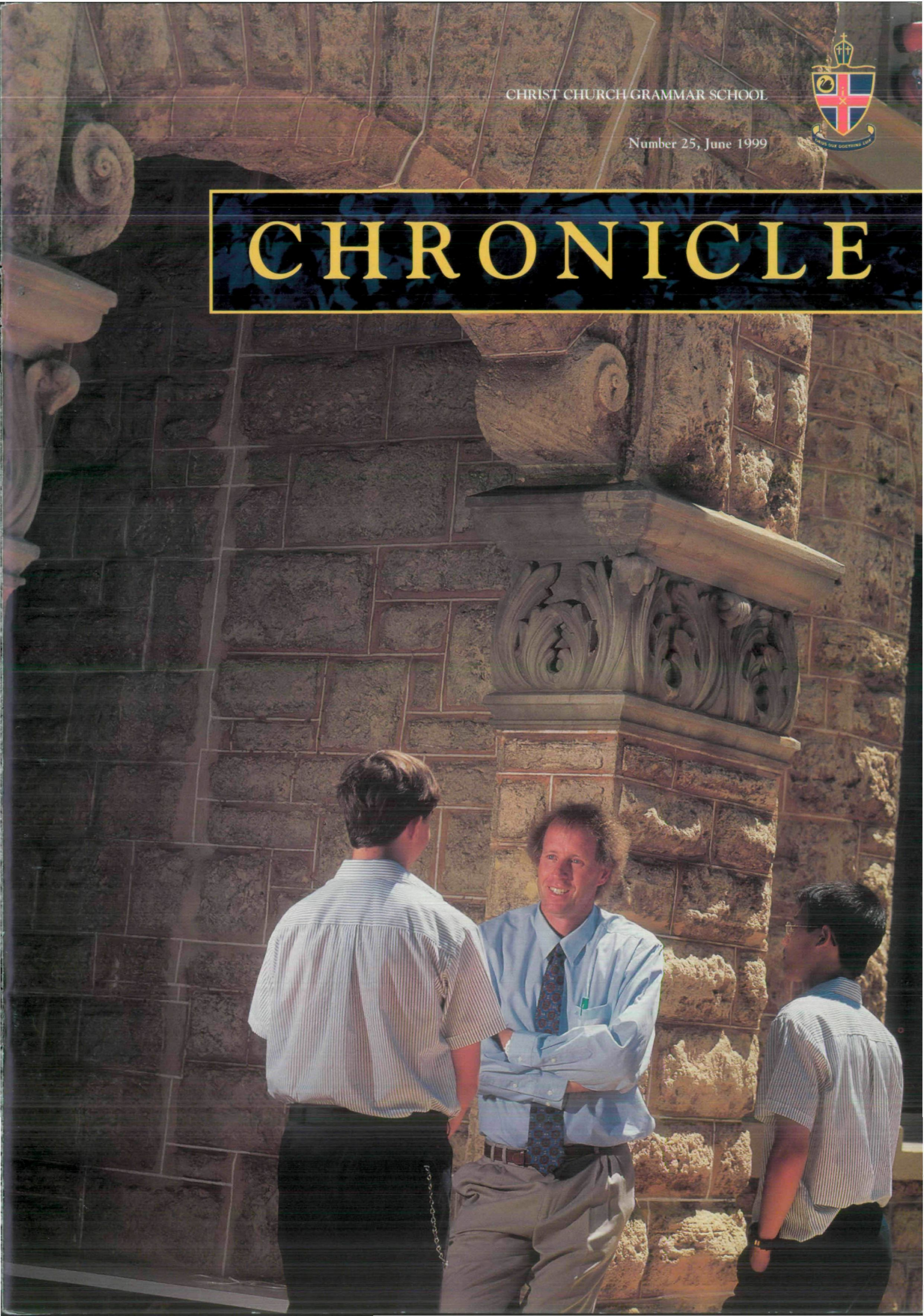


CHRIST CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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# CHRONICLE



# Opportunities

**It is not true that 'opportunity only knocks once'. At Christ Church it knocks all the time, in myriad ways.**

*Each day there are opportunities within the academic, co-curricular and personal development programs for boys to discover, explore and test themselves against. There are abundant rewards for those prepared to step beyond their own comfort zones, to be extended, to be challenged to try something harder or something new.*

The academic program offers more than a good coverage of the curriculum. Imagination, curiosity, endeavour and a spirit of adventure can lead pupils into exciting territories, extending them intellectually and enhancing their self-confidence. Some may go on to win selection for an Australian Olympiad team, a science forum, a national mathematics competition. Others may set more modest goals. There may be public accolades for some but there is satisfaction for all who take up an opportunity and give their best effort.

All Christ Church boys are encouraged to participate in a diverse range of co-curricular activities. They may debate; join cadets; be a barrister, witness or defendant in a mock trial; or join one of the School's orchestras. Others may take on drama, chess, photography, art, archives or the production of the School year book and student magazines.

Leadership courses, community service in numerous forms and outdoor activities offer opportunities for self-development. So, too, do the opportunities to form friendships, develop team spirit, contribute to the well being of others and learn how to care for the environment.

Sport is high on the Christ Church agenda. Cricket, football, hockey, tennis, swimming, basketball and rowing are always popular. Increasingly, so too are sailing, cross country, golf, rugby and soccer.

Some boys may look to broaden their understanding of the world through a Business Studies Course, a trip to France, a music tour or an interstate sporting contest.

The Macquarie Dictionary defines 'opportunity' as "an appropriate or favourable time or occasion". School days provide a favourable time and occasion. In the relative safety of a supportive environment boys may explore their strengths and weaknesses, test their options, experiment to find what they enjoy and hone their skills before setting forth into the wider world.

There will be those with a high profile and those with a less public face. However, the boy who is an acrobatic genius on the Koorringal ropes course is not the only star: the boy who overcomes his fear and inches across triumphs as well.

*And that is what it is really all about - having a go. It is the School's responsibility to provide opportunities, it is each boy's responsibility to take them up.*

For teaching staff as well there is plenty of scope for professional development and personal fulfilment. The School has created generous avenues for promotion and liberal grants for staff to attend seminars and conferences. Teacher exchange is encouraged. There are challenges in the classroom every day with opportunities to whet students' enthusiasm, arouse curiosity, spur those with promise and help those with difficulties. One teacher may be thrilled to have the opportunity to coach the winning PSA Basketball team while another may derive enormous satisfaction from getting to know the boys in a developmental skills group. Then there is the satisfaction of creating special opportunities to enable the boys to flourish - an outdoor adventure, the solar car challenge, an orchestral concert, a group art work, projects to raise funds for worthy causes, a inspirational speaker sponsored by the Centre for Ethics. There is no shortage of opportunity at Christ Church.

On the front cover:  
Housemaster Neil Sagers  
chats with Nathanael  
Reinertsen (Year 10) and Felix  
Yakub (Year 11) outside  
McClemans House



# From the Headmaster's Desk

## **One of the best things about living and working at Christ Church Grammar School is the regularity of the unexpected.**

At Assembly last week I happened to be talking about the ascent of Everest by Hilary and Tenzing. I mentioned how exciting, indeed inspirational, the story was for me as a boy.

To my surprise, Mr Paul Draper, teacher of French and Head of Queenslea House, came up to me to tell me that Wilfrid Noyce, who accompanied Hilary and Tenzing to the South Col at 26,300 feet, was Paul's French teacher at Charterhouse. Noyce had given Paul a piece of rock brought home to England from the Col.

The next day I was privileged to handle the slaty grey rock and to turn the pages of a scrapbook full of yellowing contemporary newspaper clippings and letters from Everest base camp in Wilfrid Noyce's hand. You can imagine how quickly I found myself dreaming again the adventurous dreams of my boyhood.

### **Unsurprising surprises**

This sort of thing happens repeatedly at Christ Church. The diversity of people and programs breeds the surprising, the unexpected, the unusual.

Economics and Business Studies teachers, passionate about opening their students' eyes to the wider commercial world, regularly conduct carefully focused tours to neighbouring countries. Surprising things happen, the unplanned offers opportunities for new and valuable learning, stories enrich our shared educational experience, and remarkable coincidences bring people together in strange places.

Art staff commit time to their painting and the wider arts world, meet extraordinary artists, bring them to the School, and enrich the campus with works created by an unexpectedly vibrant chemistry between artists and our boys. Pieces like the pyramidal sculpture based on the principles of mediaeval cosmology take on a life of their own, their messages more compelling than the sum of their various creators' ideas.

*I could go on, but then two examples make the point that the unexpected happens when energetic and thoughtful people, whether teachers, parents or boys, together explore new territory and together take calculated risks. Out of the unexpected comes opportunity, again and again. All are enriched thereby.*

This edition of **Chronicle** tells some stories about opportunities and about the varied ways that our boys take advantage of them. Day by day I find myself surprised. Whether I like it or not, I am ambushed by the unexpected.



Jeremy Madin, Headmaster.



# FOUNDATION

## Vale Joe Lord

*Captain of School  
1937*

*Fellow of School  
Council 1962-90*

*Chairman of  
School Council  
1966-1983*

*A Patron on the  
Mitre Society  
1996-1999*

Christ Church Grammar School owes an immense debt to Joseph Henry Lord, MBE, who passed away on 15 January 1999. With Headmaster Peter Moyes, he presided over the period during which the School came of age.

*Joe Lord's association with the School spanned seven decades; first as schoolboy, second as old boy and finally as Fellow of School Council. He served on Council for twenty-nine years. For seventeen of those years he was Chairman.*

Joe attended Christ Church from 1929 to 1933 and from 1935 to 1937. During 1934 he worked in a grocery shop to earn enough money to complete his schooling. In his final year he was Captain of School.

Joe joined the Old Boys' Association committee while studying science at the University of Western Australia. His first term of office was 1938-40. He rejoined the committee in 1946, soon after discharge from the Royal Australian Air Force where he attained the rank of Flight Lieutenant. He began his geological career with the Geological Survey of Western Australia (GSWA). In 1953 became a Senior Geologist with the Commonwealth Bureau of Mineral Resources.

After returning to Perth in 1961 Joe was appointed Director of GSWA. In that year his son Trevor (1961-69) commenced at Christ Church and Joe



again took an active interest in the School. His enthusiasm did not go unnoticed and in 1962 he was appointed a Fellow of School Council. Less than five years later he was elected Chairman. Joe served in this role until the end of 1983. He retired from Council in 1990.

The biggest single step that Joe Lord and Peter Moyes took was the implementation of the 1967 master plan to modernise the School. The plan provided the blueprint for the Christ Church we know today. The key to the success of their ambitious building program was the Council's prudent and effective financial management.

Joe was well known in the wider Western Australian community. As Director of the Geological Survey for twenty years he oversaw the

systematic geological mapping of the whole of the State, so essential for the mineral and petroleum programs critical to the development of Western Australia. His work also ensured the provision of secure water supplies.

Joe was also well known for his devotion to rugby union as player, manager and official. He contributed to many State rugby clubs, was Vice President and State delegate to the Australian Rugby Football Union, managed a Wallabies international tour and become one of two

Australian delegates to the International Rugby Union Board. The Lord field, the home of rugby at the Christ Church Mt Claremont playing fields, is a fitting reminder of his passion for the game.

For Christ Church Joe Lord was as tower of strength. He was an incisive decision maker who liked nothing better than to get on with the business of developing the School. In his own no nonsense style this strong but unassuming man touched the lives of all who attended or worked at Christ Church between 1929 and 1999.

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## The best start in life

The best start in life fundraising campaign is moving into a more intensive phase as we get closer to raising the necessary funds to complete the Stage One projects.

The Early Learning Centre, a \$300,000 capital investment in the Preparatory School, will open at the commencement of next year. The building works are likely to begin in July.

### **Library and Information & Technology Resource Centre**

The next major project after the Early Learning Centre is the Library and Information and Technology Resource Centre. This will be a significant facility for Christ Church. The building works are likely to cost in the order of \$3 million. The Centre will provide Christ Church with the infrastructure necessary to continue to deliver a relevant and exciting academic program for our boys well into the future.

How soon can the building start?

*We will be in a position to commence the development when pledges to the campaign total \$2 million.*

Presently the total is \$1.4 million so our target certainly appears achievable. Our goal is to reach the \$2 million milestone within the next twelve months.

Please consider the project carefully when you are asked to support the development. Our target can only be achieved through the generosity of the whole School family.

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## Dinner at Gunyulgup

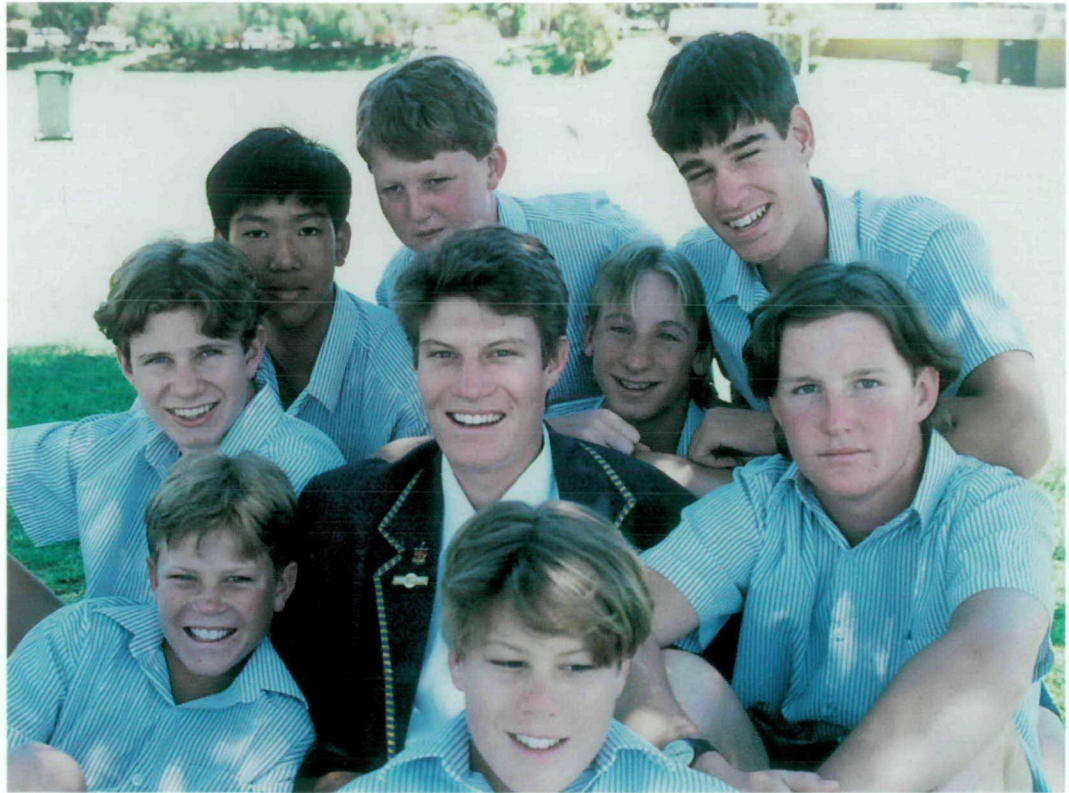
About thirty-five Christ Church parents and old boys gathered for dinner in Yallingup during the Term 1 mid-term break.

The function was co-ordinated by Lyndy and Paul Rumenos (1965-67) and hosted by Nina and Ashley Jones (1961-68) and their partner Helen Pollock at their Gunyulgup Restaurant.

This is the second function to be held in this region and once again it was very successful - so much so that it has been decided to repeat the event next year. If you live in the region or have a holiday home near by, keep the Term 1 mid-term break free.



Philip Hewton (1965-69), Rosemary and Drew Brent-White (1966-69), Simon Yeo (1982-86), Paul Leiper (1991-92) and Rob Leiper (1970-71) at the South West Dinner.



Some boarders from the South West: (back) Jeremy Chang, Matthew Webb and Russell Richardson: (middle) Callan Bleechmore, James Eyres, Richard Pickford and Marcus Hewson: (front) Christopher Eyres and Alistair Eyres.

## Wagin Woolorama

The Christ Church booth at the Wagin Woolorama attracted a lot of attention.

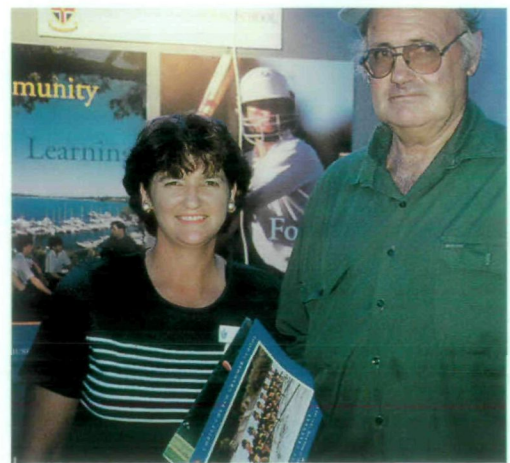
Assistant to the Headmaster and Archivist Wendy Hillman and Archivist Sarah Dobb arranged a wonderful display which included some posters of current boarders from the South West.

The Woolorama was held over two days and staff and boys were on hand to discuss the School with visitors to the booth.

Those who helped Wendy and Sarah included School Bursar Vince Evans, resident boarding staff Jenny Turner, Carol and Kyrne Holloway and Neil and Janie Saggars and some boys from the boarding houses. They all enjoyed catching up with South West parents, past parents and old boys. The hospitality of Diana and John Pickford was much appreciated.



Clive Wharton (1944-46) chats with Year 11 boarders Robert Dempster and Gareth Moir at the Wagin Woolorama.



Bill Thompson (1951-58) called at the Christ Church booth at the Wagin Woolorama. It was his first contact with the School for many years. He is pictured with Walters Housemother Jenny Turner.

# Memories

The photograph of Bernard Wheeler, Scout Master and teacher at Christ Church from 1922-30, featured in the last edition of **Chronicle** triggered the memories of Gordon Crimp (1931-36).

Mr Crimp wrote from Albany to Archivist Wendy Hillman: "I well remember attending Scouts in the early 30s ... Scouts meetings were held in the evenings (Fridays?) ... The highlight of my time there was a camping trip one long weekend - in those days via train to Boya, Darlington, Glen Forrest and finally Mundaring where we disembarked and made our way to the Weir where we set up tents on the south side below the weir. I can well remember it raining most of the time! For the time we were there we were required in the morning to take a swim in the pools below the weir."

Mr Crimp was a School Prefect in 1936. He celebrated his 80th birthday on 5 April 1999.



# Boxing Shield

Akos Kovacs, former Christ Church Physical Education teacher, recently restored the Challenge Boxing Shield. He presented it to Archivist Wendy Hillman in April. The shield was first awarded in 1933. In that year Romsey and School House tied for the trophy. The last House to win the shield was Queenslea in 1947-48.

Earlier in the year Akos refurbished the bow of the BT Walters. The shell honoured Mr Walters who was Headmaster of Christ Church from 1933 until 1942. The Four was christened after the opening of the Boat Shed on 8 March 1958.

Gordon Crimp (left) and Neville Moir (1934-37) in 1936. Both were School Cadets.



Akos Kovacs and Wendy Hillman show the Boxing Shield.



## DISPLAYS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

As well as organising permanent exhibitions, the Archives staff are kept busy mounting displays for house, sporting, old boy and other special functions. At the beginning of Term 2 archivist Sarah Dobb assembled a display for the Noake House Sundowner. Photographed in front of the Noake House exhibits are Year 12 mothers Susan White, Debbie White, Joan Milne and Mary Brunsdon (who helped with the food preparations) and Noake Head of House Ben Hodsdon and tutor Kerry Robertson.

# Donations to the Archives

The following donations to the School Archives are acknowledged with thanks.

NOEL ROBINSON (1948-52) has donated a photograph of a corner cupboard that he had made from the floorboards of Romsey House.

Mrs MARGARET BROWN, daughter of Matron Dorothy Backhouse and Mr Bernard Wheeler, has donated five photographs. One was taken on an excursion to the Zoo in 1918 and the others are of boys in the School grounds.

Mrs BEATRICE SHIRLEY has donated her brother Keith Currie's collection of first day covers. They are a wonderful historical resource for students, particularly those interested in philately.

Brothers RAYMOND (1944-47) and MAXWELL DOUST (1944-50) attended the Jupp Reunion in April. At that time they donated some items of memorabilia including a copy of the Fee Schedule and Boarding Requirements for the 1940s, an Application for Admission Form and an Admission Form, a 1946 Account for Fees and the Parents' Association Syllabus and a copy of the Headmaster's 1948 Annual Report.

CLIVE WHARTON (1944-46) loaned a series of photographs from the Jupp period for copying. Some were blown up and mounted for display at the Jupp Reunion.

MICHAEL GUEST (1945-52) and DON SALES (1943-48) also attended the Jupp Reunion. Michael donated his blazer pocket and Don loaned his copy of the Headmaster's Report for 1945 for copying.



Michael Guest (1945-52) pictured in the Archives with Year 12 pupil Richard Hillman. Michael donated his blazer pocket showing his Queenslea House and 1st XI Cricket colours.



A delightful photograph of Preparatory School boys in the mid-1940s - loaned by Clive Wharton.





# SCHOOL

## New Member of Council

David Fardon, BCom, BEd, has recently been appointed to School Council as the Parents' Association nominee.

David attended Christ Church from 1969-73 after which he completed Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Education degrees at the University of Western Australia. He taught briefly at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School and Christ Church Grammar School before taking an appointment with the Chamber of Mines where he worked for eight years in the area of Public Affairs and Government Relations.

In 1989 David joined Argyle Diamonds as Manager - Corporate Affairs. For the past seven years he has been a Manager of the sales and marketing activities of the company.

David is married to Megan. Their daughter Eloise is in Year 9 at St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls and their son Thomas is a Year 5 pupil at Christ Church.

David served on the Christ Church Old Boys' Association Committee for more than fifteen years, including five years as President (1991-95). He is now a Trustee of the OBA Scholarship and Bursary Fund and is serving his third year as President of the Parents' Association.

A keen philatelist and enthusiastic Dockers' supporter, David also enjoys reading and following current affairs. He also a committee member of the Archbishop's Appeal Committee for Anglicare.



David Fardon

## 1998 TEE Results

Sixteen year old Michael Molinari was the top scoring candidate in last year's Tertiary Entrance Examinations. Accordingly he was awarded the 1998 Beazley Medal and a General Exhibition. Three other Christ Church students also received General Exhibitions - Hsien-Wern Chan (second in the state), Tony Ma (fourth) and Aravinda Selvarajah (thirty-first).

Subject Exhibitions were awarded to David Fenner (Accounting), Hsien-Wern Chan (Applicable Mathematics), Michael Molinari (Chemistry) and Geoffrey Kuehne (Political and Legal Studies).

Certificates of Distinction (awarded to students in the top 0.5% of any TEE subject) were gained by Hsien-Wern Chan, Tony Ma and Michael

Molinari (Applicable Mathematics), Hsien-Wern Chan, Tony Ma and Michael Molinari (Calculus), Hsien-Wern Chan, Tony Ma, Michael Molinari and Aravinda Selvarajah (Chemistry), Hsien-Wern Chan and Tony Ma (Economics), Michael Molinari (Geography), Daniel Strahan (Human Biology) and Hsien-Wern Chan, Tony Ma and Michael Molinari (Physics).

Hsien-Wern Chan, Ryan Chua, Michael Geelhoed, Tony Ma, Michael Molinari, Benjamin Park, Andrew Prosin, Aravinda Selvarajah, Kim Moh Sim, Jason Tee and James Whittle received Certificates of Excellence for gaining at least ten A grades (and no grade less than B) in accredited courses in the last two years of their secondary education.



Michael Molinari, winner of the 1998 Beazley Medal. Photograph by courtesy of *The West Australian*.

# Opportunities in IT

Christ Church seeks to promote the use of technology by students through the provision of state of the art facilities and by developing the skills of teaching staff through support from IT mentors in classrooms and in the IT Centre.

The use of Information Technology (or what is now referred to as Learning Technologies) provides Christ Church boys with the opportunity to :

## Communicate

- be creative without becoming bogged down by problems in writing or spelling
- communicate their ideas and feelings using multimedia
- express themselves using technologies other than the written word; for example sound, movies, graphics, animation or cartoons
- experiment with image editing software such as Photoshop
- communicate with family, friends, teachers and other students both at School and elsewhere (anywhere in the world) via email
- design and publish their own web pages

## Gain access to School from home

- use email to send and receive school work from teachers (for example if away from School students can communicate with teachers from home)
- use the internet to access the School's intranet from home
- boarders can access their files and email from their rooms and study areas

## Keep abreast of applications

- use the latest hardware and software
- use computer assisted design programs to help design models and plans
- use scanners, digital cameras, video cameras
- use video editing

## Research

- use the intranet to access useful educational web sites for research information
- use the intranet to read the daily bulletin and blue newsletter and other school-based news and views
- research for school assignments using CD Roms and the internet for up-to-date sources and newspapers on line.

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# Curriculum Framework

**The Western Australian Years K-12 Curriculum Framework sets out what students should know, understand, value and be able to demonstrate through Years K-12.**

What distinguishes the Curriculum Framework from previous initiatives is that all sectors (government and non-government) have agreed on a common plan for curriculum development.

This comprehensive blueprint represents the concerted efforts of teachers, academics and representatives from industry and the community in general to reform the nature and delivery of curriculum in West Australian schools.

*The Framework shifts the emphasis from educational input (what is taught) to output (what is learned).*

Major Learning Outcomes have been identified for each of eight learning areas, together with a set of Overarching Outcomes pivotal to the implementation of the specific learning area outcomes. In addition, considerable effort has gone into defining a set of Core Shared Values endorsed by all participants in the construction of the Framework. Rather than prescribe a curriculum, the Framework provides a scaffold upon which individual schools can construct their own learning and teaching programs.

The next five years, during which the Framework will be phased into all schools in the State, promises to be challenging, innovative and exciting for teachers, students and parents.

# Two out of Four

Year 12 students David Solomon and James Andrewartha have been selected for the team to represent Australia at the International Chemistry Olympiad in Bangkok in July. They will pit their knowledge and skills against teams from about fifty-five other countries in both theory and practical work in two five-hour examinations.



David Solomon and James Andrewartha.

This is an astonishing feat. Approximately 10,000 students Australia-wide sat for the first trials from which 800 were chosen for the next round. Twenty students reached the next stage and from these four were selected for the Australian Team - David and James from Christ Church, Anthony Phillips from Hale School and a student from the eastern states.

*In the selection process David topped the country, receiving the Australian Gold Medal. Andrew received a Silver Medal.*

The School has an impressive record in the Chemistry Olympiads. Over the past nine years six Christ Church students have represented Australia. 1999 is the second time that the School has had two students in the four-member team. In 1991 Dan Macey (1987-91) and David Chinnery (1986-91) represented Australia.

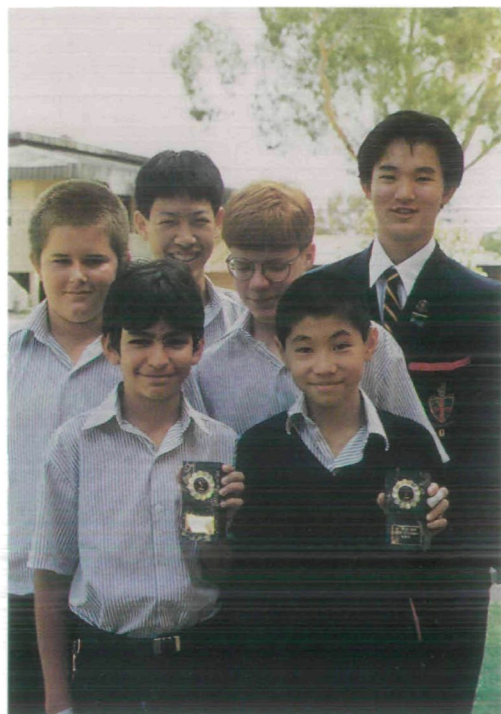
The boys in the Christ Church IBM Have Sum Fun B teams were:

Senior B: Michael Collin, Daniel Ellis and Nicholas Helm (Year 12) and Paul Chia, Shaun Haskey and Weerawat Runguphan (Year 11).

Junior B: David English and Gabriel Khaw (Year 10), David Drakes and Hugh McCann (Year 9) and Kit Buckley and Shaun Lee (Year 8).

## Sum Fun

Each year the Mathematics Association of Western Australia runs the IBM Have Sum Fun competition. Teams comprising students from Years 8 to 10 and Years 11 to 12 pit their problem-solving skills

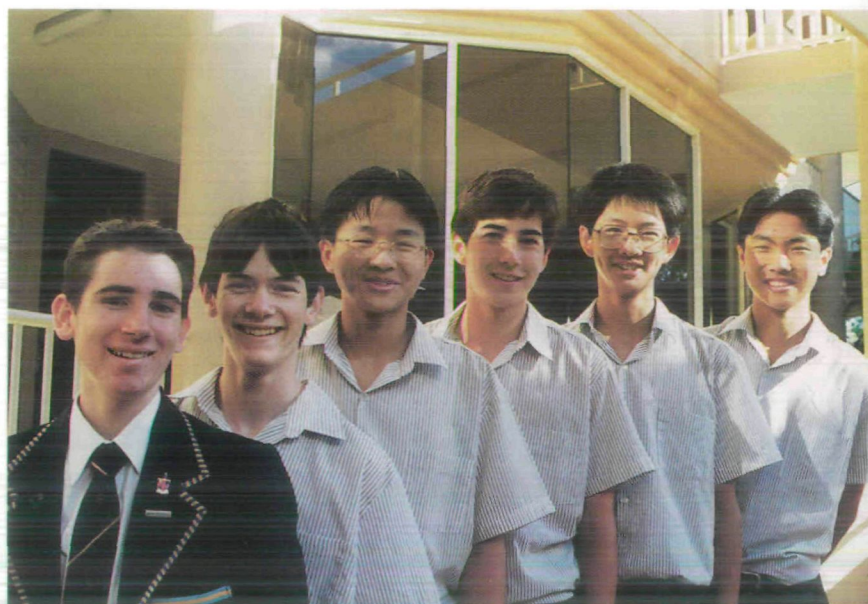


against one another. For ease of organisation separate competitions are held for schools north and south of the river. This year thirty teams competed in the Senior Division for schools north of the river and forty in the Junior division.

Christ Church entered two teams in each division. The Junior and Senior A teams won their respective divisions and the B teams performed creditably with the Juniors coming fifth and the Seniors sixth. All competitors received certificates of participation and each winning team received a trophy. Christ Church was presented with two shields in recognition of the A teams' results.

The Junior A Team: (back) Michael Crocker, Gerald Teng, Thomas Lawrence, Sek-Loong Tan, (front) Sam Salman and Yi-Zhan Wey.

The Senior A Team: Simon Zilko, James Andrewartha, John Ding, Michael Perret, Henry Fang and Eugene Chen.



## New Members of Staff



Mandy Appleyard  
Preparatory School  
Enrichment/Support



Pru Cowan  
Senior School HOD \*  
LOTE \*



Gillian Croston  
Senior School  
Music Department



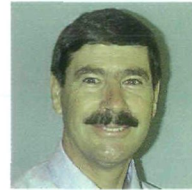
Tim Evans  
Senior School  
English Department



Michelle Gore  
Senior School  
English Department



Mary Hookey  
Preparatory School  
Teacher/Librarian



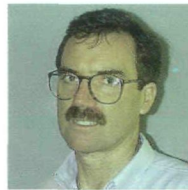
Ron Hutchinson  
Senior School  
School Marshal



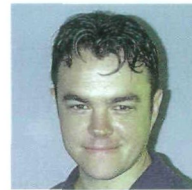
Paul Jepson  
Senior School HOD \*  
Physical Education



Gail Pape  
Senior School  
Mathematics



Bruce Ruthven  
Senior School  
Mathematics



Nigel Snelson  
Senior School  
Mathematics



Genevieve Wilkins  
Senior School  
Music Department

\* HOD Head of Department \* LOTE Languages Other Than English

### POETRY PRIZE

An anonymous donor has endowed a Senior School poetry prize to be awarded annually at Speech Night. The prize will be named after P D N Naish, a teacher of English at Christ Church from 1959-63. The donor, who attended School from 1958-62, recalls with gratitude the influence of Peter Naish in forming his love of poetry.

## The Senior Teacher Classification

### Staff Development Officer Dr Simon Clarke discusses professional opportunities at Christ Church.

*There is an expectation that incumbents will continue with and attempt to enhance the exemplary classroom practices that have already been demonstrated.*

A significant potential professional opportunity to emerge from the Award restructuring process in 1990 was the introduction of the Advanced Skills Teacher Classification. The fundamental rationale of the classification (referred to as Senior Teacher in independent schools) was to endorse and celebrate exemplary teaching. It was also designed to encourage exceptional teachers to stay in the classroom by providing an alternative classroom-based career structure to the traditional career ladder approach that has characterised teacher advancement.

As the Award was silent on what exactly constituted an Advanced Skills Teacher, it has been largely up to educational systems and individual schools to determine the nature of the classification in practice within their own contexts. In many cases, the implementation of

the classification has entailed additional responsibilities being conferred on Advanced Skills Teachers, an arrangement which automatically erodes the central role of teaching upon which the position is ostensibly predicated.

At Christ Church the Senior Teacher position does not entail any extra responsibilities or duties. Rather, there is an expectation that incumbents will continue with and attempt to enhance the exemplary classroom practices that have already been demonstrated. The appraisal processes for Senior Teacher applicants are therefore designed to promote opportunities for teachers to show how their performances achieve excellence. In particular, the requirement that applicants maintain an appropriate professional portfolio necessitates a genuinely advanced pedagogical

knowledge and practice within a specific subject area. The compiling of the portfolio also facilitates collaboration with other teachers and systematic reflection upon teaching and learning.

At Senior Teacher 2 level, the applicant is not only required to demonstrate exemplary classroom practice by means of a portfolio, but must also indicate an ability to act as a 'change agent'. To this end, case studies of curriculum development projects are prepared by applicants and presented to an appropriate forum within the School. At the culmination of the appraisal process a viva is held to discuss the applicant's portfolio and curriculum case study. This occasion engenders a professional dialogue between the applicant, the Headmaster and other colleagues who might be selected from outside the School community.

Inevitably Christ Church has experienced its fair share of problems in the implementation of the Senior Teacher classification. In this connection, the prospect of introducing Senior Teacher level 3 is especially challenging. Nevertheless, this observation should not detract from the considerable progress that has been made in pursuing the professional potential of the Senior Teacher. In particular, opportunities have been created at the School for teachers to reflect systematically about what they are doing in the classroom. Opportunities have also been created for teachers to work collaboratively, thus serving to institutionalise collegiality and mentoring.

However, perhaps the most important opportunity presented to the School through its commitment

to the Senior Teacher classification has been to place the quality of teaching and learning in a paramount position. In the final reckoning it is the quality of teaching and learning that provides the benchmark by which the School is judged.



Trail blazers Hilary Brooke (Preparatory School Art Specialist) and Helen Wilson (Preparatory School Music Specialist) are the first two members of the Christ Church staff to be awarded Senior Teacher 2 status. After their applications and letters of intent were accepted they spent months addressing the list of criteria, preparing written reports, artifacts, photos and videos which they presented in professional portfolios. They also formulated and presented detailed case studies. Each had three mentors - a colleague, a senior teacher and someone from outside the School. It took Helen and Hilary about six months to prepare their presentations. Although they bounced ideas off one another they worked independently and their portfolios were very different. They presented these first to the Headmaster, Head of the Preparatory School and an external subject peer. Later they made their presentations at a full staff meeting and, more recently, to the staff at John Wollaston Anglican School.

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## Chair for a Giant

Fascinated boys watched sculptor Peter Dailey create a giant concrete armchair outside the School Refectory last October. The chair was painted in March after the concrete had dried out.

Peter built two similar chairs in the Subi Centro development. He says one of the things he has had to get used to is that, unlike most sculpture, the chairs are in constant use with the result that the paint is wearing off. Maintenance of his decorative finish might be a problem but Peter said: "On the other hand it is good to see from the wear and tear that the chairs are actually being used".

The Christ Church project was an Art Department initiative.



Year 9 boys Richard Cargeeg and Scott Kay take a break in the giant armchair.

# Communication and Understanding

**A new art work in Walters House was created by Walters boys, mainly during their free time, in After School Art during 2nd Semester 1998.**

The winter issue of *Art in AsiaPacific* caught the eye of Art teacher Gisela Zuchner-Mogall. The cover shows sixteen small square pictures - seemingly unrelated images in different techniques. The relating article was about the work of Korean-born Ik-Joong Kang exploring borders and culture. The article reads: "For Kang, the fascinating aspect of culture is its potential to embrace other cultures." Kang often compares his work to the Korean dish of bibimbap - a hodgepodge of vegetables and meats found on any street corner in Korea.

Gisela explains: "Bibimbap reminded me of our boys coming in different ages, sizes and colours, with different aspirations from different cultures and they are found everywhere on the campus. By examining the photographs in the article a little closer (one exhibition comprised 6000 images covering all gallery walls) Walters House sprung to mind ... with its rather sterile walls but a 'bibimbap of boys' - a great potential. I could picture the finished work already in my mind: a mural for the boarding house consisting of myriad, individual works."

A wall was selected. An area of 120-240 cm had to be covered with 288 squares. It took a semester to

complete because the boys had so many other commitments. Nevertheless most Walters' boys became involved and gave their free time. Walters' Housemother Jenny Turner proved to be fantastic in rounding up small groups of boys and directing them on numerous Monday afternoons to After School Art. They worked with great enthusiasm and had much fun. Many of the works have wonderful stories behind them.

Gisela said: "I agree with art critic Robert Hughes that the future will lie with people who can think and act with informal grace across ethnic, cultural and linguistic lines. Walters boys did exactly that by creating this fine piece of art. Their willingness to listen and communicate provides a prolific basis of working together and transforms it to a joyful experience where an instinctive learning from each other sets in. Eventually this will lead to understanding, respect and acceptance for 'otherness'.

Hence the title of the project: Communication and Understanding. Gisela says: "As an art educator I feel privileged having worked with such a fine team and I thank everyone involved in making this project happen."

## Scholarships

The following boys were awarded Scholarships for 1999:

### COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

David Adam - Como Primary School  
Theodore Bennett - Loreto Primary School  
Nicholas Brewer - North Cottesloe Primary School  
Kit Buckley - Cottesloe Primary School  
Daniel Stein - Broome Primary School

### MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Sek Loong Tan - Christ Church Grammar School  
Andrew Winterbottom - Christ Church Grammar School  
Daniel Yang - Christ Church Grammar School

### THE DEAN BOWKER OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Alasdair Beer - Kyilla Primary School

A portion of the new art work in Walters House.

## Sounds Good

As part of the lead up to the combined Christ Church and Methodist Ladies' Choral and Orchestral Concert in the School Chapel on 7 May the Friends of the Library mounted 'Music Sounds Good' exhibitions in the Senior and Preparatory School Libraries. Rhondda Tilbrook organised the displays which included a 'conductor' and a depiction of *Danse Macabre* by Saint-Saens which was performed at the concert.





## Wonderful Achievement

Some of the musicians warming up for the Choral and Orchestral Concert.

**The combined Choral and Orchestral Concert held in the Chapel on Friday 7 May was performed before an appreciative audience of more than eight hundred.**

Over two hundred Christ Church and Methodist Ladies' College musicians performed a variety of works under the direction of John Bates, Andrew Bushell, Gillian Croston and Roy Rimmer. The program included Pergolesi's Magnificat,

the beautiful Five Mystical Songs for baritone, harp, choir and orchestra by Vaughan-Williams, Saint-Saens Dance Macabre and Organ Symphony (Part II) and John Bates' Valse Triste.

## Visit from Ambassador

His Excellency the Ambassador of France, Monsieur Dominic Girard, was in Perth recently for a cultural visit. He visited the School in February accompanied by the French Consul, Mr Michael Wood, and the Director of the Alliance Francaise de Perth, Mr Christian Chatton. He met with boys in Years 11 and 12, chatting with them about their French program and experiences, both through the School and through cultural outings and exchanges. He also spoke with the two Senior School French teachers Pru Cowan and Paul Draper.

After meeting with the Headmaster, during which a profitable and illuminating dialogue took place, his Excellency was taken on a tour of the School.

The Ambassador said he was delighted by the high standard of proficiency of the boys in the French language and impressed with School facilities.



French Consul Michael Wood, Director of Alliance Francaise Christian Chatton, Head of LOTE Pru Cowan, and French teacher Paul Draper with His Excellency the Ambassador of France, Monsieur Dominic Girard (centre) and a group of Year 11 and 12 French language students.



The tourists before the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

## Visiting France

Seven French students - James Tannenbaum and Ping Hsu (Year 11), Darum Singh, Lars Dabney, Ian Marshall, Liam Hsu (Year 10) and James Williamson (Year 9) - flew to France a week before the Easter holidays along with Ms Pru Cowan (Head of Languages) and Mrs Gigi Thiele (former Head of Languages) and three girls from two other schools.

The tired students were greeted by lots of excited host parents and students at the Les Arcs train station in the south of France less than thirty-two hours after leaving Perth airport!

During the first week the students attended school every day - including Good Friday! They were also guests at a reception at the Town Hall given by the Mayor of Les Arcs. After the holidays began the party enjoyed hiking on the Riviera and trips to the Roman ruins in and around Nîmes and to Monaco. Of particular interest was the trip to the castle of D'Entrecasteaux in which the French explorer of the same name was born. The many French names gracing Western Australian towns and natural wonders are in memory of D'Entrecasteaux's exploration.

The host families farewelled the Perth group with a big party in the town reception centre with heaps of delicious food, great music and lots of dancing

David Akers and James Eyres.

(the boys were impressed to see parents and teachers doing the twist and the charleston!). Each boy formally thanked his host family in a speech delivered entirely in French - demonstrating of just how much language each had acquired.

The last four days were spent in Paris - Disneyland, the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs Elysées, Notre Dame and lunch in the narrow winding streets of the Latin Quarter.

This inaugural exchange to Les Arcs was more successful than anticipated. The Principal of Les Arcs, Jean-Pierre Porte, the teachers and the host families put in a huge effort to ensure that the visit was as enjoyable and stimulating as possible. Ms Cowan said: "We are now looking forward with great anticipation to a return visit from France, which we hope will take place in February 2000."

## Top Cadets

**James Eyres, a Year 12 boarder from Kojonup, was named top cadet of the Cadet Under Officers' Course at Leeuwin Barracks. David Akers was runner-up.**

James is Captain of Walters Boarding House and David is Captain of Jupp House. David Kyle and Mark Shirley also attended the course.

Each January the Army hosts a State-wide course to qualify senior cadets as leaders in their cadet corps. This year thirty students, nine girls and twenty-one boys, attended from all over the State.





The cadet course focused on self-discipline, responsibility and organisation. Participants learnt about the principles of leadership and the responsibilities and duties of cadet under officers. They were also schooled in the customs of the Army and required to plan platoon training activities. Most sessions were held at the Leeuwin Barracks in Fremantle but the cadets also completed four days of field work at the Bindoon Army Training Camp. It was in this aspect of the course that James' skills really came to the fore.

## Cadets '99

**Each year new Year 10 recruits step eagerly into the Cadet scene and new seniors accept responsibility for bringing them up to Christ Church standards.**



CUO James Eyres presenting a fieldcraft lesson during the Term 1 Bivouac at Muchea.

During Term 1 cadets train exceptionally hard. Some schools accept recruits in the year they turn thirteen. At Christ Church they must wait until the year they turn fifteen. In spite of the later start they must be proficient before the annual camp so training is conducted at an accelerated pace. This is this period cadets dread - the standing, the marching, the yelling. In the end though, the recruits are well organised, disciplined, impeccable on parade and looking forward to the rest of the

year. Their reward is the first bivouac - Muchea.

Muchea introduces cadets to living in the field, navigation and moving and cooperating in sections. Disembarking on barren terrain the cadets set up hootchies in sections and platoons before beginning lessons on section formations and signals. The highlight of the camp is the night activity when, against intense resistance, cadets must complete the task of reaching a specific target. They then receive instruction in radio communication, first aid, knots and lashings, distance judging, water procurement and orders instruction. At the end of the camp the cadets return to civilian life better trained, better organised and more confident.

Another important camp, the Adventure Training Award, is run each April. This year six selected Christ Church corporals - George Booth, Michael Martin, Hudson Joyce, Gareth Eldred, Jonathan Henderson and Stuart Ackland - joined twenty-eight from other WA units to participate in an

*Muchea introduces cadets to living in the field, navigation and moving and cooperating in sections.*

advanced training course focused on survival and leadership. Despite less experience all six passed and received badges acknowledging their excellence.

The Christ Church Cadet Unit now holds three camps, including annual camp, while selected juniors take part in a Junior Non-Commissioned Officers' course in December and selected seniors take on the challenge of a Sergeants' course. Some of them will go on a Cadet Under Officers' course.

*At the end of the camp the cadets return to civilian life better trained, better organised and more confident.*



Christ Church vs Prince Alfred College in Adelaide.

## Hockey Tour to Adelaide

During the Easter holidays a group of Christ Church hockey players, accompanied by teachers Peter Brien and Murray Robertson, visited Adelaide on a hockey tour.

Prince Alfred College, a most genial host school, arranged for three games to be played. These were against Prince Alfred, St Peter's College and Pembroke School. Christ Church won two of the

games and drew the third - a sound beginning for the 1999 season.

As well as playing hockey the students were involved in a series of other activities including indoor skiing and a visit to the aquatic centre. The tour was most successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Daniel Loh and Matthew Sykes.

## Golf

For the past three years golf has been one of about fifteen Friday afternoon activities from which Year 11 boys may choose. It has become so popular that some boys missed out this year.

Boys of any ability level may enrol. They are

divided by skill level into three groups and are able to develop at their own pace while learning about the traditions and etiquette of the game.

Currently sixty-two boys are attending lessons at Wembley Golf Course. They are taught by head professional coach David Breen (father of James Breen, Year 10), three other professional coaches and staff members Kim Bolto and Lorraine O'Brien.

The boys are coached for about one and a half hours each Friday. There are lots of competitions on the putting course and driving range and they get to play on the course several times a year.

In March Senior Master John Norris arranged the first non-official PSA Schools' Golf Competition at Royal Perth Golf Club. Christ Church submitted two teams to play the eighteen hole course. On another occasion a team played in the Graham Marsh Junior Competition at Royal Perth.

Golf began as a Year 11 activity in 1997 with the assistance of a grant from the Parents' Association. Now boys pay \$50 per year for twelve months of lessons - a pretty good deal!



Matthew Sykes, Ben Pember and James Murchison.

# The Kyrne Holloway

The 2nd VIII rowing shell 'Kyrne Holloway' was christened in March.

The shell was named after former rowing coach Kyrne Holloway. It was christened by Kyrne's wife Carol at a gathering on the Canning River attended by the Headmaster and a number of coaches, rowers and parents.

Kyrne joined the Christ Church staff in 1980 as a McClemans House tutor and teacher of biology and human biology. He later became Housemaster of Noake. An interest in computing led Kyrne to informally help colleagues become more proficient in the technology. He then began teaching computing to boys and in 1994 he was appointed Staff Computing Mentor. He is now Director of Information Technology.

Kyrne coached rowing from 1980 until a few years ago and he was Master-in-Charge of Rowing from 1981-83. His wife Carol has been the Housemother for McClemans House for almost twenty years.

# Swimming

Although Christ Church gained third place in the Inter-School Swimming it outscored all other schools in the relays. The boys won five relays, came second in four, third in two, fourth in two and sixth in two.

The U13 Medley Relay team broke the PSA Inters time of 2.14.17 and won the van Hazel Team Trophy for the best Christ Church Relay Performance of the night. The U15 4 x 50m Medley Relay team missed out by only 37/100 of a second on breaking the PSA record. The previous record had stood since 1994. Two of the current School coaches, Rhett Marron (1989-96) and Matthew Tilbrook (1992-96), were members of that team.

Christ Church fielded thirty-seven teams in eleven events in the BankWest Schools and Colleges Relays competition. Although the School only won one event, the team was placed second to Guildford overall. Our gold medallists were the U13 4 x 50m Medley Relay A Team - Mark Jones, Chris Wiener, Michael Cottee and Jesse McDonald.

The U13 4 x 50m Relay Team: Chris Wiener, Mark Jones and Jesse McDonald. *In absentia: Michael Cottee.*



Kyrne Holloway, Rowing Manager Ben Hodsdon, Carol Holloway, Master-in-Charge of Rowing Richard Wait and coach Peter Brien.



Headmaster Jeremy Madin - an enthusiastic supporter of the Year 10A rowers at this year's Head of the River regatta. - with Alexander Mossop, Thomas Baker, Keelan Mullen, Adam Hollings and Mathew Prosin.



# Lifesaving

Christ Church gives its boys the skills to survive, and to assist others, when at risk in the water.

More than 500 boys in Years 8-10 take the School's lifesaving course, with the chance of earning a Bronze Medallion on completion. Physical Education Department Head Paul Jepson said: "Holders of the Medallion are recognised as having gained a minimum standard as qualified lifesavers."

The boys start with a swim-and-survive course in Year 8, leading to a Bronze Star award in Year 9 and culminating with the Bronze Medallion in Lifesaving in Year 10.

The course is both theoretical and practical and requires students to swim up to 400 metres, complete rescues fully clothed and perform resuscitation in deep and shallow water.



Remy Donraadt and Joshua Walley practice their lifesaving skills.

Training for the Nationals: Iain and Nick Larkins about to tack.



# Team Racing

Competing against nine other teams Christ Church sailors won the 1999 State Team Racing Championships.

The Racing group are now training hard for the Australian Team Racing Championships to be held in Perth in July.

They are participating in a specialised fitness training program designed to enhance their on-water abilities while competing against each other is helping to consolidate their basic skills. This has included their lessons on Starts and Windward work, followed by the application of that theory. Senior students provide valuable leadership and

pass on their accumulated knowledge to the younger group members.

Friday afternoon sailing in the Yachting Association of WA's Pacer dinghies is also giving the team the finite skills required to be competitive at national level. While Friday training does include team racing, particular boat handling skills and set scenarios are also used to maximise the options available for this most complex competition.

Ron Jensen, Teacher-in-Charge of Sailing, says: "The support from a range of West Australians helping out this team in various ways is a credit to the general sailing fraternity and demonstrates the healthy state of the sport of Sailing in this State".

The successful team: Jackson Digney (Vice Captain), Tim Slatter, Chris Galton-Fenzi, Hugh McCann, Nick Davis, Iain Larkins, Mr Clive Digney (Team Manager) and Luke Paterson (Captain).



# Big Friends Little Friends

This year, for the first time, a swimming program was devised to integrate Year 1 boys and the Year 12 Physical Education Studies group.



Credit for this innovation goes to husband-and-wife team, Blair and Alicia Hill. Blair is a Physical Education teacher in the Senior School and Alicia is the Year 1 teacher in the Preparatory School.

As part of the 1999 Year 12 course the Physical Education Studies group embarked on the National Austswim program which was run during Term 1 in accordance with the Royal Life Saving Society.



Austswim is recognised as the key Australian organisation responsible for providing comprehensive swimming and water safety teacher education programs. There are practical and theoretical components to the course. The boys are taught about teaching strategies, teaching points associated with the various strokes, water familiarisation, teaching techniques, class formations and duty of care. As part of the practical component they completed a number of practical sessions and Blair and Alicia were able to coordinate several very successful lessons.

*Each Year 12 boy was placed in charge of two Year 1 boys and taught them aquatic skills relevant to their level of skill.*

The Year 12 boys were more than equal to the challenge; both teacher and student thoroughly enjoying the experience. There was maximum participation at all times for all students and there was a significant improvement in the skill development of the Year 1 boys.

The Year 12 students have been externally examined. Those successful in their practical and theoretical exams are now qualified swimming teachers at primary and secondary level.



Year 1 boys Peter Honey and Scott Naude with their Year 12 swimming instructor Michael Finch.

Amedeo Asquini (Year 1) is happy and confident in the watchful eye of Jonathan Hugall (Year 12).

The Year 1 boys were most disappointed when their swimming lessons came to an end. However, they keep a watchful eye every Thursday morning as Senior School pupils make their way to Chapel, just in case they see their 'big friends'.



Jonathan Abery (Year 12) helps Bevis Lo with his kicking skills.

Matthew Mackay (diving) and Jack Miller with their Year 12 instructor Blair Steenholdt.



Kings of the castle - Year 10 Venturers pause for a drink.



Joshua Eicker negotiates a waterfall during the Year 9 kayaking camp.

Matt Jewkes, Scott Kay and Peter Bower at the Year 9 kayaking camp.

The end of a day's skin diving for a group of Year 9 boys at Hamelin Bay.



# Koorinal

**The permanently staffed Koorinal Outdoor Education facility at Dwellingup plays an important part in the education of Christ Church boys, preparing them for future challenges, greater environmental awareness, socialisation and the values necessary to live and work successfully in a community.**

From Year 5 through to Year 11 Koorinal programs are designed to build group cohesion through sharing ideas and using individual abilities and decision-making skills to work towards a common goal. While having fun and creating a rewarding experience within a small community, the aim is for the boys to learn respect for others, the environment and themselves.

## PREPARATORY SCHOOL CAMPS

**Year 5:** The aim of this three-day familiarisation camp is socialisation and fun to inspire enthusiasm for the outdoors and confidence in working in group situations in an unfamiliar environment. Activities include bushwalking, map reading, orienteering, building bush shelters, low ropes course and team games.

**Year 6:** An introduction to the skills of camping and problem solving. Activities include field studies of native flora and fauna, raft building, hiking and bush cooking.

**Year 7:** An introduction to bush survival skills with overnight camping, group cooking and field studies

the focus. Activities also include basic canoeing skills, initiative and problem-solving activities and an excursion to the Forest Heritage Centre.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL CAMPS

**Year 8:** A multi-activity week of challenges while learning that working with others can be effective and enjoyable. Activities include the high ropes course, abseiling, canoeing and orienteering. A three-day hiking expedition is a major part of this program, where the boys practice minimal impact camping procedures, carry their essential items including their food, and navigate their way



through the bush under the watchful eye of a Koorinal group leader.

**Year 9:** Boys select a medium through which to learn community living skills, the importance and effectiveness of teamwork and pushing themselves

to their limits. These include mountain biking, expeditioning, rockclimbing, marine activities and white water kayaking.

Year 10: Year 10 Venture is an application of the camping and expeditioning skills learned in previous years at Koorringal. It is a ten-day expedition in groups of ten to twelve. The boys are assisted by School staff in their group preparation and planning and in applying group cooperation, environmental ethics and outdoor skills.



Sustenance for Tina Campbell and Deborah Mathwin's Year 10 Venture group.

Year 11: An opportunity for selected boys to become assistant group leaders on the Year 8 camps. The course is designed to teach leadership qualities and skills.

Outdoor Education programs have been running at Koorringal since 1983. Mr Andrew Froude has been the Director for the past twelve years. His assistant is Deborah Mathwin. Each year three young interns are appointed - a fantastic opportunity for aspiring outdoor leaders.

## Rio Tinto National Youth Science Forum

Each year 276 students are selected from nearly 2000 applicants from across Australia to attend the Rio Tinto National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Canberra. To be considered for selection students must be in Year 11, at the top of their year in science and intending to pursue a career in science or a related field. Nominated students are interviewed by their Rotary District to establish their communication skills, personal presentation, community awareness, interpersonal skills and other characteristics, as well as scientific aptitude.

At the Forum, which lasts for two weeks, students meet scientists in the discipline of science they wish to pursue, work in laboratories and learn what a career in science will be like.

The Forum has been made possible by the Rotary Clubs of Australia, those institutions (such as the Australian National University, the University of Canberra where the NYSF is based and CSIRO) that provide the scientific aspect of the program and Rio Tinto Limited which makes a substantial

cash grant to pay for travel, administrative and other costs.

David Giles (Year 12) attended the NYSF in January. He stayed at the University of Canberra and was a member of an engineering group that visited some outstanding engineering establishments. He gained insight into facets of research and refined his career aims. David also attended many seminars, workshops and formal social functions aimed at personal development. He met other young people of similar abilities and ambitions and he enjoyed the recreational aspects of his trip.

At the conclusion of his comprehensive report David reflected: "The forum did many things for me. It showed me that many opportunities are available and it gave me a sense of confidence ... I believe that the National Youth Science Forum is an excellent tool for developing young people, both academically and personally".



David Giles

# Opportunities Within the Pastoral System

**Central to the School's pastoral system are two key questions. How can we enhance a school community's ability to provide young boys with exemplars? How can we help older pupils to become responsible adults? The Headmaster comments:**

For many Australian secondary boys' schools one answer lies in what is loosely known as the vertical pastoral care system. Following the English model, large secondary schools are divided into houses. Some schools have houses of sixty boys, others of up to 130. To provide effective pastoral care most are broken into smaller units known as tutorial groups. In most cases the house system was established to ensure that each boy has a home base in the school (the house) and

twenty boys is composed of three or four boys from each secondary school year level. The tutor meets with the group on four or five scheduled occasions each week and keeps in touch with individuals as and when necessary. Year by year several juniors (Year 8) join the group and several seniors are farewelled. Ideally the teacher acting as tutor stays with the group as guide and mentor to each boy throughout his secondary school career.



Some of the boys in Christy Barker's Queenslea House tutorial group: standing l - r: David Jewkes (Year 12), Tristan Cooper (Year 9), Robert Gorham (Year 8) and Ashley Ingham (Year 12) with Matthew Jewkes and Adam Chau (Year 9).

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. It follows that 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.

At Christ Church each tutorial group of sixteen to

In a tutorial group of this kind there are manifold opportunities for seniors to come to understand their capacity for responsible stewardship and for juniors to learn much of value from positive senior role models.

By its very structure the vertical house system forces our young men into stewardship, mentorship, leadership. How do we help them manage?

First, we try to set an example, by living a pastoral philosophy aiming to bring wisdom, maturity and goodness to our boys by 'being' rather than imposing.

Second, in a variety of camps and training sessions, we offer opportunities for our seniors to work together, explore roles and issues, consider case-studies and develop their own pastoral goals. An example is the annual camp for newly appointed prefects. Others are the training programs for Peer Support Scheme Leaders and the Leadership Training Camp preparing Year 11 boys to assist at Year 8 camps.



As prefects and house activity leaders, Year 12 boys get to know the juniors. They give time to the younger boys and try to guide them as necessary.

Most Year 11 boys become Peer Support Scheme leaders and come to know and help Year 8 boys. Peer Support is closely linked to the house and tutorial system, so strong bonds are formed in a 'home away from home' base at school. Other seniors help conduct the Year 8 camps at Koorimal and they, too, become mentors to younger boys. Whether as camp leader, Army Cadet Unit leader,

music ensemble registrar or debating coach, the seniors are highly visible exemplars, helping their charges to grow, to fulfil their potential, to understand that they, in turn, can be strong, can contribute, can lead.

A double purpose is accomplished: younger boys are able to interact with their role models in a supportive environment whilst the older boys have scope for self-development through taking responsibility and gaining leadership experience.

## McClemans Refurbished

Last year's McClemans House boarders were pleasantly surprised when they arrived on campus for the commencement of the 1999 school year. Their boarding house had been transformed.

The refurbishment, commenced in Term 4, 1998, combined Parry and McClemans into one house named McClemans. It accommodates eighty boys.

The junior wing (formerly Parry) was substantially renovated and, where possible, restored to its former glory. The old resident tutors' rooms, housemother's activity room and laundry were demolished to make way for a residence for the housemother and an attractive entry and reception area for the boarding house.

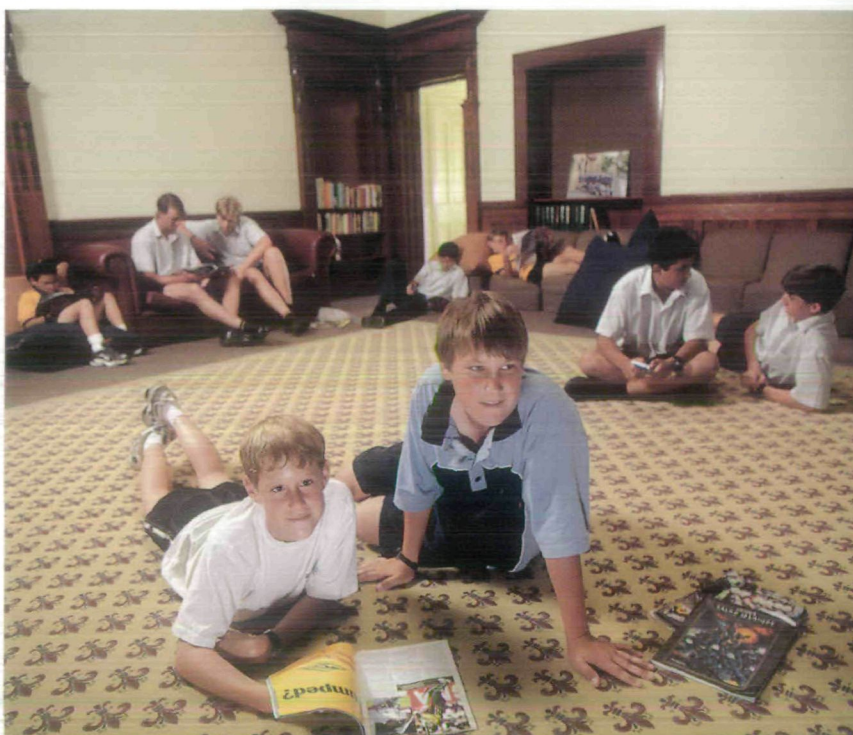
The four storey McClemans tower block was completely gutted and redeveloped to standards similar to Walters House which was completed at the end of 1997. Extra windows have been added and others enlarged to improve the lighting and provide spectacular views over Freshwater Bay.

Accommodation is graded. Year 7, 8 and 9 boys sleep in small dormitories and study in special areas under supervision. Most Year 10 boys are accommodated in four-bed rooms, Year 11 boys share two-bed rooms and Year 12 boys have individual rooms. All have desks in their rooms. Each student desk has a data point giving access to email and the School's Intranet.

As part of the upgrade the facilities were fitted with modern electronic security and fire detection devices with the fire alarm being connected directly to the Claremont Fire Station.

Tristan Winnall and Sam Higham relax in the refurbished common room.

Housemother Carol Holloway with Nicholas Bold, Divindra Perera and David Tunnicliffe-Lord in one of the new Year 9 dormitories.



# Justin's Story

**Justin Marshall (Year 12) won a category prize and the overall trophy in the Melanie Price Creative Writing Competition. Run by the Down's Syndrome Association, the competition attracted over four hundred entries. Justin read his winning story at a Senior School Assembly during Down's Syndrome Week in March.**



Justin Marshall receiving his trophy.

*I was born on 21 January 1981 at eleven minutes past seven in the morning. About ten minutes later the doctor told my mum and dad that I had Down's Syndrome. He knew because he saw a straight line across my hand, stubby fingers, flat nose and when he picked me up I felt floppy. But he was a good doctor and very nice to mum and dad. When they did some tests they found that I had forty-seven chromosomes in each cell instead of forty-six. This happens to one in every six hundred babies born.*

*My mum and dad took me home from hospital and loved me very much. Some therapists came every week to our house to help me. When I was eleven months old I learned to sit up on my own and I learned to walk when I was two. My sister Caroline was born in 1983 and as she got older we played lots of games with each other. I learned a lot from her.*

*When I was one year old I had to go to hospital because I had pneumonia. When they x-rayed my chest they found that my heart is on the wrong side of my body.*

*My sister Juliet was born in 1986 and then Sarah was born in 1991: now that's three sisters I have to cope with.*

*At the age of ten I used to go to Riding for the Disabled and to Cubs. I played tee-ball and freeball and I had piano lessons for a while but chucked it in because I did not like practicing. Now my hobbies are music, film, swimming, computing and sport.*

*I started at Christ Church in Year 5. I liked Prep school but the boys sometimes teased me and called me names. I felt angry and sad and frustrated and sometimes I felt like crying. Sometimes when we went out people would stare at me because I look different. That made me angry and embarrassed. I feel good when boys are nice to me and smile and say "g'day mate". I like to have friends who invite me to their parties because I really love dancing.*

*I think it is very hard for people to understand what it is like to have Down's Syndrome. I'm very proud of myself because I'm smart and I can do things like anybody else.*

# Great Camp

Fourteen boys from the Education Support Unit and staff members Lorna Matthews, Anne Ramsay, Heather Norris and Elaine Whitmore spent four



days at Quindalup in March. They were accompanied by Year 11 Peer Support Leader Michael Morgan whose assistance was appreciated by all . . . especially his pancake-making skills!

En route to Quindalup the group stopped off at a Capel farm where they became acquainted with the farm animals and machinery and were taken on motor bike rides.



The group stayed at The Three Pines Resort Youth Hostel. They made friends with other residents - backpackers from the United Kingdom, Japan, Switzerland, Scotland and Germany, some of whom joined in the boys' activities.

Activities included early morning snorkelling, fishing (with maggots found under the doormat for bait!), sea kayaking from Dunsborough to Meelup (very popular), visits to Bannamah Wild Life Park and The Nautical Lady Entertainment World, beach cricket, playing pool at the hostel and spotlight on the beach after dark.

Kayaking - Year 11 Peer Support Leader Michael Morgan with Ben Clarke (Year 9).



Robert Leach (Year 11) enjoyed riding on the four-wheel motor bike.

The boys shared the chores. Lorna Matthews said: "It was an enriching experience and a good opportunity for the boys to interact in a different setting, while learning team work and decision-making".

The boys had a great time and are keen to repeat the experience. Two more camps are planned for later in year - a trip to New Norcia for Aboriginal Studies and a camp at Koorinal.

Sean Berryman (Year 8) tries out an old vehicle at the Capel farm.

Matthew Calkin, Ben Clark, Song Ng, Nick Edwards, Andrew Macpherson, Mark Ireland, Matthew Webb and Simon Beveridge show their trophy.

# Soccer Challenge

Boys from the Education Support Unit had their most successful season in the 1998 combined schools Soccer Challenge.

Christ Church defeated three teams to make the grand final against Sacred Heart. Unfortunately they lost 5-3 in a well fought game. They received the participation trophy as runners up.

The Challenge has been going for four years and involves pupils from Corpus Christi College, Sacred Heart College, Servite College, Ursula Frayne Catholic College and Christ Church Grammar School. The schools meet at Lords in Subiaco four times a year to compete for a shield donated by Dr Ainslie Waddell.



Sue Barstow with Nopparath Piriyalertsak, Rainier Taufik, Mohamad Bustari, Choolarp Sathirakul, Bruce Chai, Jae Lim, Alex Sim, Su Leeh Chong.



## Asian Banquet

1998 Year 12 ESL (English as a Second Language) students joined their teacher Mrs Sue Barstow and her husband Denis for an evening of culinary delights at the Barstow home.

Some of the boys cooked dishes from their own countries, the non-cooks provided nibbles and desserts and the Barstows prepared one of their favourite curries. The meal included dishes from Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Korea and India. Sue said: "The food was delicious, the company delightful and an enjoyable evening was had by all". She hopes that there will be similar events in the future.



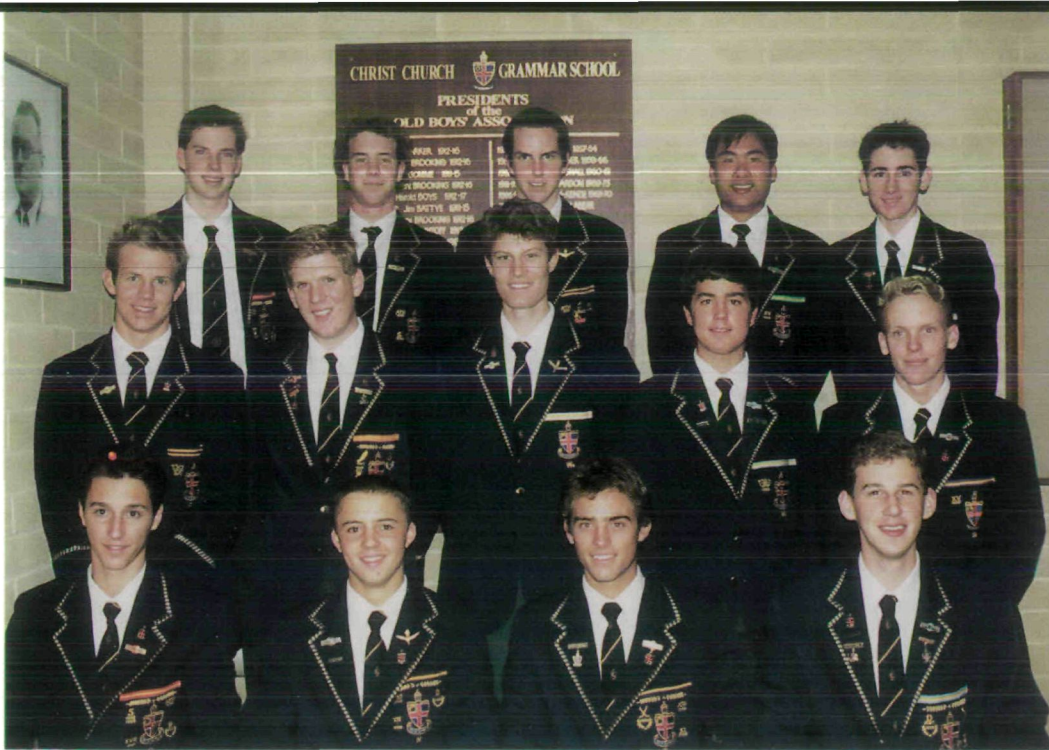
### 40 HOUR FAMINE

Senior Librarian Jan Kaye with Tim Winterbottom (Year 8), Jayant Kumar (Year 9) and Sam Salman (Year 9). To fortify boys before their 40 hour fast a rice and vegetable meal was prepared in the Library by teachers Mary Jo Morgan and Jan Kaye - with the boys' help. Over \$1000 was raised for World Vision.

### 1987 STARTERS

Ryan O'Donnell, Nick Young, Peter Packer, Ben Plunkett, Nic Fielding, James Stuart, Michael Barker, David Burch, Tristan Masters, Simon Zelestis, David Hng, Simon Chan, Robert Potter and Hsien-Wern Chan shared twelve years at Christ Church together. They started in Year 1 in 1987 and left at the end of 1998.





SCHOOL PREFECTS 1999  
 Left-right, back - David Jewkes, Cameron Webb, David Kyle, Joshua Chye, Simon Zilko:  
 middle - Tom Jasper, Paul Tilbrook, James Eyres, Thomas Carmody, Shenton French:  
 front - Tom Matson (Sports Captain) David Akers (Special Events), Chris Webster (School Captain), Ben Woffenden (Cultural Captain). Three additional prefects were appointed during Term 2 - Evan Cranston, Mathew Burston and David Solomon.

## School Spirit

When the School Prefects devised their goals for 1999 they were unsure of how they would translate into action. At the first Term 2 Assembly Captain of School Chris Webster reported: "I am glad to say that so far we have had only positive results."

*Chris explained that the Prefects' underlying aim was to enhance School spirit and that all other goals branched from this one broad theme.*

The Prefects felt that the spirit had been declining. Chris said: "It is like a sporting team with form: winning the premiership is one hard task but making sure you keep winning is even harder. Our aim was to revitalise the spark. Now there is a better feeling circulating around the campus."

Chris cited the showcase debate at a School assembly, the first student-run cultural event that the whole School had been able to watch. The professional manner in which the School's top debaters put smiles on the faces of 1000 boys and numerous other members of the School family was quite special. "The energy at this forum was a significant factor in how the year has panned out so far. The way it brought the School together in such a positive manner is something that will be remembered for some time."

Recalling the Inters swimming Chris said: "It could have been a disaster. We had the worst viewing area, could hear no announcements, see no scores, the team was miles away and to top things off it began to rain. However, despite the

conditions our seats were jam-packed. The attendance far exceeded recent years and the lively cheering was more than enough to show the Christ Church spirit. I spoke to the Wesley School Captain that night and he asked me how we were able to get so many boys involved. The answer was simply that so many wanted to be involved that we had very little to do."

The support shown for our back to back winning basketball team was another boost. It was great that the whole School had the chance to join ten guys and be winners. Winning is much more fun if you have people to share it with. In this case the 1st V had a packed gymnasium to share it with.

Chris cautions: "Term 1 was a great start but there are fewer chances for the whole School to come together in Term 2. Support within the clubs will be vital. I strongly urge all Year 8s and 9s to pop down to Mt Claremont on a Saturday morning and watch the senior teams. Your support would be greatly appreciated. In turn the Prefects will be making a strong effort to have senior boys watch Friday afternoon sport because the Year 8s and 9s are the future of the School and vital to what we are trying to achieve."



COMMUNITY PLACEMENT  
 Three Year 9 girls from Presbyterian Ladies' College - Cassie Charlick, Robyn Flemmer and Jessica Petry - worked in the Education Support Unit at Christ Church for a day as part of their Community Service course. Robyn and Jessica are pictured with staff members Cam Ha Sheehan and Heather Norris.

# Harold Woodall

Many pupils, parents and old boys will be saddened to hear of the unexpected death in April of former School teacher and registrar Harold Woodall.



Harold Woodall.

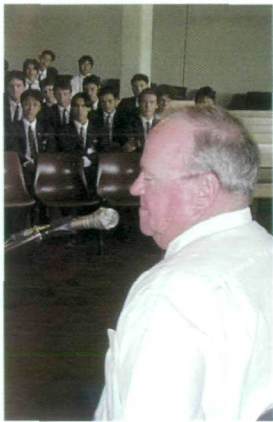
Harold's teaching career began in 1949 with a seven year stint with the Education Department in the Goldfields. In 1956 he was invited by the Bishop of Borneo to teach at St Augustine's School in Betong, Sarawak where he was the only European teacher on staff. After returning to Perth to marry in 1959 he took an appointment at St Thomas's

School, Kuching, Sarawak. Harold left Borneo at the end of 1965, taught Mathematics at St Peter's College, Adelaide, in 1966 and from 1967-68 was Headmaster of the secondary school on Nauru Island.

In 1969 Harold joined the Christ Church staff as a Mathematics teacher. He took on many extra responsibilities including that of Housemaster of Craigie. For many years he was part-time Registrar. With the increase in the demand for places at Christ Church Harold was appointed full-time Registrar in 1990. He retired in April 1997.

Harold's wife Verna has long been a supporter of the School and their sons Michael (1969-77), Stephen (1969-78) and Timothy (1971-83) are old boys.

Harold was unfailingly courteous, thoughtful and kind. He will long be remembered with affection by his colleagues and former pupils as well as by the many overseas families he befriended.



Graham Edwards speaking to Year 11 boys.

## Support Each Other

On 22 April Federal Member for Cowan Mr Graham Edwards spoke to Year 11 pupils on "The Significance of Anzac Day". His talk was part of the program of the Centre for Ethics.

Mr Edwards served in the Australian Army in Vietnam. In his address he spoke about the need for young people to support one another just as Service men and women must support each other. He encouraged the boys to say 'no' to drugs, to

oppose racism, to work for a just Australia and to stand up to bullies whenever necessary. He spoke of his great confidence in young people and expressed the hope that they would believe in themselves.

Canon Sheehan said: "We all felt honoured to hear such a fine man speak to us of important values. The students responded in a positive way and asked insightful questions. It was a wonderful preparation for Anzac Day."

## Community Outreach

Directed by Murray Bishop the Christ Church Guitar Ensemble performed at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital during Mental Health Week last October.

The lunchtime concerts were a first for the Hospital's Mental Health Week promotion and were well received by staff, patients and visitors. They also proved to be an invaluable draw card for the raffle which raised sufficient funds to refurbish the patient quiet room on the Psychiatric ward.

In a letter to Murray Bishop Senior Social Worker Mrs Lindy Hall wrote: "The promotion was a great success largely due to your enthusiasm, generosity and professional skill".



The Senior Guitar Ensemble performing at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.



A monk from the Sermey Monastery explains the mandala to Russell Porter (Year 10). Photograph by courtesy of West Australian Newspapers Limited.

## Mandala

In February six Tibetan Buddhist monks from the Sermey Monastery in South India spent a week at the School. The monks created a sand mandala centred on Christian themes. Director of the Centre for Ethics Canon Frank Sheehan said:

*"This is the first time anywhere in the world that a group of Buddhist monks has created a mandala using Christian symbols."*

"At the centre of the work was the figure of Christ and on his chest a triangle, symbol of the Trinity. The readiness of the monks to honour Christianity shows a wonderful generosity of spirit. Apart from their creative gifts and their gentle way of being, it was this warmth and kindness that touched so many of us."

Strictly speaking, mandala means circle, although it is a complex work sometimes framed within squared borders. It is an archetypal symbol of wholeness.

Students, parents and teachers were able to view the mandala as it was being made and to speak with the monks. As part of the visit, the eminent scholar Khenmsur Ngawang Teckchog Rinpoche spoke to Year 11 students on Buddhist Ethics.

After being on display for a week the mandala was broken up and the sand carried to the Swan River in front of the Chapel. As Canon Sheehan points out: "This is a reminder that all things pass, even

the most beautiful things. It was of great significance that the sand was placed in the river on Ash Wednesday, the day on which Christians remind themselves that our bodies return to the earth and the waters and that we too become dust. I don't think the significance was lost on anyone."

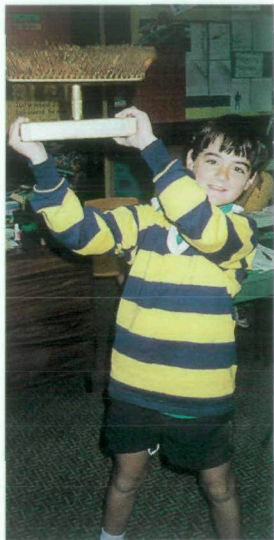
## Shaking Tins

Year 10 students shake tins for a variety of community groups throughout the year. Canon Sheehan who coordinates the weekly collections said: "The boys collect a total of just over ten thousand dollars a year for organisations such as The Salvation Army, Parkerville Children's Home, the Sawyer's Valley Volunteer Bushfire Brigade, Uni Camp for Kids and the Brain Foundations."

Daniel Long, George Grover and Paul Solomon hold animals from the Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre for which Year 10 boys helped raise funds. Photography by courtesy of Post Newspapers Pty Ltd.



# Golden Broom



Mitchell Kelly (5T) holding the Golden Broom Award.

Last year Preparatory School boys were challenged by a new competition - The Golden Broom Award for the tidiest class.

Each classroom is checked twice weekly. The class with the most orderly desks, cleanest floors and most neatly arranged bags and books wins the Award. At the end of the year the class that has won the Golden Broom most receives the Golden Dustpan, a perpetual trophy on which the class name is engraved.

Last year's winner of the Golden Dustpan was Year 2. Year 7Y has made a great start in 1999.

# Friendship

Each year a theme is set for Preparatory School Speech Morning. Friendship was the 1998 theme.

Working on material from an earlier project Art specialist Hilary Brooke helped six Year 7 students cut and arrange sketches. Using an overhead projector these pictures were thrown on to four large panels. The boys drew the outlines and then painted the pictures. The result was an eye-catching display featuring boys in School uniform, playing sport and around a Koorngal camp fire.

Stefan Paterson and Ben Brooksby worked on the project, assisted by Simon Taylor, Simon Kusel, Chris Chare and Theo Thamrin.



Toasting marshmallows around a Koorngal camp fire.



## TOUR de FRANCE

The Preparatory School held a mini-bike Tour de France late last year. Contestants wore traditional red, white and blue and the competition was linked to the boys' French language program. The Tour de France was one of a number of events held to raise funds for an operation for a young boy from India who visited the School. He had been brought to Perth for major surgery to enable him to have better use of his arms and legs.

## WINTER APPEAL

Harrison Fry and James Hall (Year 1), Gerard Chin, Alexander Dewhirst and Charles Angliss (Year 7) with some of the canned food collected by the Preparatory School boys for the Archbishop's Winter Appeal for Anglicare.







# PARENTS

## Parents' Association

The Parents' Association provides an excellent opportunity for parents to become closely involved in the School and to contribute to its staff, pupils and facilities. In addition it provides a useful forum for parent support groups to discuss issues and communicate them to the Headmaster.

At the Parents' Association Annual General Meeting the following parents were elected:

President:	David Fardon
Vice President:	Bill Carmody
Treasurer:	Anne Holt
Secretary:	David Singe
Committee:	Alison Foley, Brian Hansen, Jennifer Hardwick, Peter Kyle, Andrew Stewart

Other groups represented at the Association's committee meetings include: the Association's nominees to School Council (Ray West until March 1999 and David Fardon from April), Parents' Auxiliary President (Carolyn Winterbottom), the Old Boys' Association (Robert Parker), Mother of the Captain of School (Anne Webster), Overseas Parents' representative (Joseph Tan), Boarders' representative (Carol French) and the Headmaster.

The year's program began on 15 February with a very enjoyable Sundowner attended by over 200 parents. It was a great chance to meet old friends and to welcome new parents to the School. During the evening Abdul's Bazaar was launched. David Fardon explains: "This is the Association's major fundraising event for the year and it provides a great opportunity for involvement and fellowship as well as generating significant funds. The proceeds will be directed towards heating the School pool - a benefit to all Christ Church boys."

The Bazaar is being convened by past parent and current School Council member Ray West. He is

supported by a team of creative, hardworking parents. David urges all parents to support Abdul's Bazaar.

Note: Abdul's Bazaar is quite distinct from the best start in life fundraising campaign which aims to raise \$4 million dollars towards the projects in Stage 1 of the School's Master Plan.

## Staff Grants

Traditionally the Parents' Association supports a series of grants to the School community. Special amongst these are the annual Staff Professional Development Grants. The goal is to support Christ Church staff to gain experiences which will benefit them personally and professionally.

This year six grants have been awarded totalling \$12,000. In four cases the grant will enable staff to participate in courses or professional conferences overseas or interstate. The staff members are:

Peter Lewis (Dean of Studies)

Participation in the Project Zero Institute, Boston, USA.

Hilary Brooke (Preparatory School Art teacher)

Study tour to Italy to work at Emilio Reggio Early Learning Centres (art-centred elements of the curriculum)

Michael Ristovsky (Senior School Mathematics teacher)

Paper on the use of graphic calculators at Christ Church to be presented at the NSW Mathematical Association Conference.

Mr Trevor Richards (Senior School Art teacher)

Assistance with travel to Basel, Switzerland for Studio Residency project.

The other two grants provide support for artists-in-residence to visit the School and work with staff and students in the Art and Drama departments.



David Fardon.

# Auxiliary Report

At the Parents' Auxiliary Annual General Meeting in February Sue Wenn, the hard-working Auxiliary President for 1997 and 1998, was farewelled.



Carolyn Winterbottom.

All areas of the Auxiliary were left in wonderful shape for the 1999 Executive:

President:	Carolyn Winterbottom
Secretary:	Sally Jewkes
Treasurer:	Jan Ladyman
Assistant Treasurer:	Judi Ley
Refectory Convenor:	Alison Foley
Clothing Service Convenor:	Jenny Harrington

Before Term 1 began members of the Auxiliary were busy organising refreshments for Orientation Day. Within the first couple of weeks guest speaker Jacqueline O'Brien presented "A Little Bit of Ireland Over Here" in the Chapel. This was an informative and enriching evening about Ireland's heritage which was enjoyed by the School family and the wider community.

While the boys competed in the pool at the Preparatory School Swimming Carnival refreshments were set up and sold, the proceeds gratefully accepted by the Auxiliary.

On a warm day in February the President's Lunch was held at the home of Carolyn Winterbottom. It was a golden opportunity to socialize with outgoing and new members of the committee.

At the President's Lunch:  
Standing - Vince Evans and Sally Woods.  
Seated - Jeremy Madin, Deborah Allen, Liz Hemsley, Petra Dunn and Ash Donner.



At the first Senior School morning tea Dr Peter Lewis gave a brief talk entitled: "Put on Your Thinking Cap" and Ms Liz Langdon spoke about the Instep program. Anne Holt spoke at the Preparatory School morning tea about the School's Bazaar in October and about how groups and individuals were rallying to help.

Four speakers gave an idea of "Life Beyond Year 12" at the Year 12 Parents' evening. Peter Lewis (Dean of Studies), Rob Jewkes (from Clough Engineering, old boy of the School), Dr Anne Zubrick (lecturer from Notre Dame University) and Michael Cannon (CCGS Renta) addressed parents and answered questions in the open forum.

This is the inaugural year of the Christ Church Arts Festival and the Auxiliary provided a roster to serve refreshments during interval on the four evenings - and this was done extremely well.

At the end of Term 1 the Auxiliary offered Fresh Salmon for Easter, raising \$500. Those who missed out - fear not because there will be another opportunity to purchase the product.

The hardworking Refectory and Clothing Service staff contribute an enormous amount to the funds enabling the Auxiliary to function so well. Parents' support in these areas is much appreciated.

The new system for supplying flowers for the Chapel is working well. Please contact the Auxiliary if you are able to spare a little time during the year for this pleasant job.

The Auxiliary has not been called upon this year to provide support to families through the Pastoral Care program which exists to help those in need.

As a result of industry and goodwill the Auxiliary was able to pass on \$65,000 to the School for Capital Grants. This money will go towards heating the School swimming pool, a project which will benefit all boys in the School.

Please look at newsletters and the Calendar of Events for forthcoming activities. Parents are most welcome to come along to any of the events, to help with any of the functions and to join the Auxiliary (no charge!).

Telephone Carolyn Winterbottom 9383 3347 if you would like any information.

# Abdul's Bazaar

During the first half of 1999 Christ Church has been overrun by a tie-wearing camel, orange newsletters and endless pleas for glass jars, fabric remnants, potting mix and much else.

The School community is buzzing with activity as it works towards the Parents' Association major fundraiser for 1999 - Abdul's Bazaar - which will see the grounds transformed into a gigantic Middle Eastern market-place on Saturday 30 October.



Undaunted by the scope of the undertaking, everyone has embraced Abdul's Bazaar with tremendous enthusiasm and commitment. Different interest groups are hard at work planning and producing a fantastic range of goods, from gourmet food, beautiful craft, delicious home-made cakes and preserves to an alluring array of plants as well as rides, games and fun activities.

The Parents' Association is delighted to dedicate the money raised by the Bazaar to heat the School pool. This project will enable its year-round use and benefit the boys, their families and Christ Church old boys.

The Parents' Association encourages everyone to become involved in Abdul's Bazaar, a unique opportunity not only to do something for our School but also to make new friends and enjoy wonderful fellowship. Further information is available from Ray West on 0418956149 (Head Convenor), Deborah Bauert on 9386 6302 (Publicity) or Jennifer Hardwick on 9386 4657 (Secretary).



Boys flocked to the Parents' Association's Mother's Day stall at the end of April. Sales were brisk at this preview of the wonderful range of items to be sold at Abdul's Bazaar. The money raised will go towards heating the School pool.



# OLD BOYS

## Profile of a Foundation Scholar

As research continues in preparation for the Imperial and Australian Honours Board and the World War I and II Honour Roll, the Cox family are preparing a biography of ALFRED 'Derf' RICHARD BAXTER COX.

Alfred Cox was born in Cue, Western Australia, in 1898. He was a foundation member of Christ Church Preparatory School when it opened with nine students in 1910.

Derf enlisted in the Australian Infantry Forces during World War I at the age of seventeen. He left Australia for overseas as a private in the original Mining corps which was later reorganised in France into three tunnelling companies. He rose to the rank of sergeant. Transferring to the 4th Battalion he was commissioned with the rank of lieutenant. He returned home at the age of twenty-one with the rank of captain.

After returning to Western Australia and completing his studies in architecture Derf was associated with the construction of a number of Perth's large buildings, including Anzac House and the Science Block of the University of Western Australia. Meanwhile he carried on with his military work. He joined the Engineers in 1922 with the rank of lieutenant and rose to command the 13th Field Company. He was attached to the 10th Light Horse Regiment for a period and later commanded the old 11/16th Battalion (City of Perth Regiment) for four years. Following the outbreak of World War II in 1939 Derf was appointed commander of the 13th Infantry Brigade and promoted to the rank of brigadier. In 1941 he commanded the famous 2/16 Battalion which distinguished itself in the Syrian Campaign. He was awarded the Commander of the Order of the

British Empire (CBE) for his services with the Armed Forces during the Second World War.

After the war Derf took up residence in Melbourne and resumed work as an architect. He was appointed a Commissioner in the Victorian Housing Commission 1948-49 and later became a Council Member of the Fern Tree Gully Technical School. For the last five years of his life he was Architect to The Salvation Army.



Alfred Baxter Cox married in 1919 but had no children. He died in October 1958. The Christ Church

A R Baxter Cox Memorial Prize for Physics was endowed in 1960 by his brothers JEFFREY PAMPLIN COX and LYNWOOD COX, both old boys of the School.

Jeffrey's son BRYAN COX (1958-62) attended Christ Church as did Bryan's sons GARY COX (1980-84) and DAVID COX (1983-87) and their cousin JONOTHAN COX (1980-84). Lynwood's son ALEXANDER COX (1936-45) is an old boy and so is his grandson PETER COX (1970-74).

Lieutenant Colonel Alfred Richard Baxter Cox, approximately 1943.

Corporal "Derf" Cox enlisted before he had reached the age of eighteen, and left for the Front with the Engineers early last winter. "Derf" is getting on well in France, and has been awarded his corporal stripes. He is attached to the headquarters of the Mining Corps. *The Mitre August 1917.*

# His Way

**"Son, even if you are a street sweeper, if you keep your part of the street clean you will always be respected".**

From New York LLOYD CAREW-REID (1956-65) reflects in a letter on this lesson he learned from his gymnastics teacher Akos Kovacs who served on the academic staff at Christ Church from 1955-87.

Lloyd was a member of the School's gymnastics team, winning the B Grade State Championship in 1965 and cited as the most outstanding gymnast in **The Mitre**. He left Christ Church at the end of Year 10 when his family moved to the eastern states.

Later Lloyd attended UWA and gained a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He soon left his job as a junior accountant for a job in a Nullagine gold mine where he worked in different capacities, earning enough money in a year to return to Perth and begin a Bachelor of Music degree.

Before completing the course he became frustrated with policies prohibiting students from performing without the department's approval. So he left and began to perform classical guitar music in the streets where he found an audience that loved to listen. He writes: "I had found something that brought back the joy and sense of fulfilment that only gymnastics had given me."

In 1983 Lloyd set off for Europe, hoping to work his way around playing music. Eventually he reached New York where he began playing classical guitar in the subway. But there were rules against this. In 1985 the Metropolitan Transit Authority issued 3000 summonses for "unauthorized noise", and Lloyd was ticketed three times for "solicitation for entertainment". What really got his goat was "the beaucratic arrogance of it all. How can rules apply to aesthetics?"

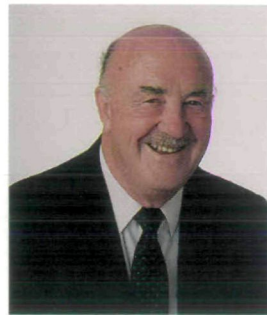
Lloyd challenged in court the constitutionality of the Authority's rules, citing the First Amendment. The Transit Authority dropped all charges, stopped issuing summonses to musicians (unless they were blocking an entrance or interfering with train operations) and said it would rewrite the regulations. "It was the best possible victory," said Lloyd.

Since then Lloyd has taken on other causes, such as fighting for better housing conditions. He is now working in computing.

# Farewell

VICTOR FISHER (1941-42) passed away in April.

An outstanding schoolboy sportsman and academic, Vic was Captain of School in 1942. At eighteen he joined the RAAF and became a Lancaster bomber pilot - before he was licenced to drive a car!



Victor Fisher.

Vic later studied at Melbourne University. In Melbourne he joined the Essendon football club for which he played in three VFL grand finals.

After returning to Perth Vic became a key player for West Perth, playing for the Cardinals in four WANFL grand finals.

Vic was also an outstanding first grade cricketer. He played with North Perth for fourteen seasons, becoming Captain of the Club and later Club President. He was twelfth man for WA for two Sheffield Shield matches.

Also a successful and innovative businessman, Vic co-founded the Raffles paint company in 1952 and for thirty-five years he was a leader in the provision of aged care facilities in WA, both as a proprietor of nursing homes and president of two national bodies.

A long time member of North Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club, Vic was a regular early morning swimmer at the beach until shortly before his death.

Vic is survived by Valerie, his wife of fifty years, four children and thirteen grandchildren. Vic's sons JOHN FISHER (1958-68), JIM FISHER (1959-70) and JOE FISHER (1966-77) are also old boys of the School, as are his grandsons DAN MINCHIN (1982-90) and TIM MINCHIN (1982-92), the sons of Vic's daughter Ros Minchin.



Ros Minchin with some her father's School cups which she donated to the School Archives.



**STILL ON THE SAME ROAD**  
Three friends who graduated from Christ Church in 1992 have now graduated from the University of Western Australia's School of Medicine together. They are JEREMY TAN (1985-92) and FRED CHEN (1989-92), now both interns at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, and SHAWN GOH (1991-92), an intern at Royal Perth Hospital.

# Forty Years Later

JAMES NEWTON ROLFE, Master-in-Charge of the Preparatory School from 1954-59, recently joined the Old Boys' Association and made a donation to the Scholarship Fund.

After leaving Christ Church Jim moved to New Zealand. He ultimately retired as District



James Rolfe and his grandson.

Superintendent of Primary Education. He has kept in touch with Christ Church over the years.

Since retiring Jim has become a writer. In 1992 he published **Gardening with Camellias**, which has been very successful around the world and has had several reprints. **Brothers at War** followed in 1995, telling of the World War II experiences of Jim and his two brothers. **Should We Forget? The Significance of Anzac Day** was published in 1997. It takes the form of letters to Jim's eldest grandson. This has been very well received and another version is on the way.

Jim was awarded an MBE in 1987.

Two of Jim's four sons are Christ Church old boys. JAMES ROLFE (1954-59) is now Director of an International Affairs course for Masters students at Victoria University, Wellington. He recently published a book on the New Zealand Armed Forces and he has produced a published version of his doctoral thesis on New Zealand Defence Policies. DAVID ROLFE (1956-59) is a lawyer practising in a town north of Auckland.

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# Rainbow Vision

NEIL SMITHSON (1967-77) contested the mayoral election for the first amalgamated Albany City Council in May 1999.

Neil attended Christ Church from the age of nine and was a regular member of the School swimming and lifesaving teams and 2nd XI Hockey. He also served on the Chapel and Social committees. He is a Life Member of the Old Boys' Association and enjoys the reunion dinners and golf days.

After leaving School Neil studied Town Planning at WAIT and eventually completed a Masters of Arts in Urban Studies at Curtin University. He has worked in Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria and now runs his own organisational management and planning consultancy practice based in Albany.

Neil stood for the Mayor of Albany on the Platform of Rainbow 2000 - a Regional Planning Strategy for Albany and the Great Southern - and the Albany 2001 Re-enactment.

Rainbow 2000 involves more than one hundred economic planning initiatives for job creation and the potential investment of \$5 billion. The major proposal relates to relocating the industrial port facility to Vancouver Peninsula and the freeing up of the city foreshore for major redevelopment.

Albany 2001 Re-enactment is the marketing strategy for Rainbow 2000. It is a proposal to re-enact at the time of the 2001 Anzac Day celebrations the assembly of ships that collected in King George Sound before departing for World War I.

Neil is married to Denise who is a journalist and sub-editor of the Albany Advertiser newspaper.



Neil Smithson.



The Unforgettables at the March luncheon:

1-4 Back: PETER LYNN (1935-45), BOB ANDERSON (1939-46), JOHN BRUCE (1943-45), PETER PORTER (1942-43), JOHN NORTH (1941-45), BILL BERLINER (1942-45), DAVID NORRIE (1938-47), ROGER METHERELL (1943-46). Front: IAN GROSE (1941-46), TERENCE NEWTON (1945-49), JOHN WARRY (1936-44), MICHAEL MOORE (1939-47), ED WHITAKER (1943-44), RON DAWSON (1940-41), RUPERT SADKA (1942-46), JOHN DOUST (1936-48), IAN WATKINS (1939-46) and LEWIS LANE (1942-44). GRAEME HARTILL (1937-43) and JOHN MILNER (1942-44) arrived after the photograph was taken.

## The Unforgettables

A group of old boys from the 1940s meet two or three times a year for lunch at the Fremantle Annexe of the Royal Perth Yacht Club.

Attendance is by invitation and most of the twenty-five or so old boys who attend are retired. The responsibility for organising and hosting the lunches is shared around.

A small levy is imposed upon attendees and the amount collected is gifted to the Old Boys' Scholarship Fund.

Dean Bowker, Honorary Secretary of the Old Boys' Association, attended the March 1999 luncheon. He was presented with a donation of \$200 for the Scholarship Fund by PETER PORTER (1942-43) on behalf of The Unforgettables.

## Where Are You?

A Sundowner is to be held on Sunday 19 September to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Education Support Unit.

Old boys, their partners and their parents will be most welcome.

The Old Boys' Association takes pleasure in supporting this reunion.

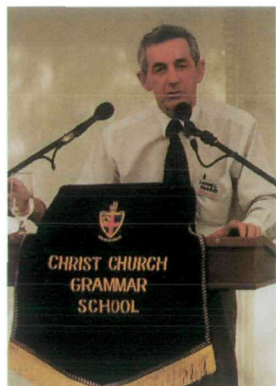
As there is no register of former ESU pupils the organisers need your help to make this a great reunion.

Please telephone Margaret Macpherson on 9385 1985 to register your interest and to inform her of the whereabouts of any other former ESU pupils with whom you are in contact.

Invitations will be sent to all those for whom there is a current address.

# Great Day

Over three hundred old boy boarders, along with some former boarding and medical staff, gathered in a giant marquee on the bottom oval on Sunday 1 November 1998 for the first-ever Boarders' Reunion. And what a reunion it turned out to be!



Guest Speaker, Dr Lionel Ward.

The day started with a tour of the redeveloped boarding houses conducted by current boarding staff and senior boarders.

In opening the function Headmaster Jeremy Madin welcomed the old boys back to the campus.

Entertainer JON DOUST (1961-65), in the role of Master of Ceremonies, kept everyone amused as he moved the proceedings along. At various stages he introduced guest speaker LIONEL WARD (1944-52); MURRAY CRIDDLE (1953-61) who was Senior Boarder in 1961 and is now the

Minister for Transport in the Court Government; ALAN WATSON (1952-54) now Chairman of Co-Operative Bulk Handling and Robert Sewell current Chairman of the Grain Pool whose son PETER SEWELL (1988-92) was in attendance.

Tables were arranged to keep year groups close together but as the afternoon progressed there was much intermingling along different lines: the Moora contingent, for example, spanned almost fifty years of boarding at Christ Church.

Of course reminiscences flowed freely all afternoon.

The feedback from this inaugural boarders' reunion has been fantastic. Many have asked: "When's the next one?"



Inside the marquee Master of Ceremonies and humourist Jon Doust kept the old boys entertained.







Old Boys at the Jupp Reunion.

## The Jupp Years

A reunion was held at the School on 30 April for those old boys who attended Christ Church from 1943-1947 - the period during which old boy LAURIE JUPP (1926-31) was Headmaster. Forty-five old boys attended and a further fifty recorded their apologies.

The old boys met for a Chapel service before gathering for lunch in Sandover Dining Hall. Here they viewed an archives display that depicted their years at Christ Church.

Each old boy was presented with an alphabetical register containing details of his achievements during his years at School. This was painstakingly compiled by archivists Sarah Dobb and Rita Willard who scoured the pages of *The Mitre* looking for every reference to each boy. It will form part of a Register which the Archives Department is preparing for the School's centenary.

## London Reunion

A reunion for Christ Church old boys living in the United Kingdom is to be held at Pegs Club, 17 Mercer Street, London WC2H 9QJ on 1 July 1999 from 6 - 10 pm. There will be a charge of £15, payable at the door, to cover the cost of food.

If you would like to join in the fun please email Dick Porter (dp@STATravelGroup.com) or Blair Keenan (<Skinny\_Chyna@Btinternet.com>) or telephone Blair after hours on 0171 731 6380. They will need to finalise catering numbers by mid-June.

If you have changed your address or if you know of other old boys in the United Kingdom please let Blair know.



Archivists Rita Willard and Sarah Dobb with one of the displays prepared for the Jupp Reunion. It was collated from a series of photographs loaned by CLIVE WHARTON (1944-46) which were enlarged and mounted.

# Walkabout

A United States senator and a member of the United States House of Representatives have jointly nominated old boy ROLAND EGGLESTON (1945-50) for the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Prize for Journalism and Democracy. Roland has been described as a courageous Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) correspondent who has chronicled OSCE issues, human rights and developments in eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union for the past twenty years. An unwavering advocate of human rights and democratic principles, his work is an inspiration to all who seek truth and justice. After the collapse of communism Roland reported extensively on the democratisation process in former Soviet-controlled Europe and he reported on the crises in Bosnia, Kosovo, Albania, Chechnya and other countries in the eastern block.

Earlier last year author PETER EDWARDS (1950-62) was awarded the Colin Roderick Award for his book **A Nation at War**. The award is given annually for the best book published in Australia dealing with any aspect of Australian life. Given that the short-list included books by Tim Winton, Peter Carey, Eric Rolls, Roberta Sykes and David Ireland, we can only assume that **A Nation at War** is a book of the highest literary merit. The book is the sixth volume of the **Official History of Australia's Involvement in Southeast Asian Conflicts from 1948-75**. It is a powerfully penetrating account of a divided nation at war. The author's judgements on governments and their opponents are fair, trenchant and well founded. Absorbing from start to finish, it is a splendid finale to the national agony of the Vietnam War. Peter is currently the Senior Tutor at St Paul's College where old boys OLIVER MAILES (1987-95), MICHAEL SHEPHERD (1988-92) and JONATHAN DAVENTRY (1989-95) reside while studying at the University of Sydney.

ROBERT CULLINGFORD (1970-81) is currently a Medical Missionary in Papua New Guinea. Together with his wife Sally and three children Stephanie (9), David (7) and Emma (5), Rob has been practicing medicine for the past nine months at the Rumginae Health Centre close to the Irian Jaya border in the northern region of PNG. The Health Centre supports a population of thirty thousand tribal people and is operated by the Evangelical Church of PNG.

When PETER GALVIN (1982-87) married last year his best man was DION MEPHAM (1983-87) and his groomsman was NICK du CROS (1982-86). One week in to his honeymoon Peter

returned the compliment at Dion's wedding. Now lecturing in Strategic Management at the Queensland University of Technology, Peter retains an administrative involvement in swimming as an added interest. Last year he was the manager of the Open Water Australia swim team at the World Championships. Meanwhile Dion teaches Science at Guildford Grammar and is the Head Coach of the school swim team. He is ably assisted by COLIN CARNACHAN (1966-75).

We're told that for just \$95 a double PJ's Bed and Breakfast in Balingup is a great place to escape to. Now owned by old boy IAN MOIR (1951-56) and his wife Rosemary, we feel sure that special rates (mid-week) would be available for members of the School family. Ian can be contacted on 9764 1205.

After volunteering his services as a Medical Officer for a number of years at API Rally Australia, held annually in WA during November, RIK HAGEN (1957-66) recently secured a one year contract as the medico for the Toyota Team Europe. Based in Germany, Rik will be one of fifty staff travelling the world with the drivers and their humble Corolla World Rally cars. The 1999 World Championships will take Rik to thirteen countries spanning five continents before returning to Perth in November.

Another old boy now based in Germany is MATTHEW MacFARLANE (1979-85). For some years now Matthew had been involved in telecommunications in Bern, Switzerland. In January he accepted a senior management position with Deutsche Telekom International and has moved to Bonn.

ROB DAVIDSON's (1984-88) Agricultural Science degree from the University of Western Australia may prove to be invaluable to the WA prime lamb industry. This January he commenced a project to demonstrate the value of new and current maternal genetics to produce heavy sucker lambs. Focussing his research on the maternal characteristics of the Merino breed, Rob has established the project on the property of BRUCE SEWELL (1982-86) and his parents in Pingelly. The initiative has been funded by Meat and Livestock Australia, using Producer Initiated Research and Development Funds.

We heard recently from DAVID SYME (1978-82), Senior Branch Officer for SBS Rural IAMA in Esperance, who wrote with up-to-the-minute news of the 12th World Flying Fifteen Sailing Championships hosted by the Esperance Bay Yacht Club in February. Along with CHRISTIAN SIEMER (1978-80) and CHRISTOPHER HOCKEY (1973-74), David enjoyed competing against the seventy-five yachts representing



Australia, Great Britain, Ireland, Hong Kong, New Zealand and South Africa. DAVID SMALLWOOD (1949-59) was a member of the race committee. Old boys who travelled down from Perth to participate included HAMISH CARNACHAN (1968-79), RON PACKER (1961-67) and GRANT ALDERSON (1972-82) who finished sixth overall.

At any given time there are large numbers of old boys living, working or travelling in Europe and the UK. We are currently aware that: JUSTIN SMITH (1983-90), HUGO SMITH (1984-90) and PETER PHILLIPS (1983-90) are working in the stockbroking industry; on his way to London PAUL LEIGHTON (1987-92) stopped off at Singapore to visit his brother GLENN LEIGHTON (1981-85); RICHARD ROSE (1984-88) has taken up residency in Spain where he's working for an international finance corporation; BEN McPHEE (1985-92) and BRADLEY BUGG (1986-90) are in England; HANS WENTZEL (1993-94) is touring Europe; and LUCAS KEOGH (1981-92) returned to Perth in April to attend the wedding of his brother ANGUS (1979-90): while in France Lucas took the opportunity to attend the wedding of Francois Brice, who was a French exchange student at Christ Church in 1991-92.

When he chose to play lacrosse in primary school NATHAN RAINEY (1992-96) made a wise decision. Having progressed through the ranks at the Wembley Lacrosse Club, Nathan is now an accomplished player. He was recently selected in the 19-and-under Australian team to play in the World Championships in July this year.

NEIL McDONALD (1974-85), a Senior Associate at law with Deacons, Graham and James in Sydney, reports that his wife Kate had a daughter (Isabella) earlier this year. He catches up with a number of old boys from time to time. In fact DAVID WELCH (1979-83), who runs his own media publishing company, is also the proud father of a daughter (Sascha). Neil also caught up with SIMON LEE (1980-85) a lawyer with Ebsworth and Ebsworth and STEVE LEMONIS (1972-83) a Senior Associate with Harper Watson. Meanwhile we've heard that ANDREW COPPIN (1974-85) has transferred from Perth to the Sydney office of Merrill Lynch.

TONY BRACEGIRDLE (1949-54) was only eight years old when he became a boarder at Christ Church. Along with many other boarders of that era he travelled to WA by ship from Singapore. Tony's parents lived in Penang. The School had an enormous duty of care in those days for there were some lads younger than Tony, and they all had to be catered for from February through to early December each year. On a recent visit to



Wearing the new silk OBA tie - TONY BRACEGIRDLE (1949-54), JOHN BELL (1944-55) and MARTIN BOOTH (1948-59).

Australia with his wife Jan, Tony was able to enjoy a tour of the School with DEAN BOWKER (1948-55) and to catch up with some of the other "Schoolship Kids" who made many fascinating journeys on the ships of the Blue Funnel Line. MARTIN BOOTH (1948-59), JOHN BELL (1944-55), TONY PESTELL (1947-56) and JOHN AIREY (1946-58) all enjoyed the reminiscing. Tony and Jan flew on to Cairns to catch up with EUAN BRUCE (1951-55) before returning to their home in St Peter Port, Guernsey in the Channel Islands.

Late last year PETER HARLEY (1959-67) accepted a one year position as acting CEO of Intellect Holdings. Meanwhile he retains his role as a Director of Foundation Capital and Chairman of Co-operative Research for Broadband Telecommunications and Networking at Curtin University. Peter is married to Sue and they have two sons at Christ Church, John in Year 11 and Matthew Year 9.

We have heard that the Swanbourne-Nedlands Surf Life Saving Club is enjoying a resurgence of enthusiasm and success this year. In particular the men's open boat crew have swept all before them. Is it any wonder, we ask, when the four-man crew consists of DAN BISHOP (1987-91), JOHN GARNETT (1986-90), SAM VAN DONGEN (1982-86) and MARK WALLIS (1986-90) - all outstanding Christ Church rowers in their time!

Some two hundred old boys opted for life memberships of the Association last year. A number of these are living overseas, including JOHN VERNON (1958-63) now the General Manager of the Aurora Gold mining venture in Indonesia; JAE WOO (1996-97) a university student in Seoul, Korea; DAVID GLASSON (1940-47) retired mining engineer in Bristol, UK; JASON PARISH (1975-84) a Forensic Accountant in Santa Barbara, USA; Dr ANDREW BENNETT (1958-62) a Professor at the Oregon State University, USA; DAVID COOK (1950) a Consulting Ecologist in Vancouver, Canada; and SCOTT and DONALD UNFEFER (1987) - Scott is a Technical Engineer in California, USA, and Donald is in real estate in Colorado, USA.



ROLAND BALDOCK (1940-42) was passing through Claremont when he got the idea to call in on his old school - his first visit in fifty-seven years! Roland was taken on a tour of the School by Registrar John Leach and he visited the Archives where Archivist Sarah Dobb showed him photographs from his days at Christ Church.



## COMING EVENTS

### 1999

- 2 July END OF TERM 2
- 10 July Preparatory School Ski Trip departs
- 20 July TERM 3 COMMENCES
- 23 July OBA 35 Year Reunion for the Class of '64
- 29 July Father and Son Motivational Breakfast for Year 12s
- 1 Aug Founder's Day Family Service, Chapel 9.30 am
- 6 Aug Concerto Night Concert with MLC, Hadley Hall 7.30 pm
- 7 Aug Two week visit of Hotoku Gakuen School (Japan) commences
- 13 Aug OBA 25th Anniversary Luncheon for the Class of '74
- 14 Aug PSA bye
- 20-21 Aug Musical **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat**  
His Majesty's Theatre
- 20-24 Aug MID TERM BREAK
- 24-26 Aug CCGS at Dowerin Field Day
- 31 Aug House Athletics Carnival, Perry Lakes 9 am
- 1 Sept Parents' Association - Headmaster's Supper, Refectory 7.30 pm
- 3 Sept Cadets depart for bivouac - Bindoon
- 11 Sept Quads Athletics, Perry Lakes 12 noon
- 13 Sept Trial TEE commences
- 16 Sept Preparatory School House Athletics Carnival
- 18 Sept PSA Athletics Inters, Perry Lakes 12 noon
- 22 Sept House Arts Day
- 24 Sept END OF TERM 3
- 1 Oct OBA 20 Year Reunion for the Class of '89
- 12 Oct TERM 4 COMMENCES
- 30 Oct ABDUL'S BAZAAR - the biggest and best fair yet -  
at Christ Church Grammar School, Queenslea Drive, Claremont