



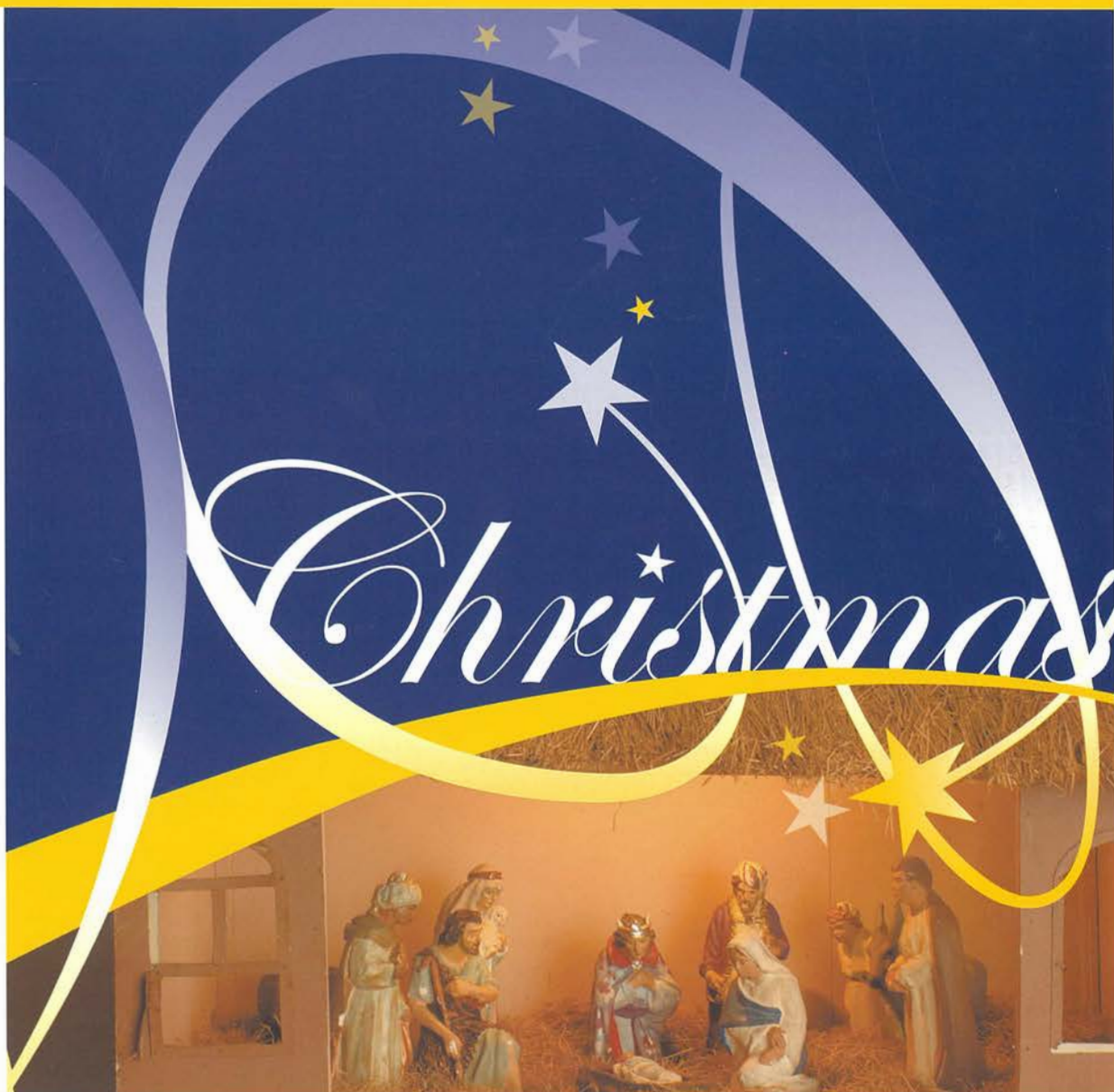
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Christmas



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Mrs Grantskalns and Bishop Philip Huggins congratulate School Captain 2008 Montana Alessi and Deputy Captain Carla Bellomario.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2008

FEBRUARY

Wed 27, 8:00pm

**Lowther Hall Old
Grammarians' Association
AGM** – School

MAY

Thurs 1 – Sat 3

School Musical: Seussical
Clocktower Centre
Moonee Ponds

JULY

Sat 26, 6:30pm

Evening of Song
Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

AUGUST

Fri 29, 7:30pm

Spring Concert
Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

OCTOBER

Fri 10 – Mon 13

Art and Design Exhibition
Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

DECEMBER

Thurs 4, 8:00pm

Carols Service
St Paul's Cathedral

Wed 10, 8:00pm

Exeunt
Melbourne Town Hall

For further information about any of these events please contact the Community Relations Department at the School.

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Cover Photograph: Christmas manger display outside the Lowther Hall Chapel.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This year my family has twice experienced the joy that a new baby brings – I have a new niece and a new step-granddaughter. Such events have brought opportunities to share the joy of family life and to talk about the obvious beauty and giftedness of both of these tiny creatures. New life is so full of promise and of hope.

As we approach Christmas it is important to remember not just the need to buy food and drink and presents but also that the gift Christians celebrate at this season is a mysterious gift from God – a new baby both human and divine.

I wonder how Mary and Joseph felt about the birth of this very special baby. Were they filled with the same hopes that new parents now feel? Certainly the shepherds and Magi who visited the new baby shared in the wonder of his existence. They worshipped him in awe.

In this age of information awe often seems to be strangely lacking in our lives. "Awesome" has become synonymous with "fun" or "enjoyable". But, to be awestruck is to be made aware in a striking new way of how full of wonder our world and our lives are. Our lives are so busy that we do not seem to have time to wonder, to marvel, and yet there is so much we might choose to see as wonderful.

Art Costa, Emeritus Professor of Education at California State University and Co-Director of the Institute for Intelligent Behaviour, has identified "responding with awe and wonderment" as a disposition essential to intelligent behaviour. It is one of the 16 "Habits of Mind"¹ he and his research partner, Dr Bena Kallick, have identified as attitudes and behaviours which underpin successful thinking and learning throughout our lives.

Together the 16 habits create both a disposition towards and a capacity for behaving intelligently. They are critical attributes of intelligent human beings which enable us not only to find information but to know how to act on it and to make thoughtful choices about our lives and our actions. As with any habit they are to be practised deliberately until they become automatic.

Christmas offers us a time of reflection about our lives. Amongst the busy-ness of presents and gatherings you might like also to wonder about the birth of a tiny baby and why it is that we still celebrate that birth 2000 years later.

¹For more information on the Habits of Mind visit the website www.habits-of-mind.net. The habits Costa and Kallick have identified are:

- Persisting
- Managing impulsivity
- Listening with understanding and empathy
- Thinking flexibly
- Thinking about thinking (metacognition)
- Striving for accuracy
- Questioning and posing problems
- Applying past knowledge to new situations
- Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision
- Gathering data through all the senses
- Creating, imagining, innovating
- Taking responsible risks
- Responding with wonderment and awe
- Finding humour
- Thinking interdependently
- Remaining open to continuous learning

Carolyn Grantskalns

**Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns
Principal**

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MS Society representative Ms Amy Carton, Junior School Librarian Ms Marissa Caluzzi and Junior School Captains Holly Donoghue and Lucinda Goring.



Nada Kalam and fellow Australian Red Cross youth ambassadors in Canberra.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Lowther Hall students continue to shine in a wide range of activities including academic, sporting, dramatic and community service pursuits. Recent highlights include:

CHOIR WINS AT GEELONG EISTEDDFOD

The Lowther Choristers featuring students from Years 4 to 8 achieved first place at the Geelong Eisteddfod. Our singers, conducted by Mrs Jan Goodall and accompanied by Mr Marc Alexander, were highly praised by the adjudicator for their "lovely tone, excellent rhythmic drive, clarity of diction and attention to the detail of the music".

Another highlight for the Lowther Choristers was performing in the Melbourne Youth Music Council's Festival of Flight Concert at the BMW Edge, Federation Square. The concert, featuring Melbourne's finest vocal ensembles, was taped for broadcast by ABC FM radio.

YEAR 12 STUDENT TRAVELS TO CANBERRA TO RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARD

Nada Kalam, Lowther Hall's Social Justice Prefect for 2007, has been a volunteer youth ambassador for the Australian Red Cross for the past two years. During this time Nada has helped to organise forty-five of her fellow students to give blood and coordinated bi-monthly donor sessions at the Red Cross Centre, located at Southbank.

Nada was recognised for her work when she was selected to represent Victoria at Parliament House Canberra, at a function to mark National Blood Donor Week. Nada joined other youth ambassadors from throughout Australia and attended a question and answer session with then federal Health Minister, Tony Abbott and his opposition counterpart Nicola Roxon. She is excited that 2009 had been declared the Year of the Blood Donor.

WRITE 4 FUN COMPETITION

Congratulations to Year 12 student **Claire Gorrie** who was awarded third place in the Write 4 Fun competition, sponsored by the Australian Publishing Company's *Write 4 Fun* Website. The online competition attracted over 11,000 entries from Australia and New Zealand. Claire's story, *Hearing The Silence*, will be published with the works of other award winners.

MS READATHON

Thirty three Junior School students have worked extremely hard to raise \$4234.40 to help Australians living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS), by reading an amazing 561 books. Their efforts place Lowther Hall in the top 30 schools nationally.

Congratulations to the School's highest fundraisers: **Emilie Daniel (Year 2), Isabella Iannazzo (Year 2), Roberta Hernandez (Year 4), Angelina Corso (Year 5) and Kallie Ryan (Year 5).**

Well done to the School's top readers: **Maddison Caulfield (Year 2), Emilie Daniel (Year 2), Bryannah Lodder (Year 3), Caitlin Minney (Year 4), Summer Woolley (Year 4) and Atlanta Woolley (Year 6).**

On November 16, during Junior School Assembly, Ms Amy Carton from the MS Society presented a digital camera to Lowther Hall in recognition of the school's outstanding fundraising efforts.





Natasha Rooney



Krystal Murphy and Catherine Forte-Oddo with Karate Grand Masters in Japan.

NATASHA ROONEY HONOURED FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Year 11 student, Natasha Rooney has been named as the 2007 recipient of the **Pierre De Coubertin Award for Sport**. The award, named after the founder of the modern Olympic Games, recognises senior students who demonstrate initiative, teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play, through participation in a variety of sports.

Natasha has also been awarded a sporting scholarship to study in America. The scholarship was based on sporting prowess and academic achievement. Congratulations to Natasha on these enviable achievements.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Interest in the challenge to read a target number of books and develop literacy skills continues to grow at Lowther Hall. This year, 87 students took part and Junior School Librarian, Ms Marissa Caluzzi was appointed to the Reading Challenge Reference Group, the committee responsible for choosing the books for the challenge lists.

Congratulations to the students who read over fifty books:

PREP: Ruby Fitzpatrick, Lauren Jankulovski, Caitlin Nguyen, Sarah Trezise

YEAR 1: Anne Elias, Georgia Hanlon, Ruby Mills, Claire Minney, Claudia Privitelli

YEAR 2: Matilda Fitzpatrick, Audrey Georgianos, Isabella Iannazzo, Maddison Maisano, Mai Nguyen, Emily Santalucia, Olivia Thompson, Sophie Whiting

YEAR 3: Charlotte Elliott, Sarah Hayes, Bryannah Lodder, Isabella Mooney,

YEAR 4: Leta Elias

LOWTHER HALL STUDENTS STUDY KARATE IN JAPAN

Catherine Forte-Oddo (Year 1) and **Krystal Murphy (Year 8)** spent the Term 3 holidays in Okinawa, Japan studying Karate and Kobudo (a special art form that involves replica traditional Japanese weapons training and Karate moves). They travelled with fifteen other students and teachers and trained with Grand Masters. Both girls were successful in their grading and received membership to the Okinawan Foundation of Karate.

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS SCIENCE COMPETITION 2007

Lowther Hall students take part in this competition annually and achieve excellent results.

High Distinctions, placing students in the top 1% in Victoria were achieved by **Ruby Brady-Welsh (Year 7)**, **Alice Clark (Year 7)**, **Beatrice Paull (Year 8)**, **Rebecca Delmenico (Year 9)** and **Rebecca Lu (Year 10)**.

Thirty students achieved Distinctions, ranking them in the top 10% statewide.

PRIMARY TENNIS TEAM WINS ANNUAL COMPETITION

The Lowther Hall team, coached by Junior School teachers Ms Jillian McLaren and Mrs Susan Maher, took out the 2007 Primary Tennis Competition at St Margaret's School, Berwick. Well done to all players in bringing home the cup.

The team consisted of Year 6 students Hannah Crabb, Natalie De Blasis, Olivia Gregory, Sophie Holbrook, Alyce Mersini, Atlanta Woolley and Year 5 Louise Ryan.



Primary Tennis Team members celebrate their win.

Meghan McCormack and Alana O'Neill, photographed with other winners from the Essendon region, display their Swannie Awards.



AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2007

Lowther Hall students continue to achieve outstanding results in this national competition.

Holly Wulf (Year 7) and **Julia Quach (Year 8)** received cash prizes for being ranked in the top 0.3% in the state. Julia was also awarded the **Prudence Award** for achieving the highest number of correct consecutive answers for her school.

High Distinction Awards, for students ranked in the top 2% in the state were achieved by **Vivien Lay (Year 7)**, **Bianca Lu (Year 8)**, **Sheryl Chew** and **Ling Duong (Year 10)**.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH LANGUAGE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved High Distinctions in Listening and Reading Comprehension, ranking them in the top 10% of the state.

FRENCH: **Mandy Bo, Kelsey Collins, Eleanor Currie, Amy Golding, Alexandra Grant, Lauren Nguyen, Beatrice Paull, Jessica Schiavello, Laura Wilson (Year 8)**

GERMAN: **Charlotte Blake (Year 10)**

JAPANESE: **Catriona Nguyen-Robertson, Julia Quach (Year 8) Elise Cannan, So Youen Moon, Tiffany Cheung (Year 9) Yvonne Chan (Year 11)**

The *Souljetz* team: Lauren Busacca, Annalisa Lucca, Raquel Potenza, Lacey-Rae Garner, Stefanie Markidis, Gabrielle Mizzi, Sherini Oliva and Emily Flanagan with coach Arna Singleton. Pic Courtesy of Fairfax Community Newspapers.

YEAR 10 STUDENTS ACHIEVE SWANNIE AWARDS FOR DEBATING

Year 10 students **Meghan McCormack** and **Alana O'Neill** were the Essendon region's joint highest achieving C Grade speakers and received their Swannie Awards from the Debaters Association of Victoria on October 16. Both Meghan and Alana have been part of Lowther Hall's debating team for three years and are involved with mentoring younger students.

HIP HOP

Lowther Hall's team **Souljetz** performed to over 800 screaming fans for the *Our Backyard* dance event held at the Arts Centre Playhouse on Sunday 17 October. They continued a busy holiday period by placing 9th in the FISAF National Finals.





The Lowther Stars with coaches Lauren McKendry and Annique Techeney and Aerobics Captain Ellen Smallhorn.

Winning Junior School golfer Claudia Marazita.

VICTORIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to **Claudia Marazita (Year 6)** on a most successful season of golf. Claudia represented Lowther Hall in the Victorian Primary Schools Championship. She won the first round of this event at the Northern Golf Club Glenroy, went on to win the State Qualifying round at Werribee and placed equal 4th in the State Finals at Gisborne Golf Club, earning a spot on the Victorian Primary Schools State Representative Team.



AEROBICS

Senior Aerobics Team **Specialicious**, featuring **Ellen Smallhorn (Year 12)**, **Madeline Outhred (Year 11)** and **Kate Smallhorn (Year 9)** continue to achieve spectacular success. The girls placed 7th in the Schoolaerobics National Championships in Sydney, then competed in the FISAF (Federation of International Sports, Aerobics and Fitness) National Finals which featured teams from throughout Australia and New Zealand achieving gold medals for first place. The team now holds the title of National Champions in their division.

Junior School team **Lowther Stars** were thrilled to win the Primary Open B section at the 2007 Schoolaerobics Spring Challenge held at the Camberwell Civic Centre on 21 October.

The team comprises Year 5 students **Tamara Cole** and **Jade Grillo** and **Holly Donoghue**, **Kelsey Fuller**, **Lucinda Goring**, **Sophie Holbrook**, **Genevieve Paino** and **Emma Tomkins** of Year 6.

AUSTRALIAN INDOOR ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lowther Hall's entire rowing squad competed for the first time in the Australian Indoor Rowing Championships. Well done to **Alice Backwell (Year 10)** who has been selected for the Rowing Victoria/ VIS Under 19 Rising Athletes Talent Squad as a result of her top 10 placing in the 2000 metre event at the championships.

ATHLETICS

GSV TRACK AND FIELD

Congratulations to the following athletes whose outstanding performances at the GSV Track and Field Carnival qualified them to compete at the GSV Track and Field Evening.

Year 7: Emily Lauk, Olivia Muscat

Year 8: Emily Gregg

Year 9: Elise Baniowski, Teneille Rayner, Samantha Wittmann

Year 10: Rachel Beagley, Stephanie Jinks

Year 11: Kristin McCann, Natasha Rooney

Special mentions to:

Stephanie Jinks who placed 3rd in the Year 10 100 metres at this meet and was also selected for the Victorian All Schools Track and Field Championships in the Under 17 100 and 200 metres.

Elise Baniowski who won gold in the Year 9 Javelin, was 2nd in the Year 9 Long Jump and 3rd in the Year 9 200 metres. Elise has recently been named Centre Captain of Coburg Little Athletics Centre for the 2007/2008 season.



Amy Golding and Alisha Lepore celebrate their Confirmation with Revd Tracy Lauersen and Bishop Paul White.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the students who prepared for confirmation in 2007. **Alisha Lepore (Year 7)** and **Amy Golding (Year 8)**, who was also baptised. The service was conducted in the Lowther Hall Chapel by Bishop Paul White and was attended by the Principal Mrs Grantskalns, School Chaplain Revd Tracy Lauersen, staff, family members and friends.

JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS REFLECT ON THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Junior School Philosophy and Religious Studies classes moved into the open air recently when a mini animal farm was set up on the school lawn. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 spent time patting lambs and calves and feeding chickens. They were encouraged to think about which animals would have been present at Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.

Revd Tracy Lauersen
Chaplain



Junior School students gather toy donations for Gippsland flood victims.

JUNIOR SCHOOL TOY APPEAL FOR GIPPSLAND FLOOD RELIEF

When the Junior School Student Council learned of the devastation that the winter floods had caused in the Gippsland, we discussed how we might be able to encourage our fellow students to assist in recovery efforts.

Ms Kerrie Dwyer, Assistant Head of Junior School, who coordinates the Student Council told us of an appeal which involved collecting toys to help ease the pain of children who had lost personal belongings in the floods. We all agreed that we could make a difference in this way, so each representative then went to her class and publicised the appeal.

The variety of toys, videos, DVDs, puzzles, books, pencil cases and even bicycles that Junior School students donated was amazing. The appeal coordinator, Mr Dave De Vries, attended Junior School Assembly to accept our gifts and expressed that he was overwhelmed by our generosity.

Victoria Chamaa 6D
Georgia Foenander 4D

AUSTRALIAN ANGLICAN SCHOOLS NETWORK 2007 CONFERENCE SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Lowther Hall's senior choir, the Festival Singers performed *Freedom Trilogy* arranged by Paul Halley, at the conference service in St Paul's Cathedral, attended by Principals, Chaplains and leadership staff from Anglican Schools throughout Australia. The choir, conducted by Mrs Jan Goodall and accompanied by Ms Vicki Jacobs, received much acclaim for its inspiring performance.

School Captain, Ellen Mathews and Deputy School Captain, Samantha Flores carried the Lowther Hall banner in the procession featuring students from a number of Victorian Anglican schools.

School leaders Ellen Mathews and Samantha Flores prepare to carry the Lowther Hall banner in the procession.



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The teams from Lowther Hall and the Singapore Friendly School get together to celebrate a close game.



Year 7 students Alice Clark and Chelsea Gillis with Ms Victoria Mitchell of the Munyawana Leopard Project.

LOWTHER HALL JOINS MUNYAWANA LEOPARD PROJECT

At the end of Term 3 Year 7 students were visited by scientist Ms Victoria Mitchell of the Munyawana Leopard Project in South Africa. Ms Mitchell told us about the work the Munyawana Leopard Project is doing in tracking the leopard population in the Maputaland Region of Kwazulu – Natal, with the aim of helping to preserve the species.

The Year 7 girls and their teachers were fascinated to hear how the leopards are caught and fitted with radio collars, which allow their movements to be monitored, and to see the amazing photographs of day to day work. This term, as part of our Geography studies, we are mapping the movements of four of the leopards which are posted on the project's website in conjunction with Monash University.

Alice Clark and Chelsea Gillis 7M

SINGAPORE FRIENDLY SOCCER MATCH

When a dedicated group of Lowther Hall students from Years 7 to 10 volunteered to represent their school in a friendly soccer match against the Overseas Family School from Singapore, they did not really know what to expect.

What they discovered just prior to the match at the Glenroy City Lions soccer ground, was that the girls visiting Melbourne from the school for international students in Singapore were of similar age; they were from a variety of places including England, Scotland and Norway; their school colours were bright pink and black and like us, they loved playing soccer.

From the first kick the soccer action was fast and furious and the teams were extremely evenly matched. For once the team and our coach Mr John Mangion were happy that the game ended in a draw and we were all winners.

Katherine Lowe
Soccer Captain 2008

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRODUCTION HATING ALISON ASHLEY

This year for the first time students from Years 5 to 8, under the guidance of staff from the Drama and Dance faculty, took on the challenge of creating a production for the school community.

The humorous play *Hating Alison Ashley*, adapted from the book of the same name by Robin Klein, was staged in the Joan M Garde Cultural Centre over two nights.

The amazing posters designed by Year 7 and 8 students provided eye catching publicity and audiences were treated to energetic and polished performances from the young cast of talented actors and dancers.

Ms Celia Brown
Head of Drama
and Dance



NEW SNOWSPORTS UNIFORM

Lowther Hall students made a big impact at the 50th Anniversary of the Victorian Interscholar Snowsports Competition even before hitting the slopes at Mt Buller. Each girl sported the striking new competition jersey, helmet cover and headwarmer, featuring vibrant shades of the school colours and a snowflake motif.

Alexandra Grant, Victoria Athanasiou
and Mariah Cartsidimas in a scene
from *Hating Alison Ashley*.





Parents at the launch of the Foundation. Mrs Yvonne O'Connell, Mr Milan Cindric, Mrs Katina Exadactylos, Mrs Louise Cindric and Mrs Helen Hayes.

Kindergarten student Lola Hunt gives her father Richard (Lowther Hall's Year 9 and 10 Coordinator) a special hug at the Junior School Fathers' Day Breakfast. Photo courtesy of Fairfax Community News.



LAUNCH OF THE LOWTHER HALL FOUNDATION

Last term a large group of parents, Old Grammarians and friends of Lowther Hall gathered in the Joan M Garde Cultural Centre to launch the school's newly established Foundation.

Inaugurated to raise money for the School and ensure the physical facilities of the school match the excellence of our educational programs, the Foundation's first project is to refurbish the Cultural Centre. Following the launch, the Foundation Chairman, Mr Lorne Cole, said "We have been quite overwhelmed with the level of support we have already received".

If you would like more information about the Foundation please contact Mrs Lyn Carroll, Secretary to the Foundation on 9325 5000 or by email at carrolll@lowtherhall.vic.edu.au.

Thankyou to those who have made donations to the Foundation.

FOUNDATION MEMBERS SO FAR:

Fellows

Mr Lorne Cole
Mr Peter Malcolm
Mr Theo and
Mrs Sandra Prosenica

Members

Mrs Mary Armour
Mr Peter Cannan
Mrs Lyn Carroll
Mr Alun Evans
Mr Ervin and Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns
Mr Alfred and Mrs Louise Nicdao
Ms Noelene Horton
Mr Michael and Mrs Michele Hepburn

Associate Members

Dr Norman Fary
Mr Roger and Mrs Sarah Grant
Mr Keith and Mrs Annette Siler
Mr Kevin and Mrs Janice Memery
Ms Dianne Holland
Anonymous

Other Donors

Mr Jamie Skrepetis

TRIVIA NIGHT

This fundraising event tested the collective knowledge of the parent/staff community present. Under the guidance of our Quizzer Ms Jill Brewer, parents and teachers from a variety of year levels enjoyed a happy social time together.

As one of the sixteen parents on the organising committee, I found the experience most rewarding and have been inspired to become involved with other functions which give parents and staff the opportunity to get to know each other better, while raising worthwhile funds for the school.

On this occasion our committee raised over \$2700 and we wish to acknowledge the sponsorship of a number of local businesses and the support of school families who donated a myriad of imaginative gifts for the class hampers.

Karen Varrasso
Year 11 Parent

SPORTS AWARDS EVENING 2007

This annual event held in October, was attended by a large crowd of students, parents, staff and coaches. Special guest and speaker was former World Champion triathlete Ms Emma Carney, who shared her story of courage, determination and inspiration. Ms Carney assisted with the presentations of major awards. The winners for 2007 were:

OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO LOWTHER HALL

SPORT: Lauren Thompson Year 12

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Elise Baniowski Year 9

RISING STAR OF THE YEAR:

Rebecca Delmenico Year 9

SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR:

Natasha Rooney Year 11

Congratulations to all of the Lowther girls who participated in sport this year. We gained many outstanding victories including some Grand Final Championships. Well done.

Diana Hudson
Sports Captain

Triathlete Ms Emma Carney with staff member Mrs Sharyn Baddeley and Sports Captain Diana Hudson.





Former Staff member Ms Mary Tuxen (left) receives the winning prize in the raffle from LHOGA Committee member Mrs Mary Armour.



Mrs Dianne Williamson enjoys the Year 3 classroom with Susan Lin, Sara Lee, Christina Elias, Shanai Dale and Anushka Das.

LHOGA NEWS

GOLDEN MITRE REUNION



This celebration recognising Old Grammarians who left Lowther Hall fifty years ago and over, continues to gain popularity. In 2007, new faces joined those who look forward to catching up each year.

The open microphone session, where past students have the opportunity to share stories and memories of their schooldays resulted in sincere reflection, but also much hilarity. Miss Wilma Farrow delighted the group with memories of her "blonde Adonis", playing tennis next door.

Congratulations to the LHOGA Committee for making this such a special day. We look forward to sharing the fun with the Class of 1958 in 2008.

Mrs Brigid Cooper
Archivist

OLD GRAMMARIANS ATTEND GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

This year, Lowther Hall Old Grammarians were invited to attend Grandparents and Special Friends Day for Years 3 to 6. Those attending spent time visiting students who did not have someone to share their school experiences with. This included exploring the classroom and attending the Junior School Assembly.

Mrs Diane Williamson (Ficken, Class of 1959) was one of the Old Grammarians who found being a "special friend" a happy and positive experience. Below is an excerpt from a letter she wrote following her visit.

"I was so pleased to be a special friend to three friendly, articulate and knowledgeable young Lowther girls recently.

I found the assembly very interesting and I was most impressed with the organisation and participation of the older students. Loved the singing and so handy to have the words there for the sometimes fading memory – mine that is!

I was reminded of the tenet of "care" that Lowther Hall has always upheld and was glad that it is still so strong".

PAST STUDENTS SUPPORT CERVICAL CANCER VACCINE

Since the August 2007 edition of the Lowther News published information about senior school students receiving GARDASIL vaccine, a number of past students have expressed support of Lowther Hall's positive approach to the prevention of cervical cancer.

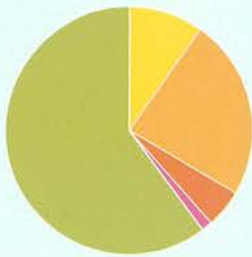
Mrs Lisle Fortescue (Dawson, Class of 1948) wrote a very personal and heartfelt letter of her experiences. Below is an excerpt.

"In 1998 I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. When, after surgery and chemotherapy, I found I was in remission, I made a commitment that I would do my utmost to ensure that other women, and in fact all females, became aware of these hidden and not talked about gynaecological cancers of which cervical cancer is but one.

I joined the late Senator Jeannie Ferris in a campaign to highlight gynaecological cancers resulting in a bipartisan Senate Inquiry before which I appeared as a survivor. The goal was to establish a National Centre for Gynaecological Cancer. At the present time it comes under the umbrella of the National Breast Cancer Centre and this makes it very difficult to solve the problem of creating "awareness".

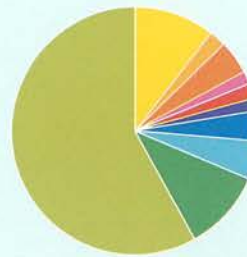
The cervical cancer vaccine is an important step in protecting the female population. During the past ten years I have heard many confronting stories of what the HPV virus has done to women's lives. This vaccine provides, whilst not the complete answer, a wonderful opportunity to ensure that our girls do not fall victim to cervical cancer."

Lowther Hall – Income 2007



■ Fees – 60.6%	■ State Grants – 5.0%
■ Composite Fees – 9.5%	■ Other Income – 1.3%
■ C'wealth Grants – 23.7%	

Lowther Hall – Expenditure 2007



■ Salaries – 58.2%	■ Audit, Insurance And Legal – 1.9%
■ Other Staff Costs – 10.4%	■ Administration Costs – 1.7%
■ Community Relations – 2.2%	■ I.T. & Comms – 3.7%
■ Depreciation and Leases – 4.6%	■ Property Maintenance – 5.1%
■ Banking and Interest – 1.6%	■ Tuition Expenditure – 10.4%

ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCE AND MAJOR PROJECTS

Lowther Hall has continued to deliver a financial result that has met budget targets set by the School Council. It is this target that funds capital works.

The School undertook a major review of its Administrative processes during the year, with the assistance of a consultant Ms Michelle Topp.

The most visible outcome of this process was the decision to outsource the supply of uniform to Noone Imagewear in Niddrie. This was driven by a need to release physical space in the School for educational purposes. Our long serving Uniform Store assistant, Ms Kristine Hamilton, moved to Noone's and this has resulted in improved service with an increase in available operating hours at a new store with specialist staff. We wish Ms Hamilton all the best for her future and look forward to a long and successful relationship with Noone Imagewear.

In terms of administrative process outcomes:-

- a Senior School Reception area similar to that at Junior School will be built;
- a digital phone system that allows more direct access to specific personnel at the School has been installed;
- many of the administrative roles and work processes have been changed to increase efficiency.

Significantly, the School contracted Craig Brown of McIldowie Partners to undertake a review of the School's physical spaces and complete an architectural masterplan to improve educational and other facilities for the short and medium term.

This process involved wide consultation with stakeholders in the school community during which the immediate priority was identified as moving the Food Technology classroom from the upper level of the Mansion building and reworking the Forum. Building works have commenced and we expect to occupy these refurbished areas from the commencement of Term 1 2008.

The School has also made a major investment in security by replacing the majority of the School's locks and reissuing keys to staff with an electronic key system. This project was substantially funded by the Commonwealth Governments Capital Grant Program.

I would like to welcome Mrs Sue Gepp to the Finance team at the school and thank all the Administration, Grounds and Finance staff for their hard work and dedication during the year.

Simon Oldham
Business Manager

FUNDRAISING 2007

Lowther Hall Mainuddin School – Bangladesh	\$9,310.65
Casual Clothes Days	
Leukaemia Foundation	\$1,472.20
World's Greatest Shave	
House Fundraising	\$3254.30
(for a wide variety of charities)	
RCH Good Friday Appeal	\$739.20
Easter Egg hunt	

Sudanese tutoring program	\$1,889.75
Celebration Day	
Golf Day	\$9,931.00
(will go towards the purchase of a new school mini bus and other school assets)	
Lowther Hall Foundation	\$3,105.00
Trivia Night	
Friends of Rowing	\$368.00
Election day BBQ (for rowing equipment)	
Overall total	\$30,070.10



Class of 1977



Class of 2002



Class of 1972



Class of 1982



Class of 1992



Class of 1987

REUNION DATES 2008

- Sat. April 12:** **Mornington Reunion**
Royal Hotel Mornington 12 noon
- Sat. April 19:** **Class of 1988 Twenty Year reunion**
School 4.00pm – 6.00pm
- Sat. May 10:** **Class of 1993 Fifteen Year reunion**
School 4.00pm – 6.00pm
- Sat May 17:** **Class of 1983 Twenty-Five Year Reunion**
School 4.00pm – 6.00pm
- Sat. July 26:** **30 to 50 Year Reunion**
School 5.00pm
- Fri. September 5:** **Class of 2003 Five Year Reunion**
School 5.00pm – 7.00pm
- Sat. October 4:** **Golden Mitre Club Reunion**
School 1.30pm
- Fri. October 10:** **Class of 1998 Ten Year Reunion**
School 5.00pm – 7.00pm
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