiasts. The program will again be available in 1999.

Mike is a great advocate of the game and not surprisingly cricket has attained a higher profile at the School under his direction. In addition to the competitive aspect of the game (there are six PSA fixtures each year) he believes it develops skills, concentration, discipline, team spirit and commitment in the boys. Whilst some may continue to play cricket as adults, most will become armchair cricketers - their enjoyment and critical acuity heightened by School experiences.

After coaching Christ Church boys for five months of the year Mike follows the sun to England where he has coached cricket at Durham School for the past twenty-one years. In England he also runs a residential coaching course as well as a picture framing enterprise and a business dealing in antique maps, specialising in those depicting Irish and Scottish genealogy.

Slazenger Cup

The Slazenger Cup is awarded annually to the champion WA tennis school. It is a round robin event.

In 1997 eight metropolitan schools battled it out over three weekends of intense competition, each school playing seven matches. Christ Church, led by Captain William Gleeson, came through to claim its fourth Slazenger Cup in the past five years.

Paul Draper, Master-in-Charge of Tennis, says it is a remarkable achievement to have won this coveted trophy in 1993, 1994, 1996 and 1997 and especially remarkable that William Gleeson's name now appears three times on the Cup.

The result was in doubt until the last rubber which Nathan Webb had to win to ensure overall victory. Until then Carine Senior High School and Christ Church were level.

The Slazenger C Team - William Gleeson (Captain), James Dunn, Nathan Webb, Tim Morgan and Matthew Bakker - later travelled to Melbourne to represent WA in a national round robin tournament.



Nathan Webb, William Gleeson (Captain), James Dunn and Tim Morgan with the Slazenger Cup.

Sailing

Ten schools participated in the recent WA Team Racing Championships with Christ Church the winner. Team members were Justin Taubman, Luke Patterson, Jackson Digney, Nick Larkins, Galium Millar and Hugh McCann.

The School took out 1st, 3rd and 4th places from a total of fifteen teams in the Secondary Schools Sailing Championships. Members of the winning A Team were Justin Taubman sailing a laser radial, Jackson Digney sailing a laser full rig and David Meehan with crew Chris Galton-Fenzi sailing a mirror. Excellent individual class results were recorded by David Meehan and Chris Galton-Fenzi with a 2nd in the Mirror Class and Matt Totterdell and David Holmes with a 3rd in the 420 class.

Christ Church will represent Western Australia at the Australian Secondary Schools Team Racing (championships in Port Lincoln in July).

As part of the lead-up training for this national event Justin Taubman, Luke Patterson, Jackson Digney, Sam Batt, Matt Totterdell and Chris



Galton-Fenzi flew to Sydney in early May to compete in the Navy Australian Team Racing Championships at Rushcutters Bay. They comprised one of the two teams to represent WA in this event. Of interest is that old boys Ben Durham (1990-94), James Kornwiebel (1991-95) and Bryn Jones (1992-96) were in the six-man Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club team.

Competing in the Navy Australian Team Racing Championship in Sydney (left yacht) Matt Totterdell and Justin Taubman, (right) Christ Galton-Fenzi and Jackson Digney.

Rowing

A restructure of rowing administration, along with great support from parents and old boys, has resulted in a heightened level of vitality in the sport

The Wine Fair held late last year, a joint effort of the Don Fraser Club and Skills Development Trust, was organised by parents Kim Clifton, Howard Shapland, Lidia Hollings and John Sanders, with administrative support from Rowing Co-Ordinator Ben Hodsdon. Three hundred people attended and \$14,000 was raised for rowing. There was a very good selection of local wines and imported beers and an auction of donated goods from local businesses. An oar, signed by former Kings Cup oarsman and Christ Church rowing coach Don Fraser, sold for \$340.

Throughout the season a Pasta Night was held before each regatta. Not only did this encourage

the boys to load up on carbohydrates but they were also motivated by an impressive array of guest speakers - John Gaard (meditation teacher), Jon Doust (humorist), Don Watts (educationalist, Curtin and Bond Universities), Mark Dawson (channel swimmer), Graham Marsh (golfer and father of Jeremy, Year 12), Nic Garrett (AIS rowing coach) and Jeremy Madin (Headmaster).

The 1st VIII came fourth and the 2nd VIII came fifth in close finishes at the Head of the River - both giving very creditable performances. The Year 10 Quad came first but the Year 10 B team, while coming first, hit a spit post and broke off two riggers. Spectator support was excellent.

Spirits were high at Presentation Night. For the first time Year 12 Don Fraser Badges were presented for service and leadership in the boat shed. Certificates recognising the effort and hard work of the rowers were also awarded.

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The Year 10 Quad won their race. Stewart Ackland, Tristan Guest, James Gatica-Evans, Campbell Patterson, Peter McGuinness and Nick Alvarez.



Year 10 boys on Venture.

Venture

All Year 10 boys take part in Venture, an eleven-day Outdoor Education program organised and supervised by Christ Church staff.

Venture provides a challenge for boys and staff, offering an adventurous expeditionary experience with a problem-solving orientation. There are links between Venture and School programs such as the Year 10 curriculum, the Years 5-9 Koorungal experience, and the pastoral ethos. Within the total framework there is scope for the growth of the identity of each group and opportunities for team building and staff development.

Venture began in 1991 when it was decided that the School would run its own camp rather than rely on an outside organisation.

The Planning Committee, comprising the Camp Director, the Director of Koorungal, the Assistant Dean of Studies and the Senior Master, offers support as the Camp Director plans and manages the overall camp program. Staff and boys also play an important part in the planning process. During the preparation phase, particularly in early Term 4, boys and staff leaders contribute to formulating group goals. Each group leader works with approximately twelve boys.

Venture planners aim to communicate closely and regularly with parents and members of the teaching staff to involve them in this important and memorable School experience integral to the Year 10 curriculum.

Teachers who are keen to take part let the Camp Director know of their interest. In making final staffing decisions the Planning Committee

considers issues like the balance of teaching experience, subject expertise and other relevant matters as, at the end of the day, it is the team of enthusiastic, capable and sensible teachers that counts, not an idealised combination of skills.

The camp area, based at Broke Inlet, covers the d'Entrecasteaux and Walpole-Nornalup National Park regions. All groups have a major expeditionary focus which may involve sailing and canoeing. Interesting and demanding locations are selected so that the groups are continually on the move and facing challenges as they work towards their goals. At the same time they learn to understand the fragility and importance of the environment.

Each group has different plans and operates independently, utilizing the resources of the natural setting and the skills of the participating leader and support staff. Emphasis is initially placed on unique initiatives aimed at bonding group members while revising their knowledge and skills of the outdoors. Teacher-boy relations are enhanced over the eleven days as they get to know one another outside the classroom setting.

Although demanding, Venture is great fun and very rewarding. A great sense of camaraderie is quickly forged when people live together over an extended period of time and share the hazards, exhilarations and chores of this kind of adventure. At the same time the boys are learning to understand the interdependent nature of a team and the value of caring, communicating, co-operating and compromising. In retrospect any discomforts are soon forgotten while the memories of achievement and comradeship last for a long time.

What's Cooking?

All Year 10 boys take part in Friday afternoon activities. This year approximately 75 boys have chosen Cadets, 106 the Development Award Scheme and the remainder have specialised in small-group activities such as the Solar Car Challenge, magazine production or music workshops.

Boys who choose the Development Award Scheme (DAS) spend approximately six weeks on each of Community Service, Introductory Skills for Outdoors (including First Aid and Cooking) and a Careers/Guest Speaker segment.

Cooking coordinator Mrs Heather Norris explains that the boys learn to cook a variety of recipes and get to taste the results. They also learn about camp

style cooking in preparation for Year 10 Venture.

Parent volunteers Gemma Bond, Kerry Zilko and Kirsten Tannenbaum and staff members Elizabeth Greenwood (Music Department), Cam Ha Sheehan (Administration), Jan Kaye (Senior Librarian) and Heather Norris take six to ten boys at a time. Classes are held in volunteers' and teachers' homes, the old canteen and the Education Support Unit. Cooking instructors select their own recipes and shop for the ingredients. Jan Kaye is planning a DAS Recipe Book which will include all the 1998 recipes.

The aspiring chefs are also taken to the Hyatt Regency or the Sheraton Perth hotels where the Human Resources Managers arrange for them to inspect the kitchens and observe how food is prepared in large quantities.



Within each group the boys are expected to work out team jobs and see them through. At the end of the course they have overcome stereotypic notions about cooking being a female activity and they have learned some general cooking skills and how to improvise in an outdoor setting.

Dwellingup Mallee

Considered one of Australia's rarest trees, the Dwellingup Mallee (*Eucalyptus graminicola*) was restricted to just one plant growing in the jarrah forest near Dwellingup.

Kines Tark scientists were called in. Using the latest tissue culture technology, they were able to propagate the species. As a result some hundreds of plants have been grown in tissue culture and in pots. The scientists have also ensured the future of

the species by cryostoring small tissue cultures in liquid nitrogen.

Mr Andrew Baker (father of Glynn, Year 9) of the Environmental Protection Authority presented a healthy specimen to the School. It is now in the good hands of Grounds Manager Dixie Joy and will be planted out when it grows a bit bigger.



Andrew Baker, Mark Morrissy and Headmaster Jeremy Madin with the Dwellingup Mallee.

As part of the Christ Church Biotechnology course in Year 10 Biology all boys are involved in using plant tissue culture to develop cloned plants. The application of cloning to maintaining the diversity of plant species and its application to a diverse range of industries is also covered in the curriculum.

Jan Kaye with 'apprentice chefs' Ben Lewis and Jackson Ladyman



Bike Week, promoting all aspects of cycling, was celebrated at Christ Church by the Friends of the Library and Archives arranging a display in the Senior School Library and a bike demonstration on the oval. Both adept riders of the unicycle. Peter Wallace watches as Hudson Joyce demonstrates his skill.

At Your Service

From the esoteric sanctum of the Information Technology (IT) Department Director Kyrne Hollo way, Mentor Peter Murray and Technical Assistant Bruce Werdchinski ensure that staff and students have access to the latest technology.

The Intranet (<http://www.ccgswa.edu.au/intranet>) is a font of information. Here you can connect to an electronic version of the School Diary and Calendar of Events, check out examination timetables and find out when buses to sporting events are scheduled. The daily Bulletin and the Blue Newsletter are available as well as House, sport and library information. There is even a connection to the TransPerth web site to find out about Perth's public transport timetables.

The IT Department promotes use of Intranet within the School for general communication between staff and students and staff and staff. Teachers can also download copies of many useful documents such as house and tutorial lists, the Staff Handbook, Professional Development information and much

more. Some assignments are being set, executed and marked via email.

Full access to the Internet and email is available. On request letters, newsletters and bulletins can now be distributed from the School direct to parents, so there is no need to worry about a boy forgetting to pass on notices to parents.

Information can be downloaded from the Internet for subject classes. The Staff Resources section contains some valuable resources for teachers. For example Science Netlinks is designed specifically for teachers, parents and librarians. It is a detailed guide to the best science resources on the Internet. In addition to reviews by a panel of science and education luminaries, Science NetLinks provides information on how teachers can use the sites to make science come alive. All subject areas are covered by similar services.

The Preparatory School Web Site is also running well under the guidance of Jamie Fagan. It contains information about classes, staff, School activities and other interesting items. Recently calendar information, a parent register and bus timetable changes have been included. It can be accessed on <http://www.prep.ccgswa.edu.au>.

Internet Awards

The National Telstra/Financial Review Internet Awards were held late last year, with twenty-three categories, each with a specific criteria.

There were nearly fifty entries in the Secondary



Schools division and Christ Church Grammar School was one of the three finalists.

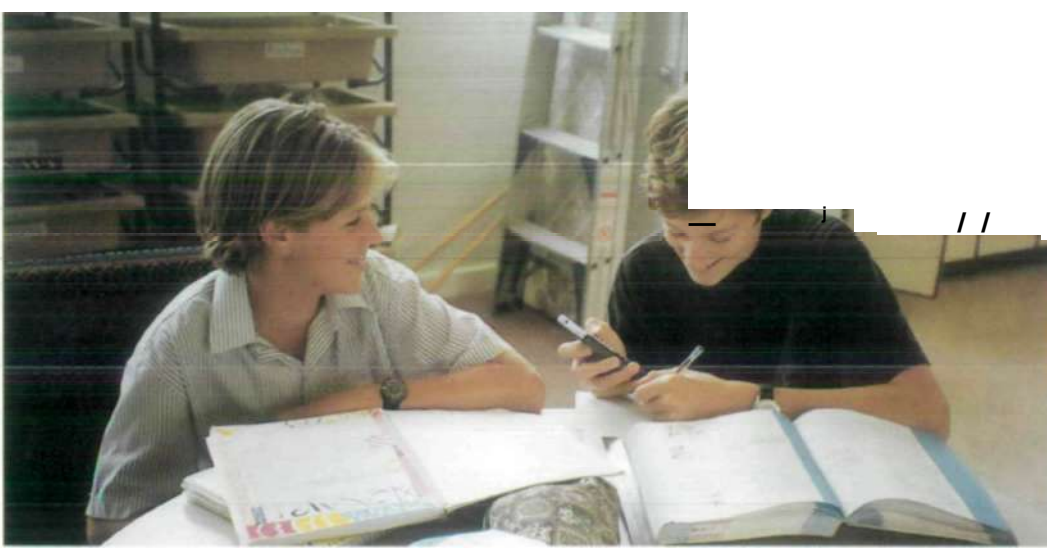
In the Primary School division there were approximately thirty entries and Christ Church made it to the finals along with three other schools.

The criteria stated that awards would be made to a site that creates new training or educational opportunities, forums or techniques or helps to overcome isolation in the field of education.

The project was co-ordinated by Peter Murray (IT Mentor) and Shane McGurk (Director of Physical Education). Shane said it was quite exciting to be nominated for the Secondary and Primary divisions as no other sites were nominated for both categories.

The Parents' Association funded the project and the Director of Dow Digital, who assisted in building the Christ Church web site, is old boy Brian Haines (1962-63).

The site may be visited on www.webawards.mfo.au.



Alexander Fisher and Grant King at work in Study Lab.

Study Lab

Study Lab came into being in Term 2 1997 in response to a perceived need for additional support in the major curriculum areas of Social Science, Science, Maths and English. Study Lab aims to:

- empower students to take responsibility for their own learning by seeking clarification of topics they have not fully understood and provide the opportunity for further practice of new academic skills until mastery is achieved.
- teach study skills
- provide a link with 'reluctant learners' and motivate these students to become active and enthusiastic participants in their own learning
- remediate specific learning difficulties
- establish a peer support network for students with low self esteem and build self confidence and rapport with teaching staff
- support subject teachers by providing a framework within which students at risk can complete sets of work and assignments.

The team approach, with Jane Ferguson providing Maths support and Lorna Matthews and Anne Ramsay concentrating on English, ESL, Social Science and Study Skills, offers a wide range of teaching styles and expertise to students who experience difficulties in any of these domains.

Boys are referred to Study Lab by tutors and subject teachers. The School counsellors, too, are actively involved. They feel that Study Lab offers useful support to students requiring individual help.

The boys themselves value the opportunity to receive help. They are proud when they feel confident enough to become more responsible for their own learning. In some cases this is a very big step. It makes a difference, helping them to gain academic and social success.

Study Lab has become an established part of the Senior School academic offering. The number of attendees has grown steadily. Study Lab is currently offered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3.30 pm to 5 pm.

People First

Seven Education Support Unit (ESU) students from Years 9, 10 and 12 are attending a six week course run by the People 1st Program (PIP) at the Family Planning Association in Northbridge.

ESU teacher Mrs Anne Ramsay explains that the course aims to support people with disabilities in the area of human relationships and sexuality. It is structured to meet individual needs.

The students attend a two-hour session each week. To gain practice in using public transport they travel to Northbridge by train, accompanied by Mrs Heather Norris.

The major themes covered in the PIP program are:

- development and enhancement of self esteem
- strategies for dealing with discrimination and bullying
- effective communication and assertiveness
- protective behaviours
- understanding different social and interpersonal relationships and the appropriateness of particular activities and behaviours in public and private contexts
- puberty - social and emotional changes
- understanding and expressing feelings.

Through discussing these topics it is hoped to develop positive attitudes and the ability to protect oneself from emotional, physical and sexual abuse and all other forms of bullying and exploitation. The program also allows the students the opportunity to discuss personal matters in a safe environment.

The link with a community agency and specialist library gives the boys access to appropriate information. To help them to develop a network of friends beyond Christ Church they are encouraged to participate in friendship groups, workshops and holiday programs. Since leaving School last year two former students have continued with individual counselling. This has been invaluable to the boys and their families.



Canon Frank Sheehan, the Hon. Kim Beazley, Mr Fred Collard and Dr Charles Lane with the visitors from East Africa.

Centre for Ethics

In March the author Louis de Bernieres charmed an audience of over 700 as he talked about the influences on his writing, with a particular focus on his best selling book *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*.

A group of East African community leaders and their legal representatives were guests at the Centre for Ethics in March. The delegation, which included a Maasai Member of Parliament and a High Court Judge, was on a month long visit to Australia. The visit was organised by Dr Charles Lane, one of the Directors of Pilotlight, a new UK based organisation working to bring together new ideas, new resources and people who are interested in supporting the homeless, landless, and all people whose basic human rights are threatened. A service was held in the Chapel to welcome them to Perth, the first stop on their journey to meet with Aboriginal communities in Australia. Mr Fred Collard, Coordinator of Australians for Reconciliation, welcomed the visitors in the Nyoongar language. The Hon. Kim Beazley, former MHR for Fremantle, read the lesson and the homily was given by The Honourable Justice M. ole Keiwua. Following the Chapel service people gathered for a meal at the Centre for Ethics.

In March, we were visited by Baroness Caroline Cox, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords and Head of Christian Solidarity International, an interdenominational human rights organisation working for victims of oppression and natural disaster. Baroness Cox has worked extensively in the Sudan, Armenia, Russia and recently at the Thai-Burmese border. Two years ago she won the Wilberforce Award.

Early in April Frank Sheehan launched Carolyn Polizzotto's splendid new book *Pomegranate Season*. This work combines personal reminiscence, detailed observation, meditation and lyrical description.



Frank Sheehan.
Photograph by courtesy of *The West Australian*.

Feeling Safe

Christ Church Grammar School has amongst its aims the provision of an environment in which each boy is personally involved, and in which he can develop as a young man of integrity, social conscience and courage.

To this end, the School strives to establish a community in which every boy feels valued and safe and where individual differences are appreciated, understood and accepted. Respect for others is expected and the community does not tolerate bullying or harassment.

Bullying is any behaviour intended to hurt, injure, threaten or frighten another person in such a way that the person feels that he cannot do anything about it.

In order to provide a safe and caring environment for everyone, there is a policy for detecting, preventing and dealing with bullying and a program for educating boys about issues related to bullying behaviour. The School expects a high standard of behaviour at all times and offers support to all students through its pastoral care system.

Copies of the School's Policy on Bullying and Harassment are readily available.

Peer Support

The House System ensures that each boy has a home base in the School (the House) and that there is at least one staff member (the Tutor) who knows what is going on in a boy's life at School, day by day. Whilst the Head of House is ultimately responsible for the welfare of his or her charges, the Tutor is especially aware of each boy's progress and is the first point of contact when a parent wishes to communicate with the School.

The Peer Support Program involves all Year 8 boys and about ninety specially trained Year 11 leaders. As an adjunct to the Pastoral Care Program it is conducted in House groups and gives senior students opportunities for self-development and leadership whilst providing a supportive environment for the younger boys.

Volunteers participate in the Leadership and Personal Development course which is part of the Year 10 Friday afternoon Development Award Scheme. Key elements of the program include building communication, self-awareness, confidence, trust, personal relationship, valuing and goal setting skills. The follow year, as Year 11 leaders, the boys pass on these skills to the Year 8 boys.



The Christ Church team - (l to r) Brad Rees, Ben Marshall, Matthew Kuo, Aravinda Selvarajah and Andrew Hutchison - won the International Solar Car competition on the Gold Coast. Photograph by courtesy of *The West Australian*.

Solar Car Challenge

Rain and wind were not enough to stop Christ Church winning the National and International Model Solar Car Challenge in Queensland last November. This was the sixth win for WA.

Christ Church, State Champion for the last two years, came second and fourth in the International Challenge in Adelaide in 1996 then came from behind to take honours in the 1997 best-of-five final on the Gold Coast.

Brad Rees, Ben Marshall, Matthew Kuo, Aravinda Selvarajah and Andrew Hutchison comprised the School team. Their solar car, named Inanimate (Carbon Rod because of its carbon-fibre construction, was anything but inanimate. The Christ Church boys were two-nil down in the final of the International Challenge when they pulled their machine into the pits for some fine tuning. Precision work gave them the upper hand and Inanimate Carbon Rod won the last three claim overall victory.

Physics teacher Peter Stansbury, together with mentor Martin Rees (father of Bradley, Year 12) and the team of five 16 year-olds prepared the car

with a long and exhaustive series of tests.

"The boys put in hundreds of hours building and testing the car on the School's specially designed track," Mr Stansbury said. "The testing is a great learning experience as there are so many variables."

Nineteen boys are involved this year and four groups will build cars. Sponsorship from John Hughes of Skipper Mitsubishi will enable the teams to test a range of motors in a wide variety of conditions. The cars are powered by solar panels and testing is done by timing the cars over the distance. The events consist of match racing car against car. As in a drag race the cars need to accelerate for almost the whole distance because if they reach top speed too early they are likely to be overtaken. Christ Church has a test bed on which a motor drives a flywheel. It is used to test motors and panels before the cars are built.

The project is part of the Western Power Solar Model Car Challenge involving fifty-three secondary schools throughout the state. The aim of the challenge is to make a vehicle that will travel the fastest around a 100 metre track in a figure eight.

The students have to use a standard sized solar panel to power the car, so much of their design efforts centre around building light-weight, yet strong, chassis. The boys also have to build wheels for their cars which they mill from special plastics. Other refinements include lowering the panel itself and installing a carbon-fibre front end. The pupils said the improvements would allow the car to travel an average twenty kilometres per hour.

Members of the 1997 winning car team agreed that the project was fun and recommend it to other boys.

Profile of Boarding

Each year approximately one hundred and sixty young men live in our home away from home as boarders in Walters and McClemans houses. They come from a wide range of backgrounds and develop a broad understanding from meeting and mixing with one another.



John Leach, Registrar.

Registrar John Leach identifies three general categories of boarders.

Historically, and very important to the School, are the country boys, those from the farms, stations and country towns. These boys have traditionally been central to the heart of the School. Their families are likely to have helped establish Christ Church as a leading boarding school in this state. The fathers of our present boys are likely to have rowed for the School, played 1st XVIII football, or competed for the Norrie Cup for shooting. Their families are still in the forefront of development in WA - as primary producers, miners, engineers,

academics, business people and professionals.

More than ever before families are becoming international. Many Australian families are relocating overseas and many families from overseas find themselves transferred to Western Australia. Many students have experienced international schools, a variety of cultures and a number of languages. Their outlook on life is the richer for this background and their maturity and self-reliance enhanced. For these boys the boarding houses provide stability - a home where they can concentrate on their secondary education while their families work with overseas oil companies, mining ventures, computing firms and businesses.

The third group is overseas students coming to Australia for the educational programs that we offer. It is a very significant step for them and a huge commitment for their families. They appreciate the cultural experience, the language immersion and the quality of the academic courses. Such links with overseas neighbours are important to Australia, the State, Christ Church and individual boys. In a tangible and practical way all our boys come to know themselves as a part of this large region with all its richness, problems and diversity.

Profiles of Boarders

New to Christ Church this year, William Baston (Year 8) joined us from Jimba Jimha station via Carnarvon and the School of the Air. He follows in the footsteps of his brothers, Nigel (1989-93) and James (1991-95), his father Martin (1955-64), uncles Kenneth (1960-67) and Neil (1961-69) and cousins Derek (1990-91) and Richard (1989-93).

Kevin O'Connor also started in 1998. Kevin has been living in South America for a number of years, first in Chile and recently in Argentina. His

father Paul is the Mine Superintendent for Minera Alumbrera, in the mountains near the border with Chile. Kevin's last school was Colegio San Patricio, a Spanish speaking campus.

A third newcomer this year is Adriel Ho (Year 11). He is one of the boys from the Raffles Institution in Singapore. His father, Peter, is the managing director of a bank and his mother, Liyen, is an academic, lecturing in English at tertiary level.

Adriel's family in a way exemplifies the ties which bind us all in the region. In 1989 Peter was posted to Sydney and Liyen took the opportunity to enrol at Macquarie University. She graduated in 1992 with a degree in English. She topped her creative writing class and from that period she produced her delightful novel *Broken Blossoms*. This book follows the trials and tribulations of three generations of women. It is set against backdrops of the cultural mores of China and Singapore, World War II and, finally, culture conflict in Australia. It is a wonderful insight into the background of our societies - another avenue to the understanding we all need in order to share our lives together. *Broken Blossoms* is available in the School Library.



Kevin O'Connor, Adriel Ho and William Baston.



Walters House was redeveloped last year and officially opened on Speech Night 1997. The splendid original 1890s two-storey limestone residence has been retained at the heart of the precinct. Spacious and well defined living, sleeping and study areas adjoin the historic home and these are linked by a magnificent foyer.

Captains from Katanning

It is remarkable that the 1998 captains of the two Christ Church boarding houses are both from Katanning.

Gareth Chang, who has boarded at Christ Church since Year 8, is Captain of Walters House and Michael Molinari, who entered the School halfway through Year 10, is Captain of McClemons.



Both boys have a rigorous academic program as well as being involved in a wide range of other activities.

Gareth plays squash and hockey and has been a member of the Christ Church swim team since Year 8. He began learning the oboe in Year 9 and is a member of the School Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Concert Band and Choir. Gareth was a Peer Support Leader in 1997. Last year he was awarded Swimming, Squash and Music Colours.

During the summer holidays Michael Molinari attended the Physics and Chemistry Olympiad Training Schools for the top twenty high school students in Australia. He has now been selected to represent Australia in the International Chemistry Olympiad. In addition he has won state and national prizes in Geography and Mathematics. Michael was a Peer Support Leader in 1997, is a

member of the Debating team and a Lance Corporal in the Cadet Unit. He is also a keen sportsman, representing the School in athletics, basketball, squash and swimming. Last year he was awarded Colours in Debating, Athletics, Hockey and Squash.

Gareth believes that 1998 is a really good year to be captain of a boarding house because of the improvements, indeed total redevelopment of Walters House facilities. Michael is interested in the plans for the McClemons House refurbishment in the latter half of this year.

The boys recall that beginning at a new school is an unnerving experience at any time, but when coupled with a change in living environment it becomes even more daunting. However, both agree that once the initial hurdles have been overcome the warm, friendly environment within the Christ Church boarding community leads to new friendships and increased opportunities and becomes an extremely rewarding experience.

Michael Molinari and Gareth Chang.

First Cousins

Siblings Christopher, Gemma, Breffeni and Douglas Black have six sons and three daughters. All the boys attend Christ Church Grammar School. Christopher Black married Gay Meadly and their son Alastair is in Year 7; Gemma Black married John Bond and their sons, Jeremy and Banjo, are in Years 12 and 2 respectively; Breffeni Black married Ian Baker and their sons, Thomas and James, are in Years 9 and 7 respectively; Douglas Black (deceased) married Stephanie Bruechle and their son Sam is in Year 9.

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First cousins, from left to right, Thomas Baker, Sam Black, Banjo Bond, James Baker, Jeremy Bond and Alastair Black.

Baskets and String Bags



Hilary Brooke with the basket she made at the Textile Fibre Forum.

Preparatory School Art Specialist Hilary Brooke has attended four TAFTA (The Australian Forum for Textile Arts) workshops with sponsorship from the School.

This year's Textile Fibre Forum week was held at Frencham School in Mittagong, New South Wales. About three hundred people enrolled and each could choose to attend one of about fifteen courses. Hilary chose Aboriginal Fibre Craft taught by three women from the Maningrida Community in Arnhem land. Works from the Maningrida Anisis' Cooperative are often exhibited in Aboriginal

galleries. It is highly prized and sells readily.

The teachers, who spoke little English, brought with them central shoots from the Pandanus palm. The class learned, mainly by watching and helping one another, how to extract the fibre, how to dye it and how to weave it to make baskets or roll it to make string bags.

Hilary is keen to investigate how the techniques could be used with local fibres. She is also looking to apply the methods in her art classes and link the tradition to Preparatory School Aboriginal studies.

Fathers and Sons Camp

Mention of a camp at Christ Church turns thoughts to adventures at Kooringal, yet students can experience similar challenges right on their doorstep in Claremont.

For the past five years Year 4 students have tasted the wonders of camp lite for a night and a day at the Mt Claremont playing fields. The pavilion becomes a makeshift dormitory, activity centre and dining room while the ovals, bush, nearby City Beach and other local features are explored.



Michael Daddi.

This venture is the Year 4 Fathers and Sons Camp where dads are able to spend time with their boys and join in their social activities.

Year 4 teacher Michael Daddi reports that this year's camp began the moment the school day ended. No time was lost having boys' gear transported to Mt Claremont. Within minutes of arrival a Fathers vs Sons tee-ball match was under way.

The boys showered while their dads prepared the

evening meal. Competition was strong in the evening's tabloid games and the bins were asleep soon after lights-out.

Early next morning the campers went for a jog through nearby bushland. After breakfast some fathers departed for work while the rest set off to City Beach for sand sculpting and beach cricket. Before long the foreshore was festooned with animals, castles and boys buried in sand. Their creations were viewed by a large and curious sea lion slowly swimming by!

A visit to the Hall of Fame and Sports Museum at the Challenge Stadium was next. Here the boys and fathers completed a questionnaire about famous Western Australian sports people. After lunch, again prepared by the dads, the group returned to the Stadium for their last activity. A member of the 1997 World Swimming Championships Organisation Committee explained the logistics of staging this major event.



Year 4 fathers and sons building sandcastles at City Beach.

7 PARENT

Capital Grants: 1998

This year the Parents' Association and the Parents' Auxiliary have donated \$119,912 for School projects and Staff Development. This is a wonderful, and much appreciated, contribution. The funds will be distributed as follows:

NEW PROJECTS

- Art: drinking fountain/conversation precincts art project
- Chapel: mechanical and musical improvements to the Chapel organ
- Chemistry: materials in support of the Chemistry Olympiad program
- Koorinal/Venture: Grand Raid MKIII inflatable dinghy
- Preparatory School: Ed Gym mobile gymnastics program
- Preparatory School Performing Arts: instrument making and decorating, guided by members of the Nova Ensemble
- Social Sciences: Active Citizenships tree planting project in cooperation with Men of the Trees
- Whole School and its community: pool blanket to extend the length of the swimming season.

ONGOING PROJECTS

- Parents' Association Scholarship
- Parents' Association Bursaries Fund
- STS "Leeuwtn" Bursaries Fund
- Drama and Media Video Awards
- Boarding Amenities

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Sue A'Court (Senior School Art Department) to host an artist-in-residence

- Hilary Brooke and Helen Wilson (Preparatory School Art and Music): artist-in-residence, tuned clay ocarina project
- Lloyd Haskett (Economics and Commerce): attend business studies language and culture course in Indonesia
- Tony Howes (Drama): to host playwright Tony Nicholls to work with Years 10-12 pupils for eight weeks, writing a musical play
- Ron Jensen (Sailing): investigate teams racing in sailing programs in UK secondary schools
- Shane McGurk (Physical Education/Informal urn Technology): attend International Conference on Technology and Education and conduct investigations into physical education programs and curricula
- Lorraine O'Brien (English): attend Teachers of Media Biennial Conference in Auckland
- Gigi Theile (LOTE): attend inaugural World Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) Conference in Melbourne
- Helen Wilson and Hilary Brooke (Preparatory School, Creative Arts): musician-in-residence, Mark Cain, to work with teachers and classes in construction of "Wacky Instruments".

Auxiliary Reports

At the Parents' Auxiliary Annual General Meeting President Sue Wenn reported that 1997 had been a rewarding and profitable year.

Through working together members gained a strong sense of community and a greater understanding of the School whilst making contributions to benefit the boys.

Social events such as the Morning Teas, Year 12 Parents' Evening, Headmasters' Supper and Koorinal Picnic, gave parents an opportunity to



Sue Wenn

meet and hear guest teachers speak on various aspects of School life. Events for the boys - Year 12 Father and Son Breakfast, Art Awards, Year 12 Motivational Breakfast, Year 10 and Year 11 Dances and involvement with the Valedictory Dinner - were well supported and most worthwhile.

Sue commended the Pastoral Care program which offers assistance to School families in need. She also praised the volunteers who attend to the Chapel flowers each week.

In thanking Auxiliary members and parent volunteers who gave time to the Clothing and Luncheon services, Sue announced that both businesses had returned good profits. She also thanked those who supported fundraising activities such as the Junior School Swimming Carnival, the Hot X Bun Drive, the Boarders Market, the Medieval Banquet and the making and sale of Christmas goodies. 'Christmas with Panache', held in conjunction with the MLC Ladies' Auxiliary, was a wonderfully happy way to end the year.

Christine Albert (Manager) and Caroline Watkins (Assistant Manager) show a print of the Chapel scene by Murray Gill which may be purchased from the Clothing Service.



in conjunction with the MLC Ladies' Auxiliary, \$6,000 was donated to the Perth City Mission 1997 Christmas Lunch Appeal.

Finally, in response to enquiries, Sue confirmed: "YES!! Fathers may work in the Canteen and Clothing Services ... all will be most welcome".



The Canteen Crew: Sally Woffenden (mother of Ben, Year 11), Linda Ingham (mother of Ashley, Year 11, and Stuart, Year 9), Jane Law (Manager), Lidia Hollings (mother of Ben, Year 12, and Adam, Year 9) and Bev Philippides (mother of Simon, Captain of School).

As a result of all this industry and goodwill the Auxiliary was able to pass on to the School \$80,000 towards Capital Grants. With these funds the School will purchase a Pool Blanket with associated hydraulic winding and storage gear (sunken below the pavement) as a first stage in the longer term pool heating project. The second major project will be the refurbishment and enhancement of the Chapel organ, a wonderful instrument in need of attention after twenty-five years service. Koorngal will gain a new Grand Raid MK111 Inflatable Dinghy.

As an extra the Auxiliary will finance enhancing the lighting in the Refectory - giving this well used venue even more versatility. Further, in

The Don Fraser Club

Initiated by the Old Boys' Association in 1986, the Don Fraser Club was revitalised two years ago as a combined parents and old boys support group to the Christ Church rowers. It is a natural combination as quite a few of the involved fathers are old boys of the School and former rowers.

Don Fraser is synonymous with PSA rowing. After a successful career as a King's Cup oarsman Don coached at Guildford Grammar School. When Christ Church was admitted to the PSA in 1957 Don, whose son Peter Fraser (1963-70) was enrolled at the School, was pleased to help. Over the eighteen years that he coached the 1st VIII, Christ Church won the 1 lead in the River six times and was placed on the other twelve occasions. Don has continued to maintain an interest in the activities of the Christ Church boatshed.

In addition to providing financial support for coaching and equipment, the Don Fraser Club aims to foster community among rowers' families. There has been strong support this season.

A sundowner was held in October to welcome families new to rowing and to give useful tips such as how to handle the 5.00 am starts! In November a Wine Fair was held in the Refectory in conjunction with the Skills Development Trust. It was such a delightful occasion, with everyone



With 123 boys involved, including many Years 8s eager to follow the oarstrokes of the older boys, this is the largest rowing shed for several years. The commitment made by rowers to early morning training and a heavy exercise schedule is sustained more readily when there is such an enthusiastic support group.

Don Fraser addressing the gathering at the Wine Fair.

Parents' Association Expo and Sundowner

This year the Parents' Association varied their traditional beginning-of-year Sundowner by postponing it a few weeks into Term 1 and combining it with an Expo of stalls representing some of the School's many support group activities.

sampling wines, eating scrumptious food, bidding for an array of auctioned items and stocking up their wine cellars for the Christmas season, that it may well become an annual event. Watch out for notice of the 1998 Wine Fair.

This year the Don Fraser Club has supported weekly Pasta Nights in the Refectory for the boys and organised a Head of the River dinner for all rowers and their parents. Parents, enjoying the spectacular sight of the boats streaming down the river, formed an energetic cheer squad at the Saturday morning regattas on the Canning River.



The aim was to acquaint new and current parents with the wide range of activities in which the School community engages. The Don Fraser Club, Information Technology, Friends of the Library, Cadets, Foundation and Archives were amongst those represented.

Cadet representatives W02 Simon Chan, CSM Atsuhiro Muto and CUO Peter Duzevich pictured at the Expo with parents George Booth (father of George Year 10) and Bob Winterbottom (father of Andrew Year 7).

Parents were able to enjoy the refreshments and food, meet and mingle and become acquainted with a host of information during what turned out to be a most enjoyable and informative evening.

Kim Clifton, President of the Don Fraser Club, with inaugural secretary Jill Gibson at the Don Fraser Club Sundowner.



OLD BOYS



Never a Dull Moment



Callum Weeks visited the School in February. He is pictured outside Parry House where he commenced as a boarder in 1984.

After leaving School CALLUM WEEKS (1984-89) enjoyed a GAP year in the UK and Europe before commencing studies at UWA. Four years later, with an Arts degree and a Graduate Diploma in Management, he left for Canada and the USA to spend six months mountain climbing from the High Sierras in California to the Coast Range in British Columbia, finishing with three weeks in Alaska scaling previously untouched peaks.

Moving on to the UK Callum gained a commission with the Royal Navy as a Seaman officer. For his sea time training he joined the HMS Brilliant in Mombasa to sail to the Persian Gulf for the Armilla Patrol. After a brief return to Britannia Royal Naval College to pass out and another mountaineering trip to Canada, there was more sea time with the HMS Birmingham in the north Atlantic to test weapons and prove readiness to move to the Adriatic to support NATO forces in Bosnia. Following a summer in Chamonix climbing under the auspices of the Royal Navy Callum found the chance to transfer to Military Intelligence irresistible.

After six months of Corps training Callum arrived at his new post in Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire. A month later he was selected to join the British Services Expedition 1997 in Gimmegela (7350 m) which sits in the shadow of Kanchenjunga in the North East of Nepal. This was the first British ascent and the first ascent along the west ridge of the mountain. Surviving two gear failure related falls, a broken crampon at 6000m, an avalanche at 6300m, frost nip and altitude sickness, Callum called it a day at 6500m though the team went on to succeed.

Following another sojourn to the Alps and summer

climbing in the Lakes District and the Yorkshire Dales Callum spent two months with the Green Berets in Egypt before taking leave in Australia.

Lieutenant Callum Weeks is currently serving with the Intelligence Corps in Bosnia. He is hoping to do more mountaineering in the Himalayas in 1999.

Dexter Returns

In September 1997 DEXTER LEE (1952-56) paid a short visit to Perth - his first since bidding the School farewell on Christmas Eve 1956. He returned for a longer stay in January.

Dexter spent those forty post-Christ Church years almost exclusively in Britain, graduating from St Andrew's University in Mathematics and Physics before embarking on a career in computing. In the fullness of time Dexter turned his back on computing and returned to full-time study, this time at Aston University where he gained a degree in modern languages.

Before leaving Perth Dexter took the opportunity to visit his erstwhile Headmaster, Mr Peter Moyes, and while on a tour of the campus with DEAN BOWKER (1948-55) he chatted briefly with his former PE teacher Akos Kovacs.

Dexter was also delighted to be able to reminisce with some of his contemporaries: BARRY ARMSTRONG (1951-55), JOHN BELL (1944-55), JOHN CARROLL (1949-55), ALASTAIR HOWLING (1952-56), GAVIN GLAUERT (1945-53), IRWIN LEWIS (1953-56), DAVID McNAMARA (1952-56), COLIN MOORE (1951-55), JOHN OLIVER (1948-50), DAVID TENNANT (1955-56), JIM UTTING (1953-56), PETER WANN (1950-57) and IAN WATSON (1944-54). Before visiting Perth Dexter caught up with PHILLIP MATHEWS (1951-56) in Sydney and RICHARD SIMONSEN (1943-56) in Melbourne.



Dean Bowker and Dexter Lee.

Worthy Recipient

WALTER K WITT (1957-68) was awarded the Gibb-Maitland Medal in March 1998.

The medal is only awarded in years in which a national committee judges that there is a worthy recipient. It is normally awarded to a geologist in the last years of his or her career, but in Walter's instance, age forty-five, it was judged that his contribution to geology in WA was already such that he should receive the medal.

Walter entered the field of economic geology with his University of Western Australia honours study of nickel mineralisation at Forrestania. For the next seven years he worked as an exploration geologist with Amax in WA, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. He then completed his PhD.

In 1986 he accepted an appointment as Mineral Resource Geologist with Geological Survey of Western Australia (GSWA) and moved to Kalgoorlie. He excelled in this environment mapping gold belts, running geological excursions, exploring and reporting on geological phenomena. He then unleashed his talents on a systematic study of over two hundred gold mines in the area. His period with GSWA was most productive with over fifty publications in a ten-year period.

Walter is regarded as an outstanding economic geologist and his contributions to geoscience in Western Australia have had a stimulating effect on gold exploration over the last decade. He has now left the public service to take up a position with Sons of Gwalia.



The Spice of Life

At School ANTHONY ROBINS (1971-82) particularly enjoyed biology classes. He continued this passion in the Medical Faculty at the University of Western Australia.

In third year medicine Tony joined the Australian Defence Force as an Undergraduate Medical Officer with the Royal Australian Navy.

Tony's Resident Medical officer years at Fremantle Hospital included a six month period in 1992 serving as the Medical Officer/Watch Leader for the Young Endeavour World Voyage to mark the 500th Anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. Though he travelled from Greece to the USA, visiting many countries en route, Tony felt the highlight was the start of the race off the Canary Islands on a perfect summer's afternoon, when thirty-six of the world's largest Tall Ships jostled for position on the two kilometre wide start line.

Following a six months stint in Pinjarra as part of his FRACGP training program, Tony was first posted to the RAAF at Point Cook in Victoria for training in Aviation medicine, then to the Royal Australian Naval Air Station in Nowra in NSW where he completed his unrestricted private pilot license. This was put to good use in the front of Lear Jets used in Fleet Support. Several times he found himself out at sea hanging under a Sea King helicopter while trying to get onto the deck of a pitching freighter to medivac an injured sailor.

During 1994 Tony was attached to the Australian Army for deployment as the Regimental Medical

Officer for Australian Service Contingent 4 in Somalia. He was awarded the Australian Active Service Medal and the United Nations Medal for Somalia. He says: "While the sights and experiences were many, the overall impression was of the ability of many people, from many nations, to work together for a common good." On return from Somalia Tony was posted back to WA with the RAN. He completed his FRACGP in 1995.

In 1996 Tony resigned from the Navy to combine a medical officer position at Jandakot for the Royal Flying Doctor Service with General Practice. The following March he took up his current position as Medical Director of Chevron Oil Corporation's Papua New Guinea Business Unit.

Based at the company's Ridge Hospital near Lake Kutubu in the Southern Highlands Province, Tony also supervises the staff at four remote clinics and the company clinic in Port Moresby. He is flown home to Perth every second month to recover from his twenty-four-hour-day seven-day-week on-call schedule.

At home Tony enjoys evenings out with his wine club and SCUBA diving at Rottnest. As a Major in the Army Reserve he is able to keep up his military ties and enjoys escaping to the bush in support of Army exercises.



Tony Robins.

Major Role for Old Boy

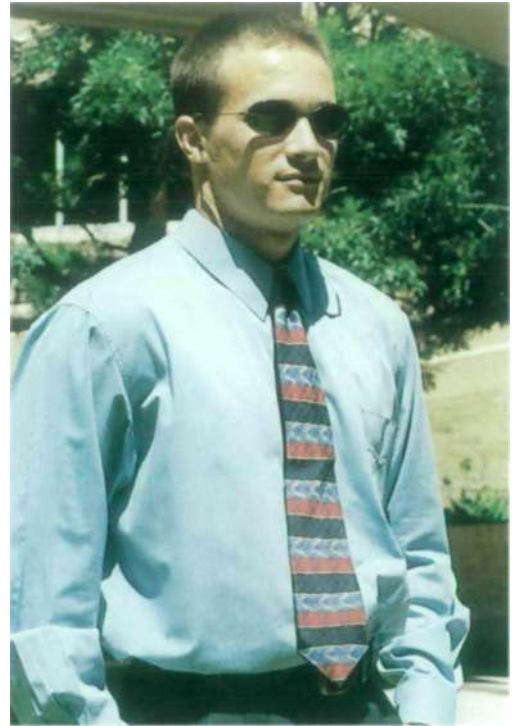
STUART HALUSZKIEWICZ (1980-91) has scored a major role in a new \$9 million children's series to be screened on Channel 10 in 1999.



Stuart Haluszkiewicz as Puck in the Midnite Youth Theatre Company's 1993 production of **A Midsummer Night's Dream** at His Majesty's Theatre.

Thunderstone is believed to be the most expensive children's series to be made in Australia. Stuart, whose stage surname is Halusz, plays Tan, the resident villain of the piece. Scoring the role was a major coup as he was chosen from hundreds of others for the part.

Stuart got his grounding in acting with the School's Midnite Youth Theatre Company. After leaving Christ Church he spent a year at the WA Academy of Perforating Arts. He has since made a number of guest appearances in television productions. Tao will be his first major television role.



Jon Bowker (t 982-93) models the new Old Boys' Association fashion silk tie. The tie was especially designed to incorporate the colours of the School crest, while the fine wavy gold lines suggest Cs for Christ Church. Neatly woven into the reverse side is a small School crest. The tie is available for \$30.00 from the Association's Honorary Secretary, Dean Bowker, at the Christ Church Grammar School Foundation Office (telephone: 9442 1527).

From All Angles

WARRICK HARRINGTON (1962-67) always loved music. At Christ Church he formed a band with ROD MURCHISON (1960-67), MALCOLM SHOLL (1963-68) and DAVID DUNN (1962-67). They called themselves The Jump and played at School socials.

When Warrick returned to the family farm at Ballidu after finishing School he formed The Niteriders, playing throughout the Central Wheatbelt from 1968-72. He then began performing solo at parties, dinners and weddings.

Warrick moved to Perth in 1988 and formed the duo Two Shay which played at hotels and dances. He also began song writing and recording. In 1989 he recorded a song with musical engineer JAMES HEWGILL (1966-73) who left Christ Church in Year 8 to take up a Music Scholarship at Guildford Grammar School. This was performed on Telethon.



Warrick Harrington.

From 1990 Warrick played with a band named Redbrick until he opened a lunch bar in 1992. The next year he recorded an album but he was not happy with the result. Through his new accountant JUSTIN ARNOLD (1975-77) he was able to get in touch with James Hewgill again.

Recording at the James Hewgill Studios began in 1996 and Warrick completed From all Angles the following year. The CD may be purchased by ringing Warrick on 9458 4974 (Mobile: 014 466071).



David Fardon (1969-73), Immediate Past President of the Old Boys' Association (OBA), presented the winners of the OBA vs the School Summer Sports Day with their trophies at Assembly. He is pictured with Nathan Webb (Tennis), Simon De San Miguel (Cricket) and Ben Browne (Basketball).

Old Boy Plays Test Cricket

STUART MacGILL (1981-88) began playing cricket in the Preparatory School under the guidance of Jamie Fagan. By the time he was in Year 11 he was playing for the School's 1st XI. Although possessing a good bowling technique he was regarded as steady rather than outstanding. His best performance was in the Darlot Cup match against Scotch College in 1988 when he took 4 for 25 off 12.5 overs.

Stuart was also a member of the 1st XI Hockey team in 1987 and 1988. He was awarded Hockey Honours. In his final year at School he was Vice Captain of Noake House, Vice Captain of Hockey and Vice Captain of Cricket.

Stuart's studies in Industrial Relations at the University of Western Australia were interrupted when he was invited to attend the Institute of Sport, Cricket Academy in Adelaide in 1990. There, taught by former Test leg spinner Peter Philpott, he topped the bowling aggregate and averages.

On returning to WA Stuart was included in the State Squad. Although selected in the WA team on five occasions, he played only one game, being twelfth man for the others.

Stuart decided to take his chances in competitive but more spinner-friendly New South Wales. He joined the Sutherland District Club. Sutherland (17th the season before) won the Premiership for the first time with Stuart taking a club record 56 wickets for the season. This led to his inclusion in the NSW State Squad for 1996-97. He came to the notice of the NSW Sheffield Shield Selectors and was chosen to play against Victoria.

During the Australian winter Stuart played club cricket in the south of England. He was fortunate to be asked by Somerset to replace the injured Mushtaq in a First Class match against the touring Pakistan A' Team. He took four wickets.

Returning to Australia for the 1997-98 season Stuart was included in the NSW team for the game against Victoria. His dream season had begun. Six wickets in a game totally dominated by batsmen was a good start and then NSW played the touring New Zealanders in a First Class Match before the Test >cnes. In the first innings of another six wicket match, Stuart took the only First Class hat trick of the Australian Season. This was quickly followed by seven wickets against Queensland and six against WA. These performances earned him a place in the First Class game for Australia 'A'

against South Africa in Brisbane.

When NSW played Victoria in Melbourne Stuart took six wickets in the second innings. This caught the Australian Selectors' notice and he was chosen for the Australian team for the final test against South Africa in Adelaide in late January.

Our first old boy Test Cricketer.

Stuart acquitted himself well, taking two wickets in the first innings and an impressive 3 for 22 in the second. He also managed to bat for an invaluable 72 minutes in the Australian First Innings before being dismissed for 10.

The Test was quickly followed by two more Shield games. In the first, old boy DANIEL MARSH (1985-90) was playing for Tasmania. The former Christ Church 1st XI team mates each took 7 wickets in an innings for their respective teams. In the match against WA, when NSW was badly beaten, Stuart carried the attack, taking 2 of the 6 wickets to fall. Selection in the Australian Team to tour India followed.

In India Stuart only played one match. He was the best of the Australian bowlers with yet another six wickets, good enough for him to head the Australian bowling averages for the tour with 6 for 24.

Stuart is now waiting to see if he will be selected in either, or both, of the next major tours. Australia 'A' goes to the UK in July and Australia will visit Pakistan for three tests in September and October.



Stuart MacGill.

Stuart MacGill spoke at a School Assembly in early February 1998. He is pictured here with the School's 1st XI.





SCOTT WEBSTER (1989-93) and GUY BOLTON (1990- 94) were selected for the Australian U21 Hockey Team to play in the World Championships in England in 1997. The Australians won and so became World Champions. Guy, with the ball, and Scott are pictured during play.



The Minchin and Fraser boys were a force in the hockey match at last year's Old Boys vs the School Winter Sports Day. Pictured are TIM MINCHIN (1982-92), DAN MINCHIN (1982-90), BEN FRASER (1988-92), MICHAEL FRASER (1992-96), Adam Fraser (Year 12 and member of the School 1st XI) and SCOTT FRASER (1985-89). All have played 1st XI Hockey for the School.

London Reunion

There will be a muster of Christ Church Old Boys at 7.30 pm at the Cross Keys Bar and Restaurant, 1 Lawrence Street, Chelsea SW3, for drinks and dinner on Thursday 30 July 1998. Partners are welcome.

For further details and to register your intent, it would be appreciated if you would contact any of the following:

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blair.keenan@flemings.com
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dp @ STATravelGroup.com

Note: It would be appreciated if parents, who redirect this copy of Chronicle to their sons in the UK, could convey the above information as a matter of urgency.



Old boys from 1920-42 at the River House Reunion.

River House Revisited

To commemorate the 'new' Walters House, officially opened on Speech Night 1997, forty-three old boys from the period 1920-42 attended a function at the Schix>l at the beginning of April. A further forty-nine old boys sent their apologies.

The visitors were taken on a tour of the boarding house. During a short Chapel service the Preparatory School Choir sang and everyone joined in for the School Hymn. MICHAEL

MOORE (1937-47) gave the reading.

Luncheon was served in the Sandover Dining Hall. Rev. DOUG DAVIES (1939-46) led Grace and PETER BOWERS (1929-40) proposed a roast to the School. After lunch the Headmaster spoke about School Council's vision for the School. At the end of the luncheon Michael Moore presented the Headmaster with his School blazer and two caps for the Schixil Archives.

The Class of '68. A very successful 30 Year Reunion was organised by ANDREW BROCKIS (1960-68), BILL CHAMBERS (1960-68) and BRUCE PAULIK (1964-68) at the Cottesloe Beach Hotel in May. Forty-six old boys attended. A number came from rural WA, DAVID KIRKMAN (1959-69) and GRAHAM MASKEILL (1963-68) travelled from Queensland and DAVID WOOD (1960-66) from Victoria for the occasion.



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Walkabout

REWI LYALL (1985-90) was one of the youngest WA candidates to stand for election to last year's (Constitutional Convention. Standing as an Independent, Rewi managed to combine two weeks of campaigning with work on his honours dissertation and exams at Murdoch University. He put himself forward because of his sincere interest in constitutional affairs and strong belief that party politics should not control the agenda. •

When Exhibitioner CARL FORSELL (1991-92) commenced studies at UWA he was only sixteen! He gained entry to Oxford University (UK) before his eighteenth birthday. As the result of his academic achievements he was awarded a University College Scholarship in December last year to enable him to further his studies. •

Meanwhile we have just heard that ROBERT HEINRICH (1979-82), who was putting his geological skills to good use with a mining company in Paraburdoo, has been transferred to a subsidiary mining project in India. When it comes to annual leave Robert, London's the go. We have an old boy contact in almost every watering hole in the CBD! •

As a prerequisite for his final years of schooling in Switzerland GEORGE MEIER (1993-94) completed his twelve months at an overseas school as a boarder at Christ Church. The experience proved to be valuable. After matriculating in Zurich, George served briefly in the Swiss army before commencing studies at an International Hotel Management School. He graduates at the end of this year. We have heard that overseas travellers DAVID ZIMMERMAN (1990-94), ANDREW CARROLL (1987-94) and PHILLIP RAMSAY (1993-94) have visited George in Switzerland. •

MATTHEW MacFARLANE's (1979-85) mentors would be impressed with his career progress. At the tender age of thirty he has recently been appointed a Vice President of Swisscom International, the Swiss version of Telstra. He is currently directing a project involving international mergers and acquisitions, as well as managing the international investment portfolio. Matthew recently visited the School's website and was very impressed. He can be contacted on: matthew.macfarlane@swisscom.com •

Another old boy who found the Christ Church homepage and has been corresponding by email is THOMAS LUKE ECTON (1982-86). Thomas attended the School during that period when his father was the US Consul in Perth. Had the family not returned to the USA Thomas would have

completed his schooling in 1988. Now living in Stevensville, in the state of Maryland, he would be keen to receive email from any of his Christ Church friends on: tie 4b@shore.inrercom.net •

In December 1993 CARL BINNING (1980-87), DAVID MADDAMS (1983-87) and PHILIP STRAPP (1986-87) graduated from RMC Duntroon as First Lieutenants in the Australian Army. After various postings around Australia Carl is now back in WA as the Intelligence Officer with 16 Battalion at Karrakatta and we believe Philip is in the Northern Territory. David, on the other hand, has returned to civilian life and was recently appointed assistant manager of The box and Hound Tavern in Armadale, owned by a nominee company of the BARBOUTIS (MARK 1981-85 and DAMON 1982-87) family. •

After three years as Chaplain at the Royal Hobart Hospital ALEXANDER SCUTT (1964-75) has moved to magpie territory in Melbourne, where he is Priest-in-Charge at the Parish of St Phillips in Collingwood. He will undoubtedly have to be quiet about his allegiance to the West I loast Eagles. In fact it may even pay him to add the Collingwood Football Club song to his musical repertoire. •

Many of our younger old boys enjoyed their experiences in cadets to the extent that they have undertaken courses in the Army Reserve. RODNEY KALEM (1990-97) completed the six week Common Induction Training course at Kapooka, NSW, and has since been posted to Singleton NSW to do a course in Infantry Training. VICTOR HOILEJnr (1992-97) also did extremely well in the CIT course. He was one of nine out of thirty applicants from WA who passed and has been posted to the 10th Light Horse Squadron at Karrakatta. NATHAN ASTBURY (1993-95) and BEN PASSMORE (1989-91) are also based at the 10th Light Horse Squadron. •

When WYSUN WONG (1985-89) did his TEE he did not make the cut-off for Medicine so he did Science at UWA. A masters degree followed and in February he completed his PhD. Yet despite eight years at university the desire to do Medicine was still strong. His hopes turned to joy in January this year when he was admitted into the Faculty of Medicine at Queensland University. No doubt the students of the Medical faculty will be somewhat confused by studying with a doctor who is studying to be a doctor!! •

After completing an Arts degree at UWA majoring in Economics and Industrial Relations, PHILIP FRENIS (1980-91) joined his older brother (PAUL (1972-83) as a Director of their two companies

Trion Food Company and Fresh Quality Foods. For the benefit of old boys in the restaurant/hospitality/retail business the Frenis brothers specialise in sauces, condiments, gourmet foods and seafood products, 9

DAVID LYNN (1969-76) and his family have gone walkabout to Sydney. David has been transferred in his employment and is now the Area Manager for Oceania for the Wilhelmsen Line shipping agents. Meanwhile his older brother ROB (1967-74) is battling to keep up with the workload at his Fremantle business, Wiltrading (WA) Pty Ltd.

TAV BATES (1993-97) checked in to the School recently, via his computer, from James Cook University in Far North Queensland where he is studying Marine Biology.

SYMON PARISH (1975-82) and his younger brother JASON (1975-84) have travelled extensively since leaving Christ Church. After completing an Engineering degree and working in the industry for a brief period Symon changed direction and competed an MBA at the University of NSW. His appointment as an Associate Portfolio Manager in Investment Services with American firm Frank Russell took him to Auckland, NZ, for two years and then on to London where he and his wife currently live. Meanwhile Jason, who finished his schooling in Tasmania, ultimately came back to Perth where he completed a Bachelor of Business at Edith Cowan University. Now married, Jason and his wife live in Santa Barbara, California, where Jason works as a forensic accountant, while his wife completes a Ph.D at the University of California. He reports having caught up recently with CHRIS TAN (1978-82) and his wife, who live in San Jose. •

After spending two years as Computer Editor at The West Australian NATHAN COCHRANE (1983-84) has moved to Melbourne to take up a position as a journalist with The Age. Meanwhile DAN MINCHIN (1982-90), who graduated from UWA with an Arts degree in 1993, has joined the staff at The West Australian. He covers many of the property transactions taking place in and around Perth and reports regularly in the Wednesday and Saturday editions of the paper.

Now married with three children, former gymnast MICHAEL HERMAN (1970-76) is living in Japan where he is studying the art of Acupuncture. For those who may appreciate catching up with Michael he can be emailed on herman@sak.eiyo.ac.jp

Soon after CHRIS BOWERS (1986-87) and his wife called in to the School to catch up on the boarding redevelopments, we had a visit from NIGEL HOUSE (1984-87) and his wife. Chris

came to Christ Church from Groote Eylandt in the Northern Territory. He is now in Melbourne, having worked for some time with BHP. Nigel hails from Kojonup and was delighted to see the improvements to his old boarding house (Walters). Now living just out of Sydney, Nigel is in the final stages of a degree at Macquarie University. •

We have just heard that ROBERT JENNINGS (1986-88) is an award winning 1997 graduate from the Curtin School of Architecture. Robert and his younger brother JAMES (1986-90), who attended UWA, were boarders at Christ Church during that period when their father worked for the Australian Trade Commission overseas. I

All young old boys entering the workforce dream of the day when they will be earning 'big bikkies'. To enhance his chances HEATH PETERSON (1987-92) has taken up a position as Territory-Manager with Arnotts! I

When PETER M HILL (1950-62) visited the School late last year he presented a copy of his book *The Macedonians in Australia* to Senior Librarian Jane Kaye. Peter, an linguistic expert in Slavic languages, gained his Masters degree from the University of Melbourne in 1970 and his Doctorate from the University of Hamburg 1972. He is currently a Professor at the University of Hamburg in Germany. S

CHRISTOPHER LEWIS (1984-86) played his 200th AFL game, against Fremantle, on 12 April and it is a compliment to his talent that the pundits are debating whether he has yet fulfilled his potential! Chris has achieved a club champion award, All-Australian selection, 243 goals, 20 finals, three grand finals, two premierships and five state of origin games. He is only the second Aboriginal to have played 200 AFL games - a milestone which testifies to his ability and durability. His capacity to work through adversity, both on and off the field, has won him respect - as a footballer, as a teammate and as a man. s«

Fellow Eagle RYAN TURNBULL (1981-88) is half way there. On 18 April Ryan played his 100th AFL game in the clash against Sydney under lights at the WACA ground. He played in all of the club's twenty-four matches last season, chiefly as a ruckman. He has now been moved to a defensive role - a tribute to his versatility.

ALEXANDER FLETCHER (1992-97) is one of ten students, and the first from Christ Church, to be awarded an academic scholarship from Notre Dame University. The scholarship covers the full cost of tuition. He hopes to complete a double degree in law and psychology. |



Professor Peter Hill presenting a copy of his book to Senior Librarian Jan Kaye.



Alexander Fletcher (right) at the Notre Dame Academic Merit scholarship function with his former Christ Church tutor Mr Don Morrissy and his mother Mrs Ruth Dartnell.

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COMING EVENTS

- 3 July OBA Annual Dinner RFBYC 7.30 pm
END OF TERM 2
- 10 July Preparatory School Ski Trip departs
- 11 July Senior School Ski Trip departs
- 16 July King Edward VI Grammar School's Youth Theatre visit from UK
- 19 July Staff Seminar Day
- 20 July Year 10 Parents Information Evening
- 21 July TERM 3 COMMENCES
- 30 July OBA LONDON Reunion (see page 36 for details)
- 31 July Symphonic Winds Concert MLC 7.30 pm
- 2 Aug Founder's Day Family Service, Chapel 9.30 am
- 13 Aug Parents' Association: Headmaster's Supper, Refectory 7.30 pm
- 14 Aug OBA 25th Anniversary Luncheon for the Class of '73
- 21-25 Aug MID TERM BREAK
- 25-27 Aug CCGS at Dowerin Field Day
- 4 Sept MLC-CCGS Concerto Night Concert, Hadley Hall 7.30 pm
- 5 Sept Headmaster's visit to Carnarvon
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- 15 Sept Trial TEE commences
- 18 Sept Trip to Hotoku Gakuen School in Japan commences
- 21 Sept Paris-Perth French exchange (CCGS/Santa Maria) commences
- 23 Sept Senior School House Arts Day
- 25 Sept END OF TERM 3
- 26 Sept Annual Cadet Camp, Bindoon
- 1 Oct OBA Adelaide Reunion
- 2 Oct OBA Melbourne Reunion
- 3 Oct OBA Sydney Reunion
- 4 Oct OBA Brisbane Reunion
- 14 Oct TERM 4 COMMENCES

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