



The Bolac Bugle

SEMESTER ONE 2012

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Semester One Round-Up from the Principal: Gary White

As you can well imagine, in an organisation as large as Lake Bolac P-12 College, we are heavily involved in the community and there are many people and events that contribute to the development and maintenance of the school's culture and the strengthening of our 'Learning Community' each term. For this reason this term has been no different.

The College held its annual ANZAC Day Service for our 'Learning Community' which was again a demonstration of team work, commitment and dedication along with being a fitting tribute to our service men and women. Like most of our formal occasions, this one was again a student centered affair, run by the students. Our year 9/10 students along with Mark Howard prepared a moving tribute to the men and women of the Australian Armed Forces, which was excellent; it was presented again the next day at the Lake Bolac RSL's ANZAC Day service. Both the school and the community services were well attended by many members of our school's 'Learning Community', something that we value greatly.

During the term were privileged to welcome a number of visitors into the College in the form of the Carranballac College Music Department Rock Band; students and staff from Maroona and Willaura Primary Schools; the illustrator of the Deltora Quest series of books; two beautiful Poddy Calves and a large number of the Lake Bolac community members, whom we value greatly. The students also experienced some wonderful opportunities that came our way in the form of a Soccer Clinic; AFL clinic with Melbourne players; a fundraising Fun Run; trips to Etihad for AFL Friday Night matches and the list goes on....

It is with a degree of sadness that we said farewell to Mr David Tyler as he left to take up a position as Assistant Principal at Rushworth P-12 College this term, commencing from the start of term three 2012. David has been a member of the Lake Bolac P-12 College team now for eight years and has filled the role of manager of the Senior School along with many other roles, for much of that time. David, at all times, fought the fight for the students and particularly for those who he saw as the underdog. He was also very much a supporter of his colleagues, working for harmonious outcomes at all times. As the manager of the Senior School, teacher of English and with all the other hats that he was required to wear on





a daily basis, David will no doubt be Rushworth P-12 College's gain and be sorely missed by the Lake Bolac school community.

As has been the case for the past seven years I ventured down to Lorne for the annual three day Grampians Region Principal's Conference, hearing from a number of influential guest speakers about their perspectives on education, as it exists in today's world. This always serves to assist me in developing my vision for what education might look like in the future but more particularly at Lake Bolac in the context of our remote, rural, small school environment. I have always found that it assists me to become a better 'Instructional Leader' within our school; to lead by example when it comes to the development of school curriculum and to drive the school improvement agenda. It assists me to consolidate my school's programs with the view to improving not only our own school's outcomes, but those of the whole education system. As a side bonus I learnt that I dramatically under utilise my iPad2 and I learnt that there is a vast array of FREE applications that can be down loaded via the App Store which are extremely useful, functional and educational.

The College held its second very successful Transition Expo Open Day during the term with staff and students from Willaura and Maroona Primary Schools attending our school for a day long experience. They experienced Science the Andrew Twiss way; Cooking with Master Chef Kim Blackshaw and Woodwork as only John Wallis can do. All students went home with a Key Holder, a Dirt Cake (Google it if you want to know more, great fun) and many unanswered questions about Science, along with a show bag of goodies. The Lake Bolac & District Kindergarten and Playgroup kids, along with some mums, were also provided with an exciting sample of school life as they also joined us for the day. As Principal it is very rewarding to see staff, parents and students working together to promote the College in such a fantastic way. Small Schools are Great Schools and we have a great school!

Until this term the College had previously run separate Cross Country events for the Junior and Senior school students, so it was very pleasing when Margot Donaldson and Grace Bannon joined forces to run our first ever P-12 Cross Country day. Each age group was provided with a specially marked out course (according to their age group) to complete. It was a special event made even better by the fact that we had good weather, a great atmosphere and a large number of parents in attendance to cheer all the students off from the start line as they commenced their run.

This year the College has four wonderful new graduate teachers working with the students, this term saw some of us more experienced hands head down to Geelong to attend a mentor's day as part of a Supporting New Teachers program. It was very pleasing to have such a high representation of graduates and senior mentors present on the day. As Principal, the day helped me learn that I need to take baby steps and that having knowledge and experience on my side want to hurry the process of being new and requiring to learn from our own mistakes.



Of course this term saw us complete the usual Student Opinion Survey, NAPLAN Assessments and the undertaking of an exciting array of activities as part of Education Week. Education week consisted of a number of activities taking place across the whole College. We were able to welcome Liz from the Ballarat Courier 'Newspapers in Education' (NIE), we had a book fair operating and the traditional Footy Colours Day with students enjoying a pie and a donut. We had a former student show us that knowledge is power and with knowledge comes opportunity and great careers in the Mining Industry. As part of our LOTE program we held a Japanese day where students completed a range of activities; we held a book fair with many students purchasing books for home; we worked with our Poddy Calves as part of our 'Cows Create Careers' project. We all even stopped to read a book for the first twenty minutes of every day, coupled with the older students working along-side their younger counterparts to achieve many great things and finally on the Friday, I was privileged to travel with Mark Howard and a group of thirteen of our students to Etihad Stadium in Melbourne to watch an AFL match between the Dogs and the Cats where of course the cream rose to the top and the Cats won! We repeated the experience the following week with VCE students and I'm glad to say, the same outcome against Carlton.

Our first ever P-12 Fun Run was held to raise money for a school owned mini-bus with a community focus. It was most pleasing to see students, staff and parents in costumes not only supporting the Fun Run but the hard work of two of our younger graduate staff members in Margot Donaldson and Grace Bannon.

In other news for the term, the College has been nominated for a \$1,000,000 grant for the development of a Trade Training Centre which will hopefully deliver Vet Certificates in Automotive, Hospitality and Welding & Construction. Should the College be successful with this grant it will open up enormous opportunities for our students in terms of qualifications and employment opportunities. We took delivery of some more laptop computers during the term which will mean that we are very close to achieving a 1:1 ratio for student and computers.

We are seeking benefactors for our Community Bus concept for which the College is thinking that this vehicle will be seen as a 'Lake Bolac P-12 College Learning Community' asset. The 22 seater mini-bus will belong to the College's School Council but be available to **all** Lake Bolac community groups. The interest has been such shown currently in the form of expressions of interest in the use of the bus from groups like the Bush Nursing Hospital, the Elderly Citizens group, the Bowls Club and the Community Centre, with the list growing daily gives us encouragement for its purchase. It has served to enlighten me as to just how many community groups there are in Lake Bolac and just how diverse our 'Lake Bolac P-12 College Learning Community' actually is, with nearly all interest groups being covered.

We have also commenced to receive pledges of financial support prompting us to think that a near new 22 seater mini-bus may well be possible. Karen McIntyre and Jenny Holdsworth have offered to head up a fundraising committee. The College would welcome contact from any person in the

community who would be in a position to donate a sum of money, large or small, towards the purchase of this community asset. As I am sure you can see, the benefits for the community are enormous along with the untold benefit to the students and the potential learning experiences that can be achieved.

The College has created a Facebook page to assist in creating greater community awareness in the College and to support our drive to increase school enrolments. Normally I would not be in favour of the use of Facebook but many businesses use Facebook as a way to promote their services and given that education is now a competitive market, we must all move with the times. So please locate us on Facebook and 'Like' us. The more 'Likes' that we receive, the more promotion we receive. We have also been working on up-grading our School's website to reflect our strong sense of community. I would again encourage you to check out the website, enjoy the changes that have been put in place and then provide us with some feedback and suggestions regarding even further improvements because you may have seen a website design that would further enhance our community profile.

Lastly our Junior and Senior musical productions are in the process of commencing their rehearsals so keep an eye on the school's newsletter for details for dates and time for the respective shows. Thank you to the many community members who contact the College during any given week, your support and encouragement is greatly valued and appreciated and we look forward to it continuing well into the future.

Cheers,

Gary White

Meet our school Captains:



Keisha Grant - Junior School Captain

My name is Keisha Ellen Grant. There are 5 people in my family, they are my older brother Keeghan, younger sister Janaya, mum Carolyn and dad Danny. I have 4 pets, a pony named Chelsea, a sheep Nibbles, Gold fish Gold Charm and a puppy named Bailey. This year I am Junior School Captain, which is a very big responsibility. I have to help kids that are hurt and to help the teachers that need help. I also have to run assembly on Monday and Thursday. At home when I've got free time I like to ride and play with my pony and also play with her and

my other pets. The other things that I like to do are to run around and shoot goals or play two square with my sister.



Jacob Johnson - Senior School Captain

My name is Jacob Johnson and I am School Captain for 2012. I have been a student since 2007 when I came from Willaura Primary School to commence my secondary school education at Lake Bolac College. I was following in the footsteps of my brother's Aaron and Daniel, both of whom were Lake Bolac students who have both done very well in their chosen fields and whom I look up to enormously.

I am currently studying five Year 12 subjects in English, Further Maths, Design Technology, Industry and Enterprise and Studio Arts, while also completing History Revolutions in Year 11 last year. I am enjoying my current studies and giving it my all, whilst trying not to stress under the pressure of Year 12, just enjoy it is my philosophy.



Kimberley Johnson - Senior School Captain

My name is Kimberley Johnson and I am School Captain for 2012. I have been a student at Lake Bolac College since prep. I am eighteen years old. I am currently studying four VCE subjects which are English 3/4, Psychology 3/4, Industry and Enterprise 3/4 and Health and Human Development.

On completion of year 12 I am thinking of going to University to study primary school teaching. I have had an interest in working with children for many years now. My second option is to become a nurse.

In years to come I hope to travel around the world and even work in some of the countries.

Meet our new staff:

Margot Donaldson...



I am the year 2/3 classroom teacher; after-school activities and the junior school sports co-ordinator.

I grew up and went to school in Melbourne. I moved to Woorndoo six years ago with my partner Matthew Bouchier (former student). In 2007 I commenced a Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) at Deakin University in Warrnambool. Throughout this degree I was a student teacher in Mortlake, Terang and Lake Bolac. This is my first teaching position as a Graduate Teacher.

As I was a student teacher and volunteered every Friday last year, I feel like I have been here for more than a semester! I am very excited to now be working here and am having a fantastic time working closely with year 2/3 and accompanying the students to sporting events.

Grace Bannon...



Hi my name is Grace Bannon.

I believe that: "You only regret the things in life that you DON'T do." I always have a go and take opportunities as they come.

I am twenty four years old. I have grown up as part of a large family in Melbourne. I could be found on the beach with my friends in the summer. I love being active and outdoors.

After I finished year twelve at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College I travelled Europe and lived in Scotland for six months.

I always aspired to be a physical education teacher and I began my studies at the University of Ballarat in 2008. I am now in my first year of teaching and I am loving being a part of the small country community in Lake Bolac.

Grapevine: News from a former Staff Member: Miriam Gould



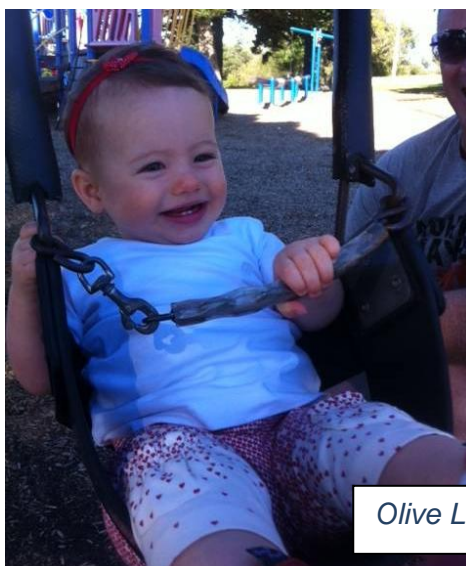
Mim & husband, Patrick

I have so many wonderful memories of my first year out teaching at little Lake Bolac College. The year was 1998 and I was fresh out of Ballarat University and ready to sink my teeth into some real teaching action. Very few positions for teachers of Art or Design were being offered at this time so I was thrilled to even have an interview at this stage.

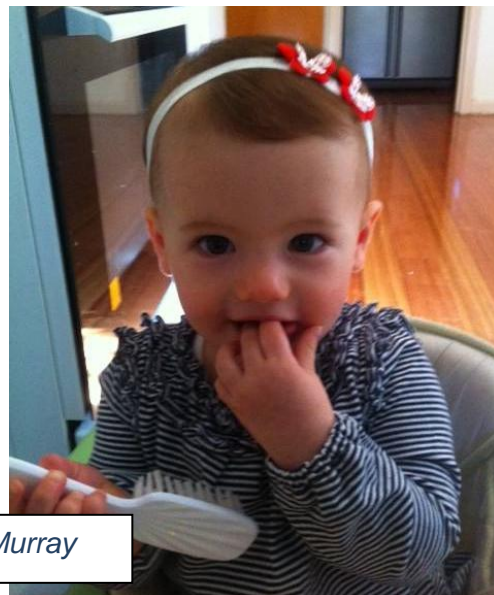
On my arrival at the school I was immediately impressed with the genuinely friendly staff and students, lovely rose gardens, light and airy classrooms and the huge teachers

desks (that were only recently purchased before my arrival and everyone was very impressed). Immediately I sensed that this was a very close-knit school and community. Being a country girl myself, I felt at home right away and knew I would be very lucky to start my teaching journey at this special little place by the lake.

What a year it would be. Still living in Ballarat at the time, many kilometres were clocked up, early starts to the day and late, late nights. I did appreciate staying mid week at Hotel Hayes in Skipton (thanks Pammy!). Running off adrenalin and excitement I threw myself into teaching (I had ideals that I wanted to teach like John Keating from Dead Poets Society!!) and any other extra curricular activity possible. VRAP 9, Top Cats (now Top Arts / Designs), Artsticks exhibition in Geelong, and involvement in the school social and musical were all highlights that come to mind. The most significant project organized was my friend, artist Suzanne McRae who came to be out artist in residence. For those students and teachers who can remember she painted an amazing gothic style mural along the artroom wall. This started my total revamp of the artroom. A fresh coat of paint, posters, student's artwork, pet mice (yes!), gold fish and a great library of art books. This was a team effort and the students really felt proud of their new environment.



Olive Lily Murray



It was with a very heavy heart that I left Lake Bolac College when my contract finished. I remember so clearly the wonderful surprise party that the students had organized. I was overwhelmed by their thoughtfulness and genuine sadness to see me leave. I may not have taught like John Keating but the students gave me a send off that was worthy. Kind letters from parents also arrived at my doorstep thanking me and wishing me the best for the future. Some teachers have a send off like this at the end of their careers; I was lucky to have this at the beginning.

Since leaving Lake Bolac College, I have taught at Balmoral, was an Art Educator at the Hamilton Art Gallery, taught at Benalla Secondary College and I am now currently teaching at Galen Catholic College in Wangaratta and part time gym instructing (you would be proud Roger!). I'm married and in the last 11 months had a beautiful baby girl, Olive Lily Murray. She is the light of my life.

Thank you to the students and staff of 1998 who supported and encouraged me during my time at Lake Bolac. Some of my most memorable teaching moments were born in this first year.



Mim on her wedding day with her father



Colin Easton

Meg Driscoll

Giselle Crouch

Jacqui Coleman

Andrew Clingan

Alan Campbell

Leanne Breen

Kevin Breen

Melissa Beaty

Judy Aldous



Cate Lewis



Adele Krepp



Lyn Hacker



Mark Howard



Lorraine Hogan



Pam Hayes



Trish Gratton-Wilson



Miriam Gould



Graeme Forsyth



Roger Flanner



Jan Thatcher



Lynette Smith



Judi Smith



Pamela Sandlant



Helen Robinson



David Nicholson



Tania Nancarrow



Cindy Murphy



Larelle McInnes



Vivienne Martinich



Anne Wynne



Margaret Wills



Jenny Wilkinson



Lake Bolac College STAFF - 1998

Principal
Mr Brendan Ryan

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Brendan Ryan



John Wallis



Andrew Twiss

Absent: Jan O'Brien, Margaret O'Rourke.

Remember the days of the old school yard!

News from a former students: Narelle Milward & Brian McInnes



It's almost 20 years ago that I was selecting subjects to enter VCE. During this time I had grand plans of becoming a doctor – a doctor / surgeon, who could do it all - like good ol' Terrence Elliott in "A Country Practice".

I remember VCE being a hard slog, but little did I know about what I was getting into!! With the support of Cate Lewis, Andrew Twiss, Colin Easton, Wendy Graham and Roger Flanner – I managed to get the scores needed to enter Medicine at Monash Uni.

I was fortunate to get in to medicine - based on my VCE score plus an interview score. I was even more fortunate that Cate Lewis read the paper checking for second round offers. I distinctly remember being woken from a 'sleep in' by a phone call telling me I'd got into medicine!!

Brian on the other hand had grand plans to become an AFL footballer. I'm not sure that he studied much during Secondary school, but he certainly made the most of the wonderful sporting opportunities that came out of Lake Bolac.

Towards the end of Year 12 he was drafted to the Footscray FC.

The next few years after secondary school seem a bit of a blur – Brian trained like mad and I studied like mad.

My University degree took 6 years to complete. I then moved to Geelong for my Intern and Resident years – basically being the run around doctor in the hospital. I worked in various jobs including emergency, cardiology, obstetrics, paediatrics, anaesthetics and ICU and worked crazy hours!!

I then entered the GP training program and spent the next 3 years in Colac working as a GP trainee, and yes - more study!

Finally in 2004 – 11 years later, I sat the GP College Exams. Although the quickest route to General Practice, it was a long time coming. I feel that I'm still a long way from being like the former generation of GP's who knew it all, and could do it all..

Over the years footy has taken Brian from Footscray FC to Cairns, Darley (near Bacchus Marsh), and Fitzroy FC but most memorable are the premierships he has won locally with Wickliffe / Lake Bolac.

Thankfully footy has finished for Brian, however he has found a new sporting love - Mountain biking. Lead by Brad Watson, they have established a riding group called "Knight Owl Racing" – in honour of Stuart Knight. They mostly ride at night through bush terrain around Anglesea, or the You Yang mountains. (I'm waiting for the next broken bone??)

He recently joined with other Bolac boys including Brad Watson, Ben Britten, Matthew Hanrahan, Ben and Adam Nicholson for a 24hr mountain bike event. Although some struggled to walk for 2 days following the event, they report having a lot of fun riding in the mud.

Since settling in Geelong, Brian completed a plumbing apprenticeship in his 30's (never too late to find a trade) and worked for some years for Damien McMaster's company - Geelong Gas. This year Brian has decided to subcontract to a Melbourne Gas Supply Company and is enjoying the challenge of being his own boss.

I continue to work part time in a small but extremely busy General Practice in North Geelong – spending a lot of my day managing women's and children's health.

After 15 years Brian and I eventually got married – no sense rushing into these things! We have 2 children – Zac is 6 years old and in grade 1 and Sienna is 4 years old. We are often told we have produced a "little Brian" and a "little Narelle", who both keep us very busy and fill our lives with so much joy.

We try our best to keep in touch with what's going on in Lake Bolac and often attend local sporting events. We love returning to our parent's farms in Woorndoo and Wickliffe - sometimes for work, but mostly for pleasure, and often find ourselves still calling the region "home".



Lake Bolac Secondary College



FRONT ROW: Kim Moss, Claire Biggin, Jodie Stewart, Michelle Bailey, Buffy Jenkinson, Jane Loader, Michelle Doery
SECOND ROW: Michelle Wilson, Natasha Jolly, Marelle Milward, Danny Smith, Jason Clark, Jamie Box, Chris Lambourn, Geoffrey Meek, Martin Pritchard
THIRD ROW: Simon Ritchie, Bronwyn Hanrahan, Aaron Cutbert, Anthony Hutton, Craig Paul, Anthony Mulcahy, Joe Liston, Paul Jenkinson, Steven Biggin
ABSENTEES: Trent Aldous, Daniel Cockfield
TEACHERS: Mr Easton : Mr Symons **Principal:** Mr Edward Pearce
 Year 12
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FRONT ROW: Debbie Plunkett, Fiona Biggin, Anna O'Rourke, Fiona Findlow, Alison King
 SECOND ROW: Tanya Hayward, Wendy Pearson, Chris Mulcahy, Damien McMaster, Bryan Dunn, Diane Collins, Renee Ross
 THIRD ROW: Brian McInnes, Mark Jenkinson, Jeff Hann
 Year 12 Teacher: Mrs Bernie Lloyd : Mr Andrew Twiss Principal: Mr Stephens



ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS:

LLOYD - BRUIN:

Below. Julia Lloyd (former student) & Marcel Bruin announced their engagement on 26.12.2011.



JOHNSON - CHETCUTI:

Aaron Johnson (former student) & Jess Chetcuti announced their engagement recently.

GORDON - ANDERSON:

Stacey Gordon (former student) married Hamish Anderson

On 27.01.12 at Coronet Peak, New Zealand.



HAMILTON - EAST:

Sarah Hamilton (former student) & Shane East announced their engagement 24.01.2012

McINNES - HARRISON:

Lauren McInnes (former student) & Scott Harrison announced their engagement on 20th December 2011.

GRIMMER - BURN:

Lauren Grimmer & Andrew Burn (former students) announced their engagement earlier this year

BIRTHS:



KREPP (Eastwood): to James (former student) and Rachael a girl Natalie Rachael. Sister to Nicholas

DOB: 14.04.2012

Granddaughter to Deli (former staff member) & Wayne Krepp

HAMILTON (Ridsdale): to Ashley (former student) and Jade a boy Jed Thomas.

DOB: 20.01.2012



LLOYD (Wassylko): Sam
(former student) & Melanie
a girl Odette Dorothy

DOB: 08.06.2012

Granddaughter to Bernie
(former staff member) and
Peter Lloyd



Krystal Day (former student) & Peter Roads a boy Kai
Kenneth.
Grandson to Tam & Peter Day.

DOB: 20.06.2011



CAMERON: to Dallas (former
student) and Glennis a
girl, Ruby Grace. Sister
to Joslyn.

DOB: 03.05.2012

Weight: 6lb

BEREAVEMENTS:

MURRAY: Jordan Thomas William

25.06.1991 – 04.05.2012

Dearly loved son of Janelle & Carl Murray; brother of Matthew, Melissa & Carly.

(Photo is a student photo of Jordan taken in 2006 when he was in Year 9.)



RATIMA: Jahvis Kanara Tahi

24.07.2001 – 08.02.2012

Dearly loved son of Georgina Fisher & Leonard Ratima; brother of Taupiri, Daemon, Chontaye, Tamihana & Sianna

SHALDERS: Geoffrey Ian (former student)

08.05.1965 – 05.10.2011

Passed away at Grace McKellar Centre, Geelong aged 46 years after a lengthy illness with cancer.

Beloved partner of Kelley. Loved father of Grace, Eliza & Joe. Dad to Jordan and Lori. Treasured son of Barry and Bev. Brother to Karen, David & Lisa.

FAMILY FAVOURITE RECIPE:
Provided by Neroli Dunn

Egg & Bacon Pie

This is a meal my Mum would make to use the duck eggs we had on the farm and now it is shared in my own family and has become a crowd favourite. I would use duck eggs in this (when we had ducks) but now I just use chook eggs.



INGREDIENTS:

2 sheets of frozen puff pastry - thawed
4 Potatoes peeled and sliced thinly
4 rashers of bacon chopped
2 onions thinly sliced
Couple of sprigs of fresh parsley
Paprika
10 Eggs or 6 duck eggs- lightly whisked
Salt and Pepper

METHOD:

Preheat Oven to 200C.

Fry bacon and onion in a little oil until onion is soft and bacon browned.

Using Spray oil lightly cover a Lasagne dish or baking dish and then line it with the pastry sheets, cutting it to fit up the sides as well.

Place a layer of potato on the bottom of the pastry dish and then a third of the cooked onion and bacon. Repeat these layers until your final layer is bacon and onion.

Add salt and pepper to taste to the egg mixture and add 2-3 tablespoons of water then pour mixture over the layers. Grab a pastry brush and dip into the egg and paint it around the edge of the pastry or use your finger!

Sprinkle paprika over the top and place in the oven to cook for approximately 1 hour.

Serve with a tossed salad and crunchie bread.

You can adjust this recipe to make a larger one quite easily.

Great served cold. Not suitable to freeze.

Serves 6