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CHRONICLE



On the Cusp of the Millennium

Some hail the millennium as the beginning of a bright new age, others believe the end times are upon us - with a technological armageddon or an apocalypse preceded by natural disasters.

A glance at the history of the calendar and the calculation of the years should convince us that much of this hype is man-made nonsense.

The earliest calendars were based on cycles of the moon. The Egyptians were probably the first to adopt a predominantly solar calendar. Errors called for periodic adjustments to realign the calendar with the solar year. The Julian Calendar, commissioned from astronomer Sosigenes by Julius Caesar in 46 BC, was widely used for more than 1500 years. Pope Gregory XIII called for another synchronisation. The Gregorian Calendar, accurate to within twenty-six seconds, was introduced on 4 October 1582. It was not adopted in Great Britain until 1752 but now dominates most of the planet.

The custom of reckoning time by counting the years from the birth of Christ was introduced by the monk Dionysius Exiguus in the first century AD. He miscalculated the year of birth by four to six years later than the actual date. Further complications arose concerning the jump from negative one to positive one. The lack of year zero has caused confusion ever since.

Accordingly we should observe the millennium on 31 December 2000. If we take Dionysius Exiguus's miscalculation into account, we may be four or more years late!

Although the millennium is not a cosmic event, it is a moment of immense historical symbolism and psychological power.

Each transition of an old and new year provides an opportunity to reflect on the past twelve months and consider the next. Perhaps this should be the focus of the millennium - an extra special moment to assess personal, cultural and global directions.

An impelling need is to consider what we are doing to planet Earth. Fantastic developments in science and social science contrast weirdly with escalating damage to the world's ecology. As we embrace economic rationalism and become more dependent on technology we risk losing contact with our roots in the planet which sustains us.

Education may be a key solution. How does Christ Church Grammar School stand on the cusp of the millennium?

A Strategic Review is in progress. It provides an opportunity for over 8000 members of the School community to evaluate the recent past and make recommendations for the future. A full report is expected by the end of 1999.

School Council's commitment to the Buildings and Grounds Master Plan has resulted in the completion of the redevelopment of the boarding houses. *The Early Learning Centre will open in 2000.* With continued support for **the best start in life** fundraising campaign the building of the new Library Resource Centre will commence next year.

Whilst the academic program continues as intensely as ever, the introduction of the Curriculum Framework shifts the emphasis from what is taught to what is learned. At Christ Church there is an important blending of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, recognising that intelligence can be manifested in many ways and developed by participation in a wide range of activities. These include a variety of sports, the arts and social and spiritual pursuits. This issue of *Chronicle* gives special mention to the Arts.

Student art works adorn the School at every turn. The placement of thoughtful murals, paintings, drawings and sculptures allow the visual arts to be incorporated into each boy's school day.

There has been a wonderful series of drama productions this year, reaching a pinnacle in the highly successful performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* at His Majesty's Theatre. A drama tour to the United Kingdom will take place over the Christmas holidays.

Music groups and ensembles have performed on numerous occasions throughout the year, the most outstanding being three magnificent major concerts. An exciting program is planned for 2000, including a tour to New Zealand.

Impressions continues to feature boys' creative writing and works of art. There was a competition during Poetry Week and the publication of a book of poetry by a member of the English Department.

As the calendar ticks over we can celebrate the wonderful spirit and energy prevailing at Christ Church. Complacency, however, is not on the agenda. In playing its part in shaping the young men of the future the School aims to be forever mindful of its obligation to equip them with a love for learning and for taking responsibility for themselves, their fellow beings and their planet.

On the front cover:
The School's choral tradition is strong, as are our links with St George's Anglican Cathedral. Some of the Cathedral choristers - (back row) David Penco, Arjun Kumar, Adrian Tiong, Patrick Coleman and Tom Cordery; (middle row) Anthony Martin, Christopher Karas and Dudley Allitt; (front row) Stuart Galton (East Claremont Primary School), Anthony Altemuhl (Scotch College), Michael Cordery and Tim McNamara (Scotch College); (front) David Ching. Following their successful European tour in 1998, the choristers toured the eastern states in September. They gave concerts in Newcastle, Sydney, Hobart, Ballarat and Melbourne.



From the Headmaster's Desk

Towards the millennium

Recent editions of *Chronicle* have focused upon the themes of community and opportunities. As we consider the challenges of the 21st century we turn to two others - diversity and strategy.

This edition celebrates diversity and its soulmates, creativity and achievement. The School is humming.

Where to from here?

Some people say that Christ Church is on a high. Others say that it is riding a crest. Such metaphors are dangerous. Riding a crest implies that the wave is breaking and is going to hit the beach. How do we prevent that?

Strategic Review

The strategic plan that we developed in 1993 and 1994 remains a living thing. Much has been implemented but some recommendations have been found to be impractical and some goals have been abandoned in the light of unanticipated educational realities and challenges. Accordingly School Council decided that 1999 was the right time for a major review.

Council engaged an educational consulting firm to help define the issues that needed to be considered. A planning group comprising Members of Council, staff, parents and old boys guides the process. In May, as a prelude to the review, the consultants conducted a comprehensive Institutional Assessment, reporting to School Council on such matters as facilities and services, program, students, staff, management, Council, marketing, public relations and fundraising, finance and planning.

The strategic planning team discussed the Institutional Assessment and identified issues of

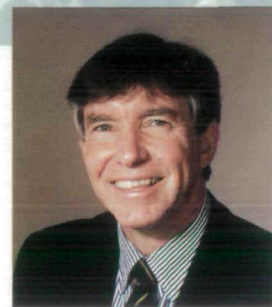
significance. Other issues were raised at a number of focus group meetings in June with a widely representative range of parents, teachers, old boys, current pupils and Members of School Council.

A Consultative Planning Paper was developed as a result of these deliberations. As most readers of *Chronicle* know, it was mailed to all parents of boys currently in the School, to all old boys, to all members of staff and to boys in Years 11 and 12 - over 8,000 people! It summarised issues considered important for Christ Church. It was accompanied by a comprehensive questionnaire.

The Chair of Council, Dr Peter Hollingsworth, and I are most appreciative of the efforts made by so many parents, senior boys and old boys to complete and return questionnaires and, in particular, to add helpful comments and suggestions in the "open-ended" section of the form. Our consultants tell us that the response rate from the School community was healthy (and therefore provides a statistically significant basis for analysis) and that the number of written comments was unusually high, which is pleasing.

The responses have been professionally analysed. The planning group and School Council are working on the formulation of a revised statement of goals. A Council and Executive seminar will consider, query, and alter or ratify the goals and strategies with a view to announcing them at Speech Night.

We want the School to be well placed to respond to the challenges of the new millennium. I thank all who are helping us to ensure that it will be equipped to do so.



Jeremy Madin, Headmaster.

STOP PRESS

Our Cadet Unit has been named top unit of the twenty-five in the State after winning four of the seven major competitions at annual camp. Christ Church has been awarded trophies for junior and senior skill at arms (team skills, communications, casualty, assessment and treatment), drill (98 points out of a possible 100) and both day and night navigation.



COUNCIL

Looking Ahead

One of the most pressing issues for Christ Church is the need for additional land.

The School hires almost as many playing fields as it owns and the lack of space has a limiting effect on the number of programs at the Claremont campus.

For many years School Council has explored a range of options in its search for land. When, in October 1997, LandCorp advertised for expressions of interest in the purchase of approximately 7.9 hectares of freehold land in Mt Claremont, this seemed to answer the need.

Almost the size of the School's twenty acres of playing fields at Mt Claremont, the parcel of land

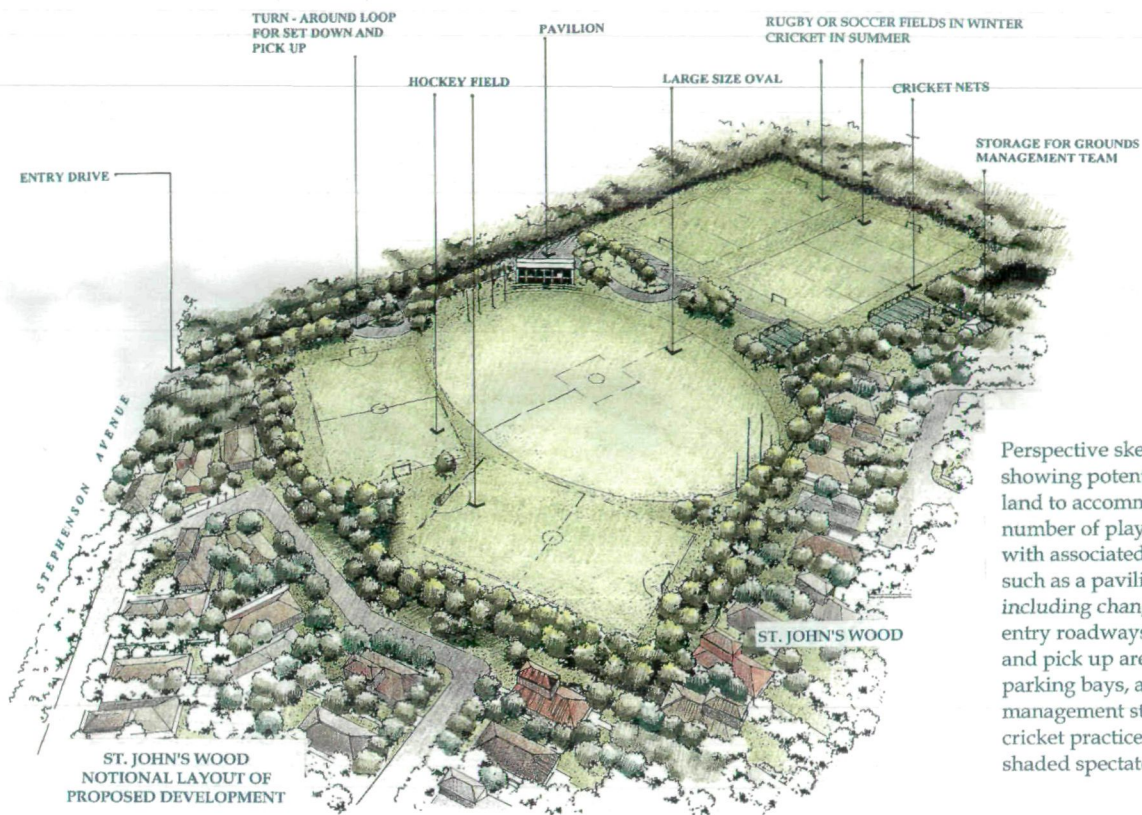
was once part of Brockway Tip. It is currently the site of a gas extraction enterprise providing fuel for the Challenge Stadium power generator.

School Council is unwilling to commit to purchase until a comprehensive environmental study is completed. Council has appointed several sub-committees to investigate environmental issues including quantity and quality of future water supplies, legal ownership and liabilities and negotiations with current land users. Council is drawing on the expertise of a number of old boy engineers and lawyers who generously give of their time and knowledge as co-opted members of the



School Bursar Vince Evans, School Council Chairman Peter Hollingsworth (1960-64), Lands Minister Doug Shave (1963-64), Cottesloe MLA Colin Barnett and Headmaster Jeremy Madin study plans at the site.

Photograph by Courtesy of the Community Newspaper Group



Perspective sketch showing potential of the land to accommodate a number of playing fields with associated facilities such as a pavilion including change rooms, entry roadways, set down and pick up areas, parking bays, a grounds management store, cricket practice nets and shaded spectator areas.



Christ Church Grammar School Proposed Additional Playing Fields

sub-committees. In addition the School has engaged environmental management consultants Bowman Bishaw Gorham, solicitors Clayton Utz and accountants PricewaterhouseCoopers.

A conditional contract has been signed by LandCorp and CCGS Playing Fields Pty Ltd, a company which will hold the land in trust for the School. The contract price is approximately \$1.3 million.

Council and its advisors are working energetically on the finer details and are optimistic that the contract will be able to be finalised in good time.

Levelling and turfing is unlikely to take place for some years as settling, supplementation and

realignment of the landfill surface will take time and the gas extraction project will need to run its course. However, securing the land offers the School tremendous flexibility in long range planning for future generations of boys.

The Christ Church Grammar School Foundation will loan the money to finance the purchase from the endowment fund which is managed by the Foundation Board with the object of ensuring the long-term viability of the School. This land acquisition is a fitting testament to the foresight of the members of School Council who established the endowment fund fifteen years ago.

The endowment fund is distinct from the School's building fund. The building fund is used to finance building projects, hence the continuing significance of appeals such as the tax deductible **the best start in life** campaign. This campaign is currently raising funds for the proposed Library Resource Centre.

OLD BOY ADVISORS
Peter Browne-Cooper (1946-50), Michael Hillman (1964-68), John Saleeba (1955-60) and Colin Sanders (1957-59) participated in School Council working parties examining all aspects leading to the purchase of the land at Mt Claremont. Their expertise and unqualified support is much appreciated.



THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

(standing) Vince Evans (Secretary), David Fardon, Michael Fagan, Glenda Campbell-Evans, Lindsey Read, Jon Sandford, Ray West and Michael Croudace; (seated) Gordon McLarty, David Craig (Vice Chairman), Peter Hollingsworth (Chairman), Andrew Edwards (Treasurer) and Jeremy Madin (Headmaster).

In absentia: David Wood.

the best start in life

Building Project

The next major building project will be the Library Resource Centre.

The School institutional assessment, now completed, has emphasised the need for this facility. Not only will it house our expanding resource collections but it will be a flexible space facilitating collaborative research by boys. Library and IT staff will be readily accessible in the new open and airy environment. Walls will predominantly be glass and the building will open to an outdoor reading area. The atmosphere will be significantly different from the cramped and gloomy space now doing service as our Senior School Library.

The ground floor of the building, where the School Administration is presently located, will be remodelled as a part of the development. An appropriate welcome and reception area for the School will be created. A highlight will be

generous provision for archival displays and the perusal of current boys' work. Another feature will be a School museum conveniently located in the centre of the public areas.

Fundraising

Two years into **the best start in life** campaign \$1.6 million has been pledged. This success is something of which Christ Church can be justifiably proud. At the same time the School community cannot afford the luxury of complacency.

The immediate goal is to achieve \$2 million in pledges, at which point the Library Resource Centre project is likely to commence. We anticipate reaching this target early next year.

All School families will be approached to gift to the campaign. A quick response will facilitate the earliest possible start of building. In addition to current parents, old boys, past parents and staff are all supporting **the best start in life** campaign.



FOUNDATION

List of Donors

Chronicles No.22 and No.24 contained lists of those who had donated to the best start in life fundraising campaign up to 15 October 1998.

Christ Church Grammar School now acknowledges, with sincere thanks, those who have supported the campaign since that date.

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In addition there are 21 Anonymous Donors.

Donations received after 18 October 1999 will be acknowledged in a subsequent issue of *Chronicle*.

Great Grandsons

Christ Church Preparatory School opened on 7 February 1910 on a site at the corner of Queenslea Drive and Stirling Highway. There was one classroom and an initial enrolment of nine day boys. Mervyn Brooking (1910-14) was one of those boys. His family lived in the home that once graced the property between Bethesda Hospital and Christ Church Grammar School.



Mervyn Brooking (1910-1914).

Mervyn Brooking always held the interests of the School close to his heart. He was the second President of the Old Boys' Association and served in that capacity for a record nine years. A well known sportsman, he captained the State hockey team and later played for the Christ Church Old Boys' team, encouraging it to reach A1 grade. Mr Brooking was engaged in the motor vehicle industry for most of his life. He established the firm Brooking Mazda. He died in 1971. His generous bequest to Christ Church was used to transform the original School classrooms (those in which he sat as a schoolboy) into the Brooking Arts Centre. It continues to flourish as the centre for Art and Design and Technology.

Mervyn Brooking had two daughters - Dorothy and Judith. Dorothy married Ian Stock and today they live in a home built on the old family property next to the School. Their two sons attended Scotch College.

Mark Chrystal with his sons Scott and Aden.

Judith Brooking married Gerald Chrystal. Their son Mark Chrystal (1969-73) is an old boy of the School.

Now Mark's two children - the great grandsons of founding scholar Mervyn Brooking - attend Christ Church. Aden is in Year 7 and Scott in Year 5.



Catching Up

In 1958 there were three young Assistant Housemasters in Romsey Boarding House - James (Jim) Rolfe, John Leach and Milton Simms. They have kept in touch over the intervening years.

Jim Rolfe was Master-in-Charge of the Preparatory School from 1954 until 1959 when he moved to New Zealand. He retired as District Superintendent of Primary Education. As outlined in the last edition of *Chronicle*, Jim has since written a number of books. He was awarded an MBE in 1987.



Milton Simms and John Leach.

John Leach continued teaching at Christ Church. His career included periods as Master-in-Charge of the Middle School and Head of Romsey House. He was appointed School Registrar in 1997 and still holds that position.

Milton Simms taught at Christ Church for just one year. He left at the end of 1958 to pursue a career as a librarian, first at the University of Western

Australia then as senior librarian at James Cook University and the Australian National University. Milton went on to complete a Diploma in Horticulture and establish his own nursery and landscape design business in Bungendore in New South Wales. He is now a consultant on roses and an expert on the history of roses. He has written numerous papers and, between commissions to plan wonderful rose gardens and advise on their care, he is writing a book on the subject. He also serves on the council of a local primary school.

Milton visited Christ Church in August. He was taken on a tour of the School by John Leach. The former housemasters and teaching colleagues enjoyed catching up and Milton hopes to keep in touch with the School through *Chronicle*.



In the Education marquee at the Dowerin Field Days old boy Andrew Carpenter (1996-98) (second from right) caught up with former School mates - McClemens House boarders Gareth Moir and Joshua Evans (far left and far right) - and Walters House Resident Tutor old boy Michael Williams (1990-94). The Christ Church booth was well attended by old boys and current and prospective parents.

Donations to the Archives

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

BEATRICE SHIRLEY donated five photographs, six service medals and three dress medals from the estate of her brother Keith Currie (1924-31).

JOHN BELL (1944-55) donated his 1952 Drama Program of the Queenslea Players.

MICHAEL GUEST (1945-52) donated his 1st XI Cricket cap, a wooden tennis racquet and press, five sports photographs and a photograph of House Prefects at the 1952 Prefects' Ball.

MICHAEL J GUEST (1976-80) donated his School blazer and Prefect's Lapel badge, his 1st XI cricket cap, a gold cricket cap with blue crest, a named photograph of 1977 Walters House students and four photographs of the 1980 1st XI team.

LLOYD DAVIES (1928-39) donated photographs of himself and his brother Owen (1933-36) and of Lloyd as a School Prefect in 1939. He also loaned for copying his Speech Night programs for 1928, 1930, 1931, 1935 and 1937 and 1938, various drama programs, his Third Term 1928 School report, a photocopy of his short story *Glory Denied* published in 1989 and detailing his service career, and a newspaper clipping about the 1931 Christ Church athletics day.



Lloyd Davies (1928-39) in 1939.

DOROTHY WADE donated items from the estate of her brother ROLAND LARKE (1936-39), including two photographs, a beautifully handwritten and illustrated schoolboy story 'Journey to the South Pole' by R E Larke and a Nature Study and Manual Training Book containing newspaper clippings of Christ Church swimming competitions and prize lists as well as details of his own accomplishments in swimming.

ALWYN EDWARD (Ted) JONES (1934-36) donated one photograph, five School reports and several items for the proposed Military Museum.

DICK SUDLOW (1933) donated a copy of his book *Flying with Lady Luck* covering his World War II experiences.

DAVID MacKENZIE (1971-79) donated four detailed 1st XI Cricket Score Sheets devised when he was the official 1st XI Scorer and dated Spring '77, Spring '78, Summer '78 and Summer '79.

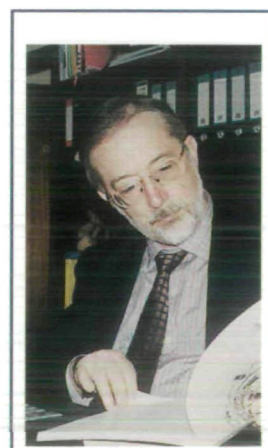
MICHAEL MOORE (1937-47) donated two photographs of cadets and a series of photographs of staff taken at the Christ Church Swimming Sports at the Claremont Baths in February 1947.

PETER BROUN (1983-87) donated a series of School ties, his tie and top from the inaugural Midnite Company UK Tour in 1988 and his 1st XI Hockey top.

SALLY OKOYE (née Broun) donated her limited edition Halcyon enamel container, especially made for presentation to Prince Edward and the members of inaugural Midnite Company UK Tour in 1988.



Mrs Dorothy Wade and Archivist Sarah Dobb beside the World War Honour Board which features the name of Mrs Wade's brother Roland Larkin (1936-39).



Geoffrey Shaw, Dean of Studies at All Saints College, recently paid a visit to the Christ Church Archives to carry out research for his doctoral thesis on Headmasterships in Independent Schools.



SCHOOL

Amongst the World's Best

In Bangkok in July a trio of young West Australians proved they were amongst the brightest science students in the world when they each won medals in the prestigious International Chemistry Olympiad.

The four-member Australian team was placed eleventh out of fifty-one countries, beating nations such as Britain, Canada and Russia.

After completing a gruelling five-hour laboratory exam and a five-hour theory exam Hale School's Anthony Phillips, 14, and James Andrewartha, 16, from Christ Church, won Silver for scoring in the top twenty percent of the competition. David Solomon, 16, from Christ Church was placed in the top thirty percent of contestants, winning Bronze.

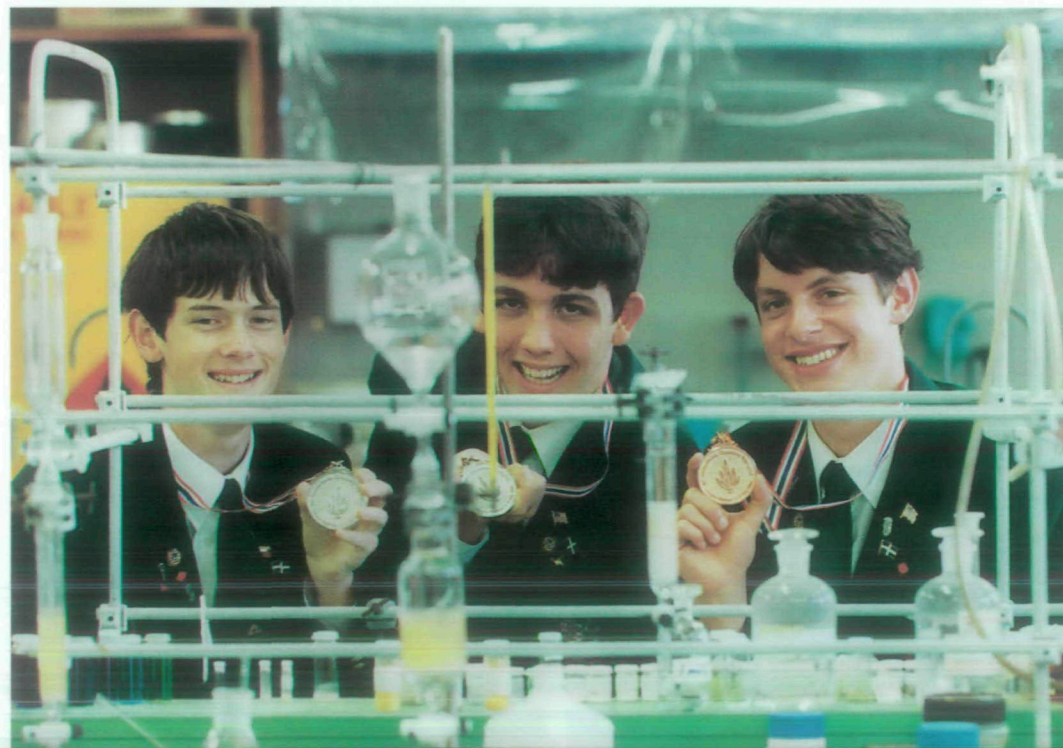
Many of the 204 students the boys competed against were two to three years older while some were from countries with intensive training programs for up to six years before the Olympiad.

The boys were thrilled by their personal success and by maintaining WA's outstanding track record in

chemistry. The three WA members of last year's Australian team also won medals at the world event.

Approximately 10,000 students Australia-wide sat the first Chemistry Olympiad trials and 800 were chosen for the following round. Twenty students reached the next stage from which four were selected for the Australian Team - David and James from Christ Church, Anthony Phillips from Hale School and a student from an eastern states school. In the selection process David topped the country, receiving the Australian Gold Medal. Andrew received a Silver Medal.

James and David are sitting their tertiary entrance exams this year and plan to pursue science-related degrees.



James Andrewartha, Anthony Phillips and David Solomon show their International Chemistry Olympiad medals. Photograph by Barry Baker, by courtesy of West Australian Newspapers Limited

Top of State

Paul Tilbrook (Year 12) topped the state in the Australian Schools Science Competition. He scored an incredible 43 out of 45 in the rigorous multiple choice paper set by the University of New South Wales. Paul was presented with a medal in recognition of his outstanding achievement.

This year more than 432,000 students from Australia, South-East Asia and the South Pacific sat the test. Ten boys from Christ Church achieved scores that placed them in the top one percent of students in Western Australia in their respective school years. They are David Adam and Jonathan Palmer (Year 8), Jack Allen and Sam Salman (Year 9), Jim Mussared and Gerald Teng (Year 10), Nick McNaughton and Eu-Jinn Teh (Year 11) and James Andrewartha and Paul Tilbrook (Year 12).



Paul Tilbrook.

Peer Tutoring

Jane Ferguson is training Year 11 boys to assist those who attend Study Lab. The volunteers receive on the spot training using a method Mrs Ferguson researched during her Masters of Education studies.

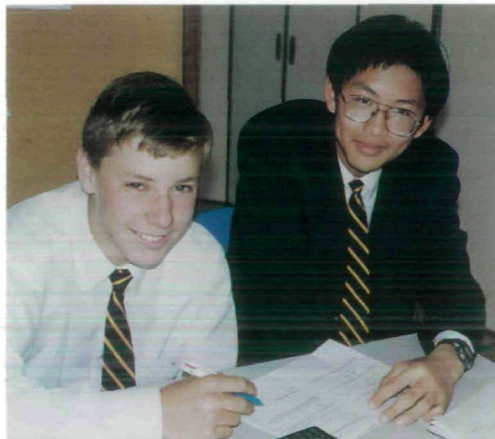


Study Lab offers additional support to students experiencing difficulties in Social Science, Science, Maths and English.

Boys are referred to Study Lab by tutors, subject teachers and counsellors. Attendance is voluntary though records are kept of who attends and what is studied.

The number of attendees has grown steadily since Study Lab began in 1997. Now about twelve students come to each session. Sessions are held for different year groups on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.45- 4.45 pm.

Year 11 peer tutors volunteer their time according to sporting and other commitments. Their help is much appreciated by Study Lab attendees and the teaching team - Jane Ferguson (Maths) and Lorna Matthews and Anne Ramsay (English, English as a Second Language, Social Science and Study Skills). In turn tutoring helps the Year 11 boys to refine their own knowledge and develop interpersonal, teaching and leadership skills.



Peer Tutor Dinusha Chandratilleke and Harley Gillon (Year 11) work on a mathematics problem.

Peer Tutor Henry Fang assists Year 9 mathematics student Adam Hancock.



(standing) Nicholas Wallace, Julian Partridge and Mark Gribble; (seated) Michael Tucker and Stanley Setiadi.

Flying Pharaohs

Boys taking Year 12 Business Management and Enterprise with Commerce teacher Kim Bolto are required to develop and run a small business.

Last year's group of thirteen ran hot dog and video stalls over three lunch times. This year Mark Gribble, Nicholas Wallace, Julian Partridge, Michael Tucker and Stanley Setiadi constructed a flying fox business for the Parents' Association's Abdul's Bazaar in October.

The boys first approached School Bursar Vince Evans for approval. Then, after consulting Worksafe and investigating the Australian Standards for Amusement Devices, they drew up a mission statement to ensure fair distribution of work and responsibility before approaching a number of people for advice, equipment and services.

Tom Kendall (father of Andrew, Year 12) conducted a feasibility study and design

Peter Martin, Michael Stewart and Tom Clements (standing), and Chris Allen and Chris Karas are offered freshly cooked witchetty grubs by their Social Science teacher Helen Oke.



verification; building designer Peter Airey ensured that the take-off platform was suitable; old boy Simon Hanson (1983-87) of Merribrook Adventures donated 150 meters of wire rope; Andy Froude, Director of Outdoor Education, gave design advice and loaned equipment; old boy and member of School Council Jon Sandford (1961-70) of Reece's Hire Structures, provided the expertise of Dirk Baumgartel from Civiltech Consulting for the final design; the School's Maintenance and Ground staff constructed scaffolding and the arrestor block and Programmed Maintenance Services donated the use of a cherry picker and driver for the day in case of emergency.

Final plans and procedures had to be passed by Worksafe before the business could begin operating.

From feasibility study to implementation the students were keen and focussed on providing a safe, fun ride. Along the way they learned a great deal about small business. The Flying Pharaoh was a popular entertainment at Abdul's Bazaar and the boys donated their profits to the School.

Witchetty Grubs

Social Science teacher Helen Oke introduced Year 9 Aboriginal Studies students to some traditional fare.

Emu, kangaroo, witchetty grubs, Kakadu plum and rosella jam, Kakadu plum and chilli sauce, native pepper sauce and bush tomato chutney were on the menu.

Helen tracked down suppliers and cooked most of the food at home. The pièce de résistance - the witchetty grubs - were cooked in the classroom.

As part of the exercise the boys were asked to describe the sensations of the cuisine (taste, texture and so forth), carry out surveys on food sources and research such practices as kangaroo culling.



Peter Martin looks eager while Chris Karas is not too sure about the unfamiliar fare!



Social Science teacher Helen Oke with Year 9 students at the historic East Perth Cemetery.

Learning from the Past

As part of their studies in West Australian Colonial History three classes of Year 9 Social Science students explored National Trust locations such as Tranby House and the East Perth Cemetery. Volunteers from the National Trust gave talks to the boys on the significance of the sites.

Broadening choice allows teachers greater flexibility in relation to outcomes based education. Visits to historical locations such as these encourage students to understand the relevance and reality of their studies.

CCGS-UWA Partnership

In 1998 the Christ Church Mathematics Department ran a pilot project with the University of Western Australia's (UWA) Graduate School of Education (GSE). This was organised by Mrs Jane Ferguson from Christ Church and Dr Anne Chapman from UWA. Thirteen students learning to be mathematics teachers visited the School regularly for work experience. This was in addition to the usual Teacher Practice placements.

This year Dr Chapman was given the responsibility of setting up Christ Church as a Partnership School with the GSE. As a result twenty-one mathematics student teachers visited Christ Church as part of their Diploma of Education course called 'Mathematics Curriculum 462/472'. In this unit they learn how to teach mathematics and, in order to link theory with practice, they spent two periods a week over thirteen weeks at the School, learning about teaching by observing Christ Church staff in the classroom and assisting weaker students on a one to one basis during lessons. Some of the students have been teaching classes on Tuesdays and others have been involved in after school enrichment classes and in Study

Year 12 Mathematics students Richard Thickett and Nicholas Russell discuss their TEE course with UWA students Jeremy Wilkie and Terri Sovann.

Lab. Eight of the students majoring in mathematics spent additional time at the School.

Jane Ferguson says: "The UWA students have appreciated the help they have received from Christ Church staff and they have enjoyed being involved in 'real' teaching with our students. The School staff have been most supportive of the venture and have made suggestions for improving the course component next year."



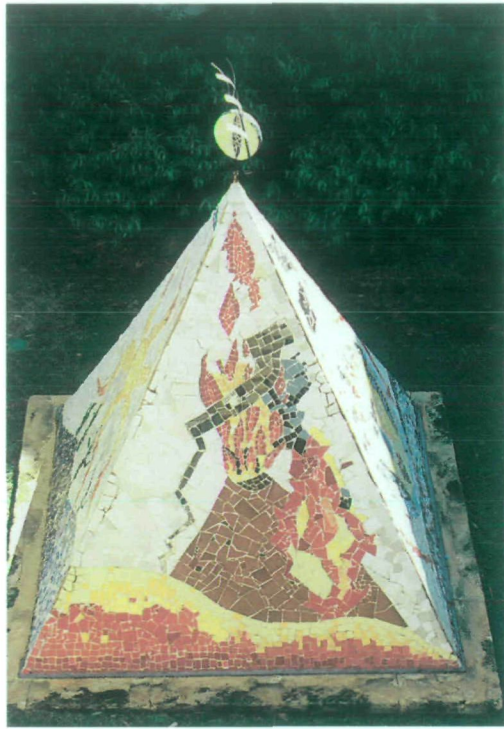
Jane Ferguson.



Art For All

One of the purposes of the art program at Christ Church is to make education visible and actively promote the imagination as a prime resource for the fostering of knowledge whilst, at the same time, honouring and respecting the results of student visual inquiries.

Art works on display in the School include a significant number of student pieces. These may be seen in the student gallery area in a main pedestrian thoroughfare at the heart of the School. On public display elsewhere are many art works created by artists-in-residence in collaboration with students, commissioned works by local artists and public art works by students. There are art works both indoor and outdoors, functional and non-functional - all playing their part in creating an environment which in itself acts as a teacher by provoking questioning at all levels - from methods used to messages interpreted.



An Art Department group project: the mosaic pyramid, depicting the elements of earth, air, fire and water, and the omnipotent eye in the guise of a weather vane, is featured in the courtyard between L and M Blocks.

Slip Casting

Inspired by a six-week professional development course at Curtin University, art teacher Gisela Zuchner-Mogall nominated her lecturer to be the Parents' Association sponsored artist-in-residence at Christ Church.

Fleur Schell taught Year 11 art students the intricacies of the industrial slip casting process. Making plaster and cellulose fibre casts and using liquid clay the boys learned to make functional and sculptural hollow forms. There was also an excursion to Australian Fine China to see a commercial application of the process.

A former pupil at Methodist Ladies' College, Fleur has a Diploma of Art and Design from TAFE, a degree in Fine Arts from Curtin University and 1st Class Honors in Fine Arts from Hobart Art School. She now lectures part-time in the Visual Arts Department at Curtin while creating new works and fulfilling commissions from her Fremantle studio. Fleur has sold works in

Germany and the United States, as well as throughout Australia. Some of her art was recently

exhibited at the Code Red Art Gallery in Claremont and the Moore's Building in Fremantle.

Staff and boys at Christ Church have enjoyed temporary loans of Fleur's work, especially her whimsical interactive instruments of sound, appealing to the senses of sight, sound and touch. Fleur has also taught at the Braille Institute, helping the sight impaired to create sculpture. Next year she will spend some months in Canada as part of an exchange program.



Fleur Schell with one of her interactive instruments of sound, made using the slip casting method.



Fleur Schell checks the teapot Year 11 art student Nick Elliott made using the slip casting method.

On Stage

The Drama Department has been conscious of a number of imperatives in the work undertaken this year. Director Tony Howes explains: "Apart from the demands of the various syllabi, we wanted to help focus on the relationships that must exist between fine art, music and drama, if arts education at Christ Church is to have depth and be felt as a dynamic life skill for all boys, whether they take an art discipline as academic study or not".

Thus the year began with the inaugural Arts Festival during which drama, music and art events were staged over four days and evenings. Music groups, including orchestras, jazz and guitar ensembles, played before performances of plays in various venues from the Chapel to the Refectory to the Drama Centre where the Festival Art Exhibition was hung. During the day boys were



able to attend matinees of *The Cat and the Canary* (directed by Tony Howes) and *Black Comedy* (directed by Emma Clement). The Arts Festival was planned as a forerunner to a more ambitious festival to be held in 2000.

In May the world premiere of WA playwright Tony Nicholls' play *Passion* was staged in St George's Cathedral. It drew high critical praise. Dean of Perth, the Very Reverend Doctor John Shepherd, said it was one of the most significant modern plays on a religious theme to be written and that the production "was fast moving, powerful and totally

absorbing". Commissioned by a grant from the Parents' Association, the play will tour England and Wales in January 2000 where the School's Midnite Youth Theatre Company will stage it in theatres and cathedrals.

At His Majesty's Theatre in August some 4,450 people attended *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. The Christ Church Maintenance

Department built the set, Art students painted it under special scenic art guidance, Music students filled the twenty-two piece theatre orchestra and Drama boys played stage roles and formed the stage, sound and lighting crews. Girls from St Hilda's, Methodist Ladies' College, Presbyterian Ladies' College and Iona Presentation College, together with the Preparatory School choristers, joined Senior School boys to make a Company of over 140. Tony Howes was Director and John Bates Music Director. Such was the praise for 'Joseph' that His Majesty's Theatre has offered dates for a new production to be staged there in 2000!

Immediately afterwards came *The Commitment* by veteran staff member Arthur Pate. Arthur's long service to the School was celebrated by present and past Christ Church boys playing alongside Arthur in the play which was directed by the Head of Performing Arts at Iona Presentation College. In the salute which preceded a performance in the Drama Centre, Arthur Pate's contribution to the Arts at Christ Church was celebrated by speeches from the Headmaster, Simon Hunn (Head of English), Bob Woollett (retired staff member) and Tony Howes (Director of Drama and Media).

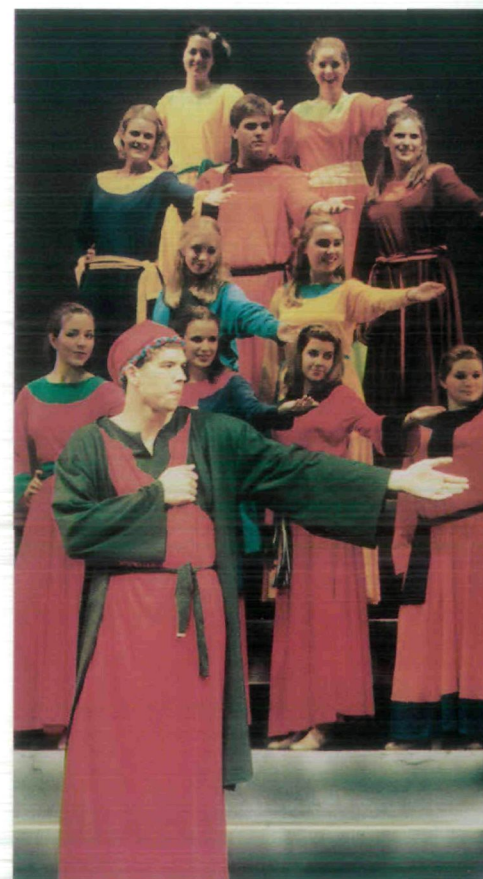
The busy year concluded with *Bill and Ted* directed by Emma Clement, vaudeville and street theatre for Abdul's Bazaar, the feature video *The Cathedral on the Terrace*, produced by Tony Howes, and preparations for the UK Tour of *Passion* and *Faust Forward*.



Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat: Bodi Ledjwji as Joseph and Director Tony Howes.

Passion: Tim Milton (ex Guildford Grammar School), Humphrey Berney (Renta and trainee director from Gresham's School, UK), Jenny Davis (Midnite Associate Director) and Roger Bishop (Year II). Photograph by courtesy of West Australian Newspapers Ltd.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat: Ryan Dawson (Year 11) played one of Joseph's brothers.



Soloists Sek Loong Tan, Reuben Samuel and Paul Chia performing at the Anglican Schools' Concert in the Perth Concert Hall.



Concurrent rehearsals followed for three major events early in Term 2. This year's Founders' Service was a full Choral Mass on the evening of Sunday 1 August. John Bates' *The Stirling Mass* was performed by a large choir, brass quintet, percussion and organ. We were thrilled to have the St Hilda's senior choristers join us for the occasion.

The Christ Church and Methodist Ladies' College Concerto Night took place in Hadley Hall the following Friday. Every one of our eight Year 12 music class performed creditably and the orchestral players did a magnificent job in learning so many different concerto movements in such a short time.

Final rehearsals for the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* took place during the following week followed by six performances in

Music Aplenty

Our musicians have been exceptionally busy since the wonderful Choral Concert in Term 1.

On Monday 28 June our Chamber Orchestra performed at the inaugural Anglican Schools' Concert in the Perth Concert Hall. With soloists Reuben Samuel and Paul Chia on violin and Sek Loong Tan on harpsichord, Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto Number V* was a great success. A large number of our orchestral players and singers joined the other schools for the grand finale - the Anvil Chorus from Verdi's *Trovatore* and the Kyrie from the Mozart *Requiem*. The success of the concert means that it will become an established event on our calendar. In 2000 it will be on Monday 15 May.

The bass and cello section of the Chamber Orchestra performing at the Anglican Schools' Concert in the Perth Concert Hall.



The Choral Concert Orchestra performing in the School Chapel.



His Majesty's Theatre - a unique and wonderful opportunity for so many of our musicians, singers and actors. The show was a huge success and special tribute must be paid to conductor Genevieve Wilkins and the orchestra which provided such a skilful and lively accompaniment.

Preparations followed for the very popular Advent Carol Service on Wednesday 1 December.

The Music Department is already busy planning the Tour to New Zealand at the end of Term 1, 2000. Seventy boys have already booked and our first international tour promises to be very exciting.



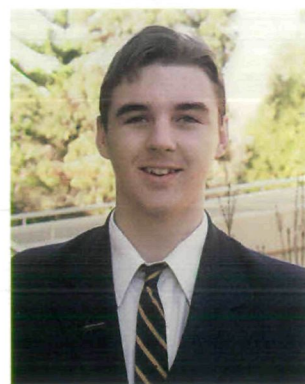
Performing at York - a section of the Superband.

Overall Winner

This year there were almost 3000 entries in six age categories for The West Australian 24th Young Writers' Contest. Seventy prizes were awarded.

The contest, judged by the English Teachers' Association of WA and members of the Education Faculty of Edith Cowan University, is one of the longest running writing competitions for students in Australia. Competition was particularly high this year.

Christ Church student Alexander Bennett (Year 10) won the prize for prose in the 14-15 years age group. He was also the overall winner and named The West Australian Young Writer of the Year for his story 'Just a Game'. Alexander was presented with a trophy, framed certificate and \$190.



Alexander Bennett.

They've Done It Again

For the second year in a row the School's premier debating team has won the grand final of the Western Australian Debating League's (WADL) senior competition.

Year 12 students David Solomon (Captain), David Akers, Paul Tilbrook and Ben Woffenden pitted their argumentative skills against St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls. In fact they were up against old foes. In 1997 Fiona Langdon, Rebecca Davis, Imogen Saunders and Rebecca Griggs defeated the boys in the grand final of the junior division of the competition.

The topic set for the debate, held at the Alexander Library on 24 August, was: "That private schools are not in the public interest". Christ Church argued the affirmative case. Competition was intense. In the end the five adjudicators came down in favour of Christ Church.

David Solomon, who recently represented Western Australia in the national debating competition in Canberra, was judged Best Speaker of the night.

This is the fourth year that David Solomon, Paul Tilbrook and Ben Woffenden have been in the grand finals of a WADL competition. In 1996 and 1997 they debated in the League's junior division. Their team won the junior competition in 1996 and came second in 1997.

David Akers, Ben Woffenden, Paul Tilbrook and David Solomon with their trophy.





The 1st XVIII rejoice after their win against Wesley College in the last match of the season. The team had wins against all PSA school except one in 1999.

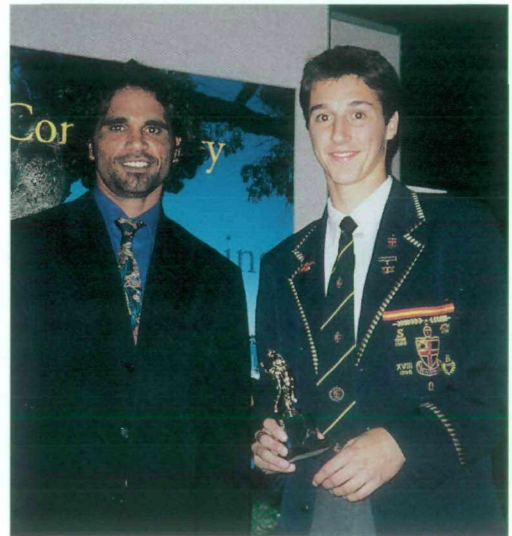
Footy Dinner

As usual, the Football Presentation Dinner, held in the Refectory in August, was a resounding success.

Everyone enjoyed listening to Guest Speaker Chris Lewis (1984-86), old boy of the School and famed member of the West Coast Eagles, who had some excellent advice for the players.

Presentations were made to the members of the five Senior School teams for such achievements as Fairest and Best player, Runner Up, Most Improved, Most Courageous, Most Determined and Most Consistent. Special tributes were paid to team coaches and to staff members for their fantastic support.

Guest Speaker and Eagles star Chris Lewis with Tom Matson, Captain of Football.



Running Fast

Simon Beveridge (Year 10) and Paul Case (Year 11) did well in the WA Disabled Sports Association Athletics Carnival in September. Simon won his 1500m and 400m events while Paul won his 1500m, 800m, 400m and 100m events. Both found the carnival exciting and challenging.

Paul Case and Simon Beveridge.



The boys train at School twice a week. They hope to be selected for the national competition in Sydney.

The Headmaster presented Simon and Paul with their medals at a School Assembly.

Rugby Tour

Twenty boys from Whitgift School in Croydon, England, spent a week in Perth in August. The twelve year-olds were hosted by Christ Church families. They played three Rugby matches - against Hale, Scotch and Christ Church - and won all games. After their sojourn in Perth the group flew to Sydney for two weeks where they stayed with host families from three independent schools.

Whitgift Headmaster Duncan White and his Deputy Simon Beck invited boys from the Education Support Unit (ESU) to join their players for a training session. The ESU boys were shown how to tackle, pass and improve their kicking skills. It was a great experience and they were thrilled to be presented with a Rugby ball signed by the Whitgift visitors.

Tregonning Trophy

A hockey trophy has been kindly donated by the Tregonning family which, for four generations, has had close links to hockey and to Hale School and Christ Church Grammar School.

Dr Donald Tregonning was one of the pioneers of hockey in Western Australia. He was a founding member of the Suburban Hockey Club and its Captain throughout the 1920s until his early death in 1935. In 1928 he was appointed Captain of Western Australia's first state team and remained so until 1934. He was Captain of the first Australian team in 1932.

Of Donald's three sons, two played hockey at a high level. 'Chip' (Donald), the eldest, played for Western Australia, then captained South Australia while a medical student there. Alex was a top grade player before changing to Australian Rules (in which he captained South Australia). Ken played Australian Rules and rugby, captaining the South Australian Rugby team when at university. However, whilst Headmaster of Hale School he was vitally involved in hockey with the establishment of the Hale's synthetic turf complex.

Chip, Alex and Ken attended the Christ Church Preparatory School before going on to Hale. Chip and Alex were Captains of Hale School. Both sent their sons Don, Bruce, Robert, Ian and John to Christ Church, where Alex' grandson James Goetze (Year 10) is a current student, playing football for the School and hockey for the University Club. Ken's grandson Louis Dallimore currently plays hockey for Hale.

The bronze statue featured on the trophy was presented to Donald Tregonning when he was Captain of Australia. It has been in the possession

of Chip's wife Pat and with her support has been offered for annual competition between the full range of senior and middle school teams fielded by Christ Church and Hale.



Chris Webster, Captain of School and Captain of Hockey, and James Goetze (Year 10), grandson of Alex Tregonning, show the Tregonning Trophy.

The two schools competed for the trophy for the first time this year, with Christ Church winning. Peter Brien, Teacher-in-Charge of Hockey at Christ Church, reported that all games in all grades were played in a very fair, competitive manner.

The trophy was presented to Christ Church by Ken Tregonning in the presence of members of the Tregonning family and the hockey players and headmasters of both schools.

Some of the Christ Church hockey players who competed for the Tregonning Trophy.



Team Leader Ron Jensen and Team Manager old boy Clive Digney (1961-63) with the boys who represented Australia.



Representing Australia

Christ Church boys represented Australia in the International Eipiglass Interdominion Secondary Schools Team Racing Championships in KeriKeri, New Zealand, in September.

The team - Jackson Digney (Captain), Tim Slatter (Vice Captain), Iain Larkins, Chris Galton-Fenzi, Hugh McCann, Nick Davis and Stefan Patterson - won the right to represent their country at the Australian Championships in July when crews from five states competed in a tough competition

at the South of Perth Yacht Club. Christ Church won the series when it narrowly defeated Queensland's Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) in the final race.

Though beaten by 11-0 in the three-day Interdominion Championships, teacher and team leader Ron Jensen said: "This was a commendable achievement considering the boys sailed in a class of yacht not used in Australia and raced on KeriKeri's patch of water in the Bay of Islands."



Mrs Jane Van Kampen and Rakanui Van Kampen. Every school in Australia was asked to nominate one student - a worthy all-round sportsman and good citizen - for the 1999 Pierre de Coubertin Awards. The Physical Education Department nominated Rakanui Van Kampen (Year 10) who participates in swimming, athletics, rugby, rowing and tennis. Raka received an Award Certificate through the West Australian Olympic Council.

Self Defence and Netball

As part of the Physical Education Department's philosophy of developing a broad skill base, Year 10 boys have been introduced to Self Defence this year. Under the guidance of Perth's top martial arts instructor they have learned the basics of self defence, conflict resolution and harm avoidance. The boys have thoughly enjoyed the unit and gained a great deal in the process.

Netball has also been a popular activity. Now the boys are keen to take on the experts at Methodist Ladies College at their own game!!

Shooting for goal.



Exercise in self defence.

Champions

The Christ Church Junior Body Boarding team took out the finals of the 1999 Quit Inter-School Body Board Showdown held at Trigg Beach in September. The competition was run by Surfing Western Australia.

On their way to victory Mark Ashton, Ben Mather, Patrick Telford (Year 9) and James Baker (Year 8), defeated teams from twenty-five other schools including highly regarded teams from Margaret River and Ocean Reef. Mark was awarded a body board for being the overall winner.



Ben Mather, Mark Ashton, Patrick Telford and James Baker.

Cadet Dux

Following James Eyres and David Akers being named top cadet and runner-up of the Cadet Under Officer's Course, Christ Church cadets performed well in the recent army-sponsored Senior Non Commissioned Officers Promotion Course for Sergeant.

Fourteen Christ Church cadets were amongst the sixty-eight attending the state-wide course at Northam Army Camp in July. The content of the course centred on leadership, safety in training, principles of good instruction and preparing and presenting an instructional lesson. The days were long with reveille at 0630 hours and lights out at 2230 hours.

Corporal Michael Martin was Dux of the course and Corporal Simon Chan was named in the top five. CUO David Akers gave support as an instructor and received excellent feedback on his performance.



CUO David Akers (right) discusses aspects of the Sergeant's Course with Cpl Michael Martin (second from right) and other senior cadets.

Military History

For the second year Mr John Burrige, father of old boys James (1989-94) and David Burrige (1992-97), has given a presentation to the Christ Church Cadet Unit. John, a military historian and medal collector, has a military antiques shop in Shenton Road, Claremont. His father, Mr John Clifford Burrige (1924-26), was one of the early boarders at Christ Church.

The presentation this year was Western Australian army units and army badges. It was well received and a break from other forms of cadet training.



John Burrige introduces Christ Church cadets to military history.

Year 10 Development Award Scheme boys enjoy eating the meal they have planned and cooked with Social Science teacher Helen Oke.



Dining in Style

Year 10 boys taking cooking lessons as part of their Development Award Scheme have been dining well.

Social Science teacher Helen Oke's group learnt to structure a meal with entree, main and dessert courses, choose recipes, set and decorate the table,

cook the food - then sit down to enjoy the result. Helen buys the ingredients after the boys have chosen the menu.

Each course runs for five weeks and caters for eight boys. The sessions, held on Friday afternoons, last for about one and a half hours.

First Aid

Trish Cahill, Sister-in-Charge of the Medical Centre, coordinates the First Aid course which is part of the Year 10 Development Award Scheme.

Although a great deal of general First Aid information is imparted, the course is geared towards Year 10 Venture, teaching boys how to respond to unpredictable medical situations in a bush environment. There is an exam at the end

of the course. Those who pass receive the School's Elementary First Aid Certificate.

Boys usually enjoy this course, especially the part involving simulated wounds. Fake blood, in tablet and liquid form, is used in generous quantities, sometimes with the aid of a pump to give a spurting effect, adding to the sense of urgency!



The wounded and the fascinated - Daniel Long, Timothy Cribb, Paul Solomon, Remy Donraadt and Andrew Thackrah with Sister Margie Murphy.

Mental Exercise

Chess is so popular in the Senior School that there are more players of interschool standard than competitors. However, don't be deterred because there are plenty of contestants within the School - as the crowd playing at lunchtimes will attest.

It's a great game and a great challenge. The skills of strategy that players develop are transferable and valuable in other arenas of endeavour.

The Secondary A Team - George Wong, Alan Hsiao, Raymond Kwan, Kenny Tang (all Year 10) and Pien Pang (Year 12) - didn't lose a match all season and won their finals.

The Secondary B Team enjoyed a close win against Applecross Senior High School in the exciting semi-finals. The finals were played against St Norbert's in late September with a 4-1 win for the



Adrian Tait, Daryl Chua, Whytatt Foong, Yi Zhan Whey and Tony Prosin played the semi finals against Applecross Senior High School in the Christ Church Senior School Library. Although Adrian Tait was absent from School with influenza, he turned up for the contest and had a great win. Mrs Tait and Peter Lewis, Dean of Studies, watch the games.

There are four divisions in the WA Junior Chess League Inter-School competition. Christ Church and Scotch College are the only schools to field four teams in this competition.

The Christ Church team came third in the top division, the Premiers, though they were the only team to hold the winners, Rosmoyn Senior High School, to a draw. The Premiers' Captain is Richard O'Sullivan, (Year 11) and team members are Naison Jones and Justin Bodinner (Year 11), Gerald Teng (Year 10) and David Knezevic (Year 12).

Christ Church team - Adrian Tait, Daryl Chua, Whytatt Foong, Yi Zhan Wey (all Year 9) and Paul Pracilio (Year 8).

The Secondary C team of Year 8 boys came third in their division. There is great talent in the team of Justin Teng, Paul Pracilio, Toby Prosin and Andrew Wong - which augers well for the future.

Kathryn O'Connor, Teacher in Charge of Chess in the Senior School, said: "In terms of participation and strength of players, Christ Church is undoubtedly the strongest chess school in WA. The boys are enthusiastic and a pleasure to work with."



Kathryn O'Connor.

Taking Care of the Land

For the second consecutive year Christ Church boys participated in tree planting as part of their landcare studies.

Teacher and project overseer Howard Moore coordinated the growing of 2000 seedlings at the School. Selected seed types were provided by Dennis Saunders to ensure the varieties suited the salt affected area of his property 'Seldom Seen' farm at Southern Brook, near Northam.

Forty-six students and teachers worked on the project and all enjoyed planting the seedlings they had watched grow. The site was mounded to facilitate better establishment and survival.

Those who had participated in the project in 1998 were thrilled to see the results of last year's plantings.

The day was rounded off with a sausage sizzle before the bus trip back to Perth.



Planting at 'Seldom Seen' farm.



The tree planters with farmer Dennis Saunders in the centre of the group.

Experience

Heather Norris, Anne Ramsay and Lorna Matthews of the Education Support Unit (ESU) recently attended a full day workshop on Structured Workplace Learning organised by the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA).

Structured Workplace Learning is an employment and transition program. The ESU staff found the workshop to be informative and they gained the relevant material and instruction to plan and develop a program to be implemented in 2000 with Year 11 and 12 boys.

At present ESU boys are engaged in the regular Job Appreciation program. Placements this year have been at Coles-Fossey, the Dogs' Refuge Home, Harris-Scarfe Ltd and Westcare. Two boys have been working on the School campus, one in the Preparatory School Library and the other with the Grounds staff.

The Structured Workplace Learning program is part of the Vocational Education Training program. Applicants must first pass an interview at TAFE. They may then spend one day a week at a work placement, one day at TAFE and three days at School. Each semester they work for a full week during which they are assessed by TAFE staff.

Job Appreciation Coordinator Heather Norris is keen to increase the database of those willing to offer work experience to ESU boys. If you would like to help please contact Heather on 9442 1603.



Mark Dawson and Paul Case (Year 11). Paul gained valuable experience working for old boy Mark Dawson (1966-75), the owner of Que Pasa Bar and Cafe in Claremont.

Taiwanese Visitors

In July a group of Taiwanese boys, together with some mothers, spent an afternoon at Christ Church to experience first hand a day in an Australian high school.

They participated in a number of classes which included learning the rules of touch rugby and conducting experiments in a Year 8 chemistry class. Christ Church boys Michael Fun (Year 9) and James Chen (Year 12) assisted Registrar John Leach with the arrangements.

After a busy afternoon the boys and mothers enjoyed afternoon tea in McClellans Boarding House and a question and answer session with Housemother Carol Holloway.



Visitors from Taiwan with James Chen (far right).



The Business Studies Tour group in Hong Kong.

Business Studies Tour

Thirty-two Year 10 and 11 boys and five members of staff took part in the twelve day 1999 Business studies Tour to Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Bangkok.

Inside the Cathay Pacific flight simulator, Hong Kong.



Whilst there was time to shop, eat and have fun, the cultural and educational aspects of the tour were interesting and beneficial to the boys.

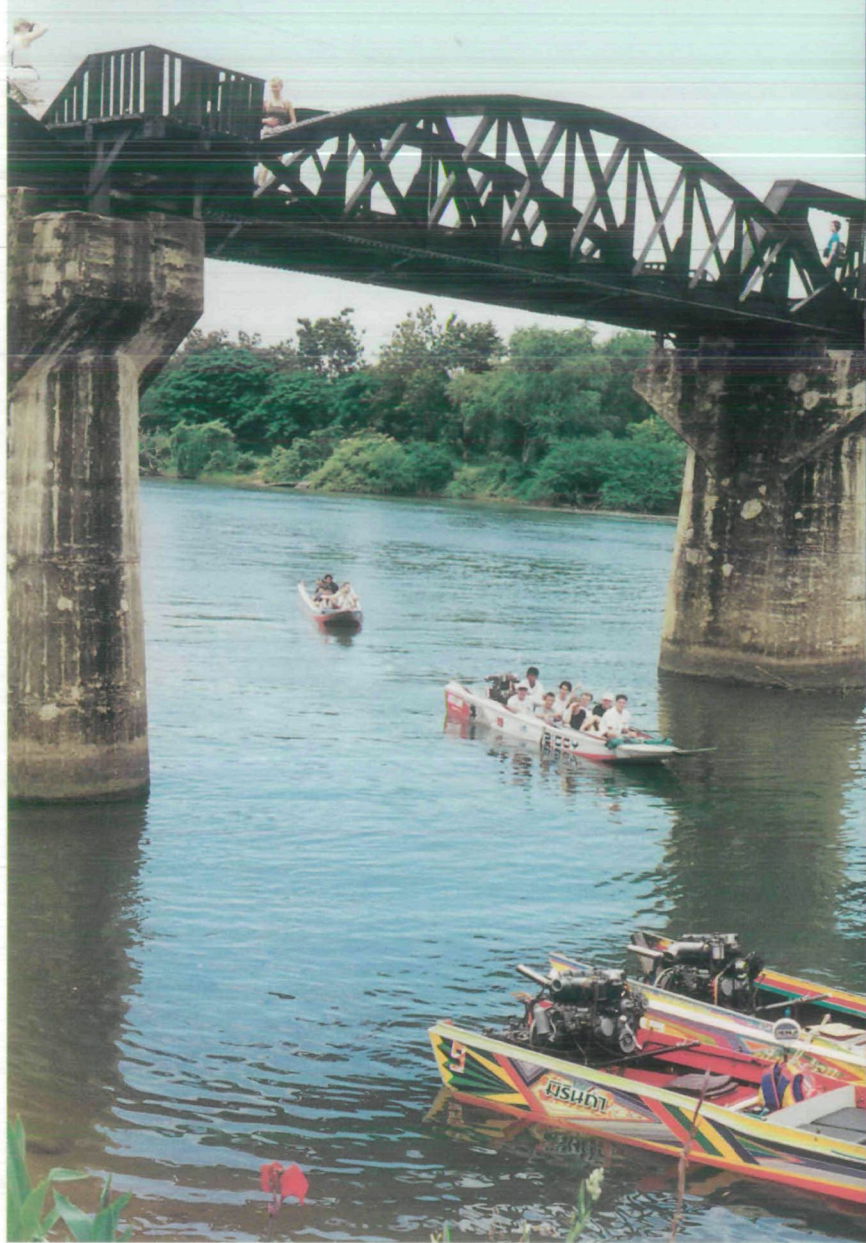
In Hong Kong they visited Australian Connections magazine which focuses on business links between Asia and Australia; AUSTRADE where the presentation highlighted the relationship between real world facts and the theory the boys learn about in class; AES Prodata, an internet and advertising company; a presentation on the complexities of hotel management at the Park Hotel where the tourists stayed and Cathay City. Most agreed that the highlight was the Cathay Pacific Airlines visit where the boys heard a very informative, and in some cases potentially career inspiring, lecture on the theories behind the operation of an airline company. This was followed by a comprehensive tour which included staff training facilities.

In a simulator they were able to fly an airbus under Sydney Harbour Bridge and experience full scale emergency evacuation procedures from the fuselage of a plane.

The boys noted the contrast in the level of development in Guangzhou where they toured religious and political centres and made a coach trip to Seven Stars Cregs Park. Most memorable was the visit to a traditional market full of live produce and exotic smells and the experience of eating a traditional meal which included eel, snake, pigeon, frog and scorpion!

In Bangkok the party visited an industrial estate, a calcine refinery, a sarong factory and Securities One Stockbroking Centre. All were moved by the visit to the Burma-Thai railway and Hell Fire Pass where they saw the cemetery, bridge, railway line, museum and monuments commemorating and teaching about the events of World War II.

Throughout the tour boys and staff alike were impressed by the presentations and the hospitality of their hosts. The party arrived back in Perth very tired but much better informed.



On the River Kwai

Sarong Factory, Bangkok.



VARIETY CLUB BASH

The Bishop's Crooks parked their Clergy Car on the top oval on House Arts Day in September. It proved very popular with the Senior School boys. The Bishop's Crooks need to raise a minimum of \$10,000 to enter their car in the annual Variety Club Bash which raises hundreds of thousands of dollars each year for sick, disabled and disadvantaged children.

Kings Cross Compassion

The Reverend Dr Bill Lawton spent a week at the School during June. He spoke to classes from both the Preparatory and Senior Schools. He addressed assemblies and joined in a lunchtime student discussion group. He also spoke at a special Communion Service.

For the past twelve years Dr Lawton has been the rector of St John's Anglican Church, Darlinghurst. In that time he has developed an extraordinary ministry reaching out to people on the margins of society. Within the parish is the area known as Kings Cross. The people touched by Bill Lawton's compassion and strength include those addicted to hard drugs, those caught up in prostitution, people with AIDS and the homeless, many of them young children.

Bill Lawton was invited to Christ Church by Christ Church Chaplain Canon Frank Sheehan. His visit was part of the program offered by the Centre for Ethics. As Canon Sheehan points out: "I think we learn a great deal about ethics by being with people who have chosen to give of themselves in a compassionate and intelligent manner. I have been wanting to have Bill Lawton to the School for some years. The sort of impact he made upon our students was extraordinary. That's one of the reasons we have a Centre for Ethics. So that we can bring a person of integrity and goodness to simply be with our boys."

Dr Bill Lawton and Canon Frank Sheehan with Preparatory School boys Kailan Durrant, Douglas Phillips, Lars Guyton, Breffny O'Shea and Samuel Wallace.





Scene from the 1999 Prefects Ball held at the Sheraton Perth Hotel in June.

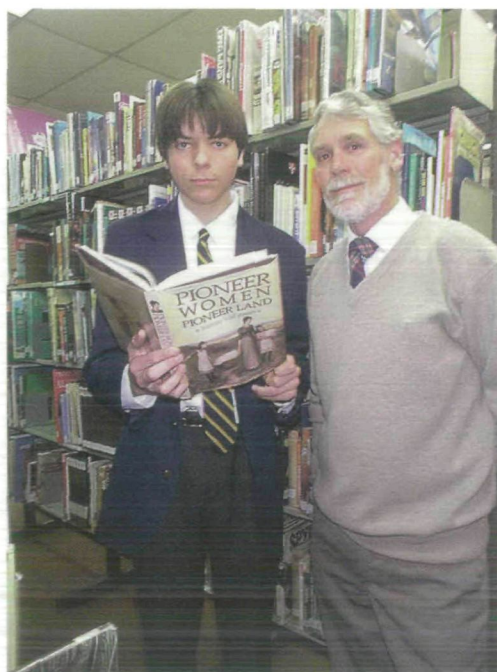
Student Parliament

The Parliament of Western Australia participated in the program of events organised to celebrate the achievement of women's suffrage in Western Australia in 1899.

Schools from all over the state were invited to nominate a student to participate in the Student Parliament which took place at Parliament House over three days in August. Each student represented a member of the Legislative Assembly or the Legislative Council.

Ian Marshall (Year 10) was nominated by Christ Church Grammar School. He found participating in this historic event to be a worthwhile and memorable experience.

Following orientation activities on the first day there was a sitting of both houses of the Student Parliament on the second day. 'Members' asked questions without notice, considered petitions and gave addresses and reply speeches on current issues. Their deliberations were recorded in Hansard. During the third day the students met the Governor, watched sittings of Parliament and engaged in a debate on: 'Should we have a preamble in the West Australian Constitution'.



Ian Marshall and Social Science teacher Peter Brien.

Preparatory Leadership

Asked what the Preparatory School does to promote and develop leaderships skills, Headmaster Geoff Matthews gave the following account.

We offer opportunities for all boys to show and develop leadership but we are pragmatic about the fact that some do not seek or feel comfortable leading.



Years 4-7 Library Monitors regularly assist younger boys in the Preparatory School Library.

From Years 4-7 all boys are offered involvement in the leadership of sporting teams and Physical Education groups. Long term appointments are discouraged. Most coaches rotate captaincy positions on a weekly basis.

Class leadership roles exist each term for peer-elected Captain and Vice Captain. With sensitive guidance by teachers this invariably leads to regular changes throughout the year, although at times the strength and popularity of a candidate may result in some boys doing multiple stints in these roles.

House Captain and Vice Captain leadership is decided each term by teachers who meet and discuss the relative merits of each candidate who has submitted a

written application for a position. The Headmaster speaks to boys in Year 7 to encourage them to nominate if they feel that they would like to hold such a position and, at times, teachers encourage particular boys to apply.

Art, Chapel, Sport and Library Monitors apply to appropriate teachers for positions and are selected on perceived merit, with an eye to grooming the next crop. Selections cover Years 4-7 boys so that when Year 7 boys move on there are others with experience to take their place. In this way effective peer leadership mentoring takes place.

At present there is a policy restricting boys in the above four categories from holding more than one position as it keeps others out and may lead to clashes of time commitment. The other factor is to restrict boys who may want to wear as many badges as possible without considering the feasibility of fulfilling the duties and expectations of each position. A House Leader may also be a Class Leader at the discretion of his teacher as one of these positions is by appointment and the other by election. Careful massaging at times allows staff to spread the load over the greatest number of boys.

Within classes there are numerous opportunities for boys to be leaders in short term and occasional positions such as leading a debating or chess team, a class group or a hobbies group.



Music runs its own scheme and there is always a Head Chorister as well as ensemble and orchestra leaders.

Every Friday there is a class or special group Assembly which has at least two leaders, sometimes as many as twenty. On Thursdays during Terms 2 and 3 a class group takes the Chapel Assembly bringing to it aspects from its

Religious Education program to share with the whole School. These presentations are led by boys.

Geoff Matthews says: "Staff mentor schemes exist to support boys in their leadership efforts. Currently in the Preparatory School there are ninety-one boys holding special positions and others holding informal positions. In general in almost everything we do there are opportunities for boys to learn or display leadership within the School."



Mrs Jan Walsh, grandmother of William (Year 2) and Nick (Year 6) Adamson, enjoyed storytelling as much as the children.

Storytelling

Bookweek this year was celebrated in the Preparatory School Library in August. As part of those celebrations, and in keeping with this being the 'Year of the Older Person', boys from Years 1 - 3 enjoyed an afternoon of storytelling with their grandparents or special older friends.

Teacher Librarian Mary Hookey said: "The avid storytellers had the boys totally engrossed in picture books and much fun was had by all".

After storytelling the grandparents shared afternoon tea in the staffroom.

David Golding's (Year 2) grandparents Martin and Judith Pinnell held their audience enthralled.



Jamie Paterson, Ben MacIntosh, Charles Angliss and Kathleen McCarthy beside their mosaic mural of the Swan River.



Mastering Mosaics

A mosaic representing the Swan River and its environment was completed at the Mosman Park Arts Foundation by a group of Year 7 Christ Church boys.

Twenty-eight boys spent nine weeks learning the skills with mosaic artist Kathleen McCarthy. The School provided the boys with tools, tiles and transport.

The work, 2.5 metres long and one metre high, represents a bird's eye view of the Swan River, its creatures and landforms. The completed mural is in the picture theatre courtyard of the Arts Foundation in Lochee Street.

Farewell party.



The Arts Foundation initiated the community art project as part of the Ribbons of Blue program which involves school children throughout the state in water monitoring in their local area.

Kids for Kids

Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH) mounted an Art Exhibition in May on the theme 'Kids for Kids' in which students from Pre Primary to Year 12 were invited to explore aspects of 'Caring and Sharing'. Each school could submit three entries in each age category although Preparatory School Art Specialist Hilary Brooke chose to enter only five works from Years 5 and 7.

Philip Tai (Year 5) won his age level and the Year 4-5 Category. He was presented with his award at the opening of the Hellenic Gallery at the Museum of Western Australia.

Philip's prize included \$75 worth of art materials for himself, \$300 worth of art materials for the School and, as a category winner, he was honoured with the opportunity for his work to be selected for one of this year's PMH Christmas cards.

Pirates Farewell

The Preparatory School Education Support Unit (ESU) held a surprise morning tea with a pirate theme in June to farewell teacher-aid Susannah Liggins. Mothers and other family members also joined in the fun.

Butterflies

Boys from Murray Robertson's Year 7 class and Alicia Hill's Year 1 class have been working together breeding Admiral butterflies (*vanessa itea*).

Usually it is hard to get more than a glimpse of an Admiral butterfly. In its natural environment it flies fast and around tree top level. It feeds on common stinging nettles.



The boys have been raising nettles from seedlings and they have quickly learnt to treat the foliage with respect.

The cycle from egg to butterfly takes about six weeks. The butterflies are released an hour or so after emerging from their cocoons.

It is hoped to release around thirty butterflies this year - an improvement on last year when seven were released.

For both classes raising Admiral butterflies has been a wonderful educational experience and the joint project will continue next year.

A beautifully marked Admiral butterfly.



Year 1 boys and their teacher Alicia Hill watch and discuss the Admiral butterflies.

Scholarships

The following boys were awarded Scholarships for 2000:

COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

Gerard Chin - Christ Church Grammar School
Thomas Lofthouse - Loreto Primary School
Campbell Mackenzie - Hollywood Primary School
Adon Metcalfe - Christ Church Grammar School
Michael O'Shea - Christ Church Grammar School

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Alex Chia - Christ Church Grammar School
Gerald Teng - Christ Church Grammar School

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Luc Tasker - Claremont Primary School



PARENTS

Auxiliary Report

President Carolyn Winterbottom reports on the activities of the busy Parents' Association Auxiliary.

Since my last report the Parents' Auxiliary year has continued to be packed with events.

Despite most of our members being actively involved in preparing for Abdul's Bazaar, they have still found the energy to attend Auxiliary meetings and functions. Many thanks to all those people who have given so freely of their time.

The Auxiliary hosted the Year 8 Parents' Evening at the beginning of Term 2. Guest speakers Andy Froude, the Director of Koorngal, and his team gave an insight to parents as to what their boys could look forward to on School camps.

Another Year 8 function took place shortly after. This was only the second year that a Year 8 Father and Sons Breakfast has been held. The numbers in attendance exceeded expectations. It was up to Rohan Hardcastle, 1992 Captain of School, to inspire the gathering at such an early time of the day. This he did admirably.

This year the Koorngal Picnic took place at the end of May, a beautiful time of year in the Dwellingup area. The event, now held biennially, is attended mostly by Preparatory School parents though all parents should visit the centre at least once during their son's time at Christ Church. Outdoor Education is an important part of the curriculum and parents

gain a better understanding from having first-hand knowledge of the program. To enable the Koorngal staff to form a clear picture of what parents would like to know, it would be preferable for a Preparatory School parent to convene this event. Please bear this in mind for next year.

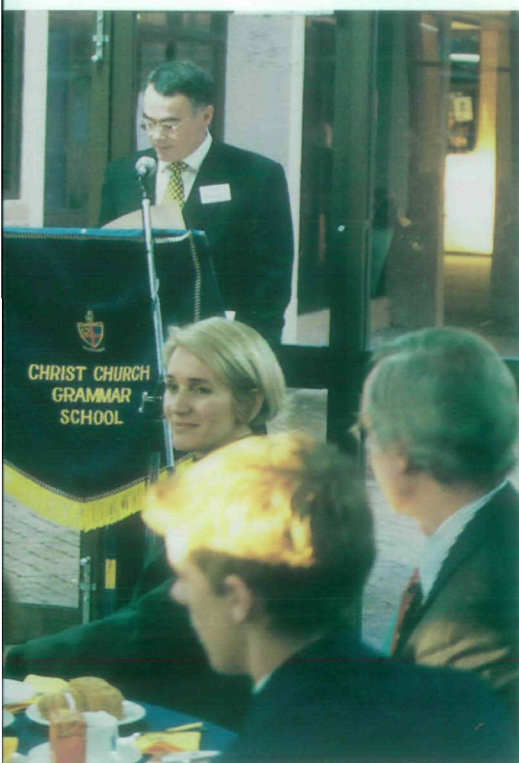
Jan Rowley, an international artist, and Thelma Johns, curator of the Fremantle Arts Centre, were invited to judge this year's Anniversary Art Awards in June. The considerable number of parents and friends who attended were treated to some wonderful art works symbolising Personal Beliefs. The Auxiliary was delighted to award the prizes to the winners in each category.

The Year 11 Dance, underwritten by the Auxiliary, provided the opportunity for talented mums to excel in transforming the gymnasium into a weird and wonderful world of spiders and witches. The boys and guests were most appreciative of their efforts and this was a very successful evening.

On a cold dark morning in the middle of winter several Year 12 mothers prepared the Refectory for the Year 12 Father and Son Breakfast. Guest speaker, old boy and past parent John Poynton (1957-68), Chairman of Poynton and Partners, outlined the options open to boys after leaving school. As President of the Auxiliary I decided, among other things, to read a story, *Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney. I, at least, enjoyed the message it conveyed!

Because of the Auxiliary's commitment to Abdul's Bazaar only two more fundraising events were held this year. The first was the very successful Poo, Poo and More Poo drive which made a profit of \$1020. I recommend this to future Auxiliary

John Poynton spoke at the Year 12 Fathers and Sons Breakfast about the options open to boys after leaving School.



committees, despite the obvious downside of the exercise!

At a much more glamorous occasion on June 29 members of the School community (albeit only females!) viewed and had the opportunity to purchase fresh water pearls from China and silk night attire from Hong Kong. The profit from this very sociable evening totalled \$778.00.

In April the Parents' Auxiliary granted \$2,100 to the Education Support Unit to enable a physiotherapist to work with the boys. A further \$1,000 was donated to the Drama Department to create a much needed laundry room.

A few more events were held before the end of the School year, namely the Year 10 Dance on September 11; plant and refreshment stalls at the Preparatory School Athletics; the Valedictory Dinner on 3 November; New Parents' Morning Tea on 12 November and the tenth Parents' Auxiliary meeting and lunch on 18 November.

If you haven't been involved in the Auxiliary this year, perhaps you may find the opportunity to do so next year. It's very rewarding.

Abdul's Bazaar

The Claremont Campus was transformed on 30 October when it took on a Middle Eastern ambience for Abdul's Bazaar. It was a wonderful occasion and very satisfying for all those parents who worked so hard for so long to bring it to fruition.

Head Convenor Ray West reflects: "Over the past months I have been asked several times, 'is it worth all the effort'? I have always responded with a resounding 'YES'.

"The weeks leading up to Abdul's Bazaar showed me how right I was. The quality and quantity of goods, the enthusiasm and most importantly the fellowship, proved that major fundraising functions are very good for school community spirit.

"Our success was due to the huge contingent of people who have worked at a feverish pace over many months. Their reward was certainly the huge success of the day. The colour, food smells, music

and atmosphere ensured that we all felt exhilarated, even though we may have felt a little weary by the end of the day.

"The event could not have succeeded without the full support of the school Executive and staff and I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to them and to Headmaster Jeremy Madin for his continual support."

Ray went on to say: "I feel that I have gained a great deal from my association with the many wonderful people with whom I have worked over the past eighteen months. To everyone, I say - thank you for your loyalty and support and for all the wonderful memories."

Abdul's Bazaar was a Parents' Association initiative. The Association is delighted to dedicate the money raised to heat the School pool. This will enable its year-round use and benefit the boys, their families, old boys and School staff.



Ray West, Head Convenor of Abdul's Bazaar.



Sean Wray (Year 5) and belly dancers Sandra Borralho (seated) and Michelle Chennell. The camels and belly dancers took part in the parade through Claremont heralding the opening of the Bazaar.



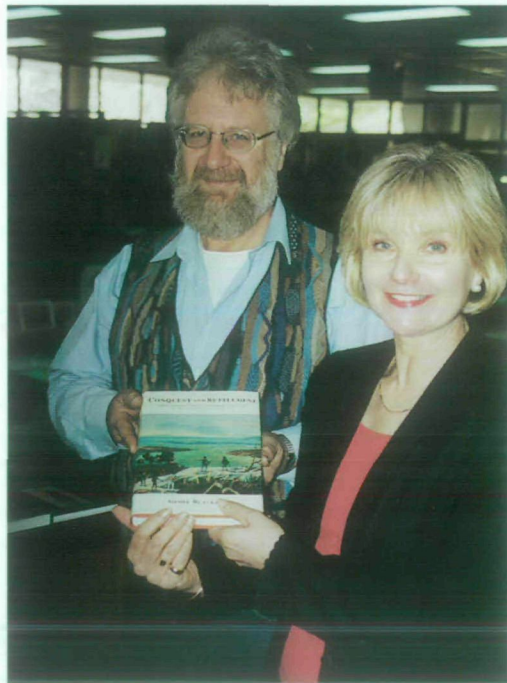
OLD BOYS

Geologist, Conservationist, Genealogist and Historian

GEOFF BLACKBURN (1959-65) recently donated a copy of his third book to the Senior School Library.

Conquest and Settlement is the story of the 21st Regiment of Foot (North British Fusiliers) in Western Australia 1833-40. It follows the part played by the soldiers in the fledgling settlement and the girls they married shortly before being posted to India.

Since graduating from university with a degree in geology Geoff has worked for thirty years in the mineral exploration industry, visiting many remote places in Western Australia as well as third world countries. A past President and Vice President of the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies, Geoff is interested in education and social issues and for many years he sat on various university and government advisory boards.



Geoff Blackburn presents his latest book *Conquest and Settlement* to Senior Librarian Jan Kaye.

A keen amateur conservationist, Geoff launched a media and political lobbying campaign in 1991 to awakened public interest in the plight of native fish. This led to local estuaries being restocked with native species such as black bream and cobbler.

One of Geoff's hobbies is muzzle loading guns from the 1800s, the same as those used by the 21st Regiment. He is an active member of the Perth Muzzleloading Club and the West Australian branch of the Military Historical Society.

Geoff is a diligent historian, with a particular interest in the genealogy of the poor. He published *The Children's Friends Society* in 1993 after discovering the existence of the Society while researching his own family tree. The Society 'rescued' some 2000 children from the streets of London between 1834 and 1871 and shipped them to British colonies in Australia, South Africa, Canada and Mauritius to work as servants and farmhands. Geoff's meticulous seven year research pieced together the history of the Society and the fate of many of the seventy children sent to WA.

Calvert's Golden West, published in 1997, is a biography of the enigmatic Albert Frederick Calvert who claimed to have found gold in Western Australia, wrote at least fourteen books on the state and later received two knighthoods for literary services in Spain.

Geoff is now working on a book about Australians in Equatorial Africa during World War 1: he has already published a paper on the wife of the German Governor, formerly a Sydney actress.

Arthur Leaves Centre Stage

ARTHUR PATE's (1948-53) involvement with Christ Church began over half a century ago when he entered the School in 1948 as an eleven year old.

Arthur excelled. A year ahead of himself academically, he was Dux of the School in 1952 and 1953 and in his leaving year was Captain of School and Captain of Craigie House. In sport he was a genuine all-rounder, gaining an Honour Blazer and House Colours and winning Colours in hockey, boxing, athletics and shooting. He also gained the rank of Lieutenant in the School's Cadet Unit.

After leaving School Arthur commenced a Science degree at the University of Western Australia before switching to the new Graylands Teacher Training College. Following graduation he taught at a one-teacher school at Lake King. He returned to Christ Church in 1959 as a Year 7 teacher and Assistant Boarding House Master.

Over the ensuing years Arthur went on to teach in the Middle School and in 1966 he was appointed Head of the English Department. During these busy years he gained a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in English and Diplomas in Education and Speech and Drama Education. He was Master-in-Charge of Drama before leaving for Canberra in 1972 where he taught at Campbell Senior High School and Daramalan College. When he returned to Christ Church in 1974 he began his long association with Romsey House where, as

house master and tutor, he became intimately involved in the pastoral care of hundreds of boys.

Over the years Arthur has been Editor of *The Mitre*, organised School and interschool drama festivals, run the Film Society, arranged Debating, been Officer Commanding Cadets and coached hockey, football, athletics and cricket.

The Arts shine through in many of Arthur's achievements. He has composed the librettos and tunes for seven musicals which he produced both for the School and for community drama festivals. He has also written several one act plays as well as the words of the School Hymn. It was fitting that in 1984 he endowed the Arthur Pate Drama Awards, three prizes given each year for talent and discipline in rehearsal and performance.

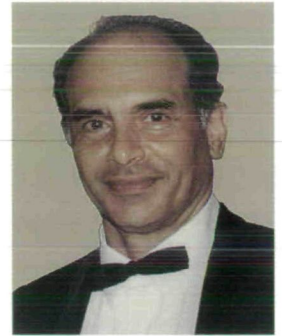
Arthur ends his teaching career as Mentor or Master Teacher. The Mentor Scheme, established in 1990, allows a teacher who has previously held senior positions in the School to continue as a Master Teacher after relinquishing senior administrative tasks. A Mentor is thus given the opportunity to concentrate solely on teaching as well as being available to assist less experienced staff. Arthur is the epitome of a Master Teacher and as the title suggests, this serves to highlight the value and respect justly earned for his many years of experience in the teaching profession.

Arthur's sons ADRIAN PATE (1975-81) and RICHARD PATE (1979-85) attended the School.

Arthur Pate's name runs through fifty-one years of the annals of Christ Church. He will long be remembered at the School and by many old boys.

The Christ Church English Department and The Centre for Ethics recently published a selection of Arthur's poetry, *Method in My Madness*. Copies are available from the Centre for Ethics (telephone 9442 1705) at \$10.00 plus \$1.00 to cover postage.

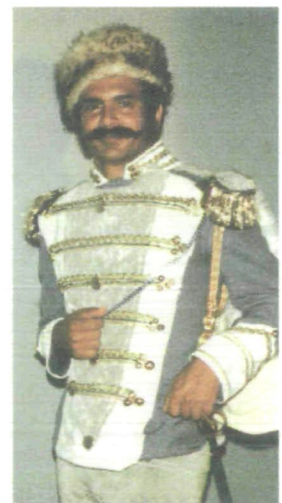
The May 1999 edition of the Scotch College *Clan* featured this photograph of Arthur Pate umpiring a cricket match between Scotch and Christ Church. *Photograph by courtesy of Michael Bain.*



Arthur Pate.



Arthur as Captain of School 1953.



Arthur as Sergius in G B Shaw's *Arms and the Man* presented by the Graduate Dramatic Society at the Dolphin Theatre in October 1980.



Career in Education

PETER TOOKE (1964-69) was recently appointed Deputy Headmaster of Melbourne Grammar School.

By the time he completed his final year at Christ Church with excellent academic results, Peter had excelled in cricket and football and as a Cadet Under Officer, earned an Honour Blazer and served with distinction as Senior Prefect. While completing his Science degree at the University of Western Australia in 1972, he continued to serve the School as Officer of Cadets.

Peter joined the staff the following year as a teacher of science. He continued his active role in the School's cadet unit and became involved in the sports program, including coaching the 1st XI. He later became Housemaster of Wolsey.

Returning to Christ Church after a year teaching physics at Marlborough College in the United Kingdom, Peter was appointed Assistant to the Headmaster. When the administration was restructured in 1984 he became Senior Master with major responsibilities in the discipline and pastoral

care areas. In addition he found time to complete his Masters in Education.

In 1988 Peter became Deputy Headmaster of The Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) in Brisbane. He was acting head for three months in 1992. In 1994 he was appointed Headmaster of Pulteney Grammar School in Adelaide, resigning at the end of 1998 when Council decided to turn the school co-educational.

Soon after he began at Melbourne Grammar this year Peter wrote of his early impressions in the *Grammar Newsletter*: "I believe we should always examine our strengths and weaknesses, both as individuals and as an organisation. We must be open minded and keen to engage in a continuous cycle of improvement. I look forward to trying to assist the Senior School to build on its strengths and to overcome its deficiencies."



Sartorial Aplomb

Morning suits and Old Boys' Association ties were the order of the day at a July wedding in London.

WALLACE MILLS (1953-57), who farms near Brookton, has three daughters. His eldest daughter is married and living in Perth and his second daughter is married and living in America. A contingent of West Australian relatives and friends joined in the wedding celebrations for Wally's third daughter, Kristina, who lives in London.

In addition to Wally, those wearing old boys ties included GEORGE MURFIT (1949), uncle of the bride, CHAD MILLS (1990-94), cousin of the bride and CLIVE DIGNEY (1961-63), a family friend whose son Jackson is a Year 11 pupil at Christ Church.

Clive Digney, Chad Mills, George Murfit and Wally Mills.

Ben in America's Cup Crew

BEN DURHAM (1990-94) was part of Australia's 16-man America's Cup crew for the challenge in Auckland in October.

Ben was one of the four West Australians chosen as crew members after a month of intense trials on Sydney Harbour.

Since watching Australia defend the America's Cup off Fremantle in 1987, it has been Ben's dream to take part in such an event.

He has competed in the Laser World Championships in South Africa, was the National Laser Youth Champion and came third in the 1998 World Teams Races Championships in the United States. In August he flew to Italy to compete in Europe's top match racing event, the 1999 Trofeo Roberto Trombini.

Kirby Joins Swim Greats

WILLIAM (Bill) KIRBY (1990-92), 1992 Captain of Swimming, was the third swimmer in the record-breaking 200m men's relay team at the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships in August.

The Australian relay quartet - Grant Hackett, Michael Klim, Ian Thorpe and Bill Kirby - shaved three seconds off the world record with a time of 7.08.79 seconds.

Bill, whose main event is the 200m butterfly,

moved to the Australian Institute of Sport two years ago. He came fourth in the 200m butterfly at the Pan Pacific. His time was a personal best and ranks in the top ten in the world - a good start leading to the Olympics.

Do You Want to Play?

Cricket? Tennis? Basketball? Badminton? Football?

Rugby? Soccer? Hockey? Squash? Chess?

Any other Sport or Game?

or

participate as an organiser or supporter?

A database is being compiled of old boys interested in participating in SUMMER and WINTER SPORTS DAY competitions against the School.

**Please register your interest NOW by calling Sarah Dobb
at the Foundation Office on**

9442 1530 (all hours) or fax on 9442 1695.

Cane Surfaces

In the golden olden days of the 1940s there was a particular teacher at Christ Church who had a great, thick ruler which he used to discipline the boys.



A C 'Chum' CROUCH (1942-44) and JOHN DOUST (1936-48) examine the old cane.

The ruler had notches along its length - to aid with measuring or as a record of the number of boys who had felt its force, no-one remembers!

One day this ruler-cane disappeared, not to be seen again until August 1999 when it appeared at the Unforgettables (old boys from the 1940s) Luncheon at the Fremantle Annexe of the Royal Perth Yacht Club.

All twenty old boys at the luncheon recognized this instrument immediately, though no-one was prepared to say who had souvenired it or whose cupboard it had been residing in for the past fifty-plus years! Whatever fear it once instilled it was now a source of amusement and reminiscence.

Anniversary

On a Sunday afternoon in September over 120 pupils, old boys, past and present parents and members of staff enjoyed the 30th Anniversary of the establishment of Education Support Unit (ESU).

Headmaster Jeremy Madin made an inspirational speech and former Preparatory School Headmaster Don MacLeod cut the gigantic cake. A jujitsu demonstration by current pupils added to the day's entertainment.

A small commemorative booklet was prepared for the occasion. It listed all those in attendance and contained biographies of many ESU old boys. Their career paths and personal achievements made interesting reading.



A scene from the 30th Anniversary function.



The Class of '74.

Twenty-Five Years Down the Track

Forty-nine old boys attended the Class of '74 Luncheon Reunion in August. A further fifteen sent their apologies.

The day commenced with tours of the campus led by School prefects. A Chapel Service conducted by Canon Frank Sheehan followed during which ROBERT PARKER (1970-74) gave the reading. The old boys then assembled on the Chapel steps for a group photograph.

Over drinks in Sandover Dining Hall the old boys were able to view an archives display of photographs and memorabilia from their time at School.

OBA President CHRISTOPHER SHELLABEAR (1969-74), himself a member of the Class of '74, welcomed the guests. During lunch GRAEME HANKEY (1970-74) proposed the Toast to the School and Deputy Headmaster Ray House, who had taught most of those present, responded.

Chris Shellabear had a pleasant surprise for IAN AVERY (1970-74). Ian was awarded Colours for football, life saving, shooting and swimming and Honours for Football in 1973-74. Soon after he received his Honour Blazer he loaned it to a classmate (not named!). Ian had not seen it since and it had long been a sore point that he had not

been able to show it to his parents or his children. Somehow, after all these years, Chris tracked down and retrieved the blazer. He presented it to a very happy Ian Avery at the Luncheon!

Chris concluded the formalities with a Toast to Absent Friends.

To mark the reunion the Archives produced a booklet listing the School achievements of the boys from the Class of '74 and a brief account of what they have done during the ensuing twenty-five years. All those who responded to the reunion invitation received a copy.



Chris Shellabear presents Ian Avery with his long-lost blazer.

Walkabout

Since leaving School TOBY BROWNE-COOPER (1985-87) completed a degree in Architecture at the University of Western Australia (UWA) before going on to Bond University to complete a Bachelor of Laws degree with Honours. He took 1993 off to work and travel in the USA, UK and Europe then, in 1996, did a stint as a Resident Tutor in McClemans Boarding House. Soon after joining the Perth office of Freehill Hollingdale and Page, Toby married Nita Peplow. Toby and Nita are now living in London where Toby is a solicitor in the Construction and Engineering section of international law firm Linklaters and Alliance. Toby is the son of PETER BROWNE-COOPER (1946-58) and brother of TIM (1985-86) (deceased) and PATRICK (1992-96). ■

JON STAFFORD (1970-71) and partner Robyn Beaton have named their first child Nicholas Alexander. They look forward to him attending Christ Church around the time we will celebrate our centenary (2010). Jon is a textile wholesaler to the interior design industry with offices in Sydney and Melbourne. Meanwhile his brother PETER STAFFORD (1970-72) has just completed his PhD in Visual Art and is currently artist-in-residence at the University of Western Sydney. ■

We heard recently from PATRICK HARNESS (1965-66) requesting news of the thirty year reunion for the Class of '69. Patrick and his brother MICHAEL HARNESS (1966) attended Christ Church for a short time when their father was working in WA. After returning to the USA and graduating from college, Patrick settled in Champaign, Illinois, in 1975. Currently employed as the Coordinator of Surgery in a large hospital, Patrick is renewing his interest in art during his spare time and he and his brother have developed their own website. Despite the fact that it's thirty-three years since the brothers have seen the School, they appreciate being kept in touch. The School's publications are wonderful reminders of their time in Perth and, in particular, at Christ Church. Patrick recently expressed this appreciation through a gift to the OBA Scholarship Fund. ■

There must be something in the water in Illinois. NICHOLAS REYNOLDS (1970-82), who spent his entire school life at Christ Church, originally went to the USA to study at the Kellogg School of Business at Northwestern University. Having gained his masters degree he is now gainfully employed and happily ensconced with his wife and baby daughter in a new home in Evanston, Illinois. Nick has been a regular donor to the OBA Scholarship Fund. His gift arrived just days after the Harness donation. ■

It seems that anaesthetics attracts many of our old boy medical graduates. JOHN HARRIOTT (1959-63) practiced at RPH for many years before retiring recently. ROB CAMPBELL (1960-67), KEN WILLIAMS (1970-71) and HUGH SPEIRS (1965-74) share a private practice in Subiaco. We are also aware that ROBIN COLLIN (1965-70), ROB STORER (1967-74) and STEVE CROCKER (1970-74) practice as anaesthetists. ■

This scenario would appear to be impossible though we know that for GRAEME HANKEY (1970-74) at least, it's achievable. Since graduating from UWA in medicine in 1980 Graeme has trained in neurology at RPH, the Mayo Clinic in the USA and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He has written four books and published 150 articles in medical journals. During his leisure time he enjoys holidaying with his two daughters, swimming, football, cricket and good wine and music - all this while combining work as Consultant Neurologist and Head of the Stroke Unit at RPH with clinical research and more writing. ■

DICK SUDLOW (1933) is eighty-one. His older brothers KEN (1919-24) and BILL (1922-26) are now deceased. While on leave from the RAAF base at Point Cook fifty-nine years ago, Dick met a young lady who read his palm. She told him he would die when he was thirty-two! Obviously Dick wasn't fussed by such a prediction. He served in the RAAF throughout World War II and has lived an active life since. Now retired and still living in Milton, NSW, Dick has just written his first book *Flying with Lady Luck*, recollections of his involvement in World War II. Last year Dick took to the skies again. It had been fifty-eight years since he last flew a Tiger Moth. To celebrate his 80th birthday Dick's daughter organised a reunion for her dad with an old Tiger based at Goulburn airport. It was obviously a very special birthday present 'cos Dick's itching to do it again when he turns 90! Dick's book can be purchased for \$15 by writing to "Flying with Lady Luck", PO Box 97, Milton, NSW 2538. ■

Perth's quite a hike from Darwin but for GEORGE PRIOR (1944-46) boarding at Christ Church was the safest place to be during the latter part of World War II. On his return to Darwin George built up a very successful business. In the 1970s he sent his five sons to board at Christ Church. BOB (1970-73) paved the way for GEOFF (1971-73), DAVID (1972-74), PETER (1974-77) and GRAEME (1975-77) but because Bob was the first (and the biggest) and the others followed so closely, it was a lot easier to call someone with the surname Prior, 'Bob'. So many 'Bob' Priors undoubtedly confused the staff of the day! Darwin doesn't seem to have the same attraction for the boys as it does for their father. In fact we have just heard that David is a pilot with



Lauda Air and living in Vienna, Austria, while Geoff is a Pharmacist living in Brisbane. Two other young old boys are also flying commercially in Europe: ANDREW KING (1973-80) is based in London and MICHAEL LAWSON (1985-92) is based in Ireland. ■

SZU YANG LEE (1987-88) joined us from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for the final two years of his schooling before going on to UWA where he resided at Kingswood College. After graduating he returned to Kuala Lumpur to commence work. A year or two ago he caught up with STUART MACGILL (1981-88) in Singapore. Now managing his family's business interests on a plantation in Songkhla, Thailand, Szu has decided to opt for a life membership of the OBA. ■

Another young old boy living and working overseas who has recently become a life member of the OBA is NICK LINDSEY (1983-87). Nick completed an Arts degree at UWA. He then travelled and worked in the building industry before completing a Graduate Diploma in Media at ECU in 1995. Nick first worked as a journalist with a Perth newspaper. Since 1998 he has been the deputy editor of *Australian Connections*, a magazine based in Hong Kong which specialises in Asian-Australian business relations. Nick loves the crowds, noise and smog of Hong Kong. "It is a vibrant, cosmopolitan place to do business and an exciting time to be living and working in the SE Asian region", says Nick. ■

Whether it's a storm or a strike, when the power goes out in Perth the person to whom the media turn for answers is CAMERON VAN AST (1988-90), Media Relations Officer for Western Power Corporation (WPC). After leaving Christ Church in Year 10, Cameron completed his secondary education in Geraldton before joining the local paper as a cadet journalist. Two years ago he joined the Corporate Affairs office at WPC and it now appears that the sky is the limit! Meanwhile, older brother JUSTIN VAN AST (1985-90) completed a Bachelor of Commerce degree (majoring in Accounting) at Curtin University and is currently working in the Perth office of Deloitte, involved in Corporate Restructures. ■

MATTHEW WRIGHT (1986-90) is another young accountant on the move. Matthew also graduated from Curtin a Bachelor of Commerce. For the last couple of years he has worked in the Audit Department of the Perth Office of Pricewaterhouse Coopers. His transfer to the Melbourne office in September involved a change to Transaction Services and coincided with the AFL finals. This pleased Matthew immensely, especially as he had a short stint playing league for Claremont in the local Westar Rules competition. ■

Our old boy representative in Japan is ANTHONY DOWLING (1983-85) who, after a stint with Kodak, has joined Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) as a Market Analyst. There, despite tough economic times, he intends to carve out a career. His father ALASTAIR DOWLING (1952-56) dropped in to see Anthony earlier this year, en route to Europe. He was amazed to see how confident he was, both in his job and in coping with the language. Anthony intends having a look over the School when he visits Perth for a brief break with family and friends at Christmas. ■

DAVID MACKENZIE (1971-79) was the official scorer for the 1st XI in 1978 and 1979. He recently gifted the scoresheets from all the matches to the Archives. The standard of his work was meticulous. The facts and figures, particularly BILL BREIDHAL'S (1968-79) figures, are amazing. We are not surprised to learn that David is now a partner in a structural engineering business in the UK. What does surprise us, however, is the fact that David has created his own set of figures. He and his wife Margaret have expanded the family by three - all under the age of three! Not bad for a 37 year old scorer, turned player, living in Middlesex! ■

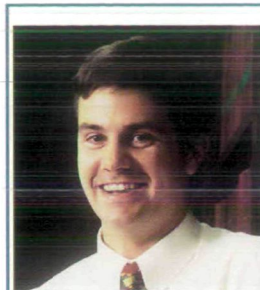
Earlier this year ROBERT TURNER (1985-89) relocated to Broome to take a position as a property valuer with Kimberley Property Valuers. To date he has met up with MARTIN LOVEGROVE (1981-88), Kimberley Regional Representative for Mortgage Force Australia; LLOYD JENKINS (1980-87), Principal of Kimberley Real Estate and MATTHEW FIELD (1986-90) who runs an automotive air conditioning business. ■

A service that comes highly recommended is the Fremantle Airport Shuttle. Old boy proprietor JOHN WEATHERHEAD (1976-78) would be happy to attend to your needs when next you're flying overseas or interstate. ■

NICK BRUNSDON (1994-97), now a second year Architecture student at Curtin University, recently had work exhibited at the UIA International Exhibition in Beijing. Nick's work was chosen to represent both Curtin University and Australia. ■

After three years as Publicist then Marketing Manager for Black Swan Theatre NICK BROWN (1984-88) has now moved to Sydney to take the position of Sponsorship Manager with Sydney Dance Company. ■

DAVID HAY (1975-79), civil engineer turned glass blower, has an on-going display at Craft West in the King Street Art Centre. BEN DOUST (1969-80), metal worker and design consultant, has worked with David on some of his artistic creations. ■



Former Captain of School ROHAN HARDCASTLE (1985-92) has been awarded a Menzies Scholarship in Law. Two scholarships - in memory of the Right Honourable Sir Robert Menzies, KT, A K, CH QC - are awarded nationally each year. The last awarded to a West Australian was in 1986. Rohan was selected after a gruelling interview with Sir Daryl Dawson (former High Court Justice), Justice Susan Kenny (Federal Court Justice) and Professor Gillian Triggs (Professor at the University of Melbourne). Academic excellence, leadership and interest in service to others were amongst the qualities the interviewers sought. Rohan currently works at Clayton Utz. He graduated in law from the University of Western Australia in 1997 and spent the following year working as the Associate to Justice Robert French who was President of the National Native Title Tribunal. Rohan will begin the two years of study at Oxford University in September 2000.

JAMIE LAMB (1988-89), son of PETER LAMB (1957-64), works for Nova Australia in Japan. He married Riyoko Minami from Kyoto in the School Chapel in September. The couple met in Osaka. After the wedding they returned to Japan to live.

On the back cover: Thirteen of the St George's Cathedral choristers (ten of whom are from Christ Church) enjoy a break from singing.



COMING EVENTS

2000

29 Jan ORIENTATION DAY for new Year 8-12 boys. Chapel 9 am

31 Jan COMMENCEMENT OF TERM 1

2 Feb Parents' Association AGM, School Refectory

22 Feb Senior School House Swimming Carnival, Superdrome 6 pm

2 Mar Parents' Association Annual Sundowner, School Refectory

3-6 Mar MID TERM BREAK

10 Mar Quads Swimming Carnival 7 pm

17 Mar PSA Swimming Inters, Beatty Park 7 pm

25 Mar Head of the River Rowing Regatta, Canning Course 9 am

30 Mar Music Tour to New Zealand commences

6 Apl Hockey Tour to Hong Kong commences

7 Apl Rugby Tour to New Zealand commences

TERM 1 ENDS

26 Apl COMMENCEMENT OF TERM 2

