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Staff and Students, VCE 2003 Career Destinations,  
the School Community and More

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- Friday 30 April 7.30pm  
**Autumn Concert** –  
Melba Hall University of Melbourne

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- Thursday 5 - Saturday 7 August  
**School Musical "The Wizard of Oz"** -  
Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

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- Friday 10 September 8pm  
**Spring Concert** –  
Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

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- Thursday 14 – Saturday 16 October  
**Art Show** – Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

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- Tuesday 30 November 8pm  
**Service of Carols** – St Paul's Cathedral

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- Monday 13 December 8pm  
**Exeunt** – Melbourne Town Hall

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The Lowther Hall Community celebrates the restoration of the Mansion on Sunday 14 March.

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Our school theme for 2004 is the Three Rs—Responsibility, Resilience and Relationships. Students and staff will be exploring this theme in a variety of ways. This edition of the Lowther News therefore has a Responsibility theme and you will no doubt predict the themes of our August and December editions!



**Bishop Paul White, Ms Noelene Horton and Prefects for 2004.**

Front row (left to right) Caroline Armour, Bridget Hall, Anastasia Kantzelis (School Captain), Angelica Yianoulatos (Deputy School Captain), Ashlea Varrasso. Centre row (left to right) Natalie Perera, Shauna McEgan, Poppy Edwards, Felicity Dansie. Back row (left to right) Marina Bojic, Danielle Asciak, Julia Simpson.



**Mrs Cheryl Penberthy, Head of Junior School, and Ms Noelene Horton join Junior School Captains and Deputy Captains after their Assembly of Dedication.**

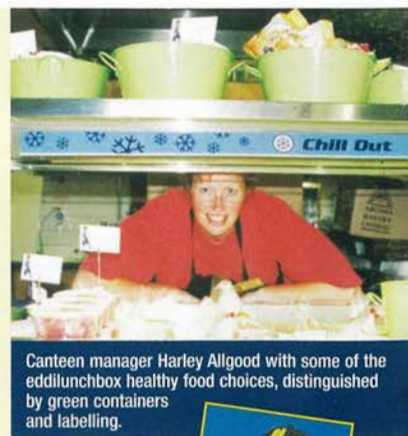
Front: Junior School Captain Cassandra Kingsley (right) and Deputy Captain Sarah Wilde.

Responsible Eating

The Lowther Hall canteen has embraced Spotless Services' new initiative to provide detailed information about nutrition and healthy food choices in a fun and simple way.

The symbol of the program, which targets 11 to 18 year olds, is a virtual boy named "eddi", who appears on the website [www.eddi\\_lunchbox.com.au](http://www.eddi_lunchbox.com.au).

Eddi symbolises smart food choices and identifies products that meet the highest standards of nutrition such as minimum and maximum required levels of fat, sugar, sodium, protein and carbohydrates. Detailed information about the nutritional value of eddi approved products is available in the canteen and on the website.



Canteen manager Harley Allgood with some of the eddilunchbox healthy food choices, distinguished by green containers and labelling.





New students to Junior School with their teddies. Front (Left to right) Rachel Liew, Maddison Caulfield, Jessica Baldwin, Annabel Khamly, Centre (left to right) Inez Balon-Rotheram, Shanelle Sertic, Zara Mason. Back (left to right) Temena Riordan, Monique Goates.

## The Lowther Hall Teddy Bear

New students to the School in 2004 received a warm and cuddly welcome with the issue of their very own Lowther Hall teddy bear. This unique toy features paw pads made from the winter skirt fabric and a gold and blue bow bearing the school's name at his neck.



For the inaugural year, the teddy bear has also been made available to existing students and staff, with whom it is also popular. It has proved a hit as both a furry friend and collectors' item. From time to time the current Lowther Hall teddy will be available for sale at special School events. Designs may vary in the years to come.

# C A M P S

## Year 7 "Weekaway", Lancefield Year 10 Buxton Centre, Cathedral Ranges

Students in Year 7 and 10 and their home group teachers made an early start to the School's camping program when they packed their sleeping bags and headed off during the second week of term.

This year the Year 7 camp was held at "Weekaway", situated in the Cobaw Ranges near Lancefield. The three days away provided a range of opportunities for students and teachers to get to know each other, while taking part in exciting

outdoor activities such as canoeing, archery and orienteering, as well as group initiative experiences such as bridge construction and a ropes course

Year 10 students and staff travelled to the Cathedral ranges for three days and took part in outdoor challenges including bushwalking, rock climbing and first aid. There were group initiative activities including raft building, as well as solo

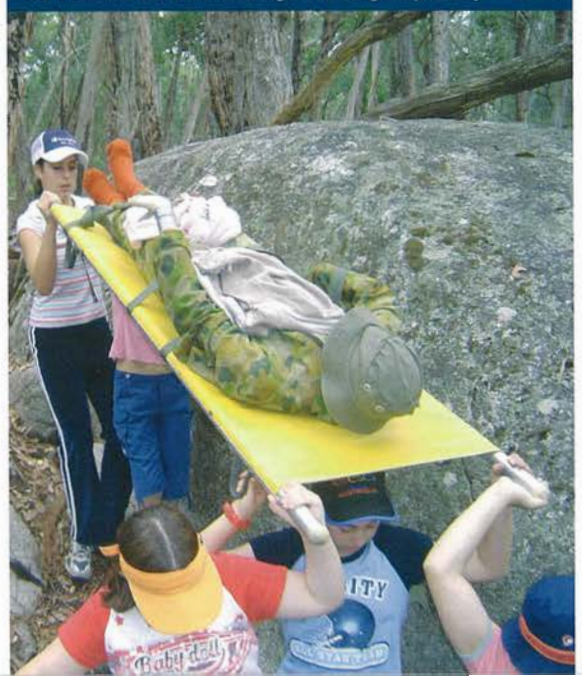
challenges. During one solo experience, students spent two hours of silence, alone in the bush. This time allowed each girl to observe nature, reflect on her thoughts and feelings and set goals for the future.

Both camps focused on the theme of **Responsibility, Resilience and Relationships.**

Year 10 students go for a test paddle on the raft they designed and constructed.



Year 7 students take on the challenge of rescuing camp dummy "Gl Jane".



# WELCOME to new Staff



**Leslie Rosochodski**

Leslie is new to Junior School as a Year 5 teacher. She has extensive experience teaching in state primary schools in the Northern and Western regions of Melbourne. Her most recent position was at St Carmel Borromeo Catholic Primary in Greenvale. Leslie has three children Melanie, Johanna who is a student at Lowther Hall and Bryce. When family life permits Leslie loves to paint and she has exhibited in community art shows.



**Stavroula Tsembras**

Stavroula joins Lowther Hall as Director of Information Services. She has achieved a BA, postgraduate qualifications in education and computer education, an MBA and is currently undertaking her PhD in online technologies. For the past five years Stavroula held the position of Director of Information Technology in the faculty of Education, Languages and Community Services at RMIT University.



**Isabella Webster**

Isabella is teaching Humanities, English and Philosophy and Religious Education classes in Sampford House and Grant House. She spent her schooldays in New South Wales before studying at Melbourne University, where she completed a BA(Hons) majoring in Renaissance History. A highlight was studying in Italy for several months. Isabella is excited to be working in the classroom and seeing young, inquiring minds at work. Her hobbies are swimming, art and bushwalking.



**Ms Daria Babiak**  
Music



**Mrs Karen Baldacchino**  
Integration Assistant



**Ms Kristen DeBono**  
Physical Education



**Ms Katherine Lim**  
Junior School Music



**Ms Suzanne Locantio**  
Philosophy and Religious Studies



**Mrs Janeane Millar**  
Year 1



**Mrs Isobel Summit**  
Mathematics

## STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



**Richard Mason**

**Richard Mason** - Clarinet teacher Richard Mason was recently awarded the Willem van Otterloo Foundation scholarship to study contemporary bass clarinet at the Amsterdam Conservatorium.

He spent four weeks in the Netherlands under the tutelage of Harry Sparnaay, the world's foremost bass clarinet player and gave a solo concert at the Amsterdam Conservatorium.

At Lowther Hall Richard teaches clarinet in both the private and class instrumental music programs. He performs with the Army Band and as a freelance musician and is undertaking a Masters degree in clarinet and bass clarinet at the Victorian College of the Arts.

**Nadija Anin, Careers Coordinator, Science** - Nadija recently spoke at the Science Teachers Association of Victoria Psychology Conference on the topic "Never Taught Psychology Before-Let Me Show You How".

She has also co written two books for the new VCE course *Essential VCE Psychology Units 1 and 2* and *Essential VCE Psychology Units 3 and 4* and is a member of the VCAA Psychology Review Board for the new VCE.

**Marissa Caluzzi, Junior School Learning Resource Centre Teacher** - Marissa attended the "Island Journeys Conference" in Tasmania, jointly organised by the School Librarians Association of Australia and the Children's Literature Council of Australia. Over 800 teacher librarians, authors and illustrators from all over the world attended.

**Bernadette Caulfield, Head of Mathematics and Science** attended the Science Teachers Association of Victoria (STAV) Conference at Latrobe University Bundoora. She also attended the Mathematics Association of Victoria Conference at Monash University Clayton with **Tracy D'Elton, Mathematics and Science Teacher**.

**Sarah Hobba, Junior School Philosophy and Religious Education Teacher** - Sarah recently completed a Master of Divinity degree at Ridley College Melbourne.

**Hilary McNab, English and Humanities Teacher** - Hilary has recently presented information seminars for teachers of VCE Geography at the Geography Teachers Association of Victoria Conference. She will also present sessions for VCE Geography students on "how to deal with the exam paper".

**Lloyd Mill, House Activities Coordinator, Information Technology, Maths, Science** - Lloyd is a judge for the Camberwell region of the Lions Club Youth of the Year public speaking competition.

**Catriona Russell, Head of Grant House** - Catriona has been appointed Head of Grant House, Year 11 and 12 at Lowther Hall. She has recently taken up positions as a member of the Review Panel for VCE Music Performance (Solo) and a member of the Management Committee of the Stonnington Symphony Orchestra.

# Student Achievements



Caroline Armour with Professor Michelle Towstoles (left) and Mrs Bernadette Caulfield, Head of Mathematics and Science.

## Caroline Armour Year 12

Caroline received an award for excellence in Science from the Victoria University of Technology. She was presented with her prize by Professor Michelle Towstoles, Head of Biomedical Science at VUT.



## Shifra Joseph Year 12

Shifra was selected by Rotary to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra from January 17 to 31.

She visited the Australian National University, the Australian Institute of Sport, the Canberra Tracking Station and the Australian Defence Force Academy for hands-on learning sessions. Delegates to the forum came from all over Australia as well as South Africa, USA, Canada and New Zealand. They also took part in debates and careers in science seminars and met Governor General, Major-General Michael Jeffery at Parliament House. Shifra now plans to encourage Lowther Hall students and students from schools in the local area to apply to attend future conferences.



## Laura Slavin Year 11

Laura has been a member of the Australian Girls Choir for the past four years. She was recently awarded the June Bronhill Encouragement Scholarship for her contribution to the choir and performed in the Melbourne Opera

Company's production of *The Magic Flute*. In late January she travelled to Los Angeles to perform with fellow senior choristers at a reception to honour Cate Blanchett, Anthony La Paglia and Baz Luhrmann during Australian Week celebrations. A number of Australian performers who have been successful in the US entertainment industry were in attendance and met with the choir. Laura found the whole experience most exciting.

Laura will be concentrating on politics rather than music, when she travels to Canberra in March to represent Lowther Hall at the National Schools' Constitutional Convention. She was selected to take part after attending the Regional and State Schools' Constitutional Conventions.

On top of her academic and singing commitments, Laura finds time every Saturday to visit the Edith Bendall Retirement Lodge, with her two dogs, to spend time with the residents and assist in the pet therapy program.



Amber and leading musician James Morrison.

## Amber Lomanowicz Year 12

Amber, Music Captain for 2004 plays trumpet in the Melbourne International Women's Jazz Festival Superband. This band comprises senior musicians from schools around the state and was initially formed to play in the Melbourne International Women's Jazz Festival last December. The band last performed at Ruyton Girls' School Twilight Concert, featuring renowned musician James Morrison and singer Renee Geyer. Amber had the opportunity to meet James Morrison, one of her most admired musicians, as well as experience his performance on trumpet, trombone and piano. The Superband will



Prachi Bhave (left) and Anna Kantzelis.

## Anna and Prachi Achieve Top Marks for VCE Subjects

School Captain for 2004, Anna Kantzelis and fellow Year 12 student Prachi Bhave could hardly believe their eyes when they opened the newspaper and found their names at the top of the list of VCE achievers in individual subjects.

Anna scored the state's highest mark for Music Styles, while Prachi was one of the students who achieved a perfect score of 50 for Biology.

Both girls studied VCE Units 3 and 4 whilst in Year 11 and found the experience enjoyable, although demanding. "Studying just one subject gave us an indication of the demands of Year 12 and how much work is ahead of us," they commented.

next perform at the BMW Edge, Federation Square, on Thursday May 15 as part of the Melbourne International Jazz Festival.



## Danielle Walker Year 11

Danielle is the inaugural recipient of Lowther Hall's Indigenous Scholarship Program. She previously studied at Hoppers Crossing Secondary College. Danielle is enjoying being part of a school with students from Kindergarten through to Year 12. She is enjoying the breadth of subjects offered in VCE and is keen to take part in extracurricular activities.



**Jean Wu**

**Dux of 2003  
and Lowther  
Clarke Scholar**

Jean was Lowther Hall's top VCE student for 2003, achieving an ENTER score of 99.85. She has chosen to study Dentistry at The University of Melbourne, her first preference, and has been awarded an equity scholarship to study there.

In Year 12, Jean studied Chemistry, English Literature, French, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics and University Mathematics. She believes that keeping on top of her studies throughout the year was a factor in her success. "I always completed what I had to do each night and then did five or ten minutes extra work to keep on top of things," Jean says.



Lyndal Grant (left) and Kate Mathews will study Philosophy as a first year subject at the University of Melbourne.

**Kate and  
Lyndal achieve  
excellence in  
Philosophy**

Lowther Hall students Kate Mathews and Lyndal Grant achieved the second and third highest marks in Victoria for VCE Philosophy. Kate's score was 49 and Lyndal's 48. Both girls were the only student in the state to achieve that score.

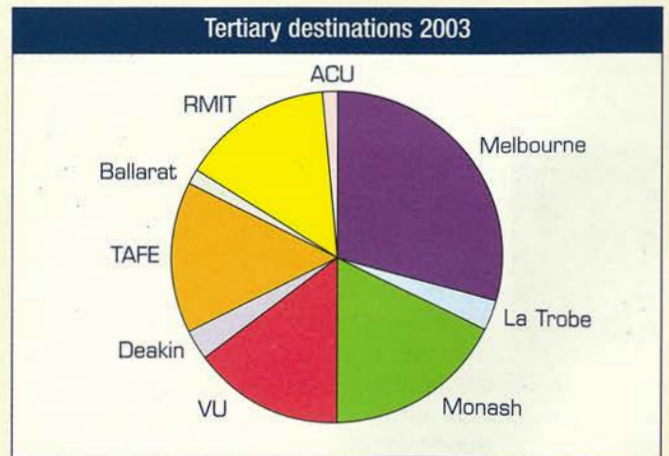
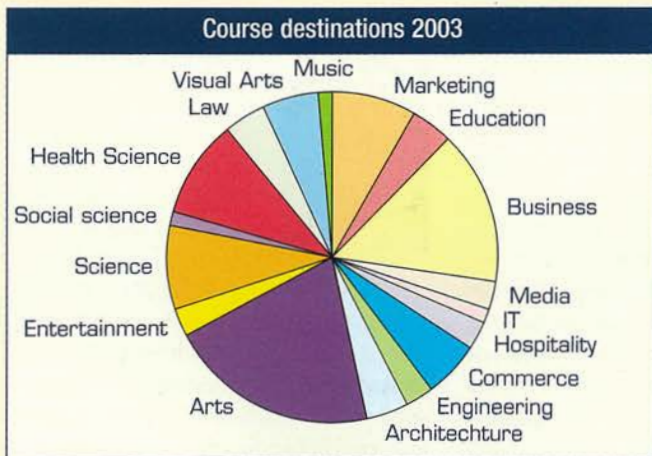
Good friends as well as good philosophers, Kate and Lyndal have both gained entry to their first preference course at Melbourne University. Lyndal, with an ENTER score of 98.4, will undertake an Arts degree, while Kate has chosen to study Arts/Science, after achieving an ENTER of 99.4.

The girls say they enjoyed studying Philosophy, which they have relished since Year 7, because the subject challenged their opinions, but also allowed them to express their thoughts. They have both enrolled in Philosophy as a first year subject at University.

**VCE 2003  
Career Destinations**

Congratulations to the Class of 2003 for achieving excellent results. The majority of students gained entry to tertiary courses of their choice and there are many personal stories of achievement well beyond any expectations.

- All girls attempting to complete their VCE in 2003 were successful, representing a 100% pass rate.
- 14 students obtained an ENTER (Equivalent National Tertiary Entrance Rank) of 95 or above, representing 20.6% of Lowther Hall students in the top 5% of the state.
- 25 students obtained an ENTER of 90 or above, representing 36.8% of our girls in the top 10% of all students in the state.
- 55.9% of students obtained an ENTER of 85 or above placing them in the top 15% and 67.7% of students obtained an ENTER of above 80, placing them in the top 20% of the state.
- 18.8% of study scores were 40 or above out of a possible 50, placing these students in the top 8% for the particular study.
- 56.6% of scores were A or A+





## Stephanie Gracie

CLASS OF 2002

It was with enormous sadness that we learned of Stephanie's death, on 15 January 2004. Stephanie was always full of life, in all that she undertook in her twelve years at Lowther Hall. From clarinet and saxophone to band, orchestra, Raymond Singers, Festival Singers, athletics, swimming, rowing, hockey and more, Stephanie was always busily involved in a wide range of activities. It is tragic that her life has ended at the age of 18. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

The funeral service was held at the School on 21 January. We were fortunate to have our former Chaplain, the Revd Jean Penman, to assist the family and conduct the service which was attended by about 500 people. The support of the whole Lowther community was so impressive.

*Rest in peace, Stephanie*

### Lowther Past Student **Community Events**

The Lowther News hears of a number of past students' weddings, often featuring members of the school community in the wedding party. We encourage you to send wedding photographs (names included) for publication.



## DOROTHY BEARE

The Lowther Hall Community was saddened at the passing of former teacher Mrs Dorothy (Dof) Beare on March 9 2004, at the age of 93.

Dorothy taught at Lowther Hall for twenty years from 1956 to 1976 as a teacher in Raymond House and Infant Mistress. She is fondly

remembered by her students and colleagues for her love of literature and music and her dedication to teaching.

Dorothy's years at Lowther Hall were some of the most happy and fulfilling in her rich life and it was fitting that former colleague and friend, Mrs Karen Iverson, read the School Prayer at Dorothy's funeral service.

### Lowther Hall Old Grammarians Association **Committee 2004**

President	Mary Armour
Vice Presidents	Donna Doughty, Simone Saunders
Secretary	Meredith Angwin
Treasurer	Margaret Royston
Committee	Valerie Fautley, Bryony McCormack, Belinda McLeod



**LHOGA office beares for 2004**

Front: (left to right) Donna Doughty, Mary Armour. Back: (left to right) Simone Saunders, Meredith Angwin, Margaret Royston, Valerie Fautley.



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR OLD GRAMMARIANS Reunion Dates 2004

- **Saturday 15 May** Long Standing Leavers Reunion (30 years and over)
- **Saturday 5 June** Class of 1984 Twenty Year Reunion  
Class of 1989 Fifteen Year Reunion
- **Saturday 28 August** Class of 1994 Ten Year Reunion  
Class of 1999 Five Year Reunion



Sisters Mimi and Ruby Nuciforo were amongst the many Junior School families at the celebrations.



Mrs Judy Maddigan, Member for Essendon, with Mr Mark Armour, Chairman of the School Council.



Ms Marissa Caluzzi, Junior LRC teacher, joins in the spirit of the day.

## RESTORATION OF The Mansion Celebrations

Two years of restoration work to the Lowther Hall Mansion was celebrated on Sunday 14 March with an official reopening ceremony by Mrs Judy Maddigan, Member for Essendon. During this ceremony a magnificent embroidered banner of the Mansion, commissioned by the

School Council from Dr Morna Sturrock and Miss Lesley Uren was unveiled.

Hundreds of visitors gathered in bright Autumn sunshine to enjoy guided tours of the Mansion, music from the Stage Band, delicious Devonshire teas and other

refreshments. Period dress from the 1890's was the order of the day and the old fashioned games and sketching activities kept children entertained.

Students, staff, parents and Old Grammarians contributed to a memorable occasion.



Staff member Jane Allen at the School Stall with Year 10 students (left to right) Catherine McKay, Laura King and Elizabeth Brown.



Celebrating in style. Left to right: Ms Elisabeth Rhodes Deputy Principal, Ms Noelene Horton Principal, Mrs Nene Macwhirter Deputy Principal and Mrs Cheryl Penberthy Head of Junior School