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RELATIONSHIPS.....

The School Council, Students, Staff, Parents, Past Students



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Spring Concert -
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Art Show -
Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

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

Monday 13 December 8pm
Exeunt -
Melbourne Town Hall

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Members of the Swimming and Diving teams and teacher Mr Justin Conkling celebrate success after the GSV Swim/Dive Carnival. Story Page 6.

RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships

Relationships is one strand of the Three R's theme for 2004 - Responsibility, Resilience and Relationships. In a community such as Lowther Hall, the quality of relationships is critical to the health and success of the school. Relationships within and across year levels, relationships between the School Council, staff, students, parents and former students...all are important to the fundamental business of Lowther Hall, which is the teaching and learning for the students. In addition, the capacity to establish good relationships with a variety of other human beings is essential for life. This edition of the Lowther News is particularly appropriate for depicting some of these relationships and at the same time, representing four months of events in the life of Lowther Hall.

Noelene Horton
Principal

The Lowther Hall School Council

The School Council can be likened to a Corporate Board of Directors and legally the Council Members are Directors under Australian Law. It is the Council's responsibility to ensure the ongoing relevance, financial stability and success of the School. The Council importantly has responsibility to ensure that the School's philosophy and values are recognised and enhanced.

To be successful the Council needs a range of experience and expertise in its membership. The Council is fortunate in having an excellent group of people who include current and past parents, Old Grammarians, the Anglican Church and who have a range of specialist capabilities, with legal, finance, property, education and business backgrounds. We also have a range of age groups (generations) represented on the Council and a combination of tenures, with some new members and some much longer term Directors.

Nonetheless, as important as our individual qualifications and experience may be, it is our commitment to see Lowther Hall and its girls prosper that is of overriding relevance. Each Council member strongly believes in the philosophy and values of Lowther Hall. Each member works hard to ensure that as a team of people all working in the same direction, we as the Council are stronger than we would be as a group of individuals.

For me it is a great honour to Chair the current Council, work with the Principal and staff and make some contribution to ensuring Lowther Hall's ongoing success as a fabulous school for girls.

Mark Armour
Chairman

RELATIONSHIPS . . . THE SCHOOL COUNCIL



Meredith Angwin BEngChem (Hons)

Meredith attended Lowther Hall from 1975 to 1980. She has been a partner with IBM Business Consulting Services since 2002. Meredith obtained a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Melbourne and following graduation, spent eight years working on Business IT development projects for Shell Australia. She then joined

Price Waterhouse Coopers Consulting (later to become IBM Business Consulting Services) and has worked with many clients across a range of industries such as telecommunications, banking, manufacturing and mining, her role being to provide project management expertise for large business systems implementations. Meredith has been a member of the Lowther Hall School Council since 1996 and is currently the Treasurer. She is also the Secretary of the Lowther Hall Old Grammarians' Association, having been the President from 2001 to 2003.



Mark Armour BEc (Hons)

Mark is CEO of INVESCO Australia, the Australian arm of a global funds management group. All of Mark's professional career has been in the financial services and related areas, with the Australian Treasury, AXA (National Mutual) and ANZ. Mark has worked in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra and Hong Kong. Mark's family has a long association

with Lowther Hall, starting with his grandfather who was a Councillor, mother as past student and teacher (and currently President of the LHOGA), sisters as students and daughter as current student.



Jackie Dalzell BAppSc Dip BusSt DipHospNurs

Although retired from full time Nursing, Jackie works as a consultant for the Australian Council on Health Care Standards (ACHS). ACHS is an independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the quality of health care in Australia through continual review of performance, assessment and accreditation. Her back-

ground for this role is in many years of clinical and administrative nursing in operating rooms in Australia and overseas and in nursing administration at the Austin and Royal Melbourne Hospitals. She is an Old Grammarian of Lowther Hall, a Rotarian and holds executive honorary committee roles with Royal Melbourne Hospital Graduate Nurses Association and the Nurses Memorial Centre.



Norman Draper FCA

Norman is a Chartered Accountant who has been a member of the School Council since 1991. For most of that period he has acted as Treasurer. He has a long association with Lowther Hall, having married Old Grammarian Virginia Roads (Class of 1969). Their daughters Kate (Class of 1993) and Abby (Class of 1995) were also students in

Kindergarten, Junior and Senior school.



Vince De Fazio B Com LLB (Hons)

Vince studied Law and Commerce at the University of Melbourne and has operated a private legal practice in Fitzroy North since 1992. He is a long time resident of the Essendon/Ascot Vale area. Vince and his wife Mary-Anne are parents to Marguerite, currently in Year 2 at Lowther Hall and Javier 1. Vince is fluent in written and spoken Italian and

enjoys golf, cycling, cooking and reading.



Dr Norman Fary B Com BEd MEd PhD

Norman has spent a career in Education as a secondary school teacher in Government schools in Victoria and England, as a lecturer and course administrator in teachers' colleges in Melbourne and London, and as Deputy Principal and Principal of St Leonard's College, Brighton. Currently he is a

Reviewer of Victorian Government schools, Registered Schools and International schools, and is an educational advisor to the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. He is a member of the Anglican Parish of St John's, Camberwell and a parish Synod representative. He is a past president of the Glenferrie Rotary Club and continues as an active member of Rotary. He is married with three adult married children.



Revd Dr Helen Granowski
BSc(Hons) MSc Dip Ed MA PhD BD

Helen Granowski is an Anglican priest, recently retired from caring for the parish of St Georges Flemington. She trained for the ministry at Trinity College Theological School in Melbourne after spending many years as Principal of independent girls' schools in Queensland and the ACT,

including St Hilda's School, Southport and Canberra Girls' Grammar. Helen has a lifelong interest in education and social justice issues. She has a passion for ecumenical and inter-faith relations. In her spare time she sings with the Camberwell Chorale and rings with the Burnley team of Bellringers.



Michael Halls BA GradCert Ed Trng

Michael Halls' career has been in education, marketing and public relations. He was the Director, External Affairs, and the Head, Melton Campus, for Victoria University. He is currently Director of the management and education and training consultancy to the not for profit sector Leadership Innovations. He serves on the Lowther

Hall board to "give back to what was the perfect learning environment for his daughter, Loren" (Class of 1999).



Revd Peter Horman BTh

Peter Horman is the Vicar of St Thomas's Church Moonee Ponds. He has been a member of the Lowther Hall School Council for the past 9 years. He is especially interested in developing relationships with neighbours and the wider community through this role. Peter is married with three adult children and six grandchildren



Wendy Lewis BBus (Acc) MEd

Wendy is a former student of Lowther Hall. From 1998 until 2000 Wendy held the position of Deputy Principal (Administration) at Lowther Hall. Her working career spans a variety of sectors including local government, manufacturing, accountancy, independent education and more recently university residential colleges. Wendy is currently completing an MBA. She has a number of interests including the education of children in Bangladesh through the organisation Co-Operation in Development (CO-ID). Lowther Hall also has an association with CO-ID through the building and maintaining of the Mainuddin Non-Government Primary School.



Peter Malcolm B Eng

Peter joined the Lowther Hall School Council in November 1993 and has served on various committees of the Council, including Secretary. A Civil Engineer, he has been involved in the LRC and Junior School building projects and the recent Mansion restoration. Peter's daughter Louise attended Lowther Hall from Kindergarten,

completing Year 12 in 1996. After many years of corporate life, Peter set up a private consulting business and he includes family, golf and the Geelong Football Club amongst his interests.



Josephine Ward BA

Josephine has been a member of the School Council since 2002. She currently serves on the House Committee. Josephine's business career spans over twenty years in the banking industry. Her daughter, Siobhan, is currently in Year 9 at Lowther Hall and Josephine has been an active member of the school community since

Siobhan's Kindergarten days.

Premier's Awards for VCE Excellence

Effort Rewarded

Three Lowther Hall students were recently honoured, for completing VCE subjects with distinction, at the Premier's VCE Awards 2004 ceremony, held at the Regent Theatre Melbourne.

Anastasia Kantzelis, Kate Mathews and Lyndal Grant received awards for scoring one of the top five marks in individual subjects. Anastasia achieved the state's highest score in Music Styles, completing Units 3 and 4 for this subject whilst in Year 11.



Anastasia Kantzelis



Lyndal Grant



Kate Mathews

Kate and Lyndal, who are now studying at the University of Melbourne, achieved the second and third highest scores respectively, for Philosophy. They were presented with medals and certificates in the presence of Governor John Landy and special guests from the fields of tertiary education, business, sport and entertainment.

All three girls were proudly supported at the awards ceremony by family members and staff.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Celebrating Mother/Daughter Relationships

Students from Years 9 to 12 made a Friday morning breakfast a special experience for their mothers and members of staff in attendance, when they gathered in the Joan M Garde Cultural Centre for the inaugural Mother's Day Breakfast. Year 9/10 Coordinator, Ms Tracy Healy delivered a heartfelt address on what it means to be a mother. The students also spoke and each girl presented her mother with a beautiful white chrysanthemum.



Kaitlin Sala, Year 12 with her mother Mrs Tess Sala (right) and Year 9/10 Coordinator Tracy Healy.



At the Mother's Day Breakfast (left to right) Mrs Diana Zeine, Rima Zeine, Laurene Obeid, Mrs Renee Obeid.



Lowther Hall violinists Samantha Del Ciotto Year 10 (front), Claire Gorrie Year 9 (centre) and Stephanie Forbes Year 11 with members of the St Michael's strings.

TRAVELLING MUSICIANS

Orchestra Tour to Tasmania

During the first term holidays, thirty-three excited members of the Senior Orchestra flew out to Tasmania for a week of musical

tutelage, ensemble playing and sightseeing. They were accompanied by conductor Ms Catriona Russell and members of the Music staff, Mr Richard Mason, Ms Emma Rudin and Ms Vicki Stanko.

The students from Years 6 to 12 were hosted by St Michael's Collegiate School, Hobart, where Mrs Robyn Kronenberg, Lowther Hall's former Deputy Principal, is Principal. They stayed with host families, taking part in a number of orchestral rehearsals with musicians and teachers from St Michael's and performing in a massed concert for families and friends on the final evening of the tour. Principal Ms Noelene Horton travelled to Hobart to join the audience for the concert.

Between rehearsals and activities with their host families, the group managed to fit in visits to landmarks such as Salamanca Market, Port Arthur and Richmond, as well as a cruise down the Derwent River to the Cadbury Factory. Lowther Hall's musicians of all ages had the opportunity to get to know each other better and formed close relationships with host students. The School hopes to host the St Michael's Collegiate Orchestra in the near future.

Autumn Concert

The School's senior musical ensembles and Year 12 girls studying VCE Music Performance were highlighted in an exciting inaugural Autumn Concert at Melba Hall at the University of Melbourne during Term 2.

The Senior Orchestra, Stage Band, Senior Strings and Senior Vocal Ensemble performed an eclectic repertoire with distinction. Some ensembles also accompanied solo performances by VCE students. Danialle Ascik (voice), Alaine Ding (piano), Anastasia Kantzelis (flute), Amber Lomanowicz (trumpet) and Emelia Young (saxophone) all produced inspiring performances, displaying the results of dedication and resilience to learning musicianship and stage craft.

The Lowther Hall community looks forward to the musical *The Wizard of Oz* during August and the Spring Concert in September.



The Orchestra takes a break at Tasmania's Tessellated Pavements.



Martin Hall introduces a Taekwondo activity to Rachael Bunshaw and other Year 6 students.

Tangara

Students from Years 6 and 7 were "WOWed" into thinking and acting with resilience when Lowther Hall parents Martin and Jeanette Hall, conducted a motivational seminar titled "Winning Habits" at the school. Martin and Jeanette are Taekwondo instructors. They share a passion and enthusiasm for life and achieving their best.

During an energetic hands-on session in the Cultural Centre auditorium, the girls were given inspiration to develop winning habits, including how to think, feel, act and eat better. Martin and Jeanette introduced the girls to the "WOW" factor, a way of looking at life positively and allowing themselves to be amazed by the many incredible details of life we often overlook.



Year 8 student Adriana Giarrusso explains magnification to Prep girls Sarah Hayes (left) and Laetitia Greco.

Willarra

As part of the Willarra Program, Year 8 students planned and conducted a day long Science Expo in the Senior School Science Laboratories for Kindergarten to Year 6, during Science Week. They worked together in planning and facilitating hands-on activities for each year level. Topics ranged from simple sinking and floating experiments to working with microscopes and chemistry.

Year 8 students have also combined with Year 3 girls in a Big Sister/Little Sister program. The two year levels recently spent a day at Darebin Parklands learning about wetlands and focusing on landscape in Art. There was much evidence of cross age relationships, which will be strengthened throughout the school year.



Year 9 students (left to right) Alison Manser, Emily McNamara, Megan Dalton, Cindy Haddad and Lauren Thompson with actors Rob Lobosco and Gemma Bishop, who performed the play "Tissues" during the Yannergee Drug Education day.

Yannergee

Discovering and developing resilience and relationships has been the theme behind many of the Yannergee experiences. The Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme, Mind Body and Soul Challenge, Drug Education day and most recently Physical and Mental Chal-

lenge, have all inspired the girls to think about and react to tests of strength and spirit. Yannergee encourages students to explore and reflect on issues beyond their own world and the school motto *Non Nobis Solum* (Not for Ourselves Alone).

The Sporting Arena

In 2004, Lowther Hall students have succeeded in taking on new sporting challenges, as well as achieving personal bests.

Australian Rules Football continues to gain popularity. The school now fields a Junior and Senior team, consisting of students from Years 8 to 12, in the Girls Sport Victoria (GSV) competition, led by Football Captain Sarah Tedesco (Year 12). All games are played at Fairbairn Park, Ascot Vale. Coaching and training are provided each week by members of the Victorian Women's Football League, who also umpire matches. All players have benefited from the program and are experiencing success, as well as a good deal of fun. The Junior team made it all the way to the Grand Final and were narrowly defeated by Genazzano.

Success, through effort, has come to the **Swimming and Diving Teams**. At the GSV Swim /Dive Championships Division 3, both teams improved several places on previous years' performances to finish fourth overall. Many personal best performances were recorded, particularly amongst Year 11 and 12 swimmers who finished second in the Senior Division and qualified to compete in the Champions Carnival.

At this Carnival, Katrina Phillip (Year 12) won medals for first in the 50 metre breast stroke and third in the 50 metre butterfly, as well as finishing fourth in the 50 metre freestyle. She joined with other Year 12 swimmers Felicity Dansie (Swimming Captain), Vena Alexander, Emily Anile, and Monique Millson to rate highly in medley and freestyle relay finals. Katrina then travelled to Perth in the Term 1 holidays to compete in the Age National Championships. She performed personal best times to finish fourteenth in the 100 metre breast stroke and twelfth in the 200 metre breast stroke. Katrina has since been selected as a member of the Target 2008 squad, which aims to prepare swimmers for the Beijing Olympics. She attends monthly sessions with this squad in addition to her regular training.



The Senior and Junior Football Teams ready to play at Fairbairn Park.



Katrina Phillip (left) with Senior Relay team mates. (left to right) Emily Anile, Felicity Dansie and Monique Millson.



Ms Noelene Horton welcomes Mr Donald Kingsmill back to Lowther Hall.

There were confused looks from the students at morning Assembly when Mr Donald Kingsmill was introduced as a past student, who would speak about 'Life after Lowther'. However, bemusement turned to interest as Donald explained that he had attended Lowther Hall in 1938 and 1939 and that at the time, a sign on Leslie Road read "Boys to 6".

The interest grew as Donald spoke of completing his school days in Sydney, entering the workforce as a bank clerk (considered a safe occupation) and his quest for further education through night school and correspondence classes, which led to Matriculation and University studies.

As Donald went on to describe his long and at times adventurous career in the Department of Foreign Affairs, he had the

WELCOME BACK DONALD KINGSMILL

undivided attention of the students and staff. He spoke of his first posting to Indo China (now Laos and Cambodia) and working in the Middle East, during the late 1960's. He continued to speak with candour and humour about his days as Australia's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Greece and Hungary in a diplomatic career spanning over 30 years.

Donald's message to the current students of Lowther Hall was "Do not be overly concerned if you are unsure about career choices, because there is a very large world beyond the classroom with boundless opportunities, if you look carefully for them".



Year 11 students (left to right) Mardi Corcoran, Lauren McKendry and Selina Gurner enjoyed a chat after Assembly.



Mr Kingsmill spends some time in the Prep D classroom.

He also spoke of his interest in languages and how learning the language of each country he worked in had helped him personally and professionally, especially when weapons were involved!

In 2005 Lowther Hall plans to hold a Reunion for "Old Boys" of the school. There were a number of male students in Kindergarten and Junior School in the 1980s as well as the 1920s and 1930s. (Please contact the Community Relations Department if you have the names and addresses of Old Boys!)

Elli Jacovides

Elli Jacovides, (Lowther Hall's highest achieving student for VCE 2000) is a fourth Year Arts/Law student at the University of Melbourne. She has recently returned from Washington DC, where she was awarded an Internship in the office of Congressman James Clyburn, Democrat Representative for South Carolina.

During May, Elli spoke at Assembly about her studies and related travels. She told students and staff that all she learned in her schooldays, juggling studies with extracurricular activities, the demands of being Lees Captain, plus social and work commitments had helped her in 'Life after Lowther'.



Elli Jacovides joins Ms Noelene Horton, Lees House Captain Marina Bojic (left) and Deputy Captain of Lees, Virginia Thompson.

Elli says it was this that gave her the confidence to apply for an Internship, which very few Australian Politics students are offered. "I believe that the range of activities I had taken part in at school, from public speaking to overseas travel and

raising money for the Cancer Council, indicated to the selection panel that I had determination and flexibility," she said.

Elli enjoys the range of subjects offered to her in her course and is keeping her options open concerning career paths. She continues to lead a full and interesting

life beyond study. A team consisting of Elli, her sister Elena (Class of 2002) and other Lowther Hall friends recently helped the Moonee Valley region raise over ten thousand dollars in the Cancer Council Relay for Life.



Members of the Class of 1979 revisit the Mansion.



Celebrating the Class of 1974 Thirty Year Reunion. Left to right: Christine McGlade (nee Barnett), Deana Rando (nee Interlandi), Jennifer Goulet (nee Coleman), Deborah Cocks, Linda Milliner (nee Gibson), Wendy Mason and Jennifer Newbold (nee Middleton).



Members of the Class of 2003 EmilyCrowley (left) and Elsie Madigan catch up with staff members Mr Kevin Noonan and Mrs Nene Macwhirter.



Class of 2003 Afternoon Tea. Left to right: Kate Slevison, Rachael Burrafato, Bianca Policheni, Anthea Konstantilakis.

REUNIONS

Reunions for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 year milestones, as well as Long Standing Leavers continue to gather momentum. Past students and past staff value the opportunity to become reacquainted, tour the school and reminisce about school days.

The Class of 2003 Afternoon Tea was very well supported by last year's VCE students. This event gives the girls a chance to catch up with their classmates and teachers after the long summer break, just as they commence the exciting new world of tertiary study and career options.



From Mrs Raymonde Holmes (nee Matthews), Staff circa 1947. Left to right: Miss Mardi Jones, Miss Rachel Baunczweska, Mrs Edith Callahan (Head Mistress), Miss Lois Burke, Miss Valerie Rowe, Miss Thelma Tidd.



From Ms Barbara Kippax. Boarders 1951 (left to right) Margaret Hayes, Barbara Kippax, Winifred Gibson and Pat Fleming with their winning entry in the Doll Competition.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Lowther Hall has been fortunate in recent times to receive an increasing number of donations from past students who have saved their school photographs and memorabilia. In addition, the School has received donations from relatives of Old Grammarians who are seeking a safe and more permanent home for material relating to schooldays at Lowther Hall.

We thank all who have donated items ranging from school uniform to audio and audio visual recordings. Thank you also to those who allow the Archives to copy their precious photographs.

Brigid Cooper Archivist



Reunion Dates 2004

■ Saturday 28 August Class of 1994 Ten Year Reunion
Class of 1999 Five Year Reunion

House Performing Arts Competition



Booth House performs a scene from *The History of Television*.



Moorhouse celebrated the *Life and Music of Peter Allen*.



Hindley girls during their interpretation of *Rabbit Proof Fence*.



Lees girls during a scene from *Women and the War*.



Perry girls in a scene from *Anastasia, Princess of Russia*.



Clarke House sings a number from *Generations of Music*.



Adjudicator Ms Merryn Anstee and House Activities Prefect Poppy Edwards.

It takes enterprise to plan a fifteen minute performance on a theme, featuring students from Years 7 to 12. It takes even more to work on story continuity, choreography, lighting, vocal performance and acting to make a concept into a polished performance. The hard work and ingenuity that Booth, Clarke, Hindley, Lees,

Moorhouse and Perry put into their Performing Arts items were admired and appreciated by all in attendance. Each House group worked superbly, creating a quality production and establishing stronger relationships along the way.

Adjudicator Merryn Anstee, Director of Drama at St Michael's Grammar, awarded overall points to Hindley House for its dramatisation based on the story "*Rabbit Proof Fence*". Acknowledgment was also given for best acting (Hindley), costumes and props (Moorhouse), dancing (Clarke), interpretation of the theme (Perry), lighting (Lees) and singing and music (Booth).