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**Kicking, handballing and tackling...Girls' Football!**

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## DATES

### SEPTEMBER

Friday 1 September 7.30pm

#### Spring Concert –

Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

### OCTOBER

Friday 13 to

Monday 16 October

#### Art Show –

Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

Sunday 15 October

#### Mansion Open Day

### DECEMBER

Thursday 7 December 8pm

#### Service of Carols –

St Paul's Cathedral

Tuesday 12 December 8pm

#### Exeunt –

Melbourne Town Hall

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Cover Photograph:  
Year 9 student Bella Claassen revels in the competition of AFL football, representing Lowther Hall in the Girls Sport Victoria Sport Skills Program.

Photo courtesy of "Kidz Klix".

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lowther Hall is a Christian learning community engaged in educating the whole person for the whole of life. Our entrance policy is non-selective – we want all kinds of girls with all kinds of strengths and talents and needs to come to us and we want to work with each girl to ensure that she reaches her full potential in all aspects of school life.

As part of that commitment it is our plan to widen the work of the Educational Support team to include programs specifically designed to provide more extensive opportunities for our most able students to develop their intellectual potential.

A new Centre for Differentiation will be established. Staff in the Centre will work with students and staff from the Early Learning Centre through to Year 12. The leader of the Centre will be responsible for ensuring that each girl at Lowther Hall who has special educational needs is receiving an education tailored to meet those needs.

The staff of the Centre will work with teaching staff to address such needs as a need for extension in Mathematics at Year 2 or for support with literacy at Year 10 or for classroom assistance to deal with a learning or physical disability or for the development of a more challenging curriculum for a girl who is academically gifted. Our commitment to those students in need of support will be strengthened and further work done to develop programs specifically for academically able girls.

It is important that each student's potential for success in all areas of endeavour is maximised and that staff are supported in achieving this end. We want the very best for all of our girls.

*Carolyn Grantskalns*

**Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns  
Principal**



Mrs Grantskalns and the Revd Tracy Lauersen learn break dancing from US Christian Dance Troupe "The Nubian Gents".

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Year 8 students Madeleine and Charlotte with their Sudanese friends at an after school tutoring session.



Amy Garretto pictured with Mrs Grantskalns & other Year 12s.

## LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE YOUNG

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Part of the process of growing old, I'm afraid to admit, is that we become quick to criticise the young.

They've got it easy compared with our lot, spoilt, ungrateful lot that they are. And the schools too, we don't mind getting stuck into them for cutting corners and failing to do the basics.

But last week I was proud of my daughter and I was proud of her school. She and her classmates were bussed to a local hall, after school hours mind you, where they helped some young Sudanese children with basic English and Maths.

I thought she might grumble at the imposition. Instead she came home positively inspired.

Her five-year-old Sudanese student had been so keen to learn, she said. But it wasn't just his attitude that touched her.

"Mum", she said. "We were drawing opposites and I drew a sunny day and he drew a cloudy day and he kept on drawing these funny little clouds. I asked him what he was doing and he said he was drawing heaven. The clouds represented his little sister and his mother and his little brother and his cousin...oh mum, he must have lost almost his entire family."

She's going next week. She wants to give him some pencils and other things he can use for school.

I thank the school for creating this opportunity, for teaching my daughter something that normal homework can never teach. I thank them for teaching me something as well.

**Robyn Riley**  
Lowther Hall Parent

Mark Thompson and Prefects Alana Istanto, Josephine Suen, Cassandra Hamilton (Deputy School Captain), Sarah Nicolazzo (School Captain) with a partially bald Charles Cobbold after the *World's Greatest Shave for a Cure* launch.

## FESTIVAL SINGERS PERFORM AT RELAY FOR LIFE

The Lowther Hall Festival Singers, featuring students from Years 9 to 12, had the honour of performing at the Cancer Council's Relay For Life at Aberfeldie Park Essendon. During the official opening the choir performed the fast tempo jazz piece *When I Sing* and the stirring *We Rise Again*.

The Festival Singers enjoyed taking part in this very special community event and thank our Director, Mrs Goodall, and music staff members, Mr Marc Alexander and Ms Felicity Baldock, for accompanying us.

**Amy Garretto (Music Captain)**

## HAIR RAISING FUNDRAISING

During May, the Lowther Hall community enthusiastically supported the *Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave for a Cure*. Led by Josephine Suen, the Prefect responsible for fundraising, the Prefects organised "hair themed" fundraising opportunities.

Mark "Bomber" Thompson, coach of the Geelong Football Club and Lowther Hall parent, launched the campaign in an address at Senior School Assembly, before revealing a glimpse of things to come when he partially shaved the head of staff member Charles Cobbold.

The following day saw students and teachers generously donating money to come to school with coloured hair, having their hair coloured by the Prefects or taking part in shaving the heads of some brave members of staff.





Mathematics teachers  
Dr Maneerat Woodruff and  
Mr Kevin Noonan take part  
in a mathematics workshop.



Year 6 students Isabelle Gerardi and Emily Lauk reveal their "Thinking Machines" to Mr Peter Lauk.

## LOWTHER HALL'S "MATHLETES"

There have been exciting and challenging updates in *Mathletics*. Mathletics, a comprehensive K – 12 online program has been successfully incorporated into the School's notebook program. Early in Term 2 we held a Parent Forum to introduce families to its features and most students in Junior and Senior School now have Home Licences, which allow them continuous access to the *Mathletics* website. Parents receive weekly reports monitoring their daughters' involvement in *Mathletics* and degree of improvement.

A feature of the program that is fast gaining popularity is *Live Mathletics*. When a student signs in, opponents from around the country are randomly selected to compete against her. They then compete in an online quiz to see who can answer the most correct questions in one minute.

Lowther Hall also has a site licence for the Maths 300 project, a website which is designed to support the delivery of excellent mathematics education from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Mathematics consultant Charles Lovitt, one of the founders of Maths 300, has visited Lowther Hall in Terms 1 and 3 to conduct workshops with staff. His "hands-on" sessions are designed to assist staff in approaching topics in a range of ways which cater for all abilities.

**Bernadette Caulfield**  
Head of Mathematics and Science

## TANGARA THINKING NIGHT

Incredible "Thinking Machines" filled the Cultural Centre on the Tangara Thinking Night. Families came to share in the excitement as students in Years 6 and 7 unveiled the machines they had created together, before outlining details of the design and function.

Following the presentations it was time for mothers, fathers and younger siblings to put on their thinking caps and share in a series of mathematical challenges, involving higher order thinking skills.

The Tangara Thinking Night highlighted the amazing things students can create through cooperative learning. It also provided enjoyable and new learning experiences and it was wonderful to see the level of engagement shared by all, on what was a most successful evening.

**Belinda Lavan**  
Year 6 Teacher

## SOIREEES

The Music Faculty has already hosted three Soirees in 2006. The first event for the year was held in April, followed in May by a thematic Soiree featuring 'Music in Classical Style' and 'Musicals and Movies' in July. All three occasions generated much excitement for the students and teachers and were enjoyed by many of the girls' parents and friends.

Students from all levels of the School and at different stages of musical development performed either as soloists or with accompaniment on a wide variety of instruments.

**David Graham**  
Director of Music



Emily Vitiello, Year 4, performs on the grand piano at the April Soiree.

It is indeed a moving experience for all members of the School community to see our girls develop their musical abilities, confidently performing and presenting items they have carefully prepared.



Mrs Goldy Malhatra during an Indian cookery session with Year 12 students.



Human rights advocate Julian Burnside QC is welcomed to Lowther Hall by Year 12 students Danielle Hadj (Relationships Prefect) and Louise Stary.

## LOWTHER HALL WELCOMES MRS GOLDY MALHATRA

During Term Two, Lowther Hall was visited by Mrs Goldy Malhatra, Principal of The Modern School in New Delhi. She is also a celebrated artist and poet. Mrs Malhatra was one of several Indian teachers touring Australia as part of a study tour arranged by the Asian Education Foundation of the University of Melbourne. Deputy Principal, Mrs Nene Macwhirter, travelled to India on the first phase of the exchange.

Mrs Malhatra leads a coeducational independent school with over two thousand students. During her stay she taught Senior and Junior Art classes, conducted Indian cookery sessions with Senior Food Technology students and facilitated poetry workshops throughout the school.

The girls learned much about the similarities and differences between young women's lives around the world and enjoyed the art, food and poetry presented by Mrs Malhatra.

## HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION AT LOWTHER HALL

The impact of Humanities Week 2006, with its focus on human rights, continues to flow through the Lowther Hall community. A highlight of the many activities planned by the Humanities faculty was a speech at Assembly, by noted human rights advocate Julian Burnside QC.

Many of our students were inspired to take some action. A group of VCE students has begun an Amnesty International Club at Lowther Hall and Humanities classes from Years 7 to 12 researched specific human rights issues or flashpoints which are to be combined into an E-magazine and made accessible to the Lowther community via the School's Intranet.

It was fitting that during the week's activities, Year 12 student Nghi Kiem was announced as one of six finalists in the Monash University's inaugural *Human Writes Essay Competition*, which attracted hundreds of entries from schools throughout the state. Nghi was awarded her certificate at the Windsor Hotel on 23 May at the conclusion of the *Great Law Week Debate*, where she met with participants including Julian Burnside, David Wright-Neville, Jon Faine and the Revd Tim Costello.

**Nicola Sabbadini**  
Head of Humanities

## CSI COMES TO LOWTHER

Mathematics and Science Week 2006 provided learning opportunities for students from Kindergarten to Year 12. Visiting speakers, forensic scientist Jane Baker from the Victoria Police Forensic Services Centre and former students Prachi Bhawe, who is studying biomedical engineering at the University of Melbourne and Minoli De Silva, a second year student in engineering at Monash University, launched the week's activities.

The Junior School Science Expo, held over two days, was also a highlight. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 visited the Senior School laboratories, where Year 8 students conducted a range of "hands on" science experiments.



Year 8 student Laura Memery assists Lily Tran, Year 2, during the Junior School Science Expo.

The girls explored a number of concepts and completed experiments together. These included using microscopes and examining acids and bases, gravity and flight.



A scene from Clarke's winning performance of *Grease*.



Mrs Wendy Lewis, Member of the Invergowrie Foundation Board of Trustees and Lowther Hall School Councillor, with Year 12 students Laurene Obeid, Samantha Elia, Laura Blasetti and Peri Hasan at the Invergowrie Foundation Oration.

## HOUSE PERFORMING ARTS

House Performing Arts 2006 once again lit up Lowther Hall with dazzling costumes, exciting dance routines, stylized acting and individual talents involved in each performance. This event was a great opportunity for students from Years 7 to 12 to strengthen relationships, showcase their performance abilities and indulge in the whole atmosphere that is Performing Arts.

The theme for 2006 was Musical Motion Pictures and the House Captains, with the assistance and involvement of students from all year levels, created an ensemble performance.

Each performance came to life as the presentations reflected the rhythm, soul, jazz and rock of the modern movie musical. From the musical stylings of Booth's *Sister Act Two*, Clarke's interpretation of the classic *Grease*, Hindley's rendition of *Footloose*, Lees own *Cry Baby* phenomenon, Moorhouse having the time of their lives with *Dirty Dancing* to Perry's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, featuring a stage full of Oompah Loompahs, enthusiasm, talent and skill were evident.

The judging panel repeated what many in the audience were thinking; that it would be extremely challenging to pick only one winner out of such energetic performances. First prize went to Clarke and Lees was the runner up.

**Sarah Nicolazzo (Drama Captain)**

**Amy Garretto (Music Captain)**

**Elyse Mann (Dance Captain)**

## THE INVERGOWRIE FOUNDATION ORATION

Four Year 12 students, Laura Blasetti, Peri Hasan, Samantha Elia and Laurene Obeid joined Mrs Grantskalns in attending the Invergowrie Foundation's W E McPherson Oration, held at Camberwell Girls' Grammar School.

The evening included an extensive speech on "A Personal Journey from Adolescence to Adolescent Medicine" by Professor Susan Sawyer. Professor Sawyer is the Director of the Centre for Adolescent Health at the Royal Children's Hospital and also a Professor of Adolescent Health at the University of Melbourne.

Her talk was an inspiration to the students from a number of schools who attended. It provided a means for us to learn about the area of adolescent health and medicine and the ways in which students are able to arrive at working in such a field. It motivated us all to set high goals and to persist in achieving them.

**Laurene Obeid Year 12**

## YEAR 10S CREATE A RESTAURANT



Year 10 students Suvini Perera, Sabrina Suen, Stefanie Nguyen and Vivian Ngo prepare for the Year 10 Restaurant under the supervision of Mrs Belinda Page.

The Restaurant is an elective of Health and Food Technology offered to Year 10 students. This year, twenty students took part in the final work requirement of creating an evening restaurant for parents and staff in the Mansion.

The forty-five guests attending were welcomed with pre-dinner refreshments and finger food before being shown to their tables arranged upstairs in the Mansion. The night was a great success and parents and staff members were impressed by the high standard of cuisine, food presentation and service.

**Belinda Page**

**Head of Health and VET Hospitality**

The students took on a variety of roles required for the running of a restaurant including menu planning, food production, garnishing, front of house, waiting and kitchen hand duties.



Year 10 students who worked on the Japanese Garden from the planning stages, celebrate its opening with Mrs Grantskalns, Mayor Jan Chantry, Mr Shinya Iwata and Mr Christian Crevola.

## OPENING OF THE JAPANESE GARDEN

As part of Language Week celebrations, Mr Shinya Iwata, Japanese Consul for Cultural Affairs, officially opened the School's recently established Japanese Garden. The garden is the brainchild of the Language faculty and its construction was made possible by a grant from the Association of Independent Schools of Victoria (AISV).

At the end of 2005, a group of Year 9 students of Japanese became involved in creating the design, with advice from the Melbourne Zoo Horticultural Department, which has created and cared for an award winning Japanese garden for over ten years. The same students rolled up their sleeves to assist Mr Christian Crevola, Head of Languages, to transform a barren area adjacent to the new staff wing into a peaceful and aesthetic space. Current Year 9 students of Japanese are preparing to take over as custodians of the garden.

At the opening ceremony Mrs Grantskalns welcomed Mr Iwata, Moonee Valley Mayor Cr Jan Chantry, representatives from the AISV, Melbourne Zoo Horticultural Department, JAPEP (Japanese Australia Professional Exchange Programs) the students who worked on the garden, their families and members of staff. It was a wonderful celebration of a beautiful addition to our grounds.

## A SUCCESSFUL TERM OF DEBATING

At Lowther Hall, we all like to talk. We are proudly opinionated and we like to discuss current issues that affect our lives. That may be why this year, Lowther Hall debating has been hugely successful. We have had large numbers of girls representing each year level and each week had plenty of Best Speaker Awards, not to mention wins. As this magazine goes to press we have teams going to finals. Our success hasn't just been in our wins but in the effort that each girl has put into debating this season, whether it has been prepared speeches or secret topics.



Debating Coordinator Bryony McCormack working with Year 9 debaters Meghan McCormack, Alice Nguyen, Alice Backwell and Alana O'Neill.

Interschool debating is available to students from Year 8 through to Year 12 and this year for the first time, senior students have been helping junior classes to prepare and present debates. On August 1 the inaugural Year 6 and 10 Debating Evening was held. This successful event for students, teachers and families proved that teamwork, preparation and well informed opinions can produce great results and that Lowther Hall will have excellent debating teams in the years to come.

**Louise Stary (Debating Captain)**

During Term 1 the creative team from Melbourne Bride Magazine visited Lowther Hall's Mansion to conduct a fashion shoot titled 'Grecian Elegance'. The stunning results were launched in the July edition of the magazine. Photography by Brad Wilson, Hair and Make-Up by Belinda Zollo using M.A.C., gown by Angela Marcucci.



## CONTINUED FOOTBALL VICTORIES

Lowther Hall has one of the best and strongest Aussie Rules Football contingents in the Girls' Sport Victoria (GSV) Football competition. Our Senior team in 2006 won all but two games in the entire season. The girls enjoyed learning the skills of kicking, handballing and tackling and revelled in the opportunity for a tough physical challenge in often inclement wintry conditions. As Football Victoria says "You kick like a girl...good for you!".

## JUNIOR TENNIS SUCCESS

The Junior A and B Tennis Teams continued Lowther Hall's success over recent years and made it through to the GSV semi finals. The A team went one better and progressed to the final at Melbourne Park, where they were narrowly defeated by Tintern.

## INTER-SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN CHALLENGE

April 28, 29 and 30 provided the Equestrian team with an opportunity to compete against schools from all over Victoria and enjoy a competition which attracted over five hundred competitors. Our team consisted of Alice Backwell (Yr 9), Edwina Backwell (Yr 6), Courtney Venn (Yr 5) and Tamara Ingram (Yr 12). There were some great top ten results for individuals and the team when all the weeks of preparation came together.

## Tamara Ingram Year 12 Equestrian Captain

## AEROBICS/HIP HOP WINS

This year continued Lowther Hall's tradition of success in School Aerobics, and more recently, Hip Hop. Teams from Junior and Senior School competed in the School Aerobics Preliminary Championships in May with several making it through to the State Finals. Two Senior School teams performed outstandingly to qualify for the School Aerobics National Championships which were held in Brisbane.

## CROSS COUNTRY ACHIEVEMENTS

The Junior and Senior Cross Country squads are to be congratulated on their fitness levels, persistence and excellent results this season. The Junior School team of sixteen girls from Years 4 to 6 won the VPSSA (Victorian Primary Schools Sports Association) Cross Country Challenge, held at Brimbank Park Keilor. Many students achieved top ten placings and special congratulations go to medalists Kelsey Fuller (Yr 5) 1st, Georgia Hepburn (Yr 6) 1st and Stephanie Vitello (Yr 6) 3rd.

A fantastic day of running was enjoyed by all twenty-four GSV schools taking part in the Senior Cross Country Championships at Bundoora Park. The competition was preceded by the inaugural Principals' walk. The Heads of the competing schools, including Mrs Grantskains, donned trackuits and runners and came together to 'walk the course' at a brisk pace, with hundreds of proud and excited girls in tow. Their aim - to inspire whole school communities to get active. Outstanding achievers were Anna Hampton, Johanna Wyatt and Sarah Wilde.

Principals and competitors head off on the inaugural Principals' walk at the GSV Cross Country Championships.



The Junior A Tennis team soak up the atmosphere at Melbourne Park during the GSV finals.  
Front: Christine Nguyen, Eily Lucacovich, Samantha Hood, Samantha Whitmann.  
Back: Eise Banowski, Rachael Bunshaw, Madeline Flanagan, Bonnie Spiller, Lisa McRobert.

Equestrian Captain Tamara Ingram ready for competition on Pkurs.





Jue Jiang receives the 2005 Principals award from Mrs Grantskalns.



Lucy Dang and Japanese teacher Ms LuLu McLaine after the presentations of awards of Distinction for the Australia/Japan writing competition.

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

Well done to **Eleanor Currie** (7M) on achieving a High Distinction and special medal of achievement in the University of New South Wales, Education Assessment Australia 2006 Australasian Schools Science Competition.

Congratulations to **Elise Cannan** (8S) and **Lucy Dang** (Year 11) who were presented with awards of Distinction in the Australia/Japan Writing Competition, completed in 2005.

**Natasha Bunshaw** (Class of 2005), was recently awarded a Stars of Science prize by the Monash University Science faculty. The certificates were presented to first year Science students at the university who had obtained a VCE ENTER of 95 or above.

### JUE JIANG RECEIVES PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Jue Jiang, Lowther Hall's highest achieving VCE student for 2005, who is currently studying Dentistry, attended Assembly during Term 2 to receive her award from Mrs Grantskalns. Below is an excerpt from her address to the Senior School.

"I have always had a curiosity about many things but Science was always the most interesting subject for me. I played music, danced, studied Japanese, did fast track maths, but wasn't great at English. In Year 11 I decided to end my disappointments in English once and for all. I used to write three responses to everything and Mr Harris would read them all and give me feedback on each one.

Ms Rhodes, my Year 12 English teacher encouraged us to write 'as much as possible'. I wrote at least three essays of either persuasive, analytical or text response per week, on top of all the compulsory essays we had to write and I was very happy when the English exam was finally over. Surprisingly, or not quite so surprisingly, English was one of my top subjects in VCE and I did cry when I saw my results for the first time".

### LOWTHER GIRLS – STARS OF THE STAGE

Congratulations to **Francesca Valladares** (7M) who has been selected to be in the chorus for the Australian Opera Company's production of Turandot in November this year.

**Laura Wilson** (7S) and **Tessa White** (8P), who are members of the Australian Girls Choir, sang in the Melbourne performances of The Boy from Oz starring Hugh Jackman, which began its Australian tour this month.

### LOWTHER ART IN TOP ARTS

A self portrait by former student Y Le was selected as part of the Top Arts VCE 2005 Exhibition at the Ian Potter Gallery, National Gallery of Australia, Federation Square. The exhibition is a celebration of student achievement in Art and Studio Arts.

Y Le and Head of Visual Arts at Lowther Hall, Mrs Yvonne O'Connell, with Y's self portrait at the Top Arts exhibition.



"In subjects like science and maths the natural process is to do the working out and check your answer; if your answer is almost always right, you can be fairly sure you're good at the subject. But how do you know you're good at something as subjective as visual art? You can like what you've done. Your peers can compliment you, your teacher can give you good marks...but at the end of the day the doubt that you are actually any good is always going to be there and you will always find other art works that will seem better and people who are more talented.

Being in Top Arts didn't get rid of this doubt for me, but surely, it is a valid doubt. However, it made me believe that though there are people who are better, my best effort is going to get me somewhere in life. This is what I've always wanted, not only in art but in all of my subjects – verification that my best effort is good enough, just as yours, or that of the person sitting next to you is".



Sharing thoughts at the Senior School Mothers' Day Breakfast: Relationships Prefect Danielle Hadj and her mother Elaine and School Captain Sarah Nicolazzo and her mother Angela.

## MOTHERS' AND SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY BREAKFASTS

### JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Mothers' Day breakfast was a celebration for our mothers and a time to thank them for everything they do for us.

We listened to Chelsea, the Deputy School Captain, give a speech to the mothers and her reading of a very moving poem. Amelia, the Junior School Captain, then sang a song called 'Wind Beneath My Wings', which was extremely beautiful and caused many 'happy tears' to be shed. We were so happy and touched by the singing that we felt very emotional and joyful.

**Year 1 students:- Nastasia Cartsidimas, Maddison Caulfield, Emilie Daniel, Madeline Edsall, Matilda Fitzpatrick, Jasmine Pizzo, Olivia Thompson.**

### SENIOR SCHOOL

At the annual Mothers' Day breakfast we acknowledged our mothers, who work tirelessly supporting children in so many different ways whether it is at home or work. It was an emotional experience for both mothers and daughters. Each mother was presented with a carnation as a small token in recognition of their love and support for their families. It was a great morning much enjoyed by everyone.

**Danielle Hadj (Relationships Prefect)**

### Mothers' Day

*My Mum's a great supporter and is proud of all I do.  
She tends to me when I'm in need and helps me  
through and through.  
When hard times come and I'm in need she makes  
sure I'm not stressed  
and when I'm done she always seems so very  
much impressed.  
She treasures all of my work and everything I make.  
She says it's "perfect" even when I can see a mistake.  
She's always there and always near to help me  
out and teach  
and when she's close I know that nothing is quite  
out of reach.  
But everybody here right now just really wants to say  
To all you mothers have yourself a Happy Mothers' Day!*

Chelsea Gillis Year 6

## FOCUS ON FAITH

### PARENT PRAYER GROUP

This is a newly formed group, which provides an opportunity for parents of students to gather together and pray for our school, its students and staff, as well as issues of common concern. It is wonderful to see that numbers have grown since the beginning of the year and that the feedback from parents has been most positive. There will be further opportunities for prayer group meetings throughout the school year.



Parent Prayer Group members Androulla Mack, Louise Nicdao and Rita Nuciforo join Mrs Grantskalns and Revd Lauersen at the Essendon Community Prayer Breakfast.

### ESSENDON COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Some members of the Parent Prayer Group joined Carolyn Grantskalns and me at this event, which was hosted by Christian communities in the Essendon/Moonee Valley region. It was a most enjoyable occasion.

### BAPTISM SERVICE

Four students have recently been baptised in the Lowther Hall Chapel. Alexandra Elliott (Prep), Louise Foster (Year 5), Janai Sheldon (Year 12) and Laura Wilson (Year 7) were joined by their families and members of staff at these happy occasions.

### SENIOR SCHOOL FOCUS ON FAITH

This was a three day event from 17-19 July themed around faith. A team of Ridley College Theological students led by lecturer Revd David Fuller and accompanied by musician Geoff Woods, gave presentations to groups of students from Years 7 to 11 on the themes of faith, hope and love and joined in the very popular lunchtime events. These included a sausage sizzle held in conjunction with the Prefects to raise money for AIDS research, a performance by talented US Christian Dance Troupe, the Nubian Gents and leading our regular lunchtime Christian Group, CAOS (Christians At Our School). All sessions were well received by the students and very well supported by staff.

**The Revd Tracy Lauersen (Chaplain)**

## MARRIAGES

Simone Saunders (Class of 1991) and current Prep teacher at Lowther Hall, married Lindsay Bell at Christ Church Essendon on June 17. They are pictured with Prep R students who performed a song as part of the service, as did the Festival Singers.



## LHOGA UPDATE

### MEET AND GREET THE PRINCIPAL AND HER HUSBAND

On April 29 the Association hosted a welcome to our new Principal, Carolyn Grantskalns and her husband Ervin. We had a delightful afternoon with a representation of Old Grammarians from many different eras.

On the same day one of our loyal supporters, Mary Costigan (nee Gordon), celebrated her 90th birthday and we send our congratulations and best wishes to Mary.

### ALL GOLF HANDICAPS WELCOME

Monday October 30 at Greenacres Kew

18 holes. 8.00am for an 8.30am start

Cost: \$60 including light lunch

RSVP (ASAP) Jill Scott (B) 9817 6151 (H) 9817 2952

### GOLDEN MITRE CLUB 2006 - OCTOBER 7 AT 1.30PM - THE MANSION

We are looking forward to welcoming all those who attended last year and hope those who were unable to be present will come this year.

### BIRTHS

**Kim Young** (Class of 1987) and her husband Haluk are proud parents for the second time. Their daughter Luxe Avalon was born in February. They have a son Jazz.

**Paige Lumb** (nee West Class of 1990) and her husband Sean are delighted to welcome Jack James Kerr Lumb, born March. A brother for William.

**Joanne Chessari** (Class of 1992) recently gave birth to a daughter Olivia.

**Bronwyn Clark** (Class of 1990) is the proud mother of a girl Tyler Joy, born in April.

**Rebecca Pietromonaco** (nee Carter Class of 1996) and her husband Brad announce the arrival of Tyson Brad.

In 2006 we will be including all girls who left in 1956 as well as those who left before then.

Last year was a truly special occasion, and this year we hope to have more oral reminiscences of the school days you all enjoyed.

### LHOGA AND FRIENDS MUSIC SOCIETY

Given the interest shown in our LHOGA Music Afternoon in 2005, the Committee decided we would pursue this in 2007.

Making music together for pleasure is what this group aims to do. Would you like to get together with other Old Grammarians and/or friends to present a program? Suggestions: small vocal or instrumental groups, a jam session, solo performances or whatever turns you on! We know that there is heaps of talent out there – a pity not to share it!

Let's hear from you by mail, email or phone. Let's just do it!

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### DEATHS

Lowther Hall extends deepest sympathy to the families of past students who have recently passed away.

**Ann Silverwood** (Class of 1966).

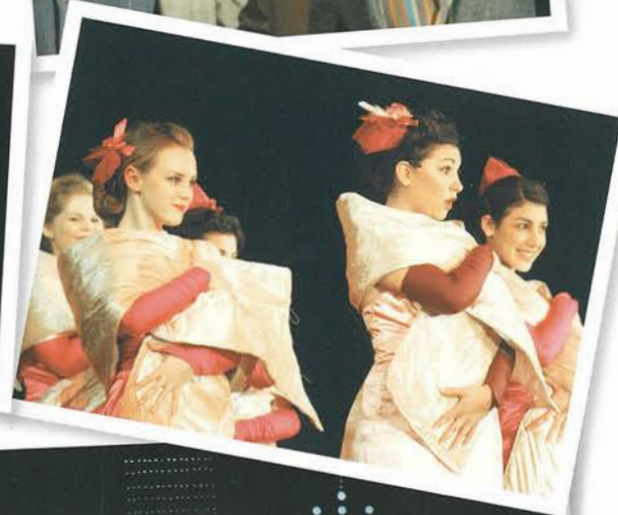
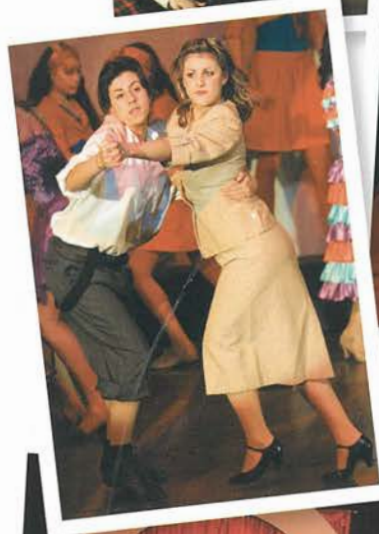
**Phyllis Allen** (Class of 1938).

## REUNION DATES 2006

**Saturday 7 October 1.30 pm at the School**  
LHOGA Golden Mitre Club Reunion

**Saturday 14 October 12 noon**  
**Royal Hotel Mornington**  
Mornington Reunion





## GUYS AND DOLLS

Lowther Hall's production of *Guys and Dolls*, a musical fable of Broadway, was an all singing, all dancing, funny and romantic theatre experience. The talent and dedication of the cast, musicians, set creators and technical backstage crew and the members of staff who worked with them, shone through. Congratulations to everyone involved!