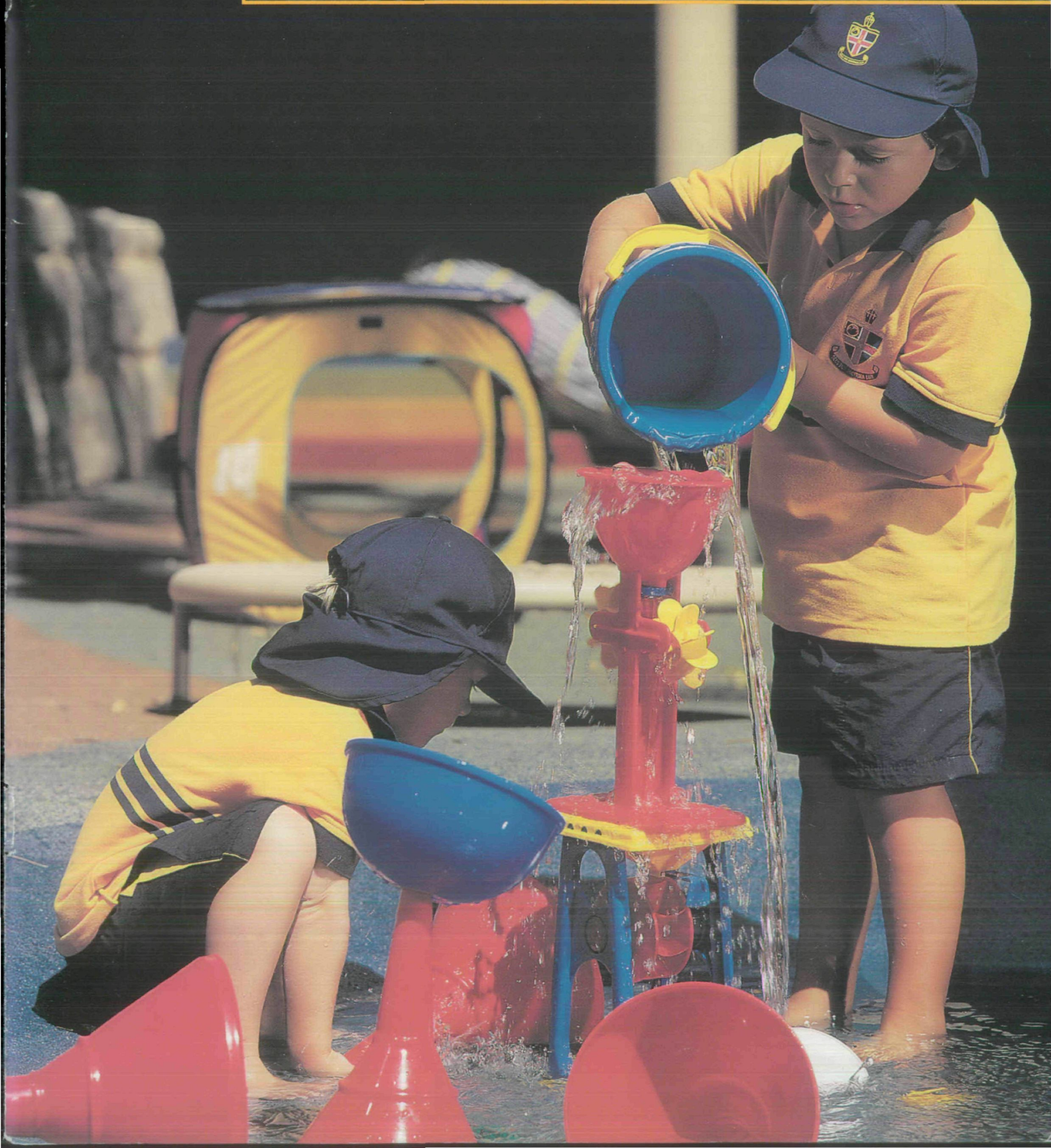


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The Times They Are a-Changin'

Everything is subject to continuous change.

Sometimes change can be unsettling, sometimes it is welcomed, but either way the resilience to adapt to it forms an integral part of the history of the human race.

Moving On

After thirteen years as Headmaster of Christ Church Grammar School Jeremy Madin will be leaving at the end of the year to become Headmaster of Cranbrook School in Sydney.

Although saddened by his departure, members of the School community will want to congratulate Jeremy on his new appointment and thank him for his considerable contribution to Christ Church. There will be ample opportunity to do both towards the end of the year.

Meanwhile Council is engaged in the process of selecting a new headmaster for the School.

Review

Sometimes changes take place which are beyond our control, sometimes we initiate them. When the School Council commissioned the 1999 Strategic Review it was because an institutional assessment was seen as an objective way to ascertain the School's strengths and weaknesses and to make changes where indicated.

The process and outcomes of the Review are referred to in several articles in this edition of **Chronicle**.

A number of strategic goals have been implemented already.

The Senior School mathematics remediation program has been extended and Senior School

career and course guidance staffing has been enhanced.

The recently completed Early Learning Centre opened at the beginning of the year and Preparatory School physical education, drama and music staffing have been expanded.

The new strength and conditioning room and exercise physiology laboratory in the gymnasium is almost finished, both rooms being furnished with state of the art exercise and weights equipment, due largely to the generosity of the Old Boys' Association. The rugby pavilion project is under way, thanks to a recent grant from the Parents' Association and the School community is tremendously grateful for the Parents' Association and Auxiliary gift towards the cost of heating the School pool.

The Bursar and his team are investigating the cooling of the Senior School classrooms, the new couch grass surfaces at the Mt Claremont playing fields were ready for winter sport and work was completed recently on the Preparatory School undercroft and the hard tennis courts.

Meanwhile **the best start in life** fundraising campaign continues to add to the fund for building and equipping the Collaborative Learning Centre (library and information technology). Members of the School community yet to be approached are asked to give consideration to supporting this vitally important project.

Yes, the times are a-changin' but as fresh challenges emerge so too does the initiative, skill, energy and enthusiasm to meet them.

Headmaster Jeremy Madin with Year 1 boys from the Early Learning Centre. Photograph by courtesy of Post Newspapers Pty Ltd.



On the front cover: Experimenting in the Early Learning Centre Water Playground.



From the Headmaster's Desk

Schools are human institutions, warts and all.

In my termly letter to parents I often have cause to be plain about the warts ... and about how we deal with them. Sometimes I seek parental support for a disciplinary policy aiming to solve problems common to adolescents everywhere and in every age. Tilting at windmills? Possibly, but School and parents working together on such universal matters does make a difference. Sometimes I object to the antics of poor public rôle models. How can we teach sportsmanship when some televised heroes play the man rather than the ball? Sometimes I explain how we try to assist boys to handle learning problems. Does highlighting issues of boys and literacy help? Yes, if we can deliver a strategy giving English teachers more time to devote to each student.

In addressing these very different kinds of "warts" I stress the constancy of our desire to continue to make Christ Church a safe and happy place for as many boys as possible. And I emphasise the need to be open about problems. There is no point hiding entirely natural human failings. Far better to deal with them. Furthermore, Christ Church teachers and tutors are restlessly self-critical, keen to appraise programs and enthusiastic about improving them. They are single-minded about the importance of the education of the whole boy.

Brickbats and bouquets

Human institutions invite negative as well as positive comment. We receive our share of brickbats, indeed respect them when they are constructive and help us achieve our goals. There are plenty of bouquets, too, but in typically dour Australian style we tend to undersell them.

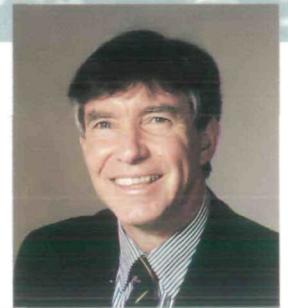
However, a recent spate of complimentary letters prompts me to be a little less humble. The Secretary of the Returned Sisters Sub-branch of the RSL thanked the Cadets who volunteered to

carry the League's banner on ANZAC Day: "The demeanour, discipline and presentation of these young men was exemplary, and the school and their officers can be justly proud." Thankful, too, was the State Co-Ordinator for the Red Cross Doorknock, who wrote advising that our Cadet Unit headed the army cadet list in raising funds. On top of that, the Governor, Major General Michael Jeffery, wrote to let us know not only that he was privileged to be the guest of honour at a farewell dinner hosted by the Australian Army but that the evening was made even more special by the inclusion of cadets from Christ Church Grammar School who provided the steward service. "You can be very proud of your young men."

Turning from cadets to drama, we received similar plaudits. One of the features of the Arts Festival was the outstanding quality of the dramatic productions, **The Sandbox** by Edward Albee, **Blue Remembered Hills** by Dennis Potter and **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest** by Dale Wasserman. Edgar Metcalfe, experienced local actor and arts identity, writes:

I thought I was coming to see some creditable school drama, instead I witnessed performances of outstanding quality, the like of which we don't always see in the professional theatre. I do hope that your immediate community really appreciates how lucky they are to be able to see theatre of this quality on their own doorstep..

I could go on ... to quote from letters about our boys as musicians, sportsmen, mentors to younger boys, or offering service beyond School walls. But I think my point is clear. In this lively, creative, busy institution we have our problems but they are far outweighed by the positives. Our boys deserve the bouquets. They give us cause for celebration. They sustain us as we give time and energy to planning our future. They make investing in that future worthwhile.



Jeremy Madin, Headmaster.

Our touring rugby players, members of one of the most spirited clubs in the School, also invited praise:

The Thai Rugby Union under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King would like to congratulate your school on the recent tour to Thailand by your Under-18 rugby team. We especially appreciated the spirit with which the boys played their rugby. The fair, open and committed style of play was a credit to the boys, their coach, the team management and your school.



COUNCIL

Strategic Review

The review of the 1994 Strategic Plan began early in 1999 with an Institutional Assessment conducted by an education consulting firm. This formed the basis of a report to Council on facilities and services, education programs, students, staff, management, Council, marketing, public relations and fundraising, finance and planning.

The Review Process

The review was comprehensive and collaborative. A widely representative planning committee was convened to bring critical faculties to bear on the Assessment, to organise focus groups, to combine Institutional Assessment findings and comments with those of focus group members in a consultative paper, to mail that paper to over 8,000 stakeholders and to prepare a questionnaire asking the recipients to comment on the issues raised in the consultative paper as well as raise any other issues relevant to the future of Christ Church Grammar School.

The School community's response rate was healthy and provided a statistically significant basis for analysis. The number of written comments was unusually high.

Detailed analyses provided 196 fascinating pages of computer-generated cross-matching tables, teasing out the threads of School community members' levels of satisfaction or concern. The parent-staff-Council-old boy planning committee assessed the analyses and wrote a set of draft goals for the next five years. These were debated at a combined Executive Staff and full Council seminar held at Kooringal, and further refined for discussion at the final 1999 Council meeting, where they were revised and ratified.

Early in 2000 the senior administration team developed implementation steps to convert the goals into action.

What was learned?

Working on the principle that the widest possible range of comment and opinion would enable the School's programs to be considered from fresh perspectives, the views of an extraordinary number of Christ Church stakeholders were canvassed at meetings, in focus groups, at individual interviews and via the questionnaire.

Satisfaction

Satisfaction indices, statistically calculated from a five point scale, revealed that the vast majority of parents, members of staff, old boys and Year 11 and 12 students were satisfied with most School policies and programs.

There was extremely high satisfaction in the School's approach to religious education and the work of the Centre for Ethics, facilities overall and the outdoor programs.

High levels of satisfaction were also expressed about the appropriateness and effectiveness of the balance between tolerance and firmness in the School, the teaching of able boys, the excellence of teaching staff, the balance in educational programs, the teaching facilities, the appropriateness of Information Technology facilities, the planning of buildings and facilities, the way transition into Year 8 is handled, the sporting program, the effectiveness of the pastoral system and the value of the co-curricular program.



High percentages of respondents were satisfied with communications between the School and parents and the wider School community. The majority were 'very' or 'extremely' satisfied with personal contact, telephone, letter and email contact and the communicative value of School publications. Fewer people were satisfied with communication via the School's website and only small numbers of respondents commented on the new electronic means of communication.

Concerns

Analysis of the comprehensive survey revealed that there is not enough provision for career guidance. Whilst there was no quarrel with the quality of the guidance provided, it was considered that there were not enough qualified staff to address every boy's needs or to run career education classes. In fact, prompted by the survey results, and by a helpful report prepared recently after a Heads of Houses seminar, this matter has already been addressed by making significant policy and program changes and by expanding counselling staff from the start of the year 2000.

Other key issues identified as needing actions were:

- The balance between local and overseas students and the international dimension of the curriculum.
- The appropriateness of Information Technology facilities and the boys' confidence about using IT as a basic tool.
- Teaching middle and lower ability pupils: teachers at Christ Church value all boys equally and believe that they address their varied needs equally, but because able pupils do very well in public examination some respondents thought that more time was devoted to them. Whether this is a matter of perception or reality has to be teased out.
- Transition from preparatory to secondary schooling: parents indicated (strongly) that they were happy with the way the transition is handled, but teachers did not. This issue needs to be further explored.
- A wide range of perceptions emerged about the suitability and management of the School's often overused grounds. Priorities and resources are to be considered.
- There was tremendous interest in the idea of an external, residential, challenging campus, particularly for Year 10 boys, even if a boarding fee were to be charged. Most parents opted for a three-month program, but a significant minority supported a six-month option. A working party will address this issue with some urgency.

- Considerable interest was expressed in new services such as weekly boarding or the extended day for day boys. Surveys need to be made to assess whether or not such services are likely to be truly viable.

Directions

Clearly there is much to consider in the results of the 1999 Institutional Assessment, focus groups deliberations, and community survey analyses. The planning group, the School Executive and the School Council have worked hard to take proper account of all of the results whether they are reassuring or give cause for concern. Strategic goals have been revisited, reviewed and adapted. They address the issues that concern the wider School Community and at the same time they include visionary yet achievable goals that build on the School's strengths.

Since the Review strategic goals have been set for the next five years and some of these are already being implemented.



Headmaster Says Thanks

In his December 1999 letter to parents, the Headmaster wrote:

"In commending the strategic goals to you I thank the members of School Council for their preparedness to have the School's work commented upon, indeed laid bare, and criticised in the three-prong (Institutional Assessment, focus groups meetings and community survey) review process. I thank all who participated in the *focus group meetings*, I thank all who took the trouble to complete the questionnaire and to add written comment on the survey forms or in separate letters, and I thank the Council, Executive, staff, old boy and parent members of the hard-working Strategic Planning team, whose meetings came thick and fast from early in the year until the final session held at Koorngal towards the end of 1999. We are in their debt. They have provided us with a set of goals that will assist us to handle the challenges of the first decade of the new millennium with a necessary degree of certainty, with drive and with the kind of enthusiasm that comes from knowing that many, many people agree about our direction."



Strategic Goals 2000-2005



Christian Focus

Christ Church will increase the staff resources devoted to Christian and moral education. At the same time it will maintain and enhance the work of the Centre for Ethics combining as it does spirituality and religion in everyday life.

Enrolment

Christ Church will remain a boys' day and boarding school. It will limit enrolment on its Claremont campus to 1250. It will continue to reflect intellectual, social, ethnic and cultural diversity in its student body.

The School will continue to ensure that there are always boarding places for sons of families resident in rural Australia. At the same time it will offer an international dimension in enrolment by maintaining up to the present 6% of the total student body as full-fee paying overseas students. It will extend the range of countries from which students are recruited and ensure a better balance of representation of these countries.

The School will explore the viability of providing additional services such as short term and weekly boarding, before and after school care and an extended day program for day boys.

Staff

Christ Church will ensure that it appoints and maintains the highest quality staff. It will continue to broaden the appraisal system so that it promotes both individual and collective increases in effective teaching and learning.

It will ensure that staff have both the increased professional development and the time to face major challenges and deal with them effectively. One example of such a challenge is the forthcoming adoption of the WA K-12 Curriculum Framework.

It will broaden the concept of staff exchange so that, while including exchange with other schools, it will extend to exchange with other types of enterprise.

Program

The School will ensure that the education offered to each pupil is liberal and balanced and takes proper account of the interdependence of knowledge, skills and values. The education will seek to be active, enjoyable, enquiry-oriented and stimulating, will seek to give pupils confidence in their own abilities, will seek to inspire them to be passionate about lifelong interactive learning and will embrace civic responsibility and social commitment.

Christ Church will value the development of each boy equally, whatever his ability. In collaboration

with tertiary and other organisations, the School will participate in research to determine more accurately the learning needs of individual children and will incorporate the findings of this research into its teaching.

The School will develop an Academic Master Plan to provide a focus for curriculum development during the Curriculum Framework implementation, 2000 to 2003.

Christ Church will explore the forging of links with universities and other tertiary institutions to extend the range of offerings.

While maintaining the broad exposure of boys to outdoor education at Koorinal, the School will establish a working party to explore the feasibility of development of a three month residential off-campus program for Year 10 boys.

Christ Church will continue to explore and develop other opportunities for cooperation in combined educational programs with girls' schools.

The School will give greater emphasis to its counselling function both to provide support to the pastoral care program and to extend the career guidance program.

The School will maximize the opportunities for integration and interaction between boarders and day students.

The School will maintain its extensive range of co-curricular programs and will supplement the expertise of staff where necessary (as, for example, in coaching of some sports) to enhance the value of the experience for boys.

To enhance its international dimension in the area of curriculum and staff and student development, Christ Church will investigate initiatives such as:

- (i) expansion of opportunities for language study
- (ii) the introduction of the International Baccalaureate
- (iii) further development of student and staff exchanges.
- (iv) an increased program of tours and visits to other countries.

Information Technology

The School will undertake an overall review of its Information Technology dimension to assess the effectiveness of the use of IT to enhance teaching and learning and to evaluate its basic use as a tool. The review will embrace hardware, software, support, staffing and staff education.



Management

The structure and operation of the senior management team will be reviewed to increase its capacity to be both strategic and pro-active as the School and the demands on it become more complex.

School Council

The Council will strive for even greater clarity of separation between its own function of governance and the operations of the School.

It will communicate its role and the outcomes of its work more clearly with the School community and will continue to explore the regular recruitment of new talent from both within and beyond the School community.

The Council will develop a process of formal appraisal of its own performance.

Physical Facilities

The master plan for the physical facilities of the School will be updated on an annual basis with the following priorities:

- (i) providing and maintaining effective educational facilities, recreational areas and services.
- (ii) making the most of existing land area
- (iii) extending existing land area when such extension has long term strategic value
- (iv) getting increased benefit from the use of the School's facilities and area.

Finance and Fundraising

Through annual giving, major gifts and bequests the School will continue to develop sources of funds other than government grants and school fees.

The School will develop a financial policy which ensures that, in addition to these sources, sufficient funds will be generated from school fees to contribute to its ongoing capital requirements.

Christ Church will undertake regular benchmarking comparisons with similar schools to ensure that costs are appropriately contained.

Communication and Marketing

Christ Church will review all its means of communication with its community to ensure that such communication is both clear and sensitive. Particular attention will be given in this review to the School's website.

The School will develop a public relations, marketing and admissions plan to attract and retain students and will provide resources to implement this plan. A particular focus of the plan will be boarding students, both from Australia and from a diverse group of other countries.

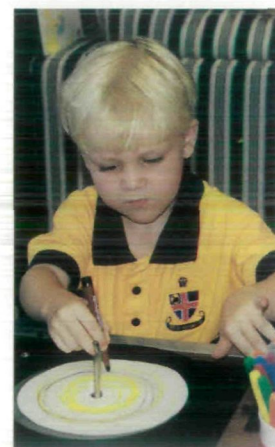
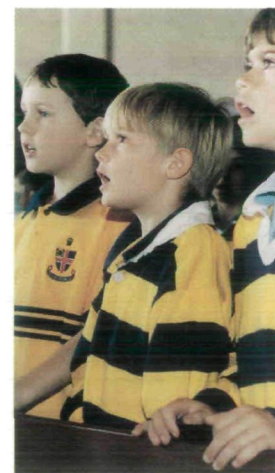
From Goals to Action

At the May 2000 meeting of Council it was resolved to accept a detailed set of implementation steps, designed to translate the strategic goals into action, and to set priorities. The full text of the goals and implementation steps will be mailed to all Christ Church old boys, parents of boys currently at the School, friends of the School and staff members.

Implementation of Strategic Goals

Council agreed to implement a number of the strategic goals without delay, focusing in the first instance on those concerned with the quality and breadth of the School's educational programs:

- Career and course guidance will be enhanced by an expansion and reorganisation of counselling services.
- All boys' information technology skills will be improved via the provision of systematic courses or mini-units on the use of computers as basic tools.
- The important and valued work of the School Chaplain will be supported by the expansion of religious education programs.
- A working party will explore the feasibility of developing an external, residential, challenging campus program.
- Other Council and School Executive working parties will consider the viability of new services such as weekly boarding and the extended day for for day boys.
- Our sporting program will be strengthened by the appointment of a whole-School Director of Sport, whose brief will be to provide coordinated leadership in sports program planning and implementation and staff and coaching development.
- The teaching of physical education, drama and music will be expanded in the Preparatory School.
- Mathematics remediation programs in the Senior School will be extended.



New Member of Council

Michael Hillman, BE MEngSc (UWA) MIEAust, was appointed by the Anglican Diocese to the School Council for a three year term, effective from the commencement of the 2000 school year.



Michael Hillman.

Michael attended the Senior School as a day boy from 1964-68. His association with the School goes well beyond his own school years, having two older brothers who also attended Christ Church during the 1960s and three sons and a nephew who attended during the 1990s. In addition, Michael's wife Wendy is Assistant to the Headmaster and School Archivist.

Michael is a Principal Engineer in the consulting firm, Coffey Geosciences Pty Ltd. His experience and expertise in geotechnical and groundwater engineering were sought by the School during 1999, and he served on a sub-committee reporting to Council during that year. Michael is currently serving on the Buildings and Grounds Committee of Council.

Michael's appointment to Council coincides with the completion of a mid-term review of the School's ten year Strategic Goals. He has taken a particular interest in applying engineering discipline to achieving the goals set by Council concerning its function and relationship with the School and stakeholders. Implementation of the goals have been given impetus by the need to provide explicit guidance on the separation of roles, authority and responsibility between Council and an incoming headmaster.

In acknowledging the enormous contribution of Jeremy Madin to over a decade of stability and academic, sporting and cultural success, Michael looks forward to assisting the Council in a role seen by many as one of the most important functions of Council, that is the appointment of a new headmaster and leading the School through the transition from Mr Madin to his successor.

Bequests

In a period of changing Government support for education, schools like Christ Church are looking to alternative sources of funding. One such source is from bequests.

In a previous issue of this magazine the story was told of two major Christ Church benefactors. Mervyn Brooking's bequest (1971) was used to transform the original classrooms (T block) into the Brooking Arts Centre. Selwyn Prior's bequest (1973) helped fund the development of L block, the top floor being named the Selwyn Prior Library.

Since the launch of the Mitre Society in 1996 we have been advised of a number of bequests made to Christ Church by friends and old boys of the School. It was a sad occasion in 1998 when Keith Currie

(1924-31) died but Keith's name will live on at Christ Church as he directed a sum of money from his estate to the Old Boys' Association Scholarship Fund. That gift will assist in providing scholarships to sons and grandsons of old boys, in perpetuity.

Should any member of the Christ Church family want to discuss the possibility of a bequest to the School please contact either the Headmaster directly, or the Bequest Officer, Andrew Baird. A brochure is available which outlines some of the opportunities which can be considered.

The Headmaster and senior members of staff enjoyed catching up with many parents, past parents and old boys at the Wagin Woolorama. At the Christ Church booth they welcomed the opportunity to meet prospective parents who were interested in learning more about the School's academic, co-curricular and boarding programs. A special thank-you is extended to past parents, John and Diana Pickford, for opening their house to staff for the weekend.





FOUNDATION

Annual Giving

In May this year Christ Church launched Annual Giving.

This involved mailing over 7000 letters and brochures seeking a gift from all members of the School community. The brochure explains the three projects which need support in 2000 - the building fund for the Collaborative Learning Centre (library and information technology), the Library Fund for resourcing the new Centre and the Old Boys' Association Scholarship Fund. Each year the projects which are of the highest priority will be promoted through Annual Giving.

Over time we are confident that more and more members of the School community will have the means and the inclination to support Annual Giving. Although individual gifts may be small, the total raised will be enough to make a significant difference to School programs.

The Annual Giving Program appeals to the generosity of the Christ Church community to contribute to the ongoing strength of this fine school.

It is only through community support that we can maintain and even improve the standard of education that we offer.

Please be generous when considering your response to Annual Giving. Some of the projects in this year's program qualify for tax deduction. Donors will be acknowledged in **Chronicle** at the end of the year.

the best start in life

Our campaign to raise funds for the building of a Collaborative Learning Centre (library and information technology) continues. The total number of donors has increased to 360 but the amount of \$1.7 million which has been raised is still shy of our interim target of \$2 million.

Many School families are presently considering supporting the campaign through a four year pledge. We encourage that support because at this critical stage in the planning process we want to make the building, and the resources it houses, the very best possible.

As yet some families may not have been personally approached to consider pledging to the campaign. These approaches are being made and our goal is to contact all families before the campaign ends.

Plans for the proposed development will be on permanent display in the Senior School Library as soon as possible, perhaps as early as July.

Donations to the Archives

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

HARRY KAU (1926-32) - promotional booklet on Christ Church School, circa 1927.

RAY DOUST (1944-47) - series of photographs taken at Christ Church in 1945 and 1947. Included is a panorama showing the main School teaching block, cricket pavilion, boarding house and rifle range on the top oval.

Jenny Borrill - PSA Swimming programs 1965-1966.

V W Rawlinson - the stamp collection started by his sons DAVID (1958-66), JOHN (1963-71) and MARK (1961-72).

TIM ROBERTS (1976-87) - copy of **The Mitre**, May 1918.

PAUL CHRISTIE (1964-71) - copies of **The Mitre**, 1964-68, and Head of the River Rowing programs 1967 and 1968.

KEVIN PILLEY (1936-39) - photograph in army uniform.

KEN TREGONNING (1931-35) - two photographs of Christ Church and students in the 1920s.

Alex Clarke - photograph of her father HARTLEY POYNTON (1933-36) and copies of his War Service documents.

MALCOLM WYLIE (1928) - two World War II photographs of himself and other soldiers.

June Bedells - photograph of her husband JACK BEDELLS (1927-34) and King George VI at Buckingham Palace in 1943.

GORDON McLARTY (1956-61) - war memorabilia belonging to his father RODERICK McLARTY (1921-26).

KEN MORGAN (1934-40) - photograph of his brother VAUGHAN MORGAN (1949-50).

Mrs Malcolm - widow of BRUCE MALCOLM (1936-40) - photograph.

GORDON (1931-36) and JOHN CRIMP (1931-37) - photographs with their brother ALEXANDER CRIMP (1934-39).

BRIAN MINCHIN (1937-40) - photographs and documents.

RON MINCHIN (1937-38) - photographs and documents.

GRESLEY CLARKSON (1931-34) - photographs.

Gaye Atkinson - photograph of her father JAMES CLARKSON (1920-25).

Mrs Cresswell - widow of EVAN CRESSWELL (1924-27) - photograph.

HAROLD DEVITT (1923-34) - photographs including Old Boys' Hockey Club 1935, 1938 and 1947; Old Boys' Association Life Membership Certificate signed by Joe Lord (President); **The Mitre** 1945 and 1948; mounted photograph of Freshwater Bay which won Harold second prize in The Best Holiday Snap competition, 1931.

Judith Drake-Brockman - sister of DICK DRAKE-BROCKMAN (1936-38) - photograph.

REG EVANS (1936-38) - photograph.

SAM GILES (1926-32) - document regarding his brother Sir NORMAN GILES (1913-22).

TED JONES (1934-36) - photographs and documents.

Mrs D Lockwood - widow of MAXWELL LOCKWOOD (1932-34) - photographs and documents.

LLOYD MARSHALL (1932-36) - copy of war memoirs.

Gail Dodd - documents pertaining to her father GAVIN McGLASHAN (1934-38)

JOCK MOORE (1929-38) - photograph.

Kay Napier - widow of PETER NAPIER (1936-38) - photograph.

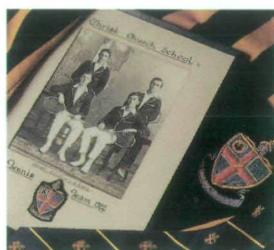
JACK NEIL (1934-39) - photographs of himself, his brother FRANK NEIL (1934-39) and SEPTIMUS UTTING (1930s).

Mrs A. Pascoe - widow of ALLAN PASCOE (1930-38) - photograph and Burma Star Insignia.

Joy Smith - widow of ALBERT SMITH (1936-38) - photograph.

PETER SMITH (1931-35) - photographs.

A number of these donations were in response to the war history research being carried out by RON MINCHIN (1937-38) for the Old Boys' Association Defence Histories and Museum Project.



Christ Church Grammar School Old Boys' Hockey Club Reserve Grade Winners 1935 Premiership.

Standing: R Sudlow, R Ellershaw, A J Parker, A M Howe
H Devitt, E Ellershaw (Vice Captain)

Kneeling: K Langford J Bedells, P McRostie,
D Ryan (Captain) and J Bateman.

Photograph donated by Harold Devitt (1923-34).





SCHOOL

1999 TEE Results

1999 was another good year for Christ Church in the TEE stakes.

Six boys were awarded General Exhibitions - David Knezevic (second in the state), Simon Zilko (third), David Solomon (fourth), Michael Collin (thirty-first), Paul Tilbrook (thirty-fifth) and Poe-Wei Chen (thirty-ninth). Poe-Wei Chen also received the Subject Exhibiton in Physics.

Certificates of Distinction were awarded to David Knezevic, Paul Tilbrook and Simon Zilko (Applicable Mathematics), David Knezevic (Calculus), James Andrewartha, Janlyk Choo, David Knezevic, David Solomon, Paul Tilbrook and Simon Zilko (Chemistry), Aditya Wijaya (Discrete Mathematics), Nicholas Larkins, Nicholas Reid and David Solomon (Economics), Shenton French and David Smith (Geography), Poe-Wei Chen, Michael Collin, David Giles, David Knezevic and Paul Tilbrook (Physics) and Jeremy Milne (Political & Legal Studies).

Thirteen students obtained scores in excess of 450, thirty-five in excess of 400, and eighty-three in excess of 350.

Seventeen students received *Certificates of Excellence*.

In the first round of university offers ninety-four students (71.8%) received their first preference and twenty-five (19.1%) received their second preference, while six boys received their third preference and five boys their fourth.

Eighty-one of the 117 boys who applied to attend the University of Western Australia succeeded. Thirteen of the forty-five who applied to Murdoch, twenty-five of the sixty-six who applied for Curtin, and thirteen of the thirty who applied for Edith Cowan were successful. The ten boys who applied

to attend Notre Dame were all offered a place. In addition three non-TEE students were nominated for Edith Cowan University on the basis of their School assessments.

Congratulations to all the 1999 School leavers who worked so hard to reach their goals.

New Heads of House

Ms Kerry Robertson is the new Head of Walsey House. She replaces Roger Dixon who has been appointed to a Mentor position. Kerry, an English teacher, joined the Christ Church staff in 1996. She previously taught in girls' schools in South Africa, mainly at Collegiate Girls' High School - her old school in Port Elizabeth. At Christ Church Kerry was Assistant Head of English in 1997 and she has been editor of *The Mitre* since 1996. She is also a member of the School's Professional Development Committee.

Dr Romeo Charles is the new Head of Craigie House. A teacher of Chemistry, Romeo joined the Christ Church staff in 1994. Previously he was Head of Science at Geelong Grammar School for twelve years and at Presbyterian Ladies' College (PLC) for seven years. In an odd twist one of Romeo's pupils at PLC was Elizabeth Langdon (now on maternity leave) whom he replaces as Head of Craigie House! Romeo's main co-curricular commitment is Teacher-in-Charge of Cricket.

1999 School Leaver David Solomon, who gained a Tertiary Entrance Rank of 99.95, has been awarded one of the five University of Western Australia's Vice Chancellor's Awards of Distinction, valued at \$5000. There was an extremely strong field of seventy-five applicants so David is to be congratulated on this achievement.



Kerry Robertson.



Romeo Charles.

New Members of Staff



Dr John Baines
Senior School
Science



Narelle Beebe
Senior School
Library Technician



Matthew Berry
Outdoor Education
Centre
Assistant Director



Kate Bevilaqua
Senior School
Physical Education



Barbara Bosich
Early Learning Centre
Director



Yppres Drew
School Counsellor



Nicola Dunn
Secondary School
Science



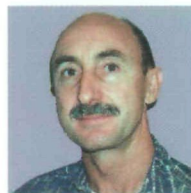
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New to the Library

Greg Lindorff is the new Senior Librarian at Christ Church. He is also a trained teacher who has taught in just about every learning area. He has over twenty years experience in both government and private school libraries and for most of this time he has been senior librarian.

Greg's passion is working with young people. He says: "I will never tire of watching young minds, souls and characters develop as they pass through the formal education process".

He goes on: "For the youth of today there is one major constant - change. As a teacher librarian I feel it is one of my foremost responsibilities to equip young people with the skills and experiences to not only manage change, but to be positive change agents. Technology and information are probably two of the most rapidly changing elements today. Through technology our students can gain greater access to an exponentially expanding information database. This is good if, and only if, they have the essential tools to be discerning users of this information. Technology is the book, the magazine, the newspaper, the audio tape, the video tape, the CD-Rom and the Internet. Utilizing a combination of these technologies is required in the pursuit of relevant information and knowledge. I see it as my duty to provide students with the technical, research, thinking and reading



skills vital for locating, sifting, interpreting and effectively using the information available to them."

Another newcomer to the Beebe School Library is Library Technician Narelle Beebe. Although relatively new to the profession Narelle has managed to fit an exceptional amount of experience into her career. Her exuberance, enthusiasm, knowledge, skills and willingness to learn and take on responsibility has already made her an essential member of the library team.

The Senior School Library Team: Sonia Chillino (Library Assistant), Greg Lindorff, (Senior Librarian), Alison Hewson (Teacher Librarian), Gerard Kelly (Library Assistant), Narelle Beebe (Technician) and Lisa Cairnes (Assistant).

Staff in Triathlon

When most were still sleeping and the sun was just rising on Sunday 12 March, three Physical Education Teachers represented Christ Church at the annual Corporate Teams Triathlon in Fremantle.

Brian Marsland, Paul Jepson and Kate Bevilaqua competed in the 300m swim, 10 km cycle and 3km run, finishing the race in one hour and fifty-two minutes. Each was required to complete the entire triathlon before tagging the next member to begin their quest of the course.

Paul and Brian are experienced campaigners while Kate is new to the Department but not to triathlon. Their performance earned a second in the mixed teams category, an event which attracted 750 entrants.



Paul Jepson, Kate Bevilaqua and Brian Marsland.

Residency in Switzerland

Art teacher Trevor Richards spent the last five months of 1999 on exchange in Basel, Switzerland. This enriching experience was assisted by a staff development grant from the Christ Church Grammar School Parents' Association.

Trevor, who has taught at Christ Church for the past fourteen years, was provided with free

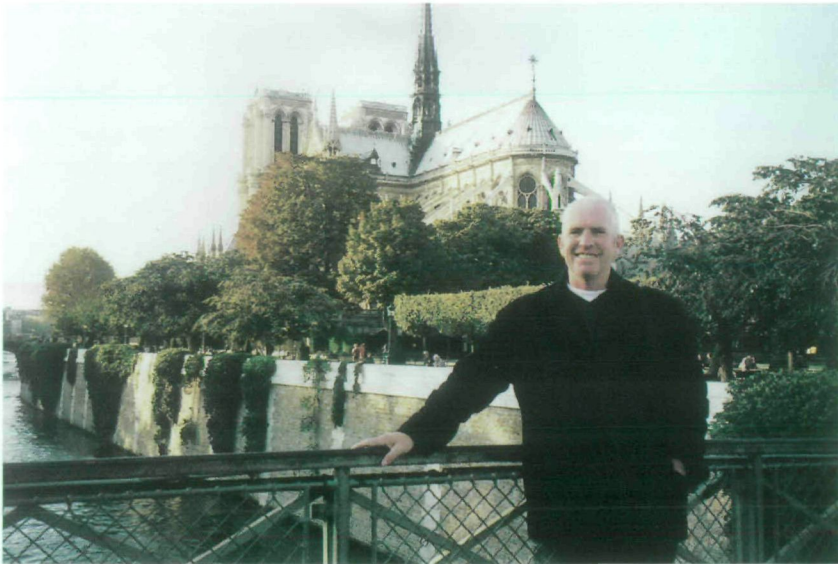
accommodation and a studio which he shared with three artists from Finland, Quebec and Georgia.

Famed for its cultural heritage and as one of Europe's oldest university towns, Basel is located on the banks of the Rhine River, about a fifteen minute bike ride away from both the French and German borders.

Trevor spent time in nearby France, Germany and Italy. He saw the world famous international exhibition of contemporary art, the Venice Biennale, as well as superb art collections and exhibitions in Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin and Dusseldorf.

Trevor received valuable feedback from participating in exhibitions and projects in Basel. He displayed works in the The Kaskokondensator, Frontstore Gallery, and several informal studios. He also presented some video works. The Open Doors studio weekend in December enabled about 120 visitors to visit Trevor's studio and view his work.

Trevor enjoyed meeting many artists from diverse cultural backgrounds and sharing experiences, ideas and approaches with them. He feels sure that the impact of this experience will continue to reverberate for a long time - and perhaps inspire some of his Christ Church students.



Trevor Richards in Paris, outside Notre Dame Cathedral.

Cleaning Up

A group of Year 10 boys scoured the Freshwater Bay foreshore for rubbish as part of the Clean Up Australia Day campaign.



Year 10 boys clearing rubbish from the Freshwater Bay foreshore.

They were amazed at what they found - old bikes, rubbish bins, crates, brooms, glass, polystyrene blocks and dozens of bottles. The more rubbish they found the more enthusiastic they became.

The clean up was an offshoot of their Social Studies course Sustainable Development. Other activities in which they have been involved include weeding and vegetation of local parks, paper recycling at Christ Church, informing local residents about the development of algal blooms in the Swan River, monitoring School garbage and monitoring electricity use at home.

The boys prepared substantial group reports on their projects and presented them to the Headmaster. They used a variety of media ranging from graphs and diagrams to edited video presentations.

National Harmony

Helen Oke's Year 9 Social Science class celebrated National Harmony Day on 21 March as part of their studies on Multiculturalism.

The idea of the day is to encourage a sense of citizenship and pride in Australia and to celebrate the valuable contribution made by people who have assisted in building our harmonious and inclusive Australian society.

Helen explained: "As a school with a wide range of ethnic backgrounds we aim within the classroom to build on community harmony by emphasising traditional Australian values - justice, equality, fairness and friendship - by making it clear that there is no place for racism and intolerance".

The boys made lapel ribbons for staff members as well as signing a piece of satin that will be joined into a kilometre long ribbon which contains signatures collected over the past two years by the Office of Citizenship and Multicultural Interests. This ribbon will be presented at the Sydney 2000 Olympics as Western Australia's contribution to promoting National Harmony.

Other portions of the ribbon have been signed by famous signatories including Archbishop Desmond



Tutu, President of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Hon. Alexander Downer, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, as well as every-day Western Australians who believe in the principles of National Harmony Day.

Signing the National Harmony Day ribbon: back: Tom Jones and Cameron Byng; middle: Tom Spencer, Daniel Hobbs, Langley Chan; front: Gar-hing Lee, Jun Hagiwara and Brendan Mackay

The boys also shared a range of food from the twenty different nationalities represented in their class.

Environmental Impact

Field work is an important aspect of Year 12 Geography.

In recent years students have been able to visit a number of dairy farms in the Waroona-Harvey district to study farming methods and their environmental impact. In organising these visits the Geography Department has been assisted by Mr Bill Russell of Agriculture WA and this year by the Fitzpatricks of Waroona.

The boys also go to the Muja open cut mine at Collie to study the mining operation and rehabilitation of the mine site.

The students submit reports on these visits as part of their School based assessment for the Tertiary Entrance Examinations.



John Zimmerman, Ryan Lego and Ian Baillie with some specialist equipment - a straw for artificial insemination!



Year 11 and 12 Art students at York.

Art Camp

The Year 11 and 12 three day Art Camp 2000 was held in York in mid-February.

This was a great opportunity for art students and staff to become acquainted, focussed and immersed with their studio practice.

The boys worked with artist-in-residence Lou Lambert in the outdoor environment of York and carried out various drawing projects. They learned that man-made structures are an infinite source of inspiration and they amassed plenty of visual

material for future projects and their Visual Diaries. As part of a photography assignment they sought scenes showing evidence of decay, a derelict corner, the old contrasting with the new, manual labour, domesticity and characterisation. They sketched details of buildings and scenes in the main street, explored scale relationships and experimented with card relief printmaking.

The boys soaked up the atmosphere of historic York and became more integrated as a group as they worked with and alongside one another.

Chris Hams, Angus Miller, Nick Alvarez, Nick Elliot, Kai Nietzsche and Luke Lovell with Rob Stewart from the Claremont Council at the opening of the young adults reading room.



Transformation

In a collaborative project between the Claremont Library and 1999 Year 11 Christ Church Art students the young adult section of the public library was revamped.

The aim was to create a mural that would transform a bland room into an inviting reading room with instant appeal to teenagers.

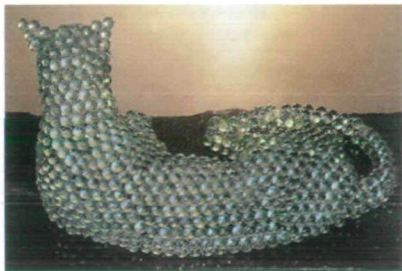
The boys dedicated time each week to work on the project as the community watched with great interest the evolution of an imaginative, colourful abstract mural covering the walls, ceiling and floor. This was complemented by new furnishings.

The end result is an inviting, comfortable reading room for teenagers.

Perspectives

Year 12 Perspectives celebrates and promotes student endeavour by showcasing the achievements of final year art students from West Australian secondary schools.

The annual exhibition at the Art Gallery of Western Australia is characterised by a diversity of media and stylistic approaches. It also embraces diverse themes and offers a unique insight into the concerns of contemporary youth. Supported by an extensive education program, the exhibition is a key point of reference for Year 12 art development in the State.

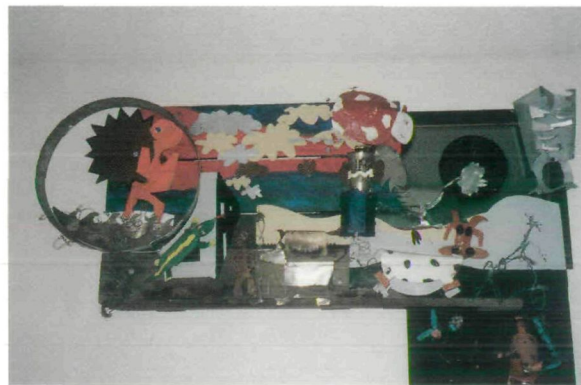


Lord of the Cats, 1999, by André Ozturk.

Lord of the Cats, a work in marbles and stone by Christ Church 1999 Year 12 Art student André Ozturk, was selected for the exhibition. It was also used for the poster advertising the exhibition and was one of twenty works chosen for display in Japan.



Intergenerational, Year 11 Art Workshop, 1999.



Collaborative mural with artist-in-residence Robbie Porrit, 1995.

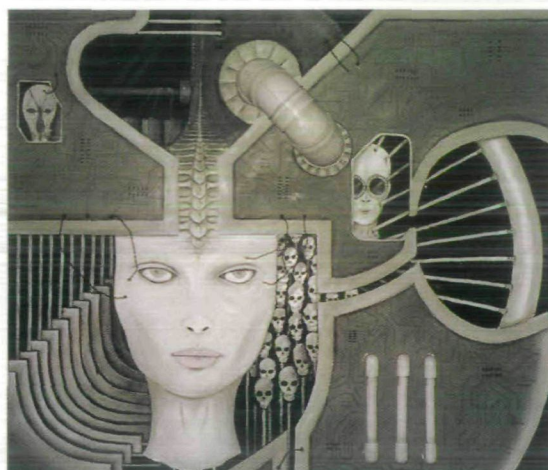
A selection of student art works from around the campus.



William by Michael Lightfoot, 1995.



Visiting ceramic artist Diane Jackson used Year 8 boys' designs to create a 'rug' of glazed bricks to complement the giant concrete couch outside the School Refectory.



Evolution by David Moore, 1995.

UK Drama Tour

West Australia's Agent-General in London, the Honourable Clive Griffiths, hosted the gala opening of the School's Midnite Youth Theatre Company's January 2000 UK Tour.

Among the capacity audience at Saint Augustine's Church, South Kensington, were twenty or so old boys and their partners gathered together by London based old boy Blair Keenan (1983-88), the Deputy President of WA's Legislative Council, expatriate WA business identities, theatre personalities and no less than three Vice Patrons of the MYTC, including former Lord Mayor of London, Sir Peter Gadsden, one of the founders of the Company. Other guests included the Director of the Aberdeen Youth Festival (whose interest in a visit from Midnite to that event was made evident to Director Anthony Howes), identities from the arts world in Great Britain, former School staff and original MYTC member Francine Pens who played Khat in the first *Midnite* back in 1987-88.

Following the London opening the touring group of four staff, twenty-two Christ Church boys, ten girls (from St Hilda's and Iona), and professional theatre players Jenny Davis and Sam Atlas, performed the Tony Nicholls' play *Passion* (specially commissioned for MYTC by a grant from the Parents' Association) and *Faust Forward* by Sam Atlas in cathedrals and theatres in Essex,

Of course it wasn't all work; Company members attended no less than twelve West End productions, toured the new Globe Theatre, were part of a BBC production as audience, took part in workshops at the Victoria & Albert Theatre Museum and spent some time at the Royal National Theatre.

Director, Anthony Howes, says that one of the highlights (for him) was seeing the players handling with aplomb the business of signing autographs for fans after performances! "Though more important", he said, "was to witness how much each gained from the friendships formed with their host families from so many varied backgrounds".

The Headmaster and the Director of Drama have received many letters from those who saw the Company on tour. The Provost of Derby and his wife wrote: "The performance will be long remembered here in Derby, and this morning in the cathedral we heard much discussion of the previous night's entertainment ... it was not just praise of the technical and acting ability, but much more enduring. Your performance sparked fresh ideas, new perspectives and yet more challenges; and it is really for that we want to thank you".

MYTC returned to Perth, minus Bohdan Ledwij (Captain of Drama 1999) who will spend a year at the Auden Theatre at Gresham's School, Norfolk, as Trainee Director while Gresham's old boy Edward Allen joins Christ Church in the same role. Tony Howes reflects: "The Midnite Exchange continues to assist in our international links".

Rehearsal for Murder

No less than four weeks after returning from the UK the Midnite Company was presenting the mystery-thriller *Rehearsal for Murder* in the Drama Centre. At the same time, auditions were being held for *Blue Remembered Hills* (by Dennis Potter of *The Singing Detective* fame), *The Sandbox* by Edward Albee, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and *A Shakespeare Walk*, all performed during the School's first major Arts' Festival in Term 2. The plays were directed by Jenny Davis, Anthony Howes, Edward Allen, Emma Clement and Duncan MacLauren respectively. Theatre personalities to appear with the boys in the *Shakespeare Walk* included Edgar Metcalfe, Jenny MacNae, Rosmary Barr, Sam Atlas, Rick Header, Robert Fagetter and Ted Bull.



Some of the Midnite Youth Theatre Company pose for the *Derby Evening Telegraph* in the city square, alongside the town's symbol.

Wales, Norfolk, Derbyshire and Wiltshire, often with more than one performance in a centre. Audiences were unanimous in their praise. The BBC broadcast segments from both plays and the Company received a special commendation from the Archbishop of Canterbury. Local media spoke of 'professionalism' and 'excellence'.



The touring musicians.

New Zealand Music Tour

Seventy-two boys and ten staff toured the South Island of New Zealand during the first two weeks of April.

This was the Music Department's first international tour and a very special opportunity for the musicians. The program commenced with a concert in Christchurch Cathedral then visits to Christ's College, the Christchurch School of Instrumental Music, Medbury School, Rangi Ruru Girls' School in Christchurch and Waitaki Boys and Waitaki Girls schools in Oamaru.

The musicians participated in workshops and performed in public concerts with students from these outstanding schools.

Following a week of concentrated music making, the party travelled to Queenstown, their base for an exciting program of leisure activities. These included jet-boating on the Shotover River, a helicopter flight, a cruise on Milford Sound, a Maori Hangi, white-water rafting and the official Tour Dinner at the Skyline Restaurant.

Director of Music, John Bates, said: "The Tour was a tremendous success from every point of view. We received a warm welcome wherever we went as well as many compliments on our boys' musical talents and good manners.

"A fine group of Year 12 boys assisted the Music Staff in the smooth running of events. We are particularly grateful to Paul Ellis and Stephen

Hinds (directors of music at Christ's College and Waitaki Boys High School) for arranging billets for all of the boys and for being so hospitable and enthusiastic. We hope that they will bring some of their students to visit us in WA soon.

"Some very fine performances were presented in venues ranging from the very grand to the very humble. A consistently friendly and positive interaction between students, staff and hosts make this a very special Tour indeed."

Vintage Year

1999 was a vintage year for three Christ Church Year 11 musicians.

Paul Chia, who was a finalist in the Yamaha Piano Competition in Sydney, passed his L.Mus.A. examination in piano. He is the leader of the School Orchestra and Captain of Music.

David Lim passed his A.Mus.A. in piano.

Cellist Anton Baba, Year 12, was accepted for the National Music Camp at Macquarie University in New South Wales in January. He was one of only twenty-four accepted from West Australian high schools and universities. Anton has since won the prestigious West Australian Youth Orchestra (WAYO) Cello scholarship for which he receives the use of a WAYO cello for one year.



Anton Baba, Paul Chia and David Lim.

Mock Trials

Involvement in Mock Trials is growing rapidly at Christ Church.

Sponsored by the Law Society of Western Australia, the competition aims to teach students about the way our legal system works by involving them in courtroom trials. Boys in Years 11 and 12 are eligible to participate.

Team Two - Tom Matson, Simon Zilko, David Akers, Chris Webster, Shaun Hardcastle, John Henderson, David Lee, Chris Wiese and John Zimmerman - was undefeated after the first three rounds and entered the elimination trials.

After winning the fourth round, quarter final and semi final, the team moved into the Grand Final to pit their skills against Santa Maria College with Simon Zilko and Shaun Hardcastle as barristers, Tom Matson as instructing solicitor, John Henderson and Chris Wiese as witnesses and David Akers as court orderly. As Runner Up of the Mock Trial Competition for 1999 the team made a fantastic effort. The last time the School

reached the finals was in 1989.

The boys were most appreciative of the support they received from their Assistant Coach and Manager, History and Politics teacher Eril-Jane Reid, and from old boy coach Peter Laundau (1985-89).

The School has entered three teams in Mock Trials 2000 and they have made a strong start.



In Court - Shaun Hardcastle, as opening barrister, pleads his case. Photograph by Greg Keating.

Two barristers, a solicitor, two witnesses and a court orderly are chosen from a team of nine. At each trial one team takes the role of the prosecution, the other the role of the defence. The trials run throughout the year as a seven-round knockout competition culminating in a Grand Final held in the Supreme Court of Western Australia in December.

Seventy-two teams from various schools participated in 1999: three were from Christ Church.



The team - David Lee, Jonathon Henderson, Simon Zilko, Tom Matson, Shaun Hardcastle, Chris Wiese and David Akers. *In absentia:* Christopher Webster and John Zimmerman. Photograph by Greg Keating.



The 2000 Swim Squad.

Swimming Successes

Master-in-Charge of Swimming Graham Moncur reports: "The 2000 swimming season kicked off in fine form with preseason training over the holidays preparing the small group of keen swimmers for the rigours of the first seven weeks of the school year."

Swim team trials were conducted on the first Saturday to find any unrecognised talent. There followed a triangular meet with Scotch and Trinity, the annual Swatch meet, and the Schools and Colleges relay championships which were won by Christ Church. During the mid-term break the boys braved the stingers at North Cottesloe Beach for a training session in the surf.

The camaraderie forged throughout the previous weeks prepared the boys for the next two gruelling weeks training for the Quadrangular meet and the Interschool Carnival at Beatty Park. With a huge 306 point win under their belts at the Quads, the boys were keen to win the Tregonning Cup last held in 1995. It was not to be. On the night of the Inters the boys came within twenty-nine points of hitting the lead, during the relays, but by the end of the night Guildford came through and completed the night with a solid victory over Christ Church with Hale School coming third.

Milestones included the Under 14 4x50m Medley Relay in which our boys created a new Quads record in a time of 2:09:24. The members of that team were Mark Jones, Chris Wiener, Michael Cottee and Jesse McDonald. The Under 15 4x50m Medley Relay team (Todd Skipworth,

Michael Bingemann, David Shirley and David Baker) broke the School record, held since 1994, in a time of 2:04:18. Guy Greer won his Under 16 50m Backstroke event at the Quads and created a new Quads and School record time of 29:09, breaking the record held by Simon de Wolf since 1995. Another individual record, the Under 16 50m Butterfly, was smashed in a time of 27:57 by Jeremy Chang. This 1991 record was held by old boy Olympian Bill Kirby (1990-92).

This year's Co-Captains of Swimming were Ben Bauert and Andrew Boyne with Senior Swimmers Michael Martin, Andrew Bransgrove and Matthew Roberts. Age group managers were staff members Nat Benjanuvattra, Neil Saggars, Chris Wisniewski, Kate Bevilaqua and Jenny Gates with Monica McKay as swimming administrator. Coaches Nat Benjanuvattra, Rhett Marron, Richard Monaghan, Jeremy Milne, Kate Bevilaqua and James Scovell worked hard preparing the swimmers.

Graham Moncur says: "It was a fantastic season which will stand us in good stead for the future. A big thank you to all those boys and parents who helped in so many ways."



Record breakers in the Under 14 4x50m Medley Relay: Jesse McDonald, Chris Wiener, Michael Cottee and Mark Jones.

At the recent Olympic Swimming Selection Trials Bill Kirby (1992 Captain of Swimming) gained selection in the Australian Olympic Swimming Team. Bill will compete for a place in the 4x200m freestyle relay and the 200m individual butterfly at the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

We congratulate Bill on his selection and acknowledge the fact that he is now Christ Church Grammar School's fifth Olympian.



The First VIII at the Head of the River - Norman Chan (Cox), Keelan Mullen (Stroke), Scott Glasson, Stuart Ackland, Nathan Winnall, Campbell Paterson, Hudson Joyce, John Zimmerman and Andrew Pullinger.

In Good Spirits

Steve Saunders, Director of Rowing, is well pleased with the response of the Christ Church rowers.

Steve and seven of the ten rowing coaches were new to the School this year. They did not know the boys: the boys did not know them. It was important to quickly establish a positive working spirit.

Steve believed that many of the Year 9-12 rowers were unaware of their own potential and he set out to instill in them a sense of pride and a belief in their own capabilities.

The Year 10-12 seven day Rowing Camp in January - four days living in Walters Boarding House and three days commuting back and forth - provided the ideal opportunity. Coaches and parents were rostered for overnight stays and meals were taken in Sandover Dining Hall. The boys did some hard training and learned a great deal.

Steve has been involved in rowing for most of his life. His father was an Australian Rowing Coach. An Old Aquinian, Steve stroked Aquinas to three Head of the River wins. He rowed for Western Australia in 1975-76-77 and for Australia in the 1977 World Championships. Subsequently he worked in business and farming: more recently, he was coach at the Fremantle Rowing Club.

There were ten races at the Head of the River Regatta on the Canning River course on 25 March, seven for Eights and three for Fours. Christ Church was at a bit of a disadvantage as some boys lacked experience, the School was without a Third VIII and the Second VIII rowers were the youngest in the race. Even so Christ Church gained fourth place overall, a substantial improvement. The First VIII also gained fourth place in a very close finish in the big event - the Head of the River.

Steve greatly appreciates the support of parents through the Don Fraser Club. The Club is now sponsoring the making of a video showing the up and the down sides of rowing. There will be shots of early morning training, the cleaning and maintaining of boats, regattas and interviews with coaches and boys. The idea is to attract more boys to rowing and to make them and their parents aware of the commitments involved.

Steve is looking forward to the 2001 season. He says: "Enthusiasm is high and getting better all the time as excellent squads begin to shape up for next year."

Sailing Champion

Jackson Digney (Year 12) won the State Open and the Youth Laser championships earlier this year. Having celebrated his seventeenth birthday one week earlier, he became the youngest to do so.

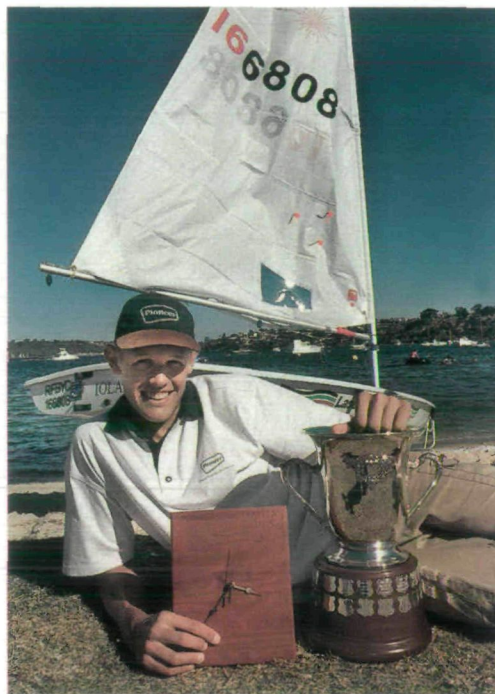
Jackson also competed in Queensland in January in the Australian Laser Championships, finishing 4th Youth.

In 1999 Jackson skippered Christ Church teams racers to a national title in the dying minutes of a final race. He went on to captain the National Schools team against New Zealand.

At the recent Secondary Schools Sailing Championships, Jackson was overall winner after taking out first in his class (Laser), first in his division and being Captain of the winning Christ Church team.

Jackson was able to use his match racing skills to advantage when competing in the State Laser Championships, which he felt gave him an edge over last year's champion. He has since been offered a WAIS scholarship and an invitation to

the World Open Laser Championships in Mexico, though TEE commitments mean he will not be there this time round.



Jackson Digney with the trophy he was awarded for winning the State Open laser championships. Photograph by courtesy of West Australian Newspapers Limited.

Hockey on Tour

The Hockey Club had its first overseas tour in April when fifteen boys from Years 10, 11 and 12 and staff members Peter Brien and Murray Robertson visited Hong Kong. Five games were played during the tour.

Christ Church had convincing wins in two games against local school teams.

The third game was against a men's team from the Hong Kong Football Club. This was a much tougher match and the 1-1 score was a fair result. Afterwards the visitors were hosted to a meal in the spectacular clubrooms overlooking the racecourse which surrounds the astroturf.

The following day Christ Church played the Hong Kong Combined Colts team. The match was won 3-0 by this extremely talented team after a very spirited second half.

The last game was against an Aquinas College team also touring Hong Kong. The boys played their best hockey for the week ... an excellent way to finish the tour.

Christ Church Coach Murray Robertson said: "Hong Kong proved to be a dynamic and interesting destination - overall a terrific success with the boys enjoying sightseeing and cultural interaction as well as playing some good hockey."



Varun Singh (Year 9), Coach Murray Robertson and Dylan Foley (Year 10) in front of Polin Monastery.

Rugby Tour

Twenty-four Year 11 and 12 boys from the senior rugby squad enjoyed a wonderful two-week trip to Hong Kong and Thailand during the Term 1 holidays.



Playing rugby in Bangkok against a northern province team from Surin.

The boys played four fixtures in Hong Kong and three in Bangkok against national sides as well as international schools, winning four of the matches. They gained some spectacular photographic publicity in the Thai press.

The tourists were amazed by the numbers of people in Hong Kong, the public transport system and the tall flimsy bamboo scaffolding which builders scaled without the reassurance of safety harnesses. They appreciated the generosity of Mr and Mrs Shing Ip (parents of Ka-Lun Ip, Year 12) who treated them to a wonderful traditional Chinese banquet at which they sampled some very unfamiliar but delicious dishes. They also enjoyed an abundant seafood meal during their visit to the fishing village on Lamma Island. Of course, all became enthusiastic shoppers and quickly picked up bargaining skills!

Thailand offered greater variety in that the visitors travelled in their own bus and were able to see quite a bit of the countryside and visit Pataya. They also took in the Kanchanaburi Jeath War Museum, the Australian War Cemetery, the famous Bridge on the River Kwai and Hellfire Pass. A special highlight was the Songkran Festival - a water festival and traditional Thai New Year

celebration: everyone had heaps of fun while getting sopping wet!

At rugby matches in Bangkok the visiting players were pleased to have the support of some Christ Church Thai boarders, at home for the holidays.

Most school tours involve some other-culture awareness and this one was no exception. The boys were moved by the friendliness of the Thai people and saddened by the poverty they witnessed. They gained an insight into what it feels like to a member a minority group in a country with a different national language.

Representing the State

Paul Chase (Year 12), Simon Beveridge (Year 11), Rowan McAllister (Year 10), Anthony Pass (Year 10), David Shirley (Year 10) and James Moffatt (Year 8) were amongst 180 boys and girls to be selected to represent Western Australia at the Pacific School Games in Sydney in May.

Theodore Bennett (Year 9) captained the Melville Water Polo Club Team which competed in the Australian Under 14 National Championships in April in Sydney. Other Christ Church team



Simon Beveridge and Paul Chase show the medals they won at the Pacific School Games.

representatives were Mark Jones (Year 9), Nicholas O'Halloran (Year 8) and Shaun Carter (Year 8). The boys are members of the Western Australian Institute of Sport Under 14 Squad.

Brenton Bacon (Year 9) recently won a State Under 14 Tennis Championship in a decisive manner. The score of 6-0, 6-0 saw him retain his number one ranking. Later he teamed with Leigh Travis (Year 9) to take out the doubles championship in fine style.

Cadets Excel

The millennium began on the same high note that ended 1999, with the sweet smell of success for the Christ Church Cadet Unit.

During January six of the unit's senior cadets attended promotion courses.

Sergeants Norman Chan, Gareth Eldred, Jon Henderson, Hudson Joyce and Michael Martin were selected for the Cadet Under Officers (CUO) Course, the highest rank available to a cadet. Christ Church's CUO David Akers, having completed his TEE in 1999, instructed the candidates and passed on his wealth of experience. The course covered instruction in leadership theory, army customs, assessment of instruction, basic counselling techniques and the popular sword drill, instructed once again by our Warrant Officer Class 1 Michael O'Sullivan. The field phase allowed course members to put theory into practice in a variety of initiative exercises. There were a number of assessments over the week and the Christ Church representatives achieved high scores. Their high level of training was evident when Sergeants Gareth Eldred and Norman Chan took out first and second rankings on the course.

Sergeant Stuart Ackland, the Unit's representative on the Warrant Officers (WO) Course, was exposed to a wide range of training to prepare him for a role of supervision at company level.

Prospective WOs were taught the finer aspects of company drill, cadet management and army customs. Sergeant Ackland emerged with the top score, again demonstrating the standards set by Christ Church Cadet Unit.

The accomplishments of the unit's senior rank bodes well for the future. With a strength of over 150 cadets, the voluntary unit is the largest it has been for some time, with a fourth platoon introduced to deal with the expansion.

With training well under way and the completion of the Muchea Bivouac, the troops are keen to maintain the standard set by the unit last year and retain their place as the top cadet unit in the State.



WO2 Stuart Ackland, CUOs Gareth Eldred, Michael Martin, Hudson Joyce, Jonathan Henderson and Norman Chan.

On the Venture trail.



Nothing Ventured

English teacher Tim Evans recalls: "It was almost the end of Venture and I was leading my group on their final hike. I turned around and observed ten spirited boys who seemed to have undergone a massive transformation. They could have been tired and cranky but instead they appeared happy as they spontaneously broke into Christ Church war cries and songs which they creatively reworked as they marched along.

"After ten days in the Walpole wilderness I had to seriously consider that my randomly chosen group of Year 10 boys may have actually enjoyed themselves and may have bonded after all."

Venture was the adventure it was designed to be. There were many special moments. Tim recalls the time he and his group laughed as they raced to reach the summit of a steep hill, nearly wiping themselves out from exhaustion as mother nature gusted winds and spat rain at them. Each could say: "I did it - I got to the top of the mountain".

"On another occasion, after camping overnight at Landing, we set off across Broke Inlet in our canoes. The horizon seemed to keep slipping away. At one stage we felt we were stuck in time and

would spend the rest of our lives paddling as we were swept backwards by wind and waves. But we got to the other side and felt taller for having met the challenge."

Much work goes into organising Venture. Throughout the routes there are headquarters and base camps, check points and food drop locations. At times the groups may feel isolated in an alien landscape but, just as often, they sense the support.

Tim and his group headed inland from the coastal areas and made their way along Deep River to a campsite called Deep 38 where they spent two days. Tim remembers: "It was then that I realised I was in the company of shrewd tacticians, sociable characters, philosophers and impressive chefs.

"Deep 38 felt like a hideaway. It was a soulful, soothing experience. Much of the campfire conversation centred on the topic of Christianity triggered by Tim Wright's seemingly innocent question: 'Is there anything in life that stays the same?'" After lengthy, impassioned discussions about the meaning of life and the universe, the group emerged from Deep 38, and Venture, ready to take on the world.



Having a break.

Venture group at Deep 38.



Year 8 at Kooringal

Seven groups of Year 8 boys made their mark on Kooringal last year. For some it was a familiar environment but most had only hearsay tales to prepare them for the adventure.

As the boys stepped off the bus they left many familiar conveniences in return for learning invaluable physical skills, bush craft and the satisfaction of personal reward. Many quickly learned to respect the environment as well as the people around them. Many found that they could push themselves well beyond their perceived limits and in doing so gained additional self confidence.

Year 8 boys are able to try out their skills in a C2 (two-man canoe) and a K1 (one-man kayak). They quickly realise that it is not as easy as it looks but that learning the skills is a must if they don't want to end up in the 'drink'!

The boys try other activities which help them choose a specific focus for their Year 9 camp which includes a three day over-night expedition, abseiling, rockclimbing, high ropes course and orienteering. All activities involve a certain degree of skill and concentration placing the boys outside their normal comfort zones. In this way the foundations are laid to build trust in themselves, their equipment and their peers, as well as to challenge their physical and mental levels.

Following each activity the boys are asked what they have learned. Aside from the usual flippant answers, replies such as "I overcame my fear of heights" or "I learnt to trust my friends more" are evidence of the success of the program. Even attempting to take part in an activity can be an achievement.

Part of the Kooringal experience involves everyday domestic chores. "Why don't you get a dishwasher?" is a common type of question but Kooringal is not just about having fun. It is also about learning to live in a community, to work as a team and to maintain good standards.

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On the ropes course at Kooringal.



Cycle to School

Christ Church participated in the WA Cycle to School Competition in March - an initiative of Bikewest and the Department of Transport.

Despite some rain more than 500 students from Years 5-12 rode their bikes to School from near and far.

Christ Church finished in first place in the secondary schools division, winning a prize of \$800 which will be used to help equip the new strength and conditioning room.

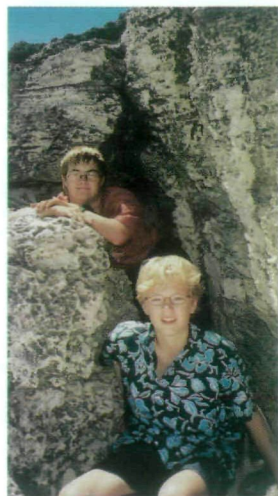
The aim of the competition was to promote healthy lifestyle practices. The community stands to benefit from lower motor traffic volumes and increased fitness levels.

Physically active children are more likely to become physically active adults who will continue with this mode of transport to commute to their tertiary institutions and places of work.

Inclement weather did not prevent the cycling enthusiasts from replenishing their energy levels and enjoying a lunch time sausage sizzle on the upper oval.



Christ Church cyclists - buoyant despite the weather.



Andrew Domahidy (Year 12) and Simon Davies (Year 10) explored a rocky outcrop on Rottnest.

Rotto Camp

Everyone had a great time at the Education Support Unit camp at Rottnest in March.

It was a test of fitness for some boys - and staff! They cycled many kilometres and found many spots of interest. Snorkelling was on the agenda and, of course, there were plenty of opportunities for fishing, swimming and exploring. There were adventures with a snake and a quokka, a tumble from a bicycle and bicycle repairs to contend with.

Matt Webb celebrated his fifteenth birthday with the rest of the group at the Dome Coffee Shop;

Nic Turner made wonderful scones; Paul Case and Michael Martin competed in 6.30 am running contests; Nic Turner and Simon Davies took turns with the video camera; and School Counsellor Yppres Drew introduced the boys to the game of Monopoly which often went on for hours, some boys learning about bankruptcy the hard way!

Back at the Claremont campus the boys worked on their Rottnest Project, recapturing some of the things experienced and learned on their camp.

Protection from the Sun

The policy on hats is unambiguous - "one of the two types of hats is to be worn for all outdoor sports and Physical Education in summer"

A wide brimmed hat with the School Crest and a navy cap with the Chapel 'cross' logo are available at the Clothing Service.

In the Preparatory School a hat must be worn for playground games in hot weather as well as for summer sports. The 'no hat, no play' rule is effective. Most individuals respond well to the necessary regular guidance and boys found outside without a hat are promptly taken inside.

Senior School boys are expected to wear approved hats when there is obvious danger, such as when playing summer sport in the open air for extended periods. The School is often able to provide for those boys who forget to bring their hats; for example, spare hats are provided in cricket kits and there are always a few unnamed ones in the lost property collection!

Commonsense variations to this policy include early morning rowing, swimming squad training and evening competitions.

In Physical Education classes the wearing of hats or caps is mandatory in summer.

The history of compulsory hat wearing at recess and lunch time - in any Australian school - is a chequered one. Most secondary school girls and boys don't like wearing hats and parents and staff become frustrated trying to impose hat-wearing.

Christ Church recognises the value and need for young people to play in the fresh air and for their bodies to cope with reasonable amounts of sunlight but continues to encourage boys to adopt safe practices whilst outdoors. For many years Christ Church has strongly encouraged the use of SPF15+ sun screen. Boys are expected to provide their own, but Physical Education staff and sports team coaches have plenty available.

During the summer months SPF15+ sun cream is available to all boys attending Senior School PE classes from an easy-to-use bulk dispenser outside the PE office. Several hundred dollars worth of Cancer Council approved bulk cream is purchased each season and the Director of Physical Education



notes that the boys have been particularly good about using it. If staff are slow to provide it at the start of a lesson the boys will often ask for it!

Wolsey House boys snapped wearing the new School cap: James Moyle (Year 8), Christian Hams (Year 9), Ashton Beamish, Phillip Clark and Jeremy Ong (Year 8) and Norman Chan (Year 12).

The design of the School's new cap is an initiative of the Student Senate. The boys wanted a contemporary logo different to the School crest. The cross above the altar in the Chapel was seen as a symbol of the spirit of the School. Designs based on this were submitted first to the Senate and then to the Executive for approval. It has proved to be a great success.

Facilities Upgraded

The Physical Education Centre and Swimming Pool redevelopment is now well under way.

A sprung parquet floor and an insulated ceiling have been installed in the gymnasium, a strength and weights room will house excellent circuit training equipment and an exercise physiology laboratory has been established on a new mezzanine floor.

The swimming pool is being heated and a new liquid chlorination plant is being installed.

The School Council has funded the redevelopment of the Physical Education Centre and the Old Boys' Association has agreed to contribute to the cost of equipment, a \$60,000 project which old boys are supporting with a grant of \$45,000.

The total capital cost of heating the pool and the necessary associated works is in the order of \$380,000. Already a \$35,000 heat blanket, donated by the Parents' Association, has extended the use of the pool by maintaining reasonable water temperatures during periods of cool weather. Shade sails have also been erected. Lighting has been upgraded to enable extended daily access. The Parents' Association has donated the proceeds of the 1999 Abdul's Bazaar and added other funds to total \$255,000 towards this project, while the School Council has underwritten the works by a further \$100,000.

When the pool is heated it will be available for year-round lessons, training and recreational use. Every boy in the School will benefit.

All Preparatory and Senior School boys participate in aquatics programs during Physical Education classes. Until now, those programs, as well as lifesaving, water polo and swimming training, have been squeezed into fourteen weeks. Year-round access to the pool will mean that Physical Education staff and swimming and water sports coaches will be able to program pool use more sensibly and more effectively over all four terms.

The flexibility associated with year-round pool heating will also enable boarders to have increased opportunities for supervised fun at the pool.

Many parents and old boys swim for fitness year-round, in summer at the School pool and during the remaining seasons at other heated venues. The heated School pool will offer advantages to many local families and boys, particularly if they wish to use the upgraded strength and weights facilities as part of their fitness regime.

The heating of the School pool has been on the Parent's Association agenda for at least eleven years. Although other key priorities (Science, Art, Information Technology, Boarding facilities, major services) have had to be addressed, heating the pool has remained a significant aim and has provided the rationale for feasibility studies funded by the Association and conducted by consultant engineers. There is a great sense of satisfaction in fulfilling this vision.

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Dare to be Different

1985 Captain of School Tom Warner (1983-85) was the guest speaker at the 1999 Year 12 Final Assembly. He encouraged the boys to set goals and to dare to be different.

Tom spoke from experience. At School he and some friends dreamt of sailing around Australia. Soon after leaving School Tom set the career goal of becoming involved in sports management.

In 1986 Tom began studies in Economics at the University of Western Australia. The following year he was one of twelve young Australians selected to sail on the Young Endeavour, Britain's Bicentenary gift to Australia. After months on the

two-masted brigantine, retracing the First Fleet's route to Australia, Tom finished the adventure taking part in the Hobart-Sydney race for tall ships.

Tom resumed and completed his studies then joined the workforce. Eleven years after leaving Christ Church Tom and three friends from School enjoyed the trip of a lifetime. For eight months they sailed around Australia, seeing some of the most isolated coastline in the world.

Now Tom has achieved his career goal. He currently works for the Australian Olympic Committee and his boss is Herb Elliott - arguably the world's greatest 1500m runner. This year Tom will meet many of the athletes training for Sydney and he is learning a lot about organising an event the size of the Olympics. This is sports management in a big way!

"I have to say that I count myself lucky. I've sailed around the world and around Australia. I've worked for an international organisation. I now work in the area that I always wanted to, with people I admire. I have a wonderful group of friends and I love life.

"A lot of this I can relate directly to Christ Church Grammar School. I got into Uni because this School performed a miracle and I passed my TEE. I was selected to sail around the world based on my

achievements at School. I sailed around Australia with my School mates. My School sport gave me confidence and led to my current job."



Headmaster Jeremy Madin and Tom Warner chat after the 1999 Year 12 Final Assembly.

Centre for Ethics

Bishop David Murray spent several days at the School in February as 'Bishop-in-Residence'. He conducted Religious Education classes for boys in Years 6 and 7, spoke to the Preparatory School Assembly and visited classes in Years 8, 9 and 10. As Canon Frank Sheehan points out: "Bishop Murray is a regular visitor to the School. We see him each year for confirmation but I wanted students to have an opportunity to spend more time with him. The classes were a great success and Bishop Murray certainly enjoyed himself."

Another episcopal visitor was Phillip Freier, Bishop of the Northern Territory. Bishop Freier has spoken out against mandatory sentencing in his own part of the world and, during his time at Christ Church, he joined in a lively discussion about the practice in Western Australia. As Canon Sheehan says: "Bishop Freier has been a voice for compassion and reason in the midst of a debate where neither quality seemed to be much in evidence. His genuine concern for the young people caught up in this issue made an impact on us all. I was interested to see that his talk was attended by both parents and students."

David Tacey is Associate Professor of English at La Trobe University, Melbourne. His recently published work **ReEnchantment: The New Australian Spirituality** has been highly placed on the best seller list of Australian books throughout this year. Dr Tacey's visit to the School drew a crowd of more than two hundred people to the

Chapel on a Friday evening in March. He discussed the issues at the heart of the book - the quest for a contemporary spirituality; a new consciousness about reconciliation; the recognition of a vibrant youth culture and its spiritual directions; environmental integrity; the search for community.

Canon Sheehan says: "We were very pleased that we could bring David Tacey to the School. He talked about the link between ethics and spirituality. That's a connection that we have always stressed at the Centre for Ethics."



Canon Frank Sheehan.



Year 7 boys work with Tim Mark on the marble sculpture at the Karakatta Monumental Works.

Preparatory School boys were invited along to the Dalkeith Bowling Club last November to help promote Seniors Week. The day was a great success and the boys' participation was appreciated. Andrew Wood, Colin Thomson, Jamie Waters and Michael Thomas were photographed with two of the Club members.



A clean-up team show their booty.



Art Works

Preparatory School boys get the feel for sculpture.

Tim Mark, Preparatory School sculptor-in-residence during the last three weeks of Term 1, carved a smoothly curved and knotted marble shape designed to catch overflow water (for years a problem in the southern courtyard) as well as to be viewed for pleasure, touched and played upon.

Much of the carving was carried out by Tim at the suitably equipped *Karakatta Monumental Works* where he was assisted by Year 7 boys who regularly travelled there by bus to help with the project.

Many opinions were voiced on the day the sculpture was to be installed but finally it was placed on its granite base in just the right position. When it rains now the boys watch with fascination the intricate flow of water from the second storey roof.

Later Tim worked with Year 7 boys on limestone carvings - more manageable but no less creative.

Meanwhile boys in the Early Learning Centre also used their creative talents making colourful ice sculptures - a very exciting day.

Better Clean Up

Better clean up. The neighbours are coming.

This was the catchy Clean Up Australia 2000 slogan.

On the designated day in early March Preparatory School boys took part in the annual clean up.

Classes were responsible for different areas - the youngest boys within the campus, Years 3-4 along the river while Years 4-7 each cleaned a different street within the surrounding Claremont area.

The boys were enthusiastic about finding interesting objects such as car parts, drink containers and building materials. Thankfully there were not many unsavoury items so the precaution of wearing gloves was for the most part unnecessary.

As Preparatory School Teacher Librarian Mary Hookey commented: "Participating in the clean up day was a fun way of doing service for the community while endeavouring to make a difference to our environment."

Early Learning Centre

The Christ Church Grammar School Early Learning Centre opened at the beginning of this year.

Situated in splendidly remodelled and equipped rooms and play areas, the Centre caters for boys from Pre-Primary to Year 3 in a program that will normally take four years to cover. The nominal groupings will be Pre-Primary, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 but there will be appropriate flexibility to allow boys to move at faster or slower rates.

The Early Learning Centre aims to provide a seamless progression linked to each child's developmental rate through a program that will provide rich, comprehensive and meaningful experiences that closely match the learning needs of each boy.

It is considered that academic learning is important but that positive self-esteem and the ability to get on well with and work effectively with others are essential underpinning elements for effective learning.

The focus of the Pre-Primary program is enabling young boys to grow and develop sound foundations for later formal learning through activities and enriched play that will provide myriad opportunities for them to initiate, discover, manipulate, dismantle, assemble, discuss, plan, collaborate, problem solve and grapple with challenges in a safe, creative environment where they have genuine choices.

Fundamental Beliefs

There is a strong belief at Christ Church that the best way to prepare boys for the future is to acknowledge their current needs and interests, to recognise the special characteristics of the age group, and to devise and provide an appropriate program. The importance of rich play as a means of learning is a significant feature of the program in the Early Learning Centre, especially at the pre-primary level. In their learning the boys are encouraged to be initiators, explorers and experimenters.

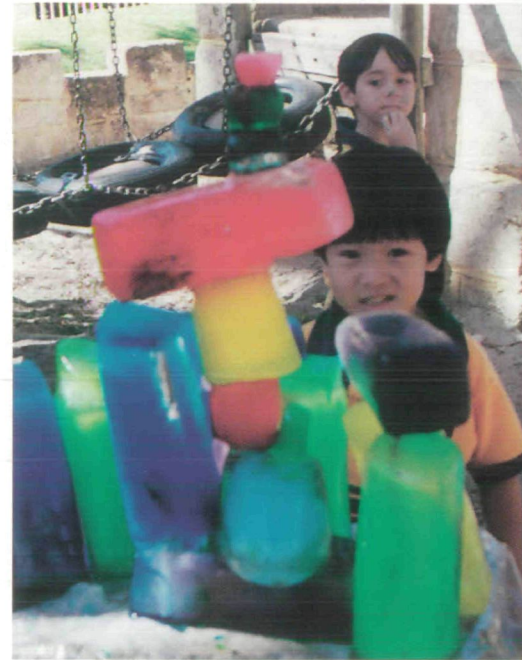
Effective early childhood programs tend to borrow 'best practice' and take guiding principles from a number of models. The Early Learning Centre has included in its philosophy and practice aspects of the Montessori, Rudolf Steiner and Reggio Emilia models.

Common Approaches in Australia

The two most common approaches to early childhood education in Australia fit broadly under the headings of the Developmental Play Approach and the Academic Pre-School Approach. These two approaches have sharply contrasting philosophies.

The program at the pre-primary level will be based on a developmental philosophy. A tight academic curriculum is not seen as appropriate but, by utilising the skills of specialist teachers, depth and breadth will be added to the program.

A visit to the Early Learning Centre classes and play areas is a rewarding experience. The industry and enthusiasm of the little boys is a joy to behold and the dedication of the specialised teaching staff augers very well for their future.



Edwin Gouw and Matt Ferguson enjoyed the day when the Early Learning Centre boys made colourful ice sculptures.



Early days in the Early Learning Centre.



PARENTS

Parents' Association

President Bill Carmody reports that the Parents' Association continues to be involved in School activities, providing grants for staff development and funds for the purchase of resources to assist both teaching staff and students.

providing support to assist students and their families to settle into the School and meet members of the broader School community.

Bill Carmody says: "We look forward to the year with enthusiasm and renewed energy. Please call me on 9386 6887 to obtain information or to discuss issues - even to offer assistance!"

Auxiliary Report

The tireless 1999 President, Carolyn Winterbottom, was farewelled at the Parents' Auxiliary Annual General meeting in February.

Executive members for 2000 are:

President:	Valerie Glover
Vice President:	Kerry Somerville-Brown
Secretary:	Karen Mead
Treasurer:	Judi Ley

Valerie Glover reports a busy start to the year. The Auxiliary provided refreshments for Orientation Day. Members also ran a successful refreshment stall at the Preparatory School Swimming Carnival, followed by another at the Junior Interschool Swimming Carnival hosted by Christ Church. The proceeds will be added to Auxiliary coffers to support School projects.

Valerie hosted the President's Lunch in her lovely garden. Old and new Auxiliary members were welcomed and last year's Executive were farewelled.



Parents' Association Vice President John Donovan, Secretary David Singe, President Bill Carmody and Treasurer Deirdre Doepel.

The focus for 1999 was the major fund raising event, Abdul's Bazaar, which was a great success and raised over \$100,000 for heating the School pool. This year the Association continues to raise funds and aims to promote and foster the spirit of the School community through a number of social events.

Furthermore, proposals are being prepared whereby the Association will become actively involved in

A Literary Afternoon was held at the Mt Claremont Pavillion on 15 March when guest speaker Hetty Verolme introduced her autobiography **The Children's House of Belsen**.

The Auxiliary's Year 12 Parents' Evening attracted around one hundred people to the Refectory to hear speakers from Centrelink, The University of Western Australia and Edith Cowan, Murdoch and Curtin Universities. They also heard an enlightening and lively talk by old boy Matthew Porter (1993-98) who was a Rotary Exchange student for a year after leaving School.

Another popular annual event was the Year 8 Koorngal Evening. More than a hundred parents listening to Andrew Froude, Director of Koorngal, speak about the Outdoor Education program.

The final event for March was the most pleasant Senior School Morning Tea with Headmaster Jeremy Madin speaking on Windows of Opportunity.

Being a member of the Auxiliary is an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Although the Executive is elected, any parent may attend the monthly meetings and all are welcome.

Valerie says: "This is a good way to find out more about the School and an opportunity to meet other parents. Please join us at any one of our monthly morning meetings at Mt Claremont as listed in the Newsletter and Calendar of Events. We have many forthcoming events and activities and we'd love to see you there. Just come along or, if you prefer, first telephone."



Valerie Glover.

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Auxiliary members enjoying the President's Luncheon.



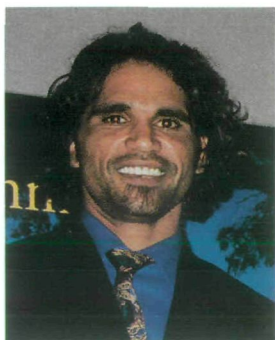


OLD BOYS

Legend

Australian Football League fans will miss the flair of CHRISTOPHER LEWIS (1984-86) who announced his retirement in April.

At the time he was the only member of the original team still playing for the West Coast Eagles.



Chris Lewis.

In March 1987 seventeen-year-old Chris Lewis, was named in the inaugural team to represent the club in the then VFL. Three years later the talented midfielder topped off a sensational season, winning the Club's fairest and best award. Soon after he was named as one of the three West Coast players in the All-Australia team.

In all Chris played 215 AFL games. He participated in twenty-one finals (kicking twenty-two goals), three Grand Finals, two Premierships, five state of origin games and a WAFL premiership.

However his career was not without its down side. Chris was reported on a number of occasions for misbehaviour on the field. Most of these instances were in response to racial taunts from opposition players. In the pre-1990s such taunts were seen as part of the game but these days they are not allowed and Chris played a vital role in bringing about this reform.

Chris was passionate about football from an early age and he can rest on his laurels knowing that he has played top line football and become something of a legend in his own time.

Even so, there is more to Chris Lewis than football. He has demonstrated admirable leadership qualities by his team work and loyalty, by helping young players and by promoting understanding of Aboriginal culture. On many occasions he has given his time unstintingly to Christ Church -

Two other old boys are current members of the Eagles squad - RYAN TURNBULL (1981-88) and JAXON CRABBE (1995-96).

visiting his many fans in the Preparatory School, speaking at Senior School Assembly and attending the School's football club functions.

Chris's ties with the School are strong. His father IRWIN LEWIS (1953-56) is an old boy of the School as are his brothers CLAYTON LEWIS (1975-77) and CAMERON LEWIS (1977-79). All were noted for their sporting prowess, especially on the football field.

Old boys of Christ Church will salute Chris Lewis. He has become a role model as an Australian sportsman and a credit to Western Australia, his club, his team, his school and his family. Whatever course his life takes post-football, all will want to wish him well.

Churchill Fellow

RAY DOUST (1944-47) contacted *Chronicle* with the good news that MICHAEL LEFROY (1956-65) has been awarded a Churchill Fellowship.

Michael is the Education Officer at the Fremantle Maritime Museum. In recent times he has been coordinating planning of the Museum's new development in the A Shed, Victoria Quay. Whilst the existing museum will continue to house shipwrecks, the new establishment will contain more recent maritime paraphernalia and vessels such as Australia II.

Michael left at the end of May for a three months study tour of maritime museums in Hawaii, the United States of America, the United Kingdom and Sweden. His findings will no doubt influence the development of the new West Australian maritime museum.

Promise Fulfilled

Bob Peterson, Jupp Housemaster and Commanding Officer of the Christ Church Cadet Unit, was pleased to learn recently of the progress of his former Captain of House and Company Sergeant Major ADAM EASTON (1986-96).

Adam was awarded a 1997 entry scholarship to the Australian Defence Force Academy in Canberra where he served as an Officer Cadet while studying a Bachelor of Science course.

At the end of 1999 he gained his degree, majoring in Computer Science. He was recorded on the role of graduates as a Distinguished Graduate.

Adam won the 1999 Army Military Training Award for the most distinguished performance in military training over a period of three years, the Board of Studies in Science Prize for the most distinguished performance by a full-time undergraduate student in the third year of the Bachelor of Science course, the School of Computer Science Prize for distinguished performance in third year Computer Science, the Most Outstanding Computing Project (Cisco Systems) Prize and the Petro Fedorczenko Scholarship for the most outstanding performance in the fields of military and academic achievement as a Third Year Cadet continuing on to a fourth year of study at the Academy.

The Pedro Fedorczenko Scholarship comprised a grant of \$4000 which Adam must spend travelling around the world seeking to identify a project to pursue in his 2001 honours year.

Adam was recently posted as a Staff Cadet to the Sovereign's Company (KOKODA) at the Royal Military College, Duntroon, from where he will be commissioned in December this year.

Posting to East Timor

Private RODNEY KALEM (1990-97) wrote from Gallipoli Barracks in Queensland in March to let his former Christ Church Commanding Officer, Bob Peterson, know that he expected to be posted to East Timor in mid-April.

Four months earlier Rod was posted to Delta Company and undertook specialist training and field exercises in preparation for East Timor.

Rodney is signed up for full time service until the end of January 2001. He plans to return to university after that. Meanwhile he really enjoys the army lifestyle. Although he lives on base he manages to find plenty of opportunities to get away, especially to the Gold Coast.

Scaling the Heights

Captain STUART DAVIES (1986-88) was one of four Special Air Service soldiers to climb Big Ben in January 2000. Big Ben (2745m) is Australia's only active volcano and is located on Heard Island, 4000km south-west of Australia.

The Heard/McDonald Island Group is located in Sub Antarctic waters and was listed in 1997 as a World Heritage area.

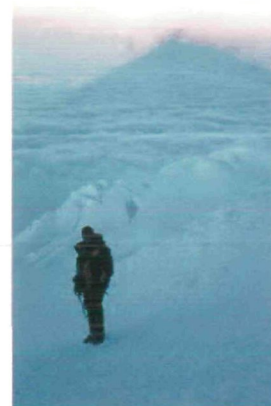
The team undertook an Alpine style ascent over a period of ten days. It was a new route on the mountain and the first time the peak has been climbed from Atlas Cove.

The team experienced a hard climb. The glaciers were heavily crevassed and several members fell through the surface snow - to be stopped on the rope by their teammate. Very poor visibility made route-finding interesting, with several days spent climbing into difficult ground, only to retreat to avoid impassable bluffs and seracs (ice cliffs). Storms buried some of their tents and others were severely damaged in high winds estimated to be gusting beyond eighty knots. During one such storm an expedition member fell whilst digging out the tents, self-arresting with his only tool, a snow shovel, some 150 metres below the camp.

The expedition was a resounding success. All four team members reached the summit, completing the third only ascent of the mountain.

Big Ben was previously climbed in 1964 and 1983 and is regarded as Australia's highest peak.

Since leaving Christ Church in 1988, Stuart has spent eleven years in the Defence Force, the last four back in Perth working at Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne. He is now studying at the Defence Force Academy in Canberra, completing a Masters of Management.



Stuart Davies with Big Ben in the background.

OBA Website

Keep an eye and ear open for news about the Association's website.

Work is in progress and a new website will be accessible in a few months.

Honours Board

The Old Boys' Association is about to commission a board to display the names of old boys who have been awarded Imperial and Australian Honours.

The names to appear on the board are listed below. If you are aware of any inaccuracies or omissions please contact the Honorary Secretary, Dean Bowker, on 9442 1527 as soon as possible.

Imperial Honours

- 1944 Alfred R B COX (1910 -): CBE
- 1955 Alan B LAPHAM (1944-50): OBE
- 1966 H Norman GILES (1910-22): OBE
- 1969 H Norman GILES (1910-22): GBE
- 1974 A J (Jerry) PARKER (1925-32): QPM
- 1978 L Peter POTTER (1939-45): MBE
- 1979 Dennis A DORRICOFF (1940-43): MBE
- 1979 Charles R McGLEW (1920-28): CBE
- 1980 Kennedy G P TREGONNING (1927-35): MBE
- 1982 John T HUNN (1931-33): MBE
- 1982 Joseph H LORD (1929-38): MBE
- 1982 Peter M MOYES (Headmaster 1951-81): OBE
- 1983 Jonathan W SANDERS (1952-56): OBE
- 1987 James Newton ROLFE (Preparatory School Headmaster 1954-59): MBE
- 1988 William F P HESELTINE (1943-46): GCVO
- 1990 William F P HESELTINE (1943-46): GCB

Australian Honours

- 1983 Scott R McALLISTER (1962-69): OAM
- 1984 George T GIBSON (1917-27): AM
- 1987 Richard I CHARLESWORTH (1965-69): AM
- 1988 William F P HESELTINE (1943-46): AC
- 1989 Jonathan W SANDERS (1952-56): AO
- 1989 James M THOMSON (1932-39): AM
- 1989 Gilbert WEAVER (1937-43): OAM
- 1990 Harry P HESELTINE (1943-47): AO
- 1991 Gresley D CLARKSON (1931-33): AM
- 1992 Gerard L CRAMER (1937-43): AM
- 1992 Lester L DAVIES (1928-39): OAM
- 1993 Arnold S BYFIELD (1939-41): OAM
- 1993 Joshua P HOFER (1987-91): OAM
- 1994 Michael S T HOBBS (1937-48): AO
- 1995 Peter M MOYES (Headmaster 1951-81): AM
- 1997 Ian W P McCALL (1935-44): AO
- 1998 Anthony P BOULTBEE (1935-40): AO

Recognition

In November 1999 JIM GRANT (1958-66) was made a Freeman of the Greenough Municipality, becoming only the fourth person to be so honoured by the Shire Council.

Jim's award for his community contributions was accompanied by a WA Municipal Association



Meritorious Service Award and a plaque of appreciation from the Geraldton City Council for his work on joint committees and projects.

Jim served as a councillor for twenty-three years, starting as a twenty-five-year old. He was deputy president for seven years and his involvement with the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade spanned more than twenty years with fifteen of those in the role of deputy chief fire control officer. Jim was also the Council's delegate on the northern ward of the Country Shire Councils' Association and the Country Urban Councils' Association.

Jim said while he loved all aspects of local government, his favourite areas had been town planning and works.

"The beauty about local government is that you vote on your own conscience," he said.

Jim retired from the council in May and now gives more time to the family business, Grants Transport.

Jim has been described as being "passionate" about local government. His research into and knowledge of Council issues were exceptional. He had the reputation of shooting from the shoulder and was noted for his sense of humour and the way he worked harmoniously with councillors, staff and electors for the betterment of the district.

Jim Grant. Photograph by courtesy of Geraldton Newspapers Limited.

Star Turn

TIM MINCHIN's (1982-92) first full-length feature play **Pop** recently ran to packed houses during its two-week season at The Blue Room.

Billed as a tragically romantic musical black comedy, the play follows the story of a budding karaoke star torn between a new love and an old family. Tim wrote the script, composed the music and played the lead.

Tim has been fascinated by music and drama since his early days at Christ Church. After leaving School he attained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Australia where he continued to be keenly involved in music and theatre. Meanwhile he continued his affiliation with the Christ Church Midnite Youth Theatre Company - in fact his first two publically performed compositions were for Midnite productions.

After graduating Tim completed two years of Contemporary Music at the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts. Even though his ability to read music was limited he kept producing impressive compositions.

Tim has been playing and singing at music gigs for some time. One regular booking is the piano bar at the Piazza Bar Ristorante in Mt Lawley. While performing there a couple of months ago he met Todd McKenney, star of **The Boy From Oz**.

McKenney listened to Tim 'doing some of his stuff' and was obviously impressed because two weeks later he asked Tim to join him in a cabaret show in Melbourne. Tim accepted and the pair left for Melbourne in late April for a season at Capers.

In Melbourne Tim stayed with actor old boy STUART HALUSZKIEWICZ (1980-91) (or Stuart Halusz, to use his professional name) and his wife Becky. Tim and Becky met through the School's Midnite Youth Theatre Company. They were in Perth earlier in the year when Stuart performed in the Festival one-man show **Homme Fatale**.



Tim Minchin. Photograph by Michael O'Brien by courtesy of West Australian Newspapers Limited.

The Teo Trio

WAYNE TEO (1986-88) is the senior director of a Chinese family company that built, owns and runs The Colonnade centre in Subiaco.

The first of his immediate family to live in Perth, Wayne arrived in 1986 to stay with his aunt and attend Christ Church Grammar School. A year later his parents and two younger brothers KEVIN TEO (1987-90) and ROBIN TEO (1987-91) moved to Perth. Kevin and Robin are also directors of The Colonnade.

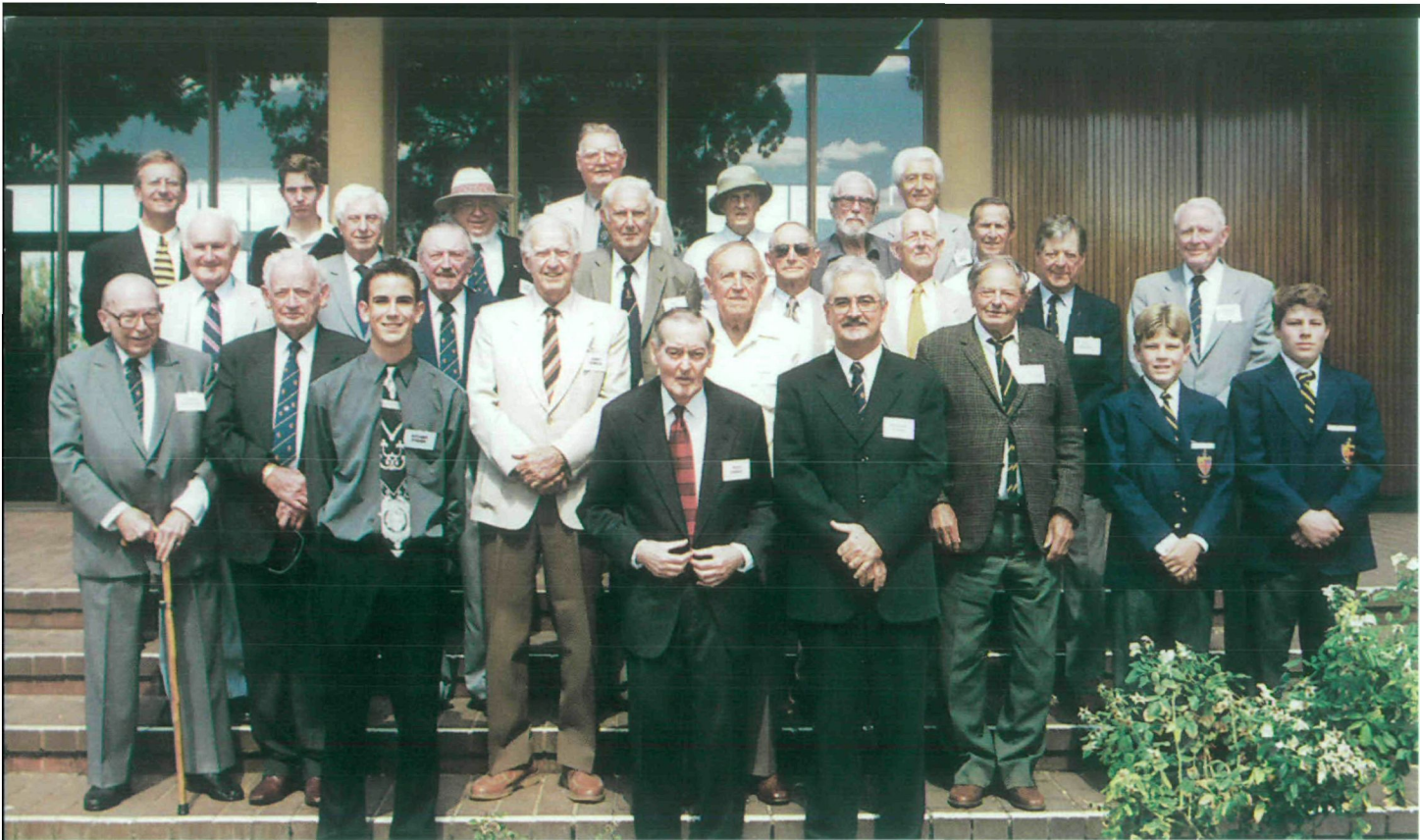
By the end of Year 12 Wayne had decided he wanted to build things so he started studies at TAFE. He was soon offered work experience and he went from site labourer to site assistant and on until, after some years, the studies faded from view.

Wayne explains: "Dad then said we were going to be doing a Subiaco site and he wanted a family member to take the lead on it." That was in 1992. It has taken a while for the exclusive development to 'catch on' but retail sales are moving upwards. One gets the feeling that Wayne is hooked on style and it won't be the last the retail fashion scene sees of this determined property developer.

Wayne married his childhood sweetheart, Brima, and the couple have a two year old daughter.



ANDREW PICKFORD (1992-96) and CALLAN NICHOLS (1996) recently dropped into the School to return the original Walters House post box 'rescued' during the refurbishment of their boarding house! Andrew is helping to promote the Giovanni Consort. The Consort was established in 1995 to present a wide range of fine music sung by Perth's finest young voices - amongst them old boy JONATHAN DAVENTRY (1989-95). For bookings or subscriptions telephone 9389 3060 or 9389 6081.



Old boys at the Parry Chapter Reunion on the Chapel steps. Stuart, Fred and Richard Parry, the great grandson, son and grandson of Headmaster Lionel Parry, are in the front row.

Parry Chapter Reunion

The Parry Chapter Reunion, held at the School on Wednesday 29 March, welcomed back old boys who attended Christ Church whilst Lionel W. Parry was Headmaster (1923-1932).

Some nineteen old boys and other guests, including the President of the OBA and Chairman of Council, attended a moving Chapel service which included a reading by STUART PARRY (1994-98), great-grandson of Headmaster Parry, an organ recital by Director of Music John Bates and some beautiful singing from the Preparatory School choir conducted by music teacher Helen Wilson.

The presence of Stuart Parry, his father RICHARD PARRY (1965-69) and his grandfather FRED

PARRY (1926-37), made the occasion a very meaningful one.

The service was followed by drinks and lunch in Walters House. The venue was most fitting as Headmaster Parry considered the acquisition of River House (now named Walters) to be one of the highlights of his time at the School.

The Archives mounted a special display for the occasion and Headmaster Jeremy Madin gave a lively and informed talk that had the old boys chuckling and reminiscing about their time at School. Archivist Sarah Dobb presented each of the Old Boys with a memento of the occasion - a booklet of Biographical Notes of their school days.

Life on the Ocean Waves

MICHAEL JUDGES (1987-94) goes to Rotto five times a day, five days a week and he "wouldn't change it for anything".

Michael is first mate on the Star Flyte and Super Flyte, Boat Torque Rottneest Island shuttle ferries.

As up to five hundred holidaymakers relax on board, Michael takes responsibility for their welfare and their gear as well as overseeing the three deckhands, checking safety equipment and ensuring the smooth running of the safety drills.

This is Michael's fifth year with Boat Torque and his third summer as first-mate.

Michael accrued the 1000 days of sea-time required for his class five licence in just over three years. This licence restricts him to the helm of twenty-five metre vessels. The two Rottneest shuttle craft he serves on are larger so the aspiring ferry skipper is accumulating more sea-time and studying nautical theory for his class four licence.

In his leisure time Michael enjoys scurrying, surfing and scuba diving - what a surprise!

Eastern Fraternities

Old boy reunions, attended by Honorary Secretary DEAN BOWKER (1948-55) were held in Sydney and Melbourne in May. There were a number of new faces at both functions, mainly young old boys whose work has taken them interstate.

TASMAN McMANIS (1966-70) organised the Sydney function. About forty people, including eight partners, attended Reds Restaurant in the spectacular old stone Argyle Function Centre in the Rocks. The guest speaker was Australian Test Cricketer STUART MacGILL (1981-88).



Old boys at the Sydney Reunion.

Included in the group were BRIAN BLEECHMORE (1935-39) and GILBERT WEAVER (1937-43) who had not met since School days. Gilbert had lost all contact with Christ Church until he rang the Association in 1989. For twenty or more years Gilbert devoted his time to a Teenage Roadshow that he took throughout rural Australia to entertain and encourage the youths of the outback. He was awarded an OAM for his efforts. Brian

Bleechmore's nephew GORDON BLEECHMORE (1972-73) now has a son at Christ Church: Callan (Year 11) plays in the 1st XVIII.

Similar numbers attended the Melbourne Reunion, organised by LAURIE GROOM (1963-68) and PETER MARFLEET (1955-63) at the Savage Club. It was pleasing to see the regulars - seventy-five year olds JOHN FITZHERBERT (1941-42) and ERNEST TUCKER (1935-40).



Brian Bleechmore and Gilbert Weaver.



Old Boys at the Melbourne Reunion.



John Fitzherbert and Ernest Tucker.

York-on-Avon Regatta

An annual regatta and picnic day

Expressions of interest are called for from former students of independent boys' and girls' schools to crew single and double canoes in a regatta to be held on 1 September 2000.

Picnic facilities and entertainments will be provided to add to the enjoyment of the day.

Christ Church old boys interested in participating please contact OBA Honorary Secretary Dean Bowker on 9442 1527 as soon as possible.

Walkabout

If you're looking for a custom-designed wedding ring or even a one-off exclusive piece of jewellery for that someone special in your life, you may find it at the 35 Jewellery Workshop in High Street, Fremantle. This character filled basement shop was co-founded by DANNY SHEINER (1982-85) in 1998. After leaving School Danny studied architecture and then economics before opting for a traditional training in jewellery-making at the Claremont School of Art. Having now found his niche Danny is passionate about working with silver and gold and, judging from reports on the first exhibition in March, he and his two partners have a bright future in jewellery manufacturing. ■

KERRY HARMANIS (1965-66) graduated in law after leaving School. He lists among his hobbies playing the mandolin, teaching tai chi, surfing, recreational swimming and jogging, though we know that his main hobby as a boarder at School was bike riding. He pursued this interest mainly under cover of darkness on a bike 'borrowed' from Akos Kovacs. These days Kerry is the Managing Director of Jubilee Mines and gives all his attention to the Cosmos nickel project near Leinster. This open cut mine is a compact 400,000 tonne venture and, with nickel grades averaging 7.5 percent, will be the highest grade open-cut nickel mine in the world, producing the best quality concentrate. ■

We've just heard that JAMES KWAN (1986-88) is a surgeon, specialising in emergency medicine in London. Meanwhile DAVID McCOURBRIE (1982-89) is practicing in the same field of medicine at Fremantle Hospital. ■

RICHARD PRICE (1991-94) recently spent a year studying at the MacKay School of Mines in Nevada, USA. One activity that appealed to him was competitive mining sports. On his return he encouraged a team of students at the West Australian School of Mines in Kalgoorlie to take part in the international competition. He organised a training program, raised \$20,000 to cover the two week trip and headed off to Nevada as the team manager. To their credit the boys from Kalgoorlie came third overall. Richard is now in his final year and looks to have a bright future in the mining industry. ■

IAN (Hoss) BAYLY (1960-67) has always shown a preference to work in International Baccalaureate schools. He worked for a number of years in Sri Lanka before accepting an appointment to a school in Amman, Jordan. His most recent move is to Miami, Florida, in the United States, where he is the principal of a secondary school. ■

If you are ever holidaying on Norfolk Island you're invited to prevail upon DEEN POTTER (1980-86) and his family. Deen graduated in law after leaving School and has been working in Carnarvon. Happily married with two children, Deen is now the Deputy Crown Counsel with the Administration of Norfolk Island. ■

GLEN CHISHOLM (1983-91) worked in the Information Technology Department at Christ Church for a short time before travelling to the United States and accepting a position as a researcher with Polyteam. This organisation consists of a group of computer scientists at Information Resource Cache, in Boulder, Colorado, who analyse web proxy performances. From all accounts Glen is enjoying the challenge. ■

After thirteen years in the Australian Army Intelligence Corps, working in counterintelligence and as a Chinese linguist, CHRIS WHITE (1981-86) has taken three years leave of absence to work in Hong Kong as a fitness instructor-cum-personal trainer. He has accompanied his wife of six months who has taken up a posting as a diplomat in the Australian Consulate. Still actively playing hockey, Chris coordinated a few activities for the School hockey team on their recent tour of Hong Kong. ■

CHING LIUNG (Chris) BONG (1986-88) did engineering after leaving School. In 1993 he returned to Malaysia and worked for an oil and gas construction company in Melaka. Two years later he joined an American air conditioning company and was involved in design and sales of commercial and industrial systems. In October last year Chris bit the bullet and launched his own engineering company called M-Westerly Engineering, specialising in system designs, installation and maintenance. Chris is keen to hear from any of his contemporaries. His email address is bonglaw@tm.net.my. ■

We heard recently from ADAM ELEY (1986-91) who for the last four and a half years has been enjoying the laid-back lifestyle in the Northern Territory. For the past year he has been working with Ashton Mining at the Merlin Diamond Mine. Some months ago, however, he returned to the Tanami gold mine operated by Otter Gold Mines, where he had previously spent three years as shift supervisor. ■

Six years ago ANGUS JAMES (1969-72) gave up farming to open a real estate business in Toodyay. The venture has obviously proved a success because he has now opened a branch in Bindoon and been joined by his old school mate BRUCE COOK (1962-71). Angus and Bruce played in the same tennis team when they were at School. ■

In January this year PETER SNOW (1958-63) became a grandfather when son DAVID (1984-89) and his wife welcomed their first child, Jack, into the world. While

Peter is BRUCE GALLASH'S (1957-63) business partner involved mainly in a cosmetics manufacturing joint venture in China, David is moving to Melbourne where he has been appointed Regional Sales Manager of the IAMS company, which is a subsidiary of Proctor and Gamble. David retired from league football last year after playing 182 games with Subiaco and Swan Districts. ■



Grandad Peter Snow with son David and grandson Jack.

Young CHRISTIAN MURCHISON (1992-97), son of ROD MURCHISON (1960-67), has come a long way in the past three years. In his endeavours to reach the top in motor car racing he has moved to Melbourne to join the Formula Holden team. Currently he's coming third in the national competition. At the recent Grand Prix in Melbourne he was sponsored to drive in the Formula Ford race, which is a best of three series, and amazingly won all three races against the top drivers in Australia. ■

BEN DURHAM (1990-94) is one of five young sailors selected to embark on a three year around the world yachting competition which will culminate in yet another attempt to win the America's Cup in New Zealand in 2003. Match race yachting is akin to the Grand Prix in motor racing. Their first competition was the Sun Microsystems Australia Cup, held on Matilda Bay. This event was won for the fourth time by PETER GILMOUR (1968-77) sailing with a Japanese team. He beat a young New Zealand team 3-2 after being 0-2 after the first two races. The teams will now move on to race each other in Croatia, Germany, Sweden, Italy, Denmark, Bermuda, Britain and New York. It will be 'old hat' to the likes of Peter Gilmour, but the chance of a lifetime for Ben Durham. ■

We heard recently from ADRIAN FLOWER (1975-80). Adrian married five years after leaving School and it wasn't long before he was the proud father of two boys. He commenced work in Karratha in 1994 as branch manager of a national company but in 1997 set up his own consultancy business to the oil and gas industry. He is currently

running the materials and logistics operations for BHP's Griffin Venture. In his spare time he is Vice President of the Lions Club, Chairman of the Karratha Festival and a volunteer St John's ambulance driver. Old boys passing through Karratha are welcome to give Adrian a call at A S Flower Pty Ltd. ■

HOWARD LIU (1953-57) who practices law in Beijing, PRC, was in London on business recently and had dinner with DEXTER LEE (1952-56), who, incidentally, has just commenced his fourth university degree course. We feel sure that a good part of the wongi would have been about life at Christ Church in the 1950s. ■

We have heard of a number of old boys working overseas in finance related businesses. HUGO SMITH (1980-90), SIMON FRASER (1982-86) and SYMON PARISH (1975-82) all work in London, while JOHN MASLEN (1975-84) works in Zurich. Hugo, Symon and John recently opted for life membership of the OBA. ■

MARK HOHNEN'S (1963-67) son BEN (1988-95) set himself some pretty tough challenges when he left School. He began with a solo trek across the top of Tasmania from Cradle Mountain down to Lake St Clair. Despite the cold weather he completed the journey in a few days and headed back to Perth. Recently he completed a longer trek from Perth to Albany along the Bibbulmun Track. In both instances Ben showed courage and endurance. Meanwhile DAVID HOHNEN'S (1963-66) son GILES (1987-91) has opted for a chef's career. He recently returned from Japan where he gained invaluable experience in preparing meals Japanese style. ■

LUKE McPHARLIN (1995-99) was snapped up by Hawthorn in the AFL draft late last year. He is now combining his university studies with a football career. Amazingly he made his AFL debut in Round 5 against Port Adelaide and scored a goal with his first kick. ■

CLAYTON LEWIS (1975-77) has moved on from Alice Springs to Brisbane, though he's still involved in the media. He currently works for NIMAA which concerns itself with indigenous media organisations. His long term goal is to establish an indigenous national radio and TV service like the ABC. ■

ELLIOTT McADAM (1965-69) touched base recently. He lives in Tennant Creek where he works for the local member of parliament. Now forty-nine years of age, he's talking about nominating for the next election of the Northern Territory parliament. ■



Former teacher GORDON PETER and old boy JEFFREY SWEETT (1951) recently visited the School Archives. Gordon taught at Christ Church from 1964-70.



COMING EVENTS

2000

- 18 July TERM 3 COMMENCES
- 21 July OBA 15 Year Reunion for the Class of '85
- 25 July King Edward VI Grammar School's Youth Theatre visit from the UK
- 30 July Founder's Day Family Service, Chapel 7.30 pm
- 4 August OBA 25th Anniversary Luncheon for the Class of '75
- 9-12 Aug Musical: **Oh! What a Lovely War**, His Majesty's Theatre
- 17-19 Aug Music Tour to Kalgoorlie
- 18-21 Aug MID TERM BREAK
- 29-31 Aug CCGS at Dowerin Field Days
- 23 Aug House Athletics Carnival, Perry Lakes 9 am - 4 pm
- 25 Aug Concerto Night with MLC, Hadley Hall 7.30 pm
- 2 Sept Quads Athletics, Scotch College Oval 12 noon
- 5 Sept Trial TEE commences
- 7 Sept Preparatory School House Athletics Carnival
- 9 Sept PSA Athletics Inters, Perry Lakes 12 noon
- 11 Sept Preparatory School Drama **The Nowhere Boy** commences
- 18 Sept Visit to Hotuku Gakuen School in Japan departs
- 19 Sept Don Fraser Club AGM, Refectory 7 pm
- 22 Sept END OF TERM 3
- 23 Sept Annual Cadet Camp, Bindoon
- 10 Oct TERM 4 COMMENCES
- 1 Nov Year 12 Chapel Service and Valedictory Dinner 6.30 pm
- 6 Nov TEE commences
- 10 Nov OBA farewell to the Headmaster, Refectory 6 pm
- 11 Nov Remembrance Day
- 14 Nov Year 10 Venture departs
- 1 Dec Speech Night
END OF TERM 4