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A New Food Technology Centre
and Forum Area

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Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns, Principal.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2008

OCTOBER

Friday 10–Monday 13

Art and Design Exhibition

Joan M Garde Cultural Centre

DECEMBER

Thursday 4 December 8.00pm

Carols Service

St Paul's Cathedral

Wednesday 10 December 6pm

Exeunt

Melbourne Town Hall

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Cover Photograph: Year 8 students enjoy their first lesson in the new Food Technology Centre.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Lowther Hall is proudly an independent school. Our independence enables us to establish our ethos and values and to embed them in our policies and practices. Our independence means that we are able to select staff who support our values. Perhaps most importantly it means that we can establish the curriculum, the co-curricular activities and the pedagogical approaches which will best enable us to support our students and to prepare them for the whole of life in accord with our school mission.

We are proud of our status as an elite girls' school but independent schools are increasingly under attack from a range of community groups which argue that elite private schools are elitist, that they increase the disharmony in our society and that they take financial resources from government schools. Such arguments are often based on a misunderstanding of the facts.

At Lowther Hall we value the diversity of our community. Many language backgrounds are represented within our community – languages from every corner of the world. We are an inclusive Anglican school and therefore respect the religious diversity of our school population too. Our girls pursue many paths once they leave us and we are proud that each of them is able to find her way forward. A commitment to serving others, a commitment to living out the values inherent in our school motto, Non Nobis Solum, is the very antithesis of the argument that schools such as ours promote inequality.

It is important that misconceptions are countered by accurate information. A new website created particularly for parents of children in independent schools is designed to do just that. The website has up-to-date and accurate information about non-government schools, policies and educational issues. Independent School Parents, an independent body with no religious or political affiliations has established the site. It aims to support parents' right to choose the most suitable education for their children and contains news articles, online materials and links. Parents can register to receive emails and fact sheets that provide current information pertinent to independent school parents. The information is varied and ranges from such topics as how to help your child with homework, hosting a safe party and bullying prevention to government policies affecting independent schools.

To visit the website go to www.independentschoolparents.com.au where you will also be invited to register to receive regular updates. I hope that you find the website useful at least partly because it will give you accurate information to counter the false messages about schools such as Lowther Hall that are sometimes promulgated.

Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns
Principal

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Year 8 students Genevieve Williams, Janet Guo and Jessica Shaw (with assistance from teacher Mrs Belinda Page) work on a fried rice dish.

INNOVATIONS IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Lowther Hall's new Food Technology centre has received a positive response from students and staff. This spacious, state of the art facility features the latest in kitchen fittings, including overhead screens for demonstration and allows students to take greater responsibility in all aspects of practical learning.

Food Technology is a valued learning area at Lowther Hall and is studied by all girls in Years 7 and 8. At Years 9 and 10 students may elect to study Food Technology, where more time is allocated to broaden their knowledge and skills and this leads on to VCE Technology Studies in foods.

The study of food technology enables students to develop practical skills in food preparation, improve the quality of their nutritional intake, develop an understanding of safety and hygiene issues associated in food preparation and develop skills in working cooperatively.

Such learning opportunities, to name a few, enable all girls to achieve a high level of creativity and success. The qualities of responsibility, team work and leadership, caring for self and others and striving for excellence are evident in every lesson. Independent thinking and decision making skills are fostered from the very first lesson in Year 7.

Mrs Belinda Page
Head of Health



STUDENTS ENJOY NEW FORUM AREA

What better way to start Term 2 than with a new space which girls can use as a learning environment. The Forum has been designed to inspire student learning.

The Forum is a great place for every year level. Recently the Year 11 and 12 students have been using the amphitheatre for their English oral presentations. Girls at all year levels are using the new plasma screen, which allows us to display all types of media from our notebook computers and watch TV and DVDs. Students have now found a friendly and enjoyable environment to study in before, during and after school.

The Forum is also a comfortable space for socializing during recess and lunch and everyone is enjoying the heated floor. Assisted by the Student Committees for Years 7 and 8, all girls are trying hard to keep this area clean and tidy and we are making a special effort in Sampford House, where our Homerooms and lockers are.

The Year 7 Committee – Shelby Apap, Melanie Beckham, Natalie De Blasis, Lucinda Goring, Matti Grant, Francine Michaelides, Stephanie Nguyen, Melisa Yildiz.

Above: Year 7 students Jessica Deering (left), Madisson Leonard and Emillie Denham make use of the new forum area for after school homework.

Left: Year 10 students view a film in the amphitheatre.



Year 11 student Alice Backwell is Lowther Hall's Pierre De Coubertin award nominee for 2008. 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.





Winning Dressage riders
Emily O'Connell and
Edwina Backwell.



Junior School chess
players who took
part in the Lauriston
Cup competition.

ACHIEVEMENTS

JUNIOR BAND AT BOROONDARA EISTEDDFOD

The Junior Band which includes students from Years 4 to 6, under the conductorship of Ms Sonja Horbelt, performed with musicianship and energy to place second in the Boroondara Eisteddfod at the Hawthorn Town Hall last term. The girls were defeated by a specialist ensemble from the Eltham Region. The judge praised the Lowther Hall Band's rhythmic accuracy and fine tone.

LOWTHER CHORISTERS ON STAGE

The auditioned choir for students from Years 4 to 8, the Lowther Choristers, represented their school and performed with choirs including the popular Vox Synergy at a music festival organised by the Melbourne Youth Music Council. Our girls were highly praised by other conductors for their beautiful singing and fine harmony.

FESTIVAL SINGERS PERFORM AT SALVATION ARMY CHORAL CONCERT

Lowther Hall's senior vocal ensemble, the Festival Singers, conducted by Mrs Jan Goodall, enthralled the audience at a choral concert organised by the Salvation Army's Gospel Choir, *The Staff Songsters*, as part of a three day vocal conference for choristers from around Australia. The Festival Singers performed at the Salvation Army Centre in Doncaster and were joined by vocalists attending the conference for a massed singing item.



Some of the Festival
Singers at the Salvation
Army Choral Concert.

Lowther Hall's winning
AFL players take to the
field for the GSV finals.
Photo courtesy of Kidz Klix.

CHESS SUCCESS

Two Junior School teams from Lowther Hall took part in the Lauriston Cup Junior School Chess competition in June. After seven rounds, the team consisting of **Melissa Jones, Geena Glass, Emily Reynolds, Hanna Bol** and **Claire Winnett** placed third out of 16 school teams. This team are now off to the State Finals!

Congratulations to **Geena Glass** who was ranked number 1 competitor amongst all participants.

VICTORIAN SCHOOLS' DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lowther Hall's Year 8 riders **Edwina Backwell** and **Emily O'Connell** competed at the Victorian Schools Dressage Championships in Term 2 at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre.

Edwina won the Championship aggregate for Preliminary Division 1 and the Reserve Champion aggregate for Preliminary Division 2.

Emily O'Connell competing in her first interschool equestrian event placed first and fifth in the Preliminary Division 1 tests.

GIRLS' SPORT VICTORIA (GSV) FINALS LOWTHER HALL AFL PREMIERS

The Lowther Hall AFL team went through the season undefeated and then defeated Tintern and the GSV Dream Team on finals day to win the GSV Premier's Pennant for 2008. This was the culmination of many weeks of competition under coaches Mr Pino Alessi and Mr Martin Gibbs. **Rosalynd Ponte** (Year 11) was awarded player of the match and certificates were awarded to team captain **Montana Alessi**, (Year 12), **Jennifer Flores** (Year 12) and **Monique Goates** (Year 10).





The Lowther Hall and Bunbury College teams, joined by the umpires at the end of the match. Photo courtesy of Kidz Klux.

LOWTHER HALL REPRESENTS THE BIG V

It was one day in Term 2 that made history at our school. Organised by Girls Sport Victoria, Lowther Hall challenged Bunbury College, Western Australia to a game of AFL football. Girls from Years 7 to 12 began training for the big game in first term. The weekly sessions were intense and at times, quite testing.

Game day arrived and the players from Lowther Hall, resplendent in their new uniforms, were ready as were the coaches Mr Pino Alessi and Mr Martin Gibbs. With mouthguards in and socks pulled up Lowther Hall went on to defeat Bunbury College 9.3. 59 to 1.5. 10.

The win was a fantastic effort that was symbolic of the passion and determination with which the game was played. Thank you to all the members of the Lowther Hall community who came out to cheer our team on.

Montana Alessi
Football Captain



Lowther Hall students join Olympian Ms Brooke Hanson at the Active Girls Breakfast.

ACTIVE GIRLS BREAKFAST

During June a group of Senior School students who love their sport attended a gala breakfast to celebrate active girls. The function was an initiative of the Victorian Government and featured a number of high profile sportswomen and media personalities as guests and presenters. The girls heard stories of achievement that were relevant for all students who play sport.

The Lowther Hall girls were lucky to win one of the major prizes – a ninety minute cycling clinic for 20 students at the Darebin International Sports Centre.

LOWTHER HALL V CORRAN SCHOOL NEW ZEALAND

Lowther Hall students enjoyed a great sporting opportunity when visited by a delegation from the Corran School, Auckland New Zealand.

The Intermediate A netball team took out the Trans Tasman Challenge by defeating the Corran team 27-5, cheered on by staff and students at the Leslie Road campus.

The action then moved to Fairbairn Park, where a heavily contested soccer match involving Lowther's Year 9/10 team resulted in a 3-2 win to Corran.

Well done to all players, coaches and staff involved.

Mrs Vicki Hoban
Director of Sport



Lowther Hall's winning Year 9 and 10 netballers join their opponents from the Corran School, New Zealand.





Parent volunteers who helped create the fairy garden celebrate its opening with Principal Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns, Head of Junior School, Mrs Cheryl Penberthy, and special guest Fairy Sarah.

FAIRIES IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL GARDEN

The Junior School Student Council has been working with all students and a group of inspired parents to create a Fairy Garden in the Junior School grounds. Plans were revealed at Junior School assembly and girls began donating items that will be used to 'accessorise' our garden. These include pre loved Barbie dolls, terracotta pots, and wishing stones.

Recycled materials are being used wherever possible and the environment is planned to be a natural growing place where the girls can be creative, wonder and play.

The parent working bees have been truly amazing. The garden area was dug up, trenches laid, fences built and the area has been landscaped with paths and plantings. Special thanks to all parents and students who have committed time, energy and imagination to this collaborative project. We look forward to seeing more magic grow.

Mrs Cheryl Penberthy
Deputy Principal
Head of Junior School

PRAYERS FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

St Paul's Cathedral celebrated World Environment Day and the week around it with prayer services led by the Archbishop and Regional Bishops. Prayer stations were set up around the Cathedral and Year 3 students contributed to these in their Philosophy and Religious Studies classes by writing prayers accompanied by illustrations about their concerns for the environment and their resolve to make change. In June **Monica Bourne, Alyssa Cerantonio, Alexandra Habibis** and **Tia Lynch** accompanied me to St Paul's to observe the displays. We followed the prayer walk with stations to prompt personal prayer, reflection and commitment. Year 3 made a great contribution to this memorable event.

Mrs Sarah Hobba
Faith Co-ordinator



Kindergarten students tend their vegetable garden.

KINDERGARTEN'S NEW VEGETABLE GARDEN

In keeping with our philosophy of "learning through exploration" we started a vegetable garden at the Kindergarten. We first went out in small groups to explore the patch by digging with our gardening tools in the dirt. We then commenced planting a variety of vegetables in the patch. We planted snow peas around the bamboo tee pees and then planted carrots, lettuce, broccollini and parsley. The vegetable garden then became a springboard for wonderful discussions.

The girls have tended the garden, watering with the watering cans and patiently waiting for the vegetables to grow. They have been able to share this experience with their families through a folio that their teachers have put together, documenting the learning that has taken place. Parents were also given the opportunity to write feedback about the project and there have been many positive comments.

All students are now looking forward to eating the vegetables they have grown.

Miss Samantha Morris
Kindergarten Teacher



Year 10 student Tessa White explores flotation with Prep students Isabel Young, Brittany Mak and Sarah Collie.

DISCOVERY IN SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week allowed students to meet scientists who are experts in their field and also provided hands-on experiences for students of all ages. To open the week senior students listened to Ms Rebecca Russell, Senior Infrastructure Analyst for the Department of Transport tell amazing stories about her career, which has spanned from Melbourne to the Maldives and includes work as an engineer with international relief projects.

Students from Years 7 to 9 were unsure what to expect from a performance entitled "Bad Science" but they came away able to spot bad science in advertising, the media and the world around them. Facilitator Mr Nicholas Johnson, in a unique performance, used comedy, magic and theatre to teach the girls how science can be manipulated, misinterpreted and misconstrued.

The Junior School Science Expo was a highlight for all the students involved. Our senior girls confidently conducted experiments with the very excited budding scientists from Junior School. Year 12 Psychology students visited "The Mind: Enter the Labyrinth" at the Melbourne Museum and enjoyed investigating the concepts they are studying through interactive exhibits.

Mrs Bernadette Caulfield
Head of Science

LODDON PRISON VISIT

Our excursion to Loddon Prison was a rewarding experience. We were given the opportunity to hear about various crimes, the day-to-day life of a prisoner as well as the ways in which they cope with their lifestyle both emotionally and mentally. We had the chance to speak with four men who committed very different crimes, two of whom had prior convictions. To hear their stories was interesting but it also reinforced to us how drugs, a lapse of concentration and greed can completely change and even ruin one's life. This experience made us question whether or not jail is a place of rehabilitation, punishment or just a way of keeping criminals out of the community and also the extent to which the legal system runs effectively.

Christina Padula
Year 12



Year 7 students Jessica Liu and Anuki De Silva get creative at Art Club.

ART CLUB

Art Club was founded by students who do not study Art as a subject for various reasons and wish to continue with creative pursuits. Our meetings are held on Fridays or Wednesdays in alternate weeks and as an added incentive girls receive an official Art Club badge to recognise their commitment and participation once they have attended five sessions.

This term, our activities have focused on using non-traditional media, such as spray paint, to create unique stencil art. We have also explored sculpture and used wire and wax or plaster to create humanoid figures. Everyone is welcome at Art Club and it is another great way for friendships to grow across year levels.

Claire Grech
Art Captain

THE MEDIEVAL IMAGINATION

In June the students in 8S went to the State Libraries exhibition "The Medieval Imagination", as we were studying Medieval Europe and what illuminated manuscripts could tell us about medieval society. The exhibition displayed the oldest manuscripts that had ever been to Australia. Most of the texts were in Latin but there was one in the library's display that was written in English. We couldn't understand it as it was a very different English to today's. Only wealthy people could afford manuscripts and most were based around religion and history. Given the central role of religion in daily life that is not surprising. We were amazed at the beauty of the pieces.

Melissa Morton and Darcy Ryan
Year 8S





Year 8 student Jacqueline Roy (right) views Melbourne from the Eureka Skydeck with visiting St Margaret's student Ruby Ashworth-Manning.

LOWTHER HALL COMMUNITY WELCOMES EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Lowther Hall has enjoyed the company of students from Cathedral College, Wangaratta and St Margaret's College, Christchurch New Zealand during Term 2. Year 8 students and their families hosted the visiting students and made firm friendships through welcoming a visitor into their home.

After giving their new friends from Wangaratta a taste of city life, **Chelsea Gillis**, **Alice Clarke** and **Darcy Ryan** headed to north eastern Victoria to experience travelling considerable distances to attend school in a regional centre.

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE—SPORTS UNIFORM

This term at Student Council meetings we put our heads together to come up with a solution for issues concerning sports uniform which have been troubling senior students for many years. These include weight, time and storage space.

In our meetings, delegates came up with the idea of introducing a Sports Pass, similar to a library card. The pass would grant a student permission to wear sports uniform, providing they were in two or more sporting activities that day. There would be an application form detailing the days a student would be eligible for a pass.

Year 10 Representative **Caitlin O'Neil** drafted a proposal which was presented to the Deputy Principal, Ms Rhodes. The Student Council also presented a condensed version of the proposal to the Senior School assembly.

After receiving Mrs Grantskalns' assent the trials are taking place in Term 3.

Carla Bellomarino
Deputy School Captain, Head of Student Council



Winning golfers Stephen Ryan, Frank Constanzo, Gordon Atkins and Joy Ryan.

GOLF DAY 2008

Lowther Hall's second annual Golf Day was held at Northern Golf Club Glenroy last term. Parents, staff and friends of the school enjoyed eighteen holes of spirited competition. Congratulations to the winning team of **Gordon Atkins**, **Frank Constanzo** and **Joy** and **Stephen Ryan** who were presented with the perpetual shield by the Principal Mrs Carolyn Grantskalns and School Council Chair Mr Peter Malcolm.

Special thanks to the parents on the organising committee **Patrick Brady**, **John Douglas** and **Michael Hepburn** and Northern Golf Club Pro **Scott Barradale**. Continued thanks to the many corporate sponsors who contribute to this fundraising event and staff members who assist to make the day a great success.

Mr Simon Oldham
Business Manager





Mrs Louise Nicdao and Dr Susan Hookey at the Lowther Hall Foundation's one year celebratory drinks function.

Mr Phillip Elias, Mrs Helen Elias and Ms Jo Smyth received Lowther Hall Foundation membership badges at the one year celebration function.



THE LOWTHER HALL FOUNDATION

Like all independent schools, Lowther Hall needs to raise funds to build new facilities and create an even better environment for its students. The Foundation has been established to support the current project, which is the refurbishment of the Cultural Centre and future projects such as new Science laboratories and the refurbishment of Sampford House.

In the Cultural Centre we have already installed air-conditioning in the upstairs classrooms and we will move next to ventilate the balcony, install new carpet and replace the seating. This project will benefit every student and many parents and friends too.

Mr Lorne Cole Foundation Chairman

Thank you to those who have made recent donations to the Lowther Hall Foundation.

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Mr Hung and Mrs Thieu Bo
Mr Peter Brown
Mr Peter and Mrs Sheryn Cannan
Mr Richard and Mrs Lyn Carroll
Mr Andrew and Mrs Junie Cheung
Mr Lorne and Mrs Anne Cole
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Mr Wayne and Mrs Jacqueline Wilson

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA AT LOWTHER

Former parent **Mrs Pat De Marco** hosted a morning tea to support the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea campaign in the Mansion. Members of the Lowther Hall family gathered in the Drawing Room to enjoy a delicious array of food and to support this most worthy cause.

Parents supporting Lowther Hall's Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council.
Mrs Maria Lucca, Mrs Janice Memery, Mrs Pat De Marco, Mrs Valentine Aghajani-Kando, Mrs Sofie Mandoukos and Mrs Jenny Gorrie.





Guest Pianist Ms Julie Haskell is joined by Old Grammarians' Music Committee member Mrs Mary Armour.

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF MUSIC

The LHOGA Music Society hopes to foster a life long involvement and participation in music by presenting musical programs involving past and present students. During Term 2 the Society hosted a 'Pleasant Sunday Afternoon of Music' in the Joan M Garde Cultural Centre.

The program was presented by two past students **Ms Julie Haskell** (concert piano) and **Ms Laura Slavin** (classical voice) who were joined by our current Evelyn E. Sampford Music Scholarship holders **Catherine Hoffman** and **Claire Hughes** and the **Festival Singers**.

The concert was enjoyed by the many Old Grammarians and members of the wider school community who attended and raised \$1000 to support the music programs at the school.

Courtney O'Brien (Bowler)
LHOGA Committee

GOLDEN MITRE REUNION SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER 1.30PM

This year we invite all those who left in 1958 or earlier to come and join us at School for a special afternoon of meeting old friends and sharing reminiscences of our school days.

Enquiries Mary Armour: Tel. 9374 2161

MORNINGTON REUNION

The bi-annual Mornington Reunion was held at the Royal Hotel Mornington in April. The past students in attendance enjoyed this informal gathering of lunch and a catch up with each other's activities over the past few months. Irene Alford was once again instrumental in bringing this group of past students who live on the Mornington Peninsula together and we are very grateful for her efforts. Carolyn Grantskalns travelled from Melbourne and all in attendance were pleased to hear from her about the current activities at the school. The next reunion will be held on Saturday 11 October.

Susan Isles (Fear) Class of 1970
LHOGA Secretary

MACEDON RANGES LUNCH

The Macedon Ranges lunch was held at the Telegraph Hotel Gisborne. As this luncheon was a first, I was very excited when a group of Old Grammarians arrived, having seen the notice in a local newspaper. The "old girls" were most interested to find out what the lunch was all about and by the end of the afternoon we agreed that it was a good start to the Macedon Ranges branch of the Old Grammarians' Association and that next year we will all bring at least one other friend from our school days. Next year's lunches will take place at the Telegraph Hotel in Gisborne on March 28 and September 19.

Jocelyn Hanneman (MacLaurin) Class of 1962
LHOGA Committee

LHOGA LIFE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

At a Special General Meeting of the Lowther Hall Old Grammarians Association held at the School on Thursday 12 June the following motion was carried:-

That the Life Membership fee for the LHOGA be increased to \$200 for the years 2010 and 2011 and that this amount be reviewed at each Annual General Meeting from 2011.

REUNION DATES 2008

Sat. October 4: Golden Mitre Club Reunion
School 1.30pm

Fri. October 10: Class of 1998 Ten year Reunion
School 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Sat. October 11: Mornington Reunion
Royal Hotel Mornington 12 noon



Ms Tiffany Hall catches up with Senior School students during a recent visit.



Community leadership award winner Ms Melanie Raymond.

Tiffany in her Gladiators role as 'Angel'. Photo courtesy of Seven Network.

TIFFINY HALL (CLASS OF 2002)

Tiffany is best known these days as 'Angel' from the hit national TV program Gladiators, featured on the 7 network. However, whether she is taking on challengers on the pyramid, teaching her chosen sport of Taekwondo or making one of her regular visits to schools and community groups, Tiffany has the same message to convey – children and teenagers should aim for a balanced lifestyle which includes a healthy diet and regular exercise.

Following VCE, Tiffany attended the University of Melbourne where she completed a Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications) and a Diploma of Modern Languages in French. She has been writing a regular column in the Herald Sun discussing issues relating to adolescent health and wellbeing and continues her lifelong association with Taekwondo as a competitor, coach and recently choreographer.

When the opportunity to audition for the Gladiators series arose, Tiffany viewed the challenge as a test of her fitness. She soon realised that the program was a good platform to convey her lifestyle message to a wide audience.

Tiffany strongly believes that her school days at Lowther Hall gave her skills that have helped to establish her career in the media. "The small school environment meant there was always time for discussion. We were encouraged to have opinions and to express them with the excellent public speaking skills we developed", she says. "I had been a member of choirs, production casts and dance troupes throughout my school days, which has been fabulous preparation for appearing on camera and in public."

MELANIE RAYMOND (CLASS OF 1979)

Melanie was recently named the Moreland City Council 2008 Woman of the Year Award recipient. The award criteria focused on a woman who has demonstrated significant leadership in the community.

Melanie attended Lowther Hall from 1974 to 1979 and was Deputy School Captain in her final year. She attended the University of Melbourne and completed a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honours as well as a Master of Arts with Honours. Melanie worked in journalism and public relations before becoming a political media advisor. Her work in politics inspired her to seek election as a councillor in the City of Moreland. She also completed the Executive Program in industrial relations at the Harvard University USA, School of Business.

Melanie has chaired the Board of Directors of the not for profit welfare agency Youth Projects since 1999. She is currently a Director of the Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade and a member of the Liquor Licensing Ministerial Council within the Department of Justice and is a Director of the newly formed Inner North Community Foundation.

Melanie's list of community involvement over the past 10 years is extensive and impressive. She believes that her commitment to social justice developed through her family and was nurtured and extended during her years at Lowther Hall.

Melanie is an outstanding example of someone who lives the school's motto – Non Nobis Solum (Not for Ourselves Alone).

OBITUARY ~ ADELE CAMPAIN (CLASS OF 1981)



Ms Adele Campain

It is with sadness that the school community learned of the passing of Adele Campain. Adele attended Lowther Hall from 1976 to 1981 and was Deputy Captain of Moorhouse, played the flute in the school orchestra and sang in the choir and madrigal group.

Adele studied Dental Science at the University of Melbourne and graduated in 1986. Following time in private dental practice, she accepted a position at Melbourne University developing a clinical trial research project.

In the following years she also held positions of lecturer, demonstrator and Research Fellow. In 2000 Adele completed a Master of Public Health degree and in 2006 began studying for a PhD.

She had a deep love of music, ballet and opera and always an avid reader, had a fine collection of books. Lowther Hall extends its deepest sympathy to Adele's sister Gail (Class of 1979) and family.



SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

Lowther Hall's production of Seussical at the Clocktower Centre, Moonee Ponds generated smiles, the odd tear and much toe tapping amongst large audiences. This wondrous production required the skills of the cast, orchestra, crew and staff and delivered a very clear message about the importance of optimism and resilience.

