



The Bolac Bugle

SEMESTER ONE 2013

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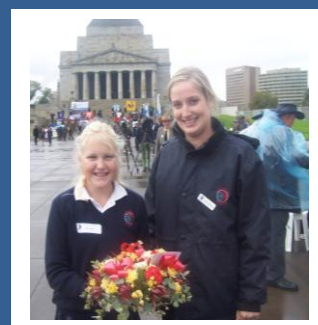
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From the Principal's desk...

GARY WHITE



This semester has been a very busy one around the College, so it is a pleasure to be able to update you on just some of the more major achievements / events that have taken place. If you have already been up to the College this year, you will have noticed that there has been a considerable amount of work carried

out over the Christmas holidays, with some works still to be completed. Outside, the most noticeable of these works is the replacement of the pathway between the Junior and Senior Schools (outside the Gallery) where we have had trees removed due to the damage that they were causing to the buildings and old pathway, the external walls of the Junior School have been pressure cleaned and we have prepared a space, outside the BBQ area, for the installation of an extra set of bubble taps. Inside, the entire Office area has been painted, I now have a beautiful feature wall in my office and two usable pin boards. All of the external doors and hand rails have been painted! Over all the school looks and feels refreshed, valued and even more loved. It is remarkable, just how great an impact it has had on the look and feel of the College.

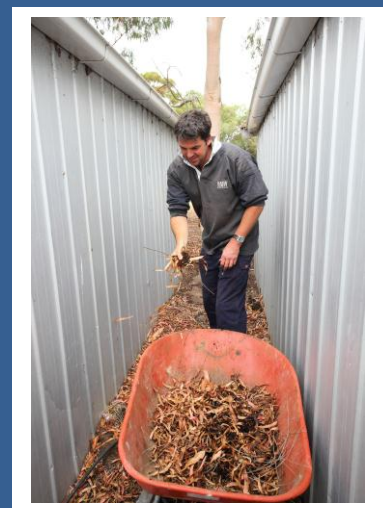
Since the commencement of the 2013 school year, it has been our vision to have a very strong 'CAN Do' philosophy in place, centred around a very powerful 'Learning Community' focus. What this means, is that we believe that everything is possible when we can all see ourselves as integral parts of the 'Learning Community Jigsaw'.



We are beginning to understand that each of us has a unique shape and colour and that we need to fit together successfully to complete the Lake Bolac P-12 College Learning Community Jigsaw. The achievement of this will ensure that each of us feels valued and special, and without one of its pieces the jigsaw is worthless.

As part of our 'CAN Do' philosophy and the strengthening of the College community, we have finally been able to purchase the long awaited community mini-bus. We are now arranging to have the external art work done which will acknowledge the major sponsors who made it possible for our purchase to take place. Upon having this done we will hold an official unveiling ceremony and make the community mini-bus available to all community organisations.

Earlier, in term 1, Kirralee and I spent several hours in a meeting to develop a process around a new State Government initiative which has established Lake Bolac P-12 College as a Banker School for a state wide trial of a new initiative called the 'DOTS' (Developing Other Skills & Talents). In doing so, we have agreed to manage the finances, staff and student enrolments for the DOTS Program, meaning that we have accepted the enrolment of 34 additional students into Lake Bolac P-12 College. These 34 students will most likely never be seen at the College because of the nature of their learning needs and backgrounds. What it does mean to Lake Bolac College is, a sizable financial benefit but more importantly it will be allowing vulnerable students to have the opportunity to learn, but the chance to become the central focus of not only our new South West Victoria Region but also the DEECD and the Ministers of Education as they watch this pilot program unfold and expand. These vulnerable students will have their learning programs supported by the employment of several outreach teachers.





One of our unforeseen benefits in commencing a 'Garden To Plate' program this year has been the overwhelming volunteerism that has occurred in the preceding time. Parents and community members have offered both time and expertise in support of the learning of our students. The College welcomes parent and community involvement in our many classroom and extra-curricular programs. This increase in parent involvement in the College has also come about by the great work that is being done at all levels of the College in our science classrooms, through the hands-on learning that is taking place there. Rebecca Blanchard's enthusiasm for the 'Garden to Plate' concept has captured the imaginations of many of our parents and community members who have offered time and expertise to the College which has been fantastic.

As we have come to know, our students frequently achieve at the highest levels of sport and this year has been no exception with Callum Baker achieving great success in Perth at the 2013 Australian Junior Athletic Championships in which he was able to achieve 2nd place in both the Discus and Shot Put events. Callum managed to bring home two Silver Medals as a result of his hard work and dedication, congratulations Callum from the entire College community!

At the commencement of term two we welcomed back from holidays Mrs Margot Bouchier (nee: Donaldson) and Mrs Bridget Franc (school nurse) who both got married during the Easter break. We also took the opportunity to welcome to the College staff, Mr Jamie Ferguson as he commenced his time here at the College. Jamie came to us from Beaufort Secondary College and takes up the role of wood / metal work teacher and VCAL Coordinator. By mid term we were also fortunate to be able to welcome to the Lake Bolac staff, Mr Edward Hargreaves as the Year 4-6 classroom teacher. Edward is a Mortlake resident and comes to us having had a number of teaching experiences in Germany and a working knowledge of 'Inquiry Classrooms'.

Over the Easter long weekend the Parent's Club, staff and other helpers, worked tirelessly to cater for the return of the Yachting Regatta which was again held on Lake Bolac. By all reports it was a great learning curve and one which could lead to even greater things for the College in the future and as a result the Parent's Club was able to raise funds to assist in the maintenance and support of important school initiatives.

One of our major projects this year has been to undertake significant work in revitalising the College's image and appeal. By engaging professional photographers we were able to take over 800 photos of what makes our school great. The photographers were able to capture our students doing some amazing work both in and around the College. These photos are now being used to form the basis of our promotional campaign. By engaging '61 Design' from Ballarat, we have commenced the redevelopment of College brand name, our publicity materials and soon a new website. I am sure that, like me, when members of the College community see these images and documents that you will agree, something to be proud of has really been created here. It is our hope that these images will ultimately lead to increased interest and enrolments at our College.

As is the case in the first half of every year, we welcomed visiting Year 3-6 students from Willaura and Maroona Primary Schools plus the students from the Lake Bolac Kindergarten, as part of the Transition Expo Day program. The idea of the day is not only to promote interest in our College but the safe transition of students between Kinder and school and Year 6 into Secondary school which are critically important phases in the school life of a child. The day provided us with a great opportunity to simply share some of the great learning experiences that take place here at the College on a daily basis. It was very enjoyable watching our Year 4-7 students and staff working with the visiting students cooking, making a wooden puzzle piece and watching an amazing science clip on water.

As you can imagine, this is just a small snapshot of the many and varied activities that take place here at the College during a semester. We encourage all families and community members to be visible around the college, to be part of our exciting journey into the future and to share experiences with us all. We love showing our College to visitors and having the opportunity to share our work.

Farewell until next time.

Gary White
Principal, Lake Bolac P-12 College

Meet our School Captains:

Junior School Captains



Cameron Notting (left), Savannah Manaia (right)

Senior School Captains



Alex McIntyre (left), Matt Mulcahy (right)

Meet our new staff:

Rebecca Blanchard

My name is Rebecca Blanchard. I am very happy to have become part of the Lake Bolac College family to teach Mathematics and Science. Recently I have also become the Student Wellbeing Coordinator, which I am enjoying immensely.

I grew up in, what I thought was, a small country town with a population of 2700 in the United States in the state of Maine, in a town called Harrison. I went to a medium sized university in the State of New Hampshire called Plymouth State College, which was originally a teachers college and graduated with a degree in childhood studies with an elementary and high school teaching certificate. After university, I moved across the United States to Jackson, Wyoming to work in the children's ski industry, here I ran a kindergarten and day care program and taught skiing to children aged 2-18. Before coming to Australia I completed my Masters in Business in Administration at the University of Phoenix.

I am now living just outside of Lake Bolac with my fiancé Michael Blackburn. I am learning a lot about the farming industry and how a real "small" town works. I enjoy being part of the Wickliffe Lake Bolac Football Netball Club where I play C grade netball. I have recently joined school council and the Football Club committee. I am enjoying life here in Lake Bolac and greatly enjoy teaching at the school.

Brooke Clark

Hello, my name is Brooke Clark.

I grew up in Lake Bolac and attended Lake Bolac College for all of my schooling. I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to represent the school as School Captain in Year 12, which was something I am very proud of. I now live in Woorndoo with my partner Adam Richardson. I love playing netball for Wickliffe/Lake Bolac and I support the Collingwood Magpies.

After I left school I knew that I wanted to work with children, but I was not 100% sure about going to University. I was extremely lucky to be offered a job at Pleasant Street Primary School (P.S.P.S) in Ballarat in my first year after school to work as a teacher's aide.

Through this opportunity I was able to achieve a Certificate 3 in Education. I ended up staying at P.S.P.S for a total of 5 years, working in the office for a year, and then as an Integration Aide while I completed my Bachelor of Education at the University of Ballarat.

In my first 2 years as a Graduate Teacher I worked at Ararat 800 Primary School. I taught year's 1 and 2 and worked with some amazing teachers. I could not have asked for a better start to my teaching career.

When a teaching opportunity arose at Lake Bolac College, I could not pass it up. I am so happy to be back in the school that gave so much to me. I can only hope that I can do the same for the students that come through my classroom door.

Jamie Ferguson

I joined the team at Lake Bolac College in Term 2. I currently teach Woodwork, Food Technology, VCAL and I also coordinate the ADVANCE and Duke of Ed programs. I previously taught at Beaufort Secondary for 8 years.

I studied at University of Ballarat where I obtained a Double Diploma of Education, Bachelor of Technology and a Bachelor of Education (Minor in Maths/Science, Major in Technology). I have also completed an Apprenticeship in Spray Painting.

The highlight of my career so far was a 3 week cultural tour in India with 25 students. I am enjoying teaching at Lake Bolac, and have been made very welcome by all of the staff, students and families.

I own my own business with my partner Narelle in Ararat. I enjoy spending my spare time working on my Monaro.

Edward Hargreaves

I am the new grade 4/5/6 classroom teacher, after school activities and junior school sport co-ordinator.

I have recently returned from a year in Europe, where I taught at an International School in Berlin, which was a great experience.

In 2010 I graduated from Deakin University Burwood. I studied a Bachelor of Education (Primary). Prior to university, I spent a year living in London and Sweden.

I grew up in, and undertook all of my schooling in Mortlake. I have been warmly welcomed to Lake Bolac College by all of the friendly staff, students and parents. The grade 4/5/6 class has settled very well and I look forward to building on such a positive start.

Ingrid Johansen

I joined the team at Lake Bolac College about 3 months ago on a six month contract, which I'm hoping can be extended. I have two children who attend this school, Alex Clark in Year 10 and Jasmine Clark in Year 7. Prior to working here, I have worked with Intellectually Disabled Adults for approximately 20 years in various capacities.

Our family moved to Wickliffe from Melbourne about two and a half years ago and we are all enjoying the change of pace and the friendly community atmosphere.

Sally Kinley

I have recently joined the team at Lake Bolac College as an Administration Officer, job sharing with Jennifer Lloyd. I grew up in Melbourne and after finishing school and study, travelled overseas and lived in London on and off for 7 years. I moved to Lake Bolac in 2005 and married James Kinley in 2006 at Mt Sturgeon Homestead, Dunkeld. I have over 15 years' experience in Office Administration and am really looking forward to working at the school. I have two children, Tom, who is in Prep and Chloe, who will be in Prep next year.

Grapevine: News from a former Staff

Member: LORRAINE HOGAN

We came to Bolac in 1976 because my husband Ron bought the school bus from his father and we thought the country would be a good place to raise our three children. I worked as a teacher/librarian between Bolac and Willaura primary schools before returning to the classroom in 1981.

We had some very memorable school camps at Halls Gap, Sealake and Bridgewater when some mums and Dads came on camp and joined all activities including camp concerts. It was great fun.

Our children Andrea, Dean and Brendan all completed their education at the college.

They all did well academically and went on to get very good jobs as a result. Thanks to the dedication of staff.

Two of our children married formers students, Andrea to Andrew Gale and Brendan to Jodie Stewart.

After retiring I joined VISE (Voluntary ISOLATED Student Education) where you go and live in the outback for up to 6 weeks to give the mums a break from teaching their children. The children have their own classroom and usually work from 8am-4pm. Communication with other children is on radio School of the Air.

We've stayed on cattle stations where the annual muster is done using horses and helicopters. It is very exciting.

In 2007 I went to China with an Ararat group. Some of you may remember when we had visiting Chinese students at the college, well we went to their Taishan High School and I visited Year 12. The students attend school six days a week and work long hours.

Our links with Lake Bolac are still strong with friends and sporting activities although we try to go away during the winter months.

I am enjoying retirement and spend time trying to visit new places when possible.





Lake Bolac Primary School Staff 1982

Front row: Marj Stewart, Lorraine Hogan, Bill Meadows,
Jan Wordly , Sue Robertson

Remember the days of the old school yard!

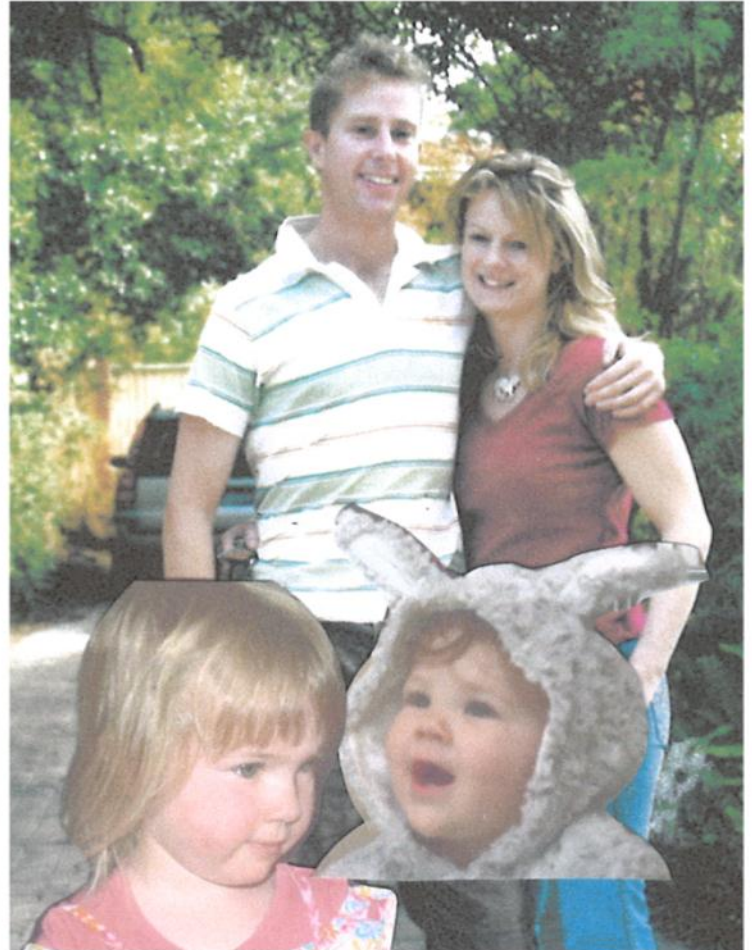
News from a former student:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRENDAN MARK HOGAN

I started Prep at the old primary school in 1979 and sometime that year we moved up to the new school at the bottom of hill.

I had a great time there, but most fondly remember the good times we had at school camps after moving up the hill to the High School.

Finishing Year 12 in 1991, I was accepted into the Australian Defence Force Academy at the start of 1992. It was a daunting time, moving states and embarking on a very different life, but I feel that my experiences at Bolac High and the advice and support I was given by the teachers and family stood me in good stead.



After three years at the Defence Academy and armed with a double degree majoring in Geography and Management, I attended the Royal Military College Duntroon for a year in depth Army Officer Training.

Following the four and years training, it was time to do some real work and I joined the Royal Australian Engineer Corps as a Combat Engineer Troop Commander and I have been having a ball ever since!

The Army has given me great opportunities for education and travel. I have successfully completed a Masters Degree in Business Administration and another in Strategy; a number of engineering and leadership courses and trained as a bomb technician. I served as an Instructor at the Royal School of Engineering in the UK for 2 years, a year in the US and Canada on training and travelled extensively throughout South East Asia.

Operationally, I was deployed to East Timor in 1999 undertaking construction projects and Afghanistan in 2012 supervising Counter Improvised Explosive Device Operations for the South of the country.

Between times, I have worked in support of the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, written a book on the future of the Army and a number of other things that have kept me busy.

At present, I am utilising knowledge and experience gained over the past decade to write assessments which inform the future of the Defence Force Counter IED program.

I am still enjoying my time in the Army and currently living in Canberra with my wife Jodie (former student, nee Stewart) and two daughters.



Front row:	Kelly Paton, Vicky Shaw, Lorrie Brown, Tanya Anderson, Kar-Jayne Richardson, Kylie Milward, Tara Cockfield, Shelly Bouchier, Megan Wentworth.		
Second Row:	Anne Woodbridge, Robert Ellery, Lee Curnow, Denise Fitzpatrick, Susan Phillips, Cindy Murphy, Brendan Hogan , Simon Aitken, Helen Woodbridge		
Third Row:	Glenn Warland, Jason Jolly, Geoffrey Fagg, Scott Cameron, Tim Biggin, David Mudford, Shane Sharrock, Luke Loader		
Fourth Row:	Jason Hill, Adam Box, Anthony Peacock, Brandon Davine, Jason Graham		
Absent:	Kym Woodbridge		
Year 12 Teachers:	Mrs B Lloyd & Mr A Twiss	Principal:	Mr E Pearce

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Mr Alexander Robson STONEMAN, Carisbrook Vic 3464

For service to education, and to the community of the Central Goldfields region.

Former Principal, Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, 1977-1997; Teacher/Senior Teacher, 1963-1977.

Former Secretary, Victorian Association of State Secondary Principals, 1990s; Life Member, 1995.

President, U3A - Maryborough Districts, 2001-2004. Lecturer in Music Appreciation, since 1997; in Geology, since 1998; and in Philosophy, since 2000; Newsletter Editor

President, Central Highlands Historical Society, 2002-2006; Vice-President; Newsletter Editor; Organiser, History Festival, 2011.

Treasurer, Carisbrook Historical Society; Newsletter Editor.

Volunteer Caretaker, Carisbrook Log Gaol; conducts guided tours and talks.

Member, Carisbrook Town Hall Committee; active advocate for restoration of the Town Hall.

Secretary/Treasurer, Carisbrook Fire Brigade, 1991-2003; Fire Safety Demonstrator; Fire Equipment Maintenance Officer; Member, since 1978.

Founder, Friends of Tullaroop Creek Group, since 1988; actively involved in reconstruction work since the 2011 Victorian floods.

Member, Committees of the Central Goldfields Shire including the Heritage Advisory Committee and Carisbrook Street Tree Committee.

Former President, Victorian Philatelic Council; Newsletter Editor; involved in organising the International Philatelic Exhibition in Melbourne, 2009.

Member, Maryborough Stamp Club; Delegate to the Victorian Philatelic Council.

Awards/recognition include:

Centenary Medal, 2001.

National Medal & Bar [C.F.A.], 2012

Pictured at Government House:
Sonya, Alex & Nick Stoneman



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Grampians salutes David Blackburn

Members in CFA's Grampians region have applauded the awarding of the Australian Fire Service Medal to Westmere Ex-Group Officer David Blackburn for his outstanding contribution to CFA and the community.

David has given more than 35 years of service to CFA and, according to Grampians Regional Director Don Kelly, it's recognition of both his leadership and contribution to his community in District 16.



Craig Lapsley (Victorian Fire Services Commissioner) & David Blackburn at Government House after receiving an Australian Fire Services Medal (AFSM) in the 2013

Don Kelly said David has been an outstanding CFA member over a long period of time and the AFSM is a tribute to this. "He's a strategic thinker who's given distinguished and dedicated leadership to the Westmere Group of fire brigades, as well as introducing new innovations to fire service operations," he said.

He said David's influence has had a marked effect in CFA, specifically improving local training and preparedness for emergencies, and also through his development and coordination of protocols for using privately-owned (farmers') fire fighting tankers. "He's also improved the capacity of fire operations through more effective utilisation of CFA radio networks and listening sets between CFA and the community," Don noted.

David is a farmer in the Woorndoo district, and also Chairman of the Southern Quality produce Cooperative Ltd. He has lived in the area for most of his life.

"Look, I'm quite honoured, but it's really a team effort for the Westmere Group. I see this as recognition of CFA looking after its local community," said David.

"Of course my wife, Kay, has played a major role in assisting me and being part of CFA and that goes back to her father Derrick Austin who was the first group officer of the Westmere Group. He received the Queen's Fire Service Medal in 1980, so we have been involved in CFA for a long time."

David began his service with Hexham brigade and later moved to the Woorndoo brigade. He has served as a member of the Regional Planning Committee and has been an active advocate of the use of private fire fighting vehicles within the Westmere Group.

District 16 Operations Officer Ian Morley said David has always been very active in developing succession plans for more junior members of CFA, to ensure they have the right training and experience to move into more senior roles in CFA. "It's a well-deserved award to a man who has spent a lifetime serving CFA, not only operationally but also in contributing to the local community."

He has accepted many leadership roles within CFA including divisional commander in the 2006 Grampians fire, and incident controller in the Stawell – Deep Lead fire.

"He's an astute leader on the fire ground. His straight-from-the-cuff approach to getting things done means no one ever leaves a meeting without knowing exactly what he's thinking or what his intentions

WEDDINGS :



WARTON HUGHES: Gary Warton (former student) married Tamara Hughes this on 06.04.2013 at Sails on the Bay, Elwood

Home: Melbourne



HAMILTON - RIDSDALE: Ashley Hamilton (former student) married Jade Ridsdale on 22.02.2013 at Barwon Heads, Victoria

Home: Ballarat



**LLOYD -
BRUIN:**

Julia Lloyd (former student) married Marcel Bruin on 12.01.2013 in Melbourne

Home: Melbourne

WEDDINGS :

BOURCHIER - DONALDSON:

Matthew Bouchier (former student) married Margot Donaldson (staff member) on 06.04.2013 in Port Fairy.

Home: Chatsworth, VIC



PARK - ALBERT: Jessica Park (former student) married Jeremy Albert 02.02.2013

Home: Willaura, VIC



TRENGOVE - NEWNHAM: Kristie Trengove (staff member) married Blaise Newnham on 12.01.2013 at Princeton, Great Ocean Road.

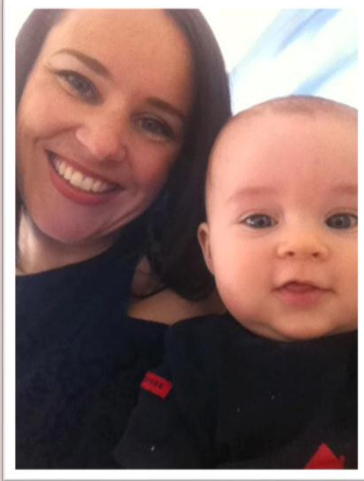
Home: Ballarat



FRANC - CINI: Bridget Franc (staff member) married Kirk Cini on 07.04.2013 at The Convent, Daylesford.

Home: Ballarat

BIRTHS:



ANDERSON: to Stacey (former student nee Gordon) and Hamish a boy, Arlan Gordon.

DOB: 08.10.2012

Home: Melbourne



MCINNES: to Joel (former student) & Tennille a boy Samuel Joel. Brother to Ava (5) and Willow (3)

Grandson to Pam (staff member) and Gary McInnes

DOB: 10.02.2013

Home: Geelong



FORD: to Stuart (former student) and Kirsty Toole a girl Georgia Louise.

DOB: 26.07.2012

Home: Lake Bolac

WHINNEY: to Sarah (former student, nee Paterson) and Tom a boy Edward Jack. Brother to Jane (3)

DOB: 13.01.13

Home: Nerrin Nerrin



GANE: to Kelly Wynne (former student), and Bart a girl Audrey Anne. Sister to Henry (3)

DOB: 22.04.13

Home: Koroit



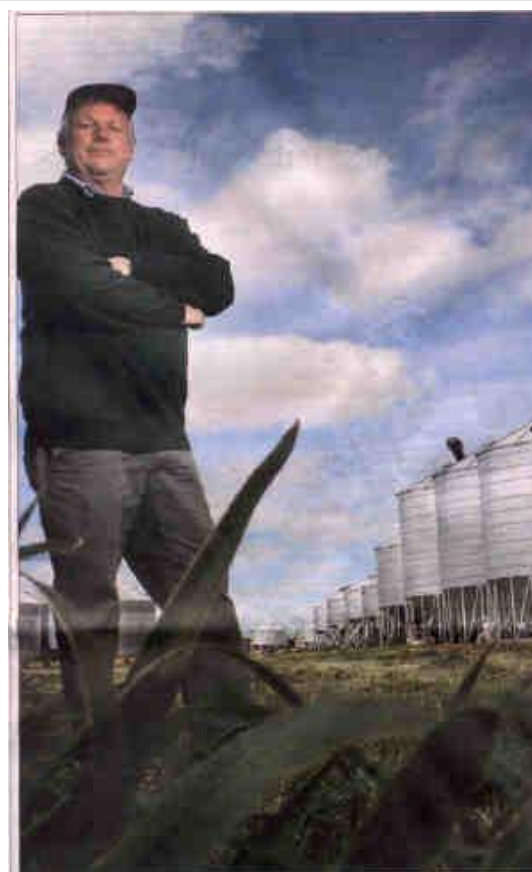
WE REMEMBER:



GORST: Peter

04.10.49 - 21 January 2013

Dearly loved husband of
Susan and father of Chris,
Briony & Victoria



FAMILY FAVOURITE RECIPE:

Provided by Sam Doery

Chicken and Leek Pie

INGREDIENTS:

1 leek chopped (can use onion)

large handful of bacon chopped

900g chicken thighs chopped

1 box frozen spinach or good handful of fresh spinach

2 tsps nutmeg

2 tbls plain flour

300ml cream

2 sheets puff pastry

butter

This recipe is one of our family favourites. It is fantastic and very easy, my girls always ask for it when they come home.



METHOD:

Fry leek or onion with bacon in a knob of butter, add chicken and fry until golden brown. Mix in cream, nutmeg and flour and let simmer for a while until thickened.

Line pastry in a pie dish, add chicken, then layer spinach over top then pastry, prick with fork and brush with egg/milk wash. Bake for 40 min. 180 degrees.

This is yummy cold as well.