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**Nineteen ninety-eight** has been another fantastic year in the history of this great school. I know that it sounds like a principal's hyperbole, but last year was also a great year as was the year before that. We have not really had any problematic years for some time.

So what was so good? Well, for a start, the teachers and students. The teachers are hard working, genuinely care about the children in their charge, get along well together, are willing to go that little bit extra and are willing to embrace change. The students are remarkably sane young people who respond warmly to the care that their teachers offer them. They care about the world they are living in and they want to do something to improve the lot of those less fortunate than them. They laugh at pomposity and they whinge about wearing a uniform and having to do homework. Nothing much has changed in the past 50 years in that respect.

1998 has been important for many reasons, not least of which is that it is now seven years since I was appointed to Williamstown High School as Assistant Principal. Seven years is not an especially long time unless we are talking about swimming underwater, but in those seven years numerous changes have occurred in the school which make it almost unrecognisable from how it looked at the turn of the last decade.

Firstly, there are about five hundred extra students and about twice the number of staff. We have built a modern new PE Centre and we have started to embrace learning technology. Most of the buildings have been painted and refurbished and every classroom has new furniture. We have kept and improved the good things from the past such as music whilst taking on board all the new initiatives of the Department. Sport is now a crucial part of the school calender where once there was none. One thing that has remained constant has been the fantastic support of parents and their willingness to help us do our jobs better.

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# Straeme Smith



I know we can still improve things and clearly our grounds are in need of a lot of work. We need to move quicker into the use of learning technology in our classrooms and we need to find ways of making school more challenging whilst at the same time keeping in the fun.

1998 has been a year of consolidation when we looked at how far we have come and how far we need to go. Our Charter is being re-written to take us into the next millennium, acknowledging our successes and detailing our next challenges. Fantastic staff, fantastic kids, fantastic parents, great programs. If any school can make a difference it's Williamstown High School. Hold Fast!

**Don't you just** hate it when it's a school day and you get out of bed, feel the coolness of the air, and you just know that there's frost outside? After you have a shower and have got ready you descend to the kitchen to pack your lunch, ready for a hard day at school. Riding your bike from your house, you pedal slowly trying not to freeze your hands. By the time you get halfway and look at your watch, which is on your wrong hand, you realise that you are late. This makes you ride faster and faster.

# Adam Dunbar 10GB

When you get to school the bike shed is closed and you have to get the key from the office to open the lock and put your bike away. Once you put your bike in the shed, you head off to class, as you do you remember that you left your assignment on your desk. I bet you can't wait to tell the teacher the same old excuse which she won't believe. Well, I guess there's nothing else you can do, except pray.

Half the day passed but it feels as though its forever, but in 15 minutes you have English which means the project is due. As you walk into the class, the teacher gives you a grin, just to say 'have you done the assignment?' You try and hide behind that big boy in your class so that the teacher doesn't see you. As always, she yells your name out and asks for the project. Your mind is rushing around trying to find an excuse to use, but you remember your mother saying 'the truth is always better', so you tell the truth. 'Miss, I forgot to bring it, but it is on the top of the kitchen table', you explain in a cowardly voice. 'Is that the best excuse you have?', the teacher asks. 'But it's true', you say. 'I guess you failed the assignment', she says in a happy voice.

As you look around the class you can see all the students looking at you. You sit down and you just know this is a bad day.

# report

RC report

**One of the** main aims of the SRC this year has been to lift our profile within the school. By doing this we hoped to become more effective and relevant in improving the environment, facilities and culture of Willy High for *all* students.

It has also been a desire of all members of the SRC that students feel as though they can approach their SRC representative with their ideas and suggestions. This is the most effective way of implementing change and creating a 'student friendly' environment.

# Peta Granger

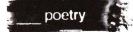


It has only been through support from so many students and teachers that the SRC has been able to raise awareness and money for the Starlight Foundation, Bone Marrow Donor Institute, SIDS and genetic research. School fundraisers have also allowed us to celebrate International Teachers' Day with a teachers' lunch, open a sports store and provide support for students participating in interstate sport. It has only been through support from so many students and teachers that the SRC has been able to raise awareness and money for the Starlight Foundation, Bone Marrow Donor Institute, SIDS and genetic research.

Thanks to all students and teachers who offered so much support and encouragement in achieving our goals. Thanks also to the SRC members Alexandra Carroll, Travis White, Brett Carter, Emerald Oliverio, Ibrahim Hisni, Claire McCall, Nellie McInerny, Casey Chapman, Matthew Leeder, Bart Holod, Adam Wells (Treasurer), Gareth Haggerty, Arthur Mantzaris, Luke Warlond, Sarah Brown (Secretary) and Mark Sushames (Vice-President), for all their time, enthusiastic efforts and creative ideas. I would particularly like to thank and encourage the eleven members of the SRC from the junior school for their major contributions this year. They represent the future of the SRC and Willy High. I hope they will continue to use their eagerness and innovation to encourage new members and further participation from all students. Special thanks to the SRC's supervisor, helper and mentor, Miss Read. She has listened, encouraged and motivated us all year and we couldn't have done without her.

I personally gained a lot from being involved in the SRC. It has made me realise that the student body *can* achieve significant change, and be an important contributing factor to a better school environment.

It's your efforts that make a difference to your school.



# The Rain

The rain cleanses the earth's wounds, Its melodious medicinal soothing tunes, It comes on strong and then it goes, But it leaves a cold that numbs your toes, The rain has gone and now it's day, But the mournful puddles are here to stay.

# Reflections

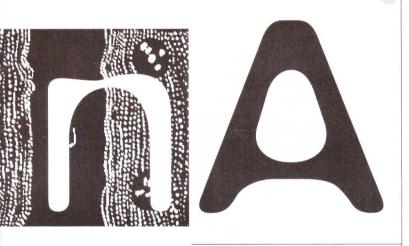
Serene bliss. Mirrors of the earth's shadow in an unearthly moonlight, Forever a daunting reality for givers of peace, Gnawing evil fangs much at the roots of civilisation, Drops of blood cool the acid eating at my soul The power of ones self never to meet the needs of others Forever destined to sit and wonder and wait and watch while nothing happens, And forever it shall be.

### The Black Stallion

A clap of thunder shakes the earth, but still he remains motionless, Only the glow of his untamed eye burning upon the stormy sky, A flash of lightning showing the outline of his muiscular body standing proudly above the valley below. With a stomp of his hoof he tore off down the slope, his flowing mane cast behind him, Free - without the metaphorical cuffs of mankind. Untouched by civilisation's curse, A roar resounds as his shining figure fades away into the night, His inner soul flashes around the dark horizon, King of his kind, Immortal, for evermore.

## **Jaymin Pilgrim** Year 11

When Europeans arrived on Australia they stepped onto land that was owned under complex indigenous laws and land systems. Even though the English saw that the Aboriginals lived here, they thought that the Aboriginals were not good enough for the land: so the English claimed it as theirs. The English considered the land to be *terra nullius* (land belonging to no-one), and because of the English settlement they transplanted their laws here, including laws governing land and property. They rendered all land in the hands of the King, and only the monarchy could grant land.



# Alice Bird Year 11

As native title becomes a more talked and heard about issue in our community with currently 707 native title claims before Australia's tribunal's, it is important to understand that native title is not a new type of land grant by governments to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. These are existing rights that have previously not been recognised in Australian common law.

Indigenous people have been fighting for their land since 1788. In the late 1960's. when the Gunndji walked off Wave Hill cattle station over their appalling work conditions, they drew much attention to the struggle. The *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* and the Woodward Royal commission report laid the basis for Commonwealth land rights legislation in the Northern Territory. Land rights legislation in some of the states followed.

Although these statutes granted some land rights to many Aboriginal people, Australian law still did not recognise prior Aboriginal ownership of Australian land. It was not until 1992, in the Mabo decision. that Australian law acknowledged this truth. The High Court in Mabo held that Australian common law does not recognise native title as a form of title over land pre-dating colonisation. The then Labour government responded to Mabo by passing the Native Title Act 1993 ('the NTA'). The rules and procedures governing when and how native title over particular land will be recognised are set out in the NTA, as are the procedures for lodging native title claims and the ways in which future dealings affecting native title may proceed (the 'right to negotiate' provisions). As well as conferring native title rights the NTA recognises the fact that the crown has the power to extinguish native title

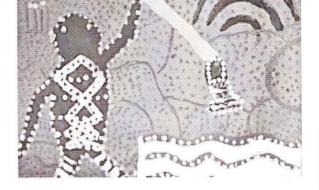
In 1996, the new coalition government indicated that it intended to amend the NTA extensively. The

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governments main aims were to increase commercial access to native title and by limiting the 'right to negotiate', increasing the powers of state and Territory ministers to override native title rights and making it more difficult to register native title claims in the first place.

In the 1820's, settlers crossed the Great Dividing Range, searching for good grazing land. Squatters took possession of vast tracts of Crown land for cattle and sheep. For many Aborigines, this was their first encounter with white people and their livestock. Regarded as a threat to white settlement, Aboriginal people were often forcibly driven from their land or killed.

The colonial government responded to the emerging pastoral industry by developing Australia's unique pastoral leasehold land tenure system. It was a device to provide temporary recognition of the occupation of land by squatters and to ensure continued access to



the land by Aboriginal people. It has been estimated that around 42% of land in Australia is subject to pastoral leases.

The rights of native title hclders are identified by looking at the traditions, customs and practices of the particular Aboriginal group claiming a right to the leased land. Those traditions and customs may include hunting, fishing, dwelling and conducting ceremonies or simply crossing: over land for ceremonial purposes.

In all cases where people own their land as freehold or hold a lease which grants them the right to exclusive possession, a residential lease or a community purpose lease, native title will have been extinguished permanently over that land. Also included are leases to statutory authorities where the authorities can deal with the land as if they own it and public works.

Indigenous fishing rights have been recognised over both onshore and offshore waters in overseas jurisdictions, including New Zealand, Canada and the United States. Recognition of these rights has enabled indigenous people to negotiate as stakeholders, to protect their subsistence fishing to prevent pollution and overfishing and to protect certain species.

Under the present law, the Minister may only intervene after negotiation has failed and an arbitrated decision has been made. The Government now proposes to allow not only the Commonwealth but also, for the first time, the State or Territory Ministers to intervene, and to intervene earlier in the negotiation process. This will create enormous difficulties for indigenous people in States and Territories with governments, which are hostile to native title rights. The amendments require the Minister to consider the benefits to native titleholders but not the detriments. Moreover, State and Territory Ministers will be required to exercise these new powers in 'the national interest.'

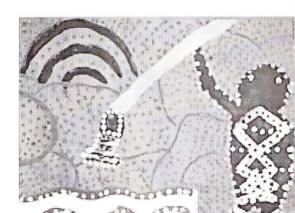
The proposals also raise complex legal questions about the nature of discrimination. Reducing or removing the right to negotiate will contravene the principles of the *Racial Discrimination Act*. This is because effective and genuine equality will only be possible through measures - like the right to negotiate - which enable Aboriginal people to safeguard the special cultural and spiritual significance to them of their traditional land. Reducing or removing the right to negotiate and leaving indigenous people with rights which are equal to freehold owners leaves them. In fact, with less than full recognition of their legal rights.

The Wik decision held that native title rights and pastoral activities might coexist. An unequal form of coexistence has existed on pastoral leases since last century. Aboriginal people were able to remain on or near their country because they provided cheap or free labour. Aboriginal people remain a vital part of the pastoral industry today, working on leased land, which they know intimately, and frequently living on the land as well. But this informal coexistence is highly uncertain for

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indigenous peoples. In many parts of Australia, gates have been and will continue to be locked, shutting out traditional landowners whose religious and cultural responsibilities to country do not stop at pastoral lease boundaries.

Aboriginal people have developed a proposal for a formal process of coexistence, which recognises and respects the rights and interests of all stakeholders in the pastoral rangelands. The proposal is based on certainty for all. Indigenous people understand the need of pastoralists to be certain that they can carry on their pastoral activities for the success of their enterprise, and are willing to support legislation confining those rights. It is also understood that pastoralists want to know they are working with people who have genuine claims. Similarly, native titleholders want certainty regarding their rights – to hunt, fish, camp, visit sites of significance, protect cultural heritage and engage in traditional ceremonial activities.



Why did I have to go and leave all my friends behind?

Why did I have to leave the place I grew up in?

Why did I have to come to this stingy old joint and put

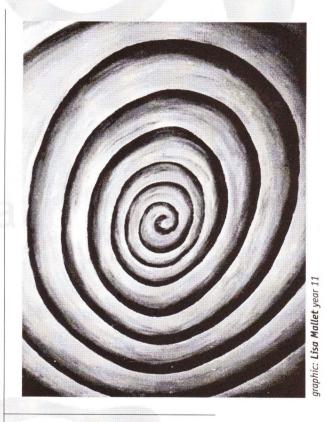
up with all of these new people and all these new places?

All of these questions I had to ask. Yet no one would answer any of them for me. My brother just said to shut up and stop complaining. My father said that he didn't have enough time to explain it to me and my mother said that she didn't want to talk about it.

My mother and me were the only ones on our family that didn't like it here. My mother had to leave all of her family behind just so that my Dad could get a new job. My brother didn't have many friends that he cared about leaving behind, and my father, I don't think he had any friends at all.

My Dad is a workaholic. He doesn't do anything but work all day long. He leaves for work before I get up in the morning and gets home about eight o clock every night. By this time he is too tired and goes to bed at nine o clock. My Dad is an insurance person. He sells insurance to people all over town.

Well, it's my first day of school today. I am nervous as hell and I feel like running away but I can't. This is because I don't know the area. I am walking to school now and I don't know what to do. I don't know anybody and I barely know which way to walk. My head is spinning. I think I have to cross this road to get to school.



Because I am so confused on what to do, I walk out on to the road without looking. As I hear a horn tooting at me, I look and a giant Mack truck is coming towards me. But I don't move. I just stand there and wait for the truck to hit.

Now I am dead in a hospital. My whole family is crying by my side and my father has even taken an hour of work to see me.

Scody Joyce Year 8

**Once again the** main activity during maths week was the Australian Maths Competition. It was held in the library with 82 committed participants. For approximately 90 mins these students worked their way through some 30 questions in the hope of achieving well. The test papers have categories of junior (Yr 7-8), intermediate (Yr 9-10), and senior (VCE). Students are encouraged to answer questions, which they can confidently solve. Wrong answers whether guessed or calculated are penalised, reducing student scores.

Participation rate is high at the junior level. Yr 9 & Yr 12 have a low participation rate.

This year one student, Stephen Fang (Yr 8), received

a certificate of High Distinction, this puts him in the top 2% of the competitors. Well done! Many students obtained Distinction & Credits and deserve applause.

Other activities during Maths week were two up, card games, origami, curved string constructions, film and cooperative learning groups, problem solving and Maths on the Internet. All activities were well patronised during lunchtime. Students had the opportunity to learn two up with instruction by Ms Anita Gatti and supported by other maths staff. Some students chose a curved string construction activity using wood, tacks, (hammers) and string to produce many different designs with the help of Mr Ian Foster. Origami was another option. Students constructed items ranging from pianos to samurai hats, raccoons to cranes. With direction by Ms Barbara Slusarczyk supported by Library staff, students folded their way through many pieces of coloured squares to produce

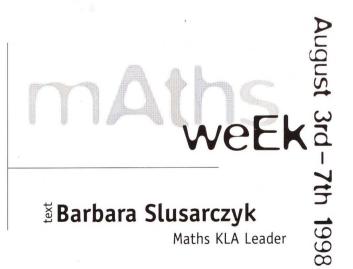
delicate items of Japanese origami. The film *Donald Duck In Maths Magic Land* was seen by all Year 7 and most year levels were able to participate in simple problem solving activities working in cooperative groups. Overall it was a great week.

The Maths Department continues to make progress toward improving the perception of maths and with the addition of Maths as a 1999 Charter Priority it is hoped we will participate in some relevant and worthwhile change/direction.











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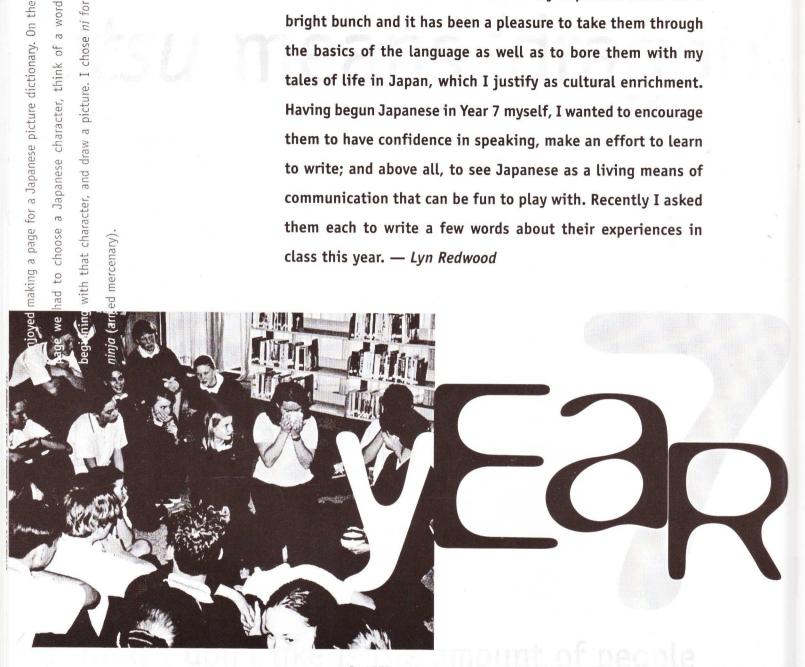
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The students from 7DC and 7AG in my Japanese class are a bright bunch and it has been a pleasure to take them through the basics of the language as well as to bore them with my tales of life in Japan, which I justify as cultural enrichment. Having begun Japanese in Year 7 myself, I wanted to encourage them to have confidence in speaking, make an effort to learn to write; and above all, to see Japanese as a living means of communication that can be fun to play with. Recently I asked them each to write a few words about their experiences in class this year. — Lyn Redwood



In LOTE week our class learned 'Ten Little Indian Boys' in Japanese. We lined up like a choir and while we sang, our Japanese teacher, Miss Renwood, taped us on video. After the song, she randomly picked some people to say if it was tanoshii (fun) or hazukashii (embarrassing). When I went to answer hazukashii (embarrassing), I ended up saying oishii (delicious) by mistake!

One day we learned how to say inu which means 'dog'. I learned how to make little origami (paperfolded) cranes. I made it wrong so the Japanese students made one for me.

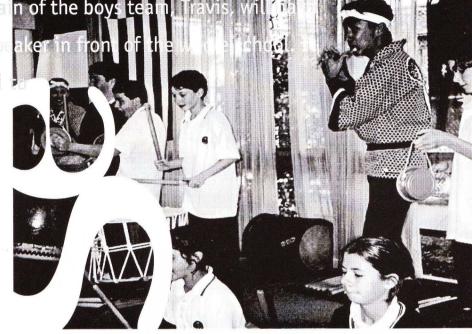
sure will come in

In Japanese I like it when we play 'Battle of the Sexes'. The point of the game is for one team (girls or boys) to win by answering the most questions in Japanese and then translating them into English. The girls

year 7 Japanese

- of course - are winning the series! Like all Battle there was a side bet, and the captain of the boys tea to sing in Japanese on the loud speaker in from of the loud sp

My favourite word in Japanese is *usagi*, which means 'rabbit'. Singing for LOTE week and being taped on video was fun but really embarrassing.



Fifteen exchange students from Japan had a chance of a lifetime to come over to Australia and live with a student from Williamstown High. I enjoyed having the exchange students here because I got to know them straight away and I also got to know more about Japan and learned new Japanese words. One of my favourite Japanese students, Marina, was really funny.

Something I like doing is putting sentences together from words.

One day Miss Renwood brought in a parcel. We were quite curious because she had never brought a parcel before. We could understand when she said it was for 'pass the parcel'. We sat in a circle and Miss told us that the prizes in the parcels were all classroom items – something we had been working on for the last couple of weeks. She also said we had to guess in Japanese what it was. If we got it right we got to unwrap it and keep the prize; if we were wrong the parcel was passed on until the music stopped again.

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My favourite word in Japanese is *uma* – it means 'horse'. I like the bankbooks. Miss Renwood brings them in every Friday and we earn 1000 yen by getting questions right and answering them in Japanese.

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**He picked himself** up off the cement footpath which had been darkened by the dirty rain kicked out of the muddy grass patches. He held his head in his hands. The ache, resulting from the gash across his forehead, had become intensely painful. Wiping the blood out of his eyes, he stumbled to an unwelcoming bench. Trying not to stab himself on one of its broken slats, he painfully sat down. He watched the blood drip off his nose, then between his knees, and finally splash between his feet. He thought of how pointless it would be to seek shelter in his already drenched state. The clouds were darkening again and knowing he physically couldn't take another night out in the cold, he succumbed to the idea that he would have to make his way home. Ignoring the pain in his legs he painfully stood, the bench providing little relief in terms of support.

He reached the house. 'My home,' he thought and shirked at the idea of once again having to stay there. Standing just outside the front gate, he looked around the house he had not seen for three days. The fence was still broken, the house's paint was still peeling and, he could picture the mould in the bathroom would once again have invaded the bath tub as a result of all the recent rain.

Pushing open the front door, he walked straight past his mother who had made a run for him the moment she saw him. 'Dave, where've you been? You little bastard treating your mother like that. Just leaving for days on end. I can't take much more of this, these bloody disappearance all the bloody time!' His mother's shrieks provided the background to the otherwise silence of his mind. Closing the door behind himself, he lay on his bed. Still in his wet clothes, he covered himself with the blankets and drifted off to sleep.

It was past midnight when he woke. Angry at himself for sleeping in wet clothes, he got up and undressed. He examined his topless body in the mirror. His wet clothes had shrivelled his body to that reminiscent of an old man. He found some dry clothes and, still limping, hobbled down the hall.

An evil laugh rent the cold and silent night. His father was back home from his night shift at the uni. Dave could hear the TV on and figured his father was watching one of his early morning TV shows. The mop was leaning against the outside of the window. He knew his father was still at his pathetic janitor job. His father was the last person Dave wanted to see, so he crept stealthily along the hallway ready to do something about the cut on his head.

> Opening the medicine cabinet behind the mirror in the bathroom, he found a bottle of antiseptic. He hissed at the pain of the antiseptic being wiped across his cut. He tore the end off a bandage, annoyed at

the fact that he couldn't bandage his head like he'd seen on TV. On his way back to his room, he went to the hallway cupboard and grabbed a sleeping bag, knowing that he'd be curled up on the floor for the rest of the night.

He woke early. Slowly opening his eyes, he squinted at the bedside clock to see that it was only seven o'clock. He got to his feet, the cold of the morning forcing him to get dressed quickly. His stomach churned and he realised that it had been many hours since he had last eaten. The TV was still on and his father was asleep at the table. Dave looked sadly at the sight of his father: a pathetically unfit body slouched over the table, an unshaven face, surrounded by an empty bottle of bourbon and an overflowing ashtray.

#### 'Arsehole,' Dave whispered at his father.

Dave opened the fridge and took the remains of a roasted chicken, a bottle of milk, and a handful of bread slices. On his way back to his room, he was stopped by the sight of his mother. Standing face to face with him, she began to come closer. He stared straight at her, but before she was within arms reach, he ducked into his room slamming the door behind himself. The thumping began; so hard the door was actually moving.

'Open the door, why won't you talk to me?' she was shouting.

'What's all the bloody noise then?' Dave could hear his father yell from the kitchen. He began to eat the food in large mouthfuls then, grabbing a bag, he thrust the rest of the food and the bottle of milk into it. He placed that bag into a bigger one along with some money and clothes.

'Get out of the way you bloody idiot!' Dave heard his father scream at his mother just as he climbed out of his bedroom window.

He walked down the main road which he found surprisingly busy for that time of morning. Making his way to the park, he sat down to finish the meal he had been forced to postpone. He drank the milk slowly, wishing that it had been warmed. Scrunching up the now empty plastic bag, he pushed it into the gap between the slats of the park bench.

On the main road again, he walked slowly up hill in the direction of the coffee shop. Dave ordered his coffee and went to sit at one of the shop's cheap but neat tables. He looked around the shop. It wasn't really a coffee shop, but more of a milk bar that sold coffee.

'Here you go,' the owner gestured politely. 'White with two sugars.'

'Thanks,' Dave replied, surprising himself with a smile.

## Jack Supriyono 10DR

Dave sat with his back leaning against a rusty corrugated iron fence. His right foot was almost completely submerged in one of the puddles but he didn't, couldn't, care. He hadn't eaten for two days, nor had he seen his home. He lifted his leg out of the puddle, the pain had no effect on his expressionless face.

Now on two feet, he dropped his head. His saturated foot looked no different to the other at this time of day. It was too dark to tell. Taking a deep breath, he closed his eyes and began to walk; one last attempt for home. His lack of energy, the thought of the walk home, too hard. His pace slowed completely, his feet began to drag. He hit the cold, stone ground face first, unaware that his wet, numb foot had caught an uneven stone sticking up out of the path just waiting to trip an innocent victim.

He lay there face down in the mud and water that was overflowing from the gaps in the blue stone alley. He thought of the coffee he had drunk two days before, the nice warm feeling it had given him as it ran down inside his chest. He thought of that afternoon when he had tried to go home and his mother's unwelcoming and bruised face refusing him entry. Then there were no more thoughts, just an empty peaceful feeling, and he closed his eyes.



**Ninety-nine eight** has been another big year in sport for students at Williamstown High School. Almost 500 students participated in one or more of the eighty teams which represented the school in interschool sport competitions. The number of different sports in which the school fielded teams was a record: twenty one different sports including athletics, badminton, baseball, basketball, cricket, cross country, football, golf, hockey, lacrosse, lawn bowls, netball, sailing, soccer, softball, squash, swimming, surf lifesaving, table tennis, tennis and volleyball.

There have been many highlights throughout the year, but perhaps the school's greatest achievements have been the success of the 'All Age' teams at the big carnivals in athletics, swimming and cross country. These are the teams where students from across all year levels, 7 to 12, come together to compete as one large team. It is where our juniors get the chance to compete alongside, and receive the support of, our seniors.

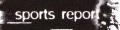
This year the school was promoted to Section B of the Western Metropolitan Athletics carnivals after finishing first in Section C in 1997. A team of eighty students took part in what resulted in a very successful day for Williamstown High. Outstanding results in both individual and relay events saw Williamstown High finish first in the Junior Boys division, second in the Junior Girls, first in Intermediate Boys, third in Intermediate Girls, first in Senior Boys and second in Senior Girls. This meant the school finished in first place overall on the day and will now be promoted to Section A for the 1999 carnivals - an incredible achievement as five of the seven other schools in Section B have larger student populations than Williamstown High. The fine achievements of individuals continued at the Western Zone Finals and at the State Finals where Kai May of Year 10 and Danielle Jankusik of Year 7 both finished third in their respective 1500 metre events at State level.





At the Section B swimming carnival a team of 45 students represented the school. Almost every student came away with a first, second or third placing. The school was first in both the Intermediate Boys and Senior Boys divisions and finished overall second amongst the eight competing schools. Nine relay teams qualified for the Western Zone Finals – a record for the school. Several individuals qualified for events at the Western Zone Finals with Petrit Abazi of Year 9 breaking the Western Zone record for the under 15 50m backstroke. Petrit and Mark Sushames of Year 12 went on to the State Finals where Petrit finished second in the Under 15 backstroke and Mark finished second in the Under 21 backstroke.

The Western Metropolitan cross country carnival was another big event for students. Forty-two students from across all year levels took part with Williamstown High finishing third overall in a field of close to thirty schools. The Intermediate Boys team finished second in their section and qualified for the Western Zone Finals. After finishing first in the Under 16 Boys 5000m at the Metropolitan Carnival, Kai May followed up with seventh at the Western Zone Finals and ninth in the



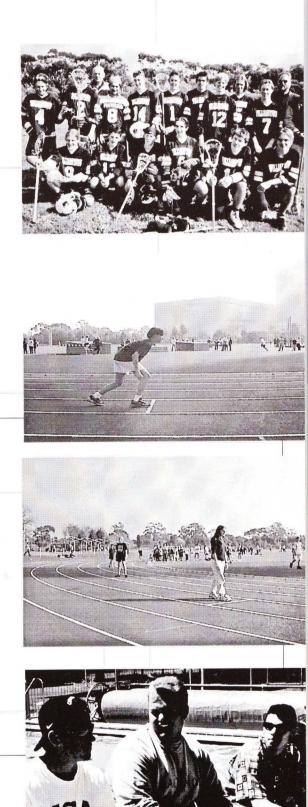
State Finals. He was later selected in the Victorian team to compete in the Australian championships.

The school experienced amazing successes in many of the Year level team sports. The school was particularly strong in badminton, baseball cricket, hockey, netball, tennis and volleyball. Thirty five teams were victorious at the district level. Of these, twenty two went on to compete in the Western Zone Finals. The Year 7 and Year 8 Girls Badminton teams, the Year 8 and Intermediate Boys Netball teams, the Year 7 Boys Tennis team, and the Intermediate Boys basketball team all qualified for the State Finals.

For the first time this year students at Williamstown High participated in Interschool Lacrosse, Lawn Bowls, Boys Netball, Sailing and Surf Lifesaving. For some, this gave students the opportunity to participate in a team for the school in a sport they regularly compete in such as Lacrosse and Sailing. For others, it was the opportunity to get involved in a new sport. This was particularly the case for Boys Netball.

The school entered teams in each of the three available divisions for Boys Netball - Senior, Intermediate and Junior. All members of the teams learned the rules and practiced the skills of the game in their own time, either at lunchtimes or after school. Many of the students guickly adapted the skills they had acquired in other sports to the game and formed very strong teams. The Senior Boys team, with limited match practice, finished runners up at the Western Zone Finals. Both the Intermediate Boys and Junior Boys teams won at the district level, won their Western Zone qualifying round and then went on to win the Western Zone Finals to qualify for the State Finals. At the State Finals the Intermediate Boys team easily defeated both Kangaroo Flat and Bright before losing a very exciting game to Mordialloc-Chelsea by one goal, 22-21, to ultimately finish third in the State. The Junior Boys team easily defeated Kerang and Seymour and then fought out a tough tussle against Dandenong before winning 18-17 to qualify for the Grand Final. In the Grand Final the Williamstown boys managed to hold a three to four goal lead throughout most of the game and eventually won 18-15 to become State Champions in the first year of Boy's Netball - a fantastic achievement!

I would like to congratulate all the students who participated in interschool sport this year. There have been many outstanding achievements of which the school can be proud. I would also like to thank the many staff who have put in so much time to give students so many opportunities to participate in sport, and to help make sport such a successful program at our school.





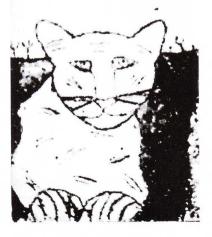
I have a cat. I have had him since I was five years old. My cat is mostly black. He has a little bit of white fur on his feet. I love him a lot.

My cat is called Sylvester. His nicknames are Roo-roos and Vester.

My cat eats twice or three times a day. He has meat and dry food. He drinks a little bit of milk, so he is fat.

I always play with my cat. I scratch him under the chin. I pat him a lot.

My cat sleeps in our recycling box with paper in it. He is warm that way. When it is summer he sleeps in the sunbeams. My cat is lazy but he's also adventurous.



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David Campbell 7AG

My cat has been in a lot of fights. He is the opposite of me, he is brave, strong, and he always wins in a fight. He has lost a lot of hair in fights. Sometimes I see him fighting. I don't like the screech of cat cries, so I try to break up the fights.

Vester has once lived without coming home for three weeks. He normally lives near the station close to our house. When he comes home he needs a good feed.

My big sister thinks he's half-hers and half-mine. But my Mum bought him for me, on Christmas Eve, in 1990. I discovered my cat in the laundry. Vester is going to be sixty-three in cat years on the 11th of November.

My cat hates water, upstairs, flea collars and being annoyed when he is comfortable.

When my cat shows affection he bangs his head into my head. I like that.





**On Monday the** crepe man came along and sold *crepes*. As well, we had a drum demonstration which was called *Wadaiko*. Also there was a Japanese barbecue that sold *yakitori*, *yabisoba* and *sates*.

We also had a French demonstration called pentaque that was a demonstration with steel balls.

A language trail also took place and we all had to go into Williamstown and answer questions on Japan.

My favourite of all was the kendo demonstration, three people named Chris, Juiko and Graham. They showed us how to play and the skills that are needed

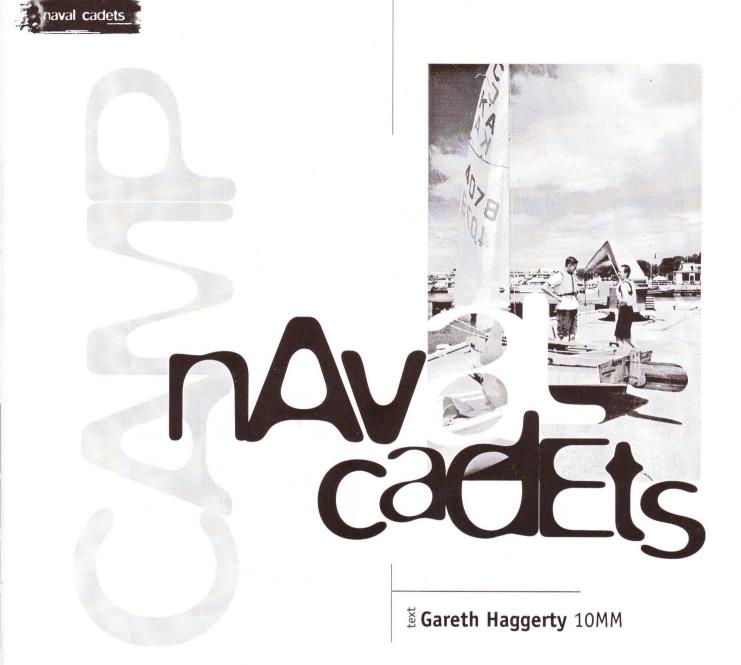
to play. They dressed in armour, that covered most of their bodies. They fought with sword-like sticks. They also faced each other and tried to hit each other as they fought in a game of kendo.

Overall, I think LOTE week was a great success.

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## Sarah Matovic 10MM





**Naval Cadets is** a subject in our school for the students who didn't do well or didn't want to do well in LOTE (languages other than English). We just thought it would be a breeze to pass by a bit of marching and sailing but we ended up learning self-discipline, presentation with navy uniforms, sailing, and knots. In the midst of it all we had to earn our *Duke of Edinburgh Award* which included fifteen hours of community service, improving at something your already good at, other things and of course a sailing camp up in the Gippsland Lakes, where we supposedly developed our sailing skills, but we didn't do muck of that due to 30 knot winds.

The Three boats: *Nelly J*-a 36ft boat; *Aqua Sulis*-a 28ft foot; and my boat, *Moonlighter*-a 32ft, were worth about \$200,000 each. We mostly cruised around by motor to various destinations such as: Duck Arm- where we stayed for the second night because it was sheltered from the wind. We moored the boats up onto the banks and started swimming in this secluded area. There was a water bomb fight and when we ran out of bombs we improvised and threw lollies.

The third day we went to an island which was part of a national park. Kangaroos inhabited it but all I saw was their excrement all over the ground and a bunch of dead fish. The dead fish were probably due to the fact that Jarrod Feeley dipped his feet in the water the day before.

On the last night, fire works and crackers were lit up. Supplied by sources that will remain nameless.

We parked the boats that night in a place called Box's Creek. It had a lookout where you could see the lights glimmering across the water from a local town called Metung.

All the boats were issued a plastic dinghy that was a good target for practical jokes. The crew from *Nelly J* sank a few when swimming whilst others simply let them go to drift in the early hours of the morning.



Two of us each night had to prepare a three course meal for the rest of your boat which we brought already cooked and ready to reheat. Some boats ate well; others threw up the next morning from cold pies and sausage rolls.

They were pretty cramped eating/sleeping areas so every morning everyone had to pack up their gear into storage compartments that were cleverly hid in places like...under the bed.

On the last day the wind settled down and we were able to go for a sail. Except for *Nelly J* who had a broken rope or something. But we knew that they were afraid to match the wit and cunning of *Moonlighter*.

So they just cruised around by motor trying to bombard us with more water balloons but they were pretty pathetic attempts because for every twenty thrown only two or three made it onto the decks!

To finish off we all had a great time, learnt a lot and were glad to be in our own beds again.

'What an interesting photo!', I thought as I was flipping through our Family Photo Album. I took the photo out of the album and went downstairs. I asked Mum who was the person in the photo, and what the giant fish was doing there. After what Mum told me, I was shocked and surprised at the same time.

# **≣Emmy Cui** 8SL



You're probably wondering what my mum told me that made me so shocked and surprised. Well, this is what she told me: The person sitting down was my great grandmother and the giant fish was my great grandfather!

Can you believe it? The giant fish was my great grandfather! As I looked up, my grandma walked past. When I was small, I always wondered why she had a fish-like mouth and big eyes that hardly blink. Now I know why!

After looking at the photo closely, I recognised the painting in the photograph – the same one we have in our lounge room.

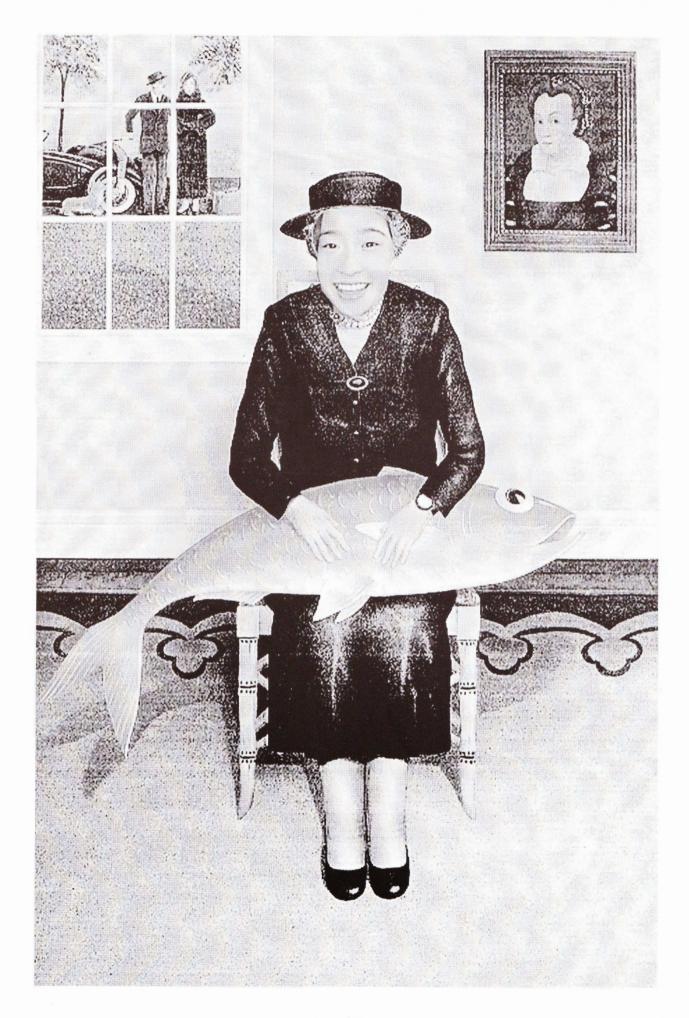
I went up to my Mum and asked her how my great grandmother fell in love with my so-called 'great grandfather'. My mum told me that one day, my great grandmother decided to participate in a competition. The competition was to try and catch the most fish. Well, my great grandmother sat there fishing the whole day, but couldn't catch any fish.

Just as she was about to give up, she saw the fishing rod start to move. She tried to reel it in, but she couldn't because it was too heavy, so she called a couple of people to help her. When they finally caught it, to their surprise, it was a giant fish! My great grandmother was so excited that she had forgotten all about the competition and went home with the fish.

As the days went by, my great grandmother loved the giant fish even more.

One day, she decided to marry the giant fish. The wedding was a very difficult one. Trust me, you don't want to know what happened after that. That is how the fish became my great grand father.

After I heard the whole story, I started laughing, until l remembered I have a fishing competition tomorrow! Oh no! Will I catch a giant fish and fall in love with it, just like my great grandmother?





tradition of the school camp is still alive and well at iamstown High School. The following is a list of camps were successfully run this year:

> Year 7: 'Kangaroobie', *Princetown*, 16-20 February Year 7 Music: *Rosebud*, 8-9 November Year 8: *Grampians*, 9-12 June

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Year 9: Angelsea, 10-13 November

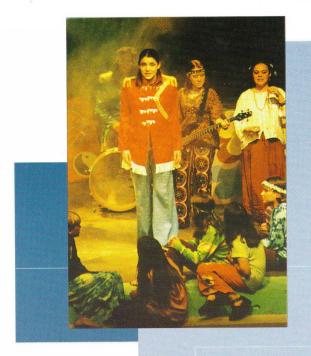
Year 10: Queensland, 7-13 November

Year 10 Cadets: Gippsland, 18-21 October

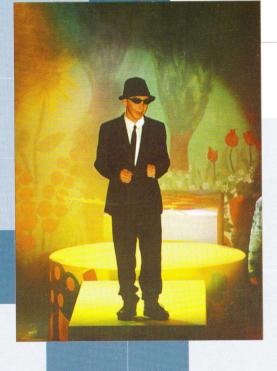
Year 11 Outdoor Ed: Angelsea, 4-8 May

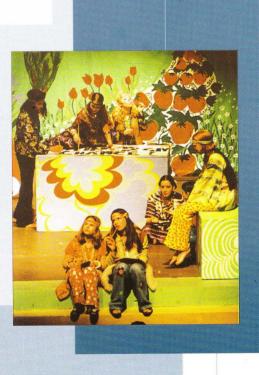
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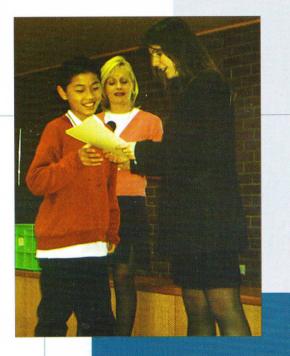








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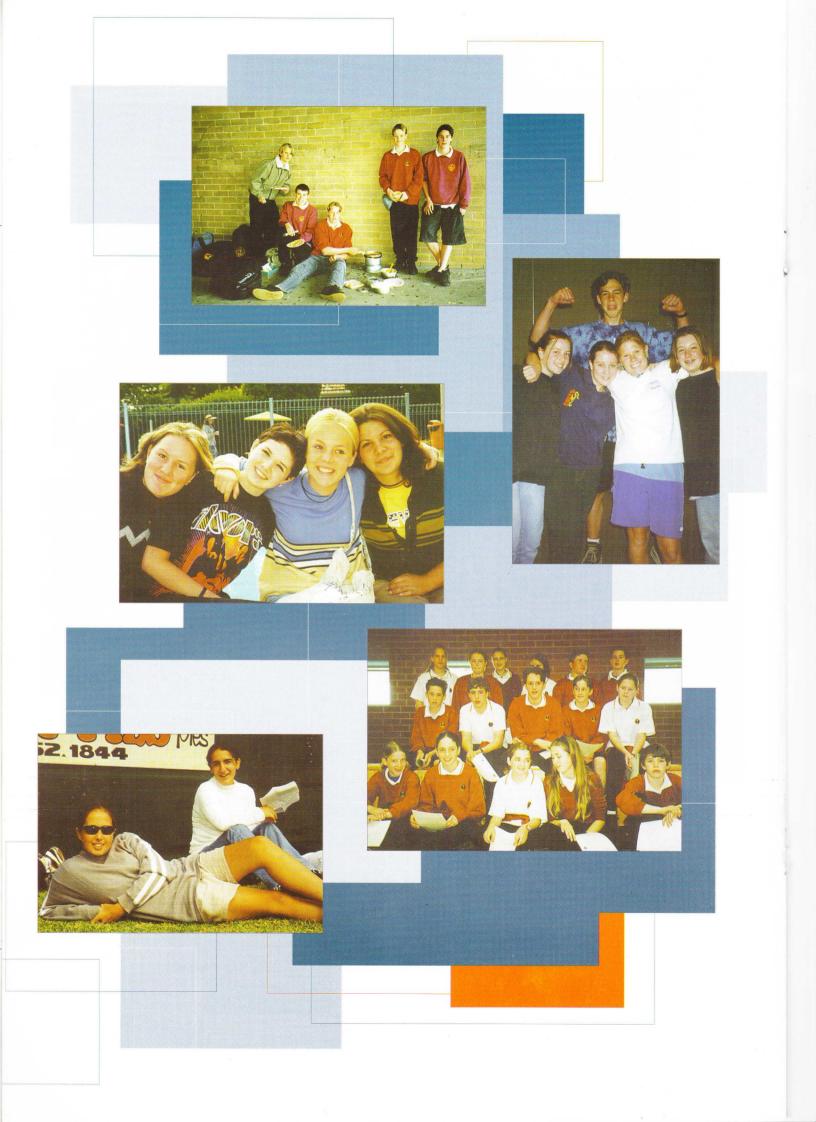












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traphic Klaudia Audy 85L

Consumed by this hatred I stand alone in my consciousness breathing through a blanket of fire that will engulf us all. My eyes water as I hear the call The final blast of iniquity. A flame leaps up and tickles my brows and kisses me like no other and I succumb.

Esther Crocker Year 11

My eyes are bleeding My ears are stinging I cannot stand up much longer. The life we lead is eating us whole Consuming our passion We are but empty masks Moving in and out of the day Morn and dusk melt into a color undefining. Tedious chores of sadistic rituals Just to maintain sanity.



graphic: Georgia Patton 8SL







**Finn Koren** Director of Music

#### **PERFORMANCES AND EVENTS:**

Assembly performance #1: Senior Wind Orchestra

Assembly performance #2: Intermediate Concert Band, Intermediate String Ensemble

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Grade 6 student visits (2): year 8 & 9 ensemble performances Guest Conductor #1: Mr. Monte Mumford from University of Tasmania with year 8-12 students.

Quadrangle rock gigs (3): VCE rock band & year 10 rock band Hobsons Bay Battle of the Bands: VCE rock band & year 10 rock band (2nd Prize!)

School Production: With a Little Help From My Friends

North West Grand Youth Concert at the Melbourne Concert Hall: VCE Wind Ensemble, various year 8-10 students in regional groups.



Battle of the Bands at Footscray City Secondary College: Year 10 rock band (3rd. prize!).

'Willin' Women' fund-raising concert at Holy Trinity Church: year 8 wind ensemble.

Year 8 music camp at Ace High Ranch, Rosebud.

Annual Amnesty concert at Holy Trinity Church: VCE wind duets and ensemble.

VCE Performance CAT exams at Footscray City College: VCE Wind Ensemble & Rock Band.

Year 7 music camp at Ace High Ranch, Rosebud.

Musical High 98 at Williamstown Town Hall: all WHS music students, teachers (plus guest conductor Mr. Roy Hamilton from Westgate Concert Band)

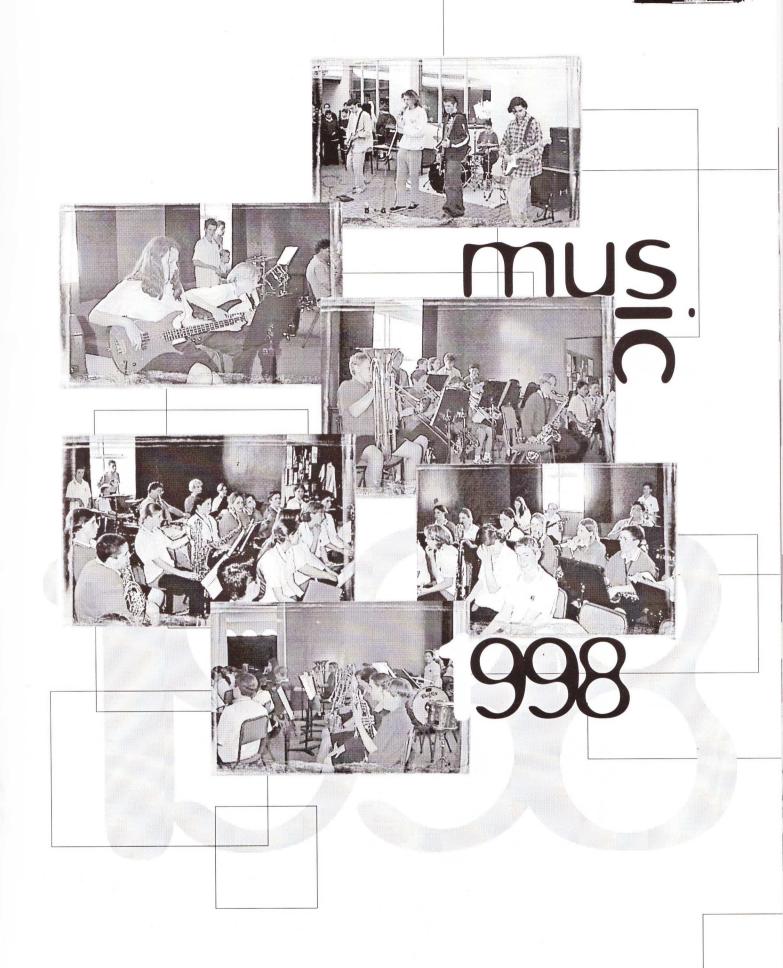
1998 Awards Assembly at Williamstown Town Hall: VCE music groups.

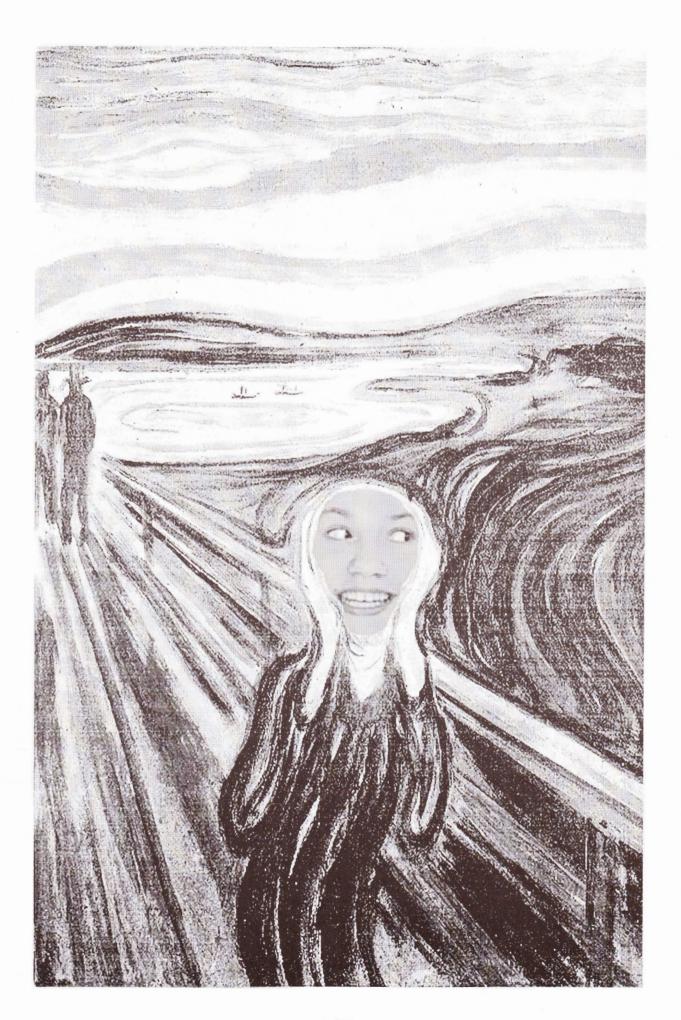
Miscellaneous (proposed) term 4 performances: Wind Orchestra, Year 7 & 8 bands.

Establishing a regular 'jam session' at the Prince Albert Hotel, Williamstown for ex-students, current VCE students and the general public.

Staff Party at Hobsons Bay Yacht Club: performance by exstudent band Black Mango

Special community event with the Rev. Tim Costello at Holy Trinity church in Williamstown: members of Black Mango.





**I walk along** the pier at sunset. Strange, I think, that everyone here seems detached, less real. I look at the seagulls gliding with carefree abandon in the biting cold wind, and no emotion stirs me. I think about it ... it could be a dream.

Maybe I will wake up, be warm and safe in my bed, cozy in the lonely fortress that people call their homes. I turn. Was that a dark figure, drifting behind a sack or crate when I look his way? Are my eyes playing tricks on me? The dark shadow continued to flicker at the edge of my vision. Dark slivers, not like light, or even the absence of light, like pieces of space from the bottom of the deepest part of space, begin to form. Nothing.

A man and a woman stroll by, laughing. I see that they are mere shadows, nothing more.

I remember last summer with my cousins. It was up at my father's beach-house and we were staying there, alone. We had so much fun: hiring videos, staying up late, running down to the sea, jumping in, and running back to the beach-house. Those cheery, sunfilled days seemed so distant now. Over the past year, a strange kind of melancholy has come over me. I have no idea where it came from, but it always has seemed to be there, waiting, watching, brooding, Iying dormant until the time came that it could take over my mind with the kind of aggression that is not seen in humans, but in their emotions. I return to watching the gulls, forgetting that the moment of memory ever came.

The dark shadow, flitting behind crates and various objects, shimmers and grows.

Is the universe collapsing around me? Reality folding in on itself? Emotion comes back to me in a rush. fear. I see it, I taste it. I am it. Am I the only one? Is there no-one else who is trapped on the edge of reality?

SL Georgia Patton 8SL



The cracks in the universe – because that's what they are – are splitting, growing bigger. They're all around me!

The shadow people don't notice my terror, or the cracks. I finally am aware of what is happening. The universe isn't vanishing. Just me. I am being erased from reality. I feel my body scream, along with my voice. But there is no sound. No noise to tell people of my fear. The darkness engulfs my hand. I cannot feel my hand! The darkness moves quickly, and soon my whole body is enclosed. My startled mind stammers one thought before it ceases to exist, plunged into oblivion.

Cold. Darkness. Pain.



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With our recent production of this original musical based on Beatles music, the school community has once again proved that Williamstown High School's decision to reintroduce an annual 'show' beginning with *Bye Bye Birdie* in 1996 was a good one.

Nurturing the musical choral and thespian talents of students is important to the school; and it was a wonderful experience as director to see these talents and the students' self-confidence grow. Having students from Williamstown Primary School involved added an extra dimension to the show and furthered existing links between us. Steven Robb from Grade 6, was a member of the chorus, and wrote an honest appraisal of the performance process which will be useful for improving the way we go about future productions.

He writes: 'The rehearsals were boring... and the high school kids ignored us... When we got to the theatre, we spent three hours cleaning it up... The primary school (matinee) audience was hopeless. They didn't laugh at the jokes or clap at the end of a scene. The first real performance with makeup and costumes made us really nervous and really excited. We could not believe that this was it – the first performance! Just before the curtain was raised everyone whispered 'Chockers'... it means good luck but you can't say 'good luck' otherwise it jinxes you. The last night was easily the best... Nothing went wrong... Every person was amazed because the past three terms had gone so quickly... I think all of those rehearsals were worth it.'

I am grateful to everyone who assisted with the production and/or supported it by coming to a show. Almost 200 people were involved, and it was seen by an audience of over 800. The cast and crew were the most mature, responsible and cooperative school group I have ever worked with – both on and off the stage. They may be amateurs, but no-one could ever call them unprofessional!

Expr Renwood Director



# Eauren Brooks 10DR

I'm not sure where to start when I begin to write about this year's musical, *With a little help from my friends*. How do you sum up a play as unique as this one was without cutting yourself short?

To fully appreciate the play required you needed to have a slight knowledge of the Beatles and their music due to the constant references throughout the play to them. The songs were exclusively Beatles songs off their various records with the majority of the songs from the Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album.

Unlike the previous school productions, this years was completely original, never before seen by an audience. The plot revolved around a country hickum called Jude Haye who runs away from home to pursue her dream of singing in a band. Luckily enough when she arrives in the city she meets up with Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and is invited to join them at various peace rallies and concerts. She is also introduced to their 'farout' lifestyle and money hungry spiritual guru, the 'Mahurishi'. Although the lead singer hates her guts she immediately hits it off with everyone else, especially Billy Shears who instantly falls in love with her. The play follows her through her ups and downs as she pursues her dream of singing in a band. The lead characters included 'Rite Love,' 'Polythene Pam,' 'Billy Shears,' 'Maxwell,' 'Sadie Say,' Prudence Dear,' 'Lucy Diamond' and 'Jude Haye.'

Amazingly enough the performances went well, coming together at the right time.











 GST (increased prices of alcohol!)
 realised you can't get anywhere without a good fake I.D.

Alison Freeman Bronwyn Johnson text + photographs



Hamid Houli &



Alison Freeman and Bronwyn Johnson conducted a random survey of Williamstown High School students and asked them what were the three major events that had affected their lives this year.

And this is what they said ...



Bill Clinton & Monica Lewinsky
Pauline Hanson and the race debate
Gas crisis (didn't have to work for 2 weeks!)

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Stacey O'Connor & Greta Ilrevska, year 7

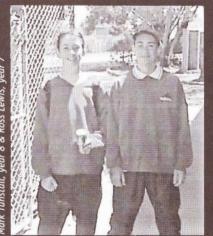


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- dissected a heart in science



- starting high school
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- teacher
- going skydiving



- Mr O'Donovan giving his physics class 154 questions for homework! Ally McBeal starting on TV Melbourne making the AFL finals



– my dog dying - starting High School - turning 13

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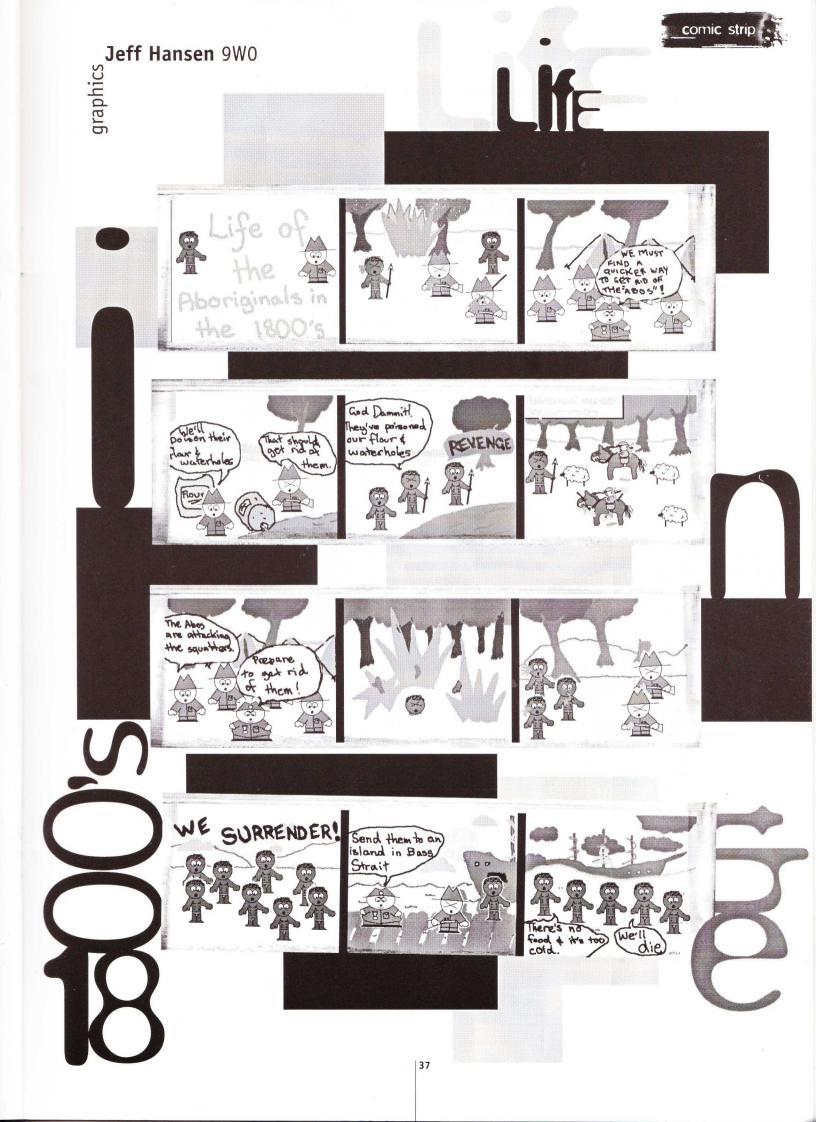
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This section of the magazine is dedicated to a great friend of ours who sadly passed away midway through this year. Craig, or 'Chook' as he liked to be called, was the kind of guy who never complained about anything. For those who didn't know, Craig suffered from leukemia, a type of cancer that tragically took his life away from his friends and family.

There are many stories that we could write about the time we spent with Craig, but we are trying to keep this short. We can tell you that all the times his friends went to his house or talked to him on phone, he was always happy and positive.

We'll miss him deeply - always.

His friends: Tom Ferris, Chris Long, Michael Stone, Nicky Josevsky, Ken Erickson, Geordie Scott-Walker, Lincoln James.



# - PRIAM

### Craig Wren

I go through life as brave as a knight I face my problems with all my might I don't give up without a fight I do the above both day and night

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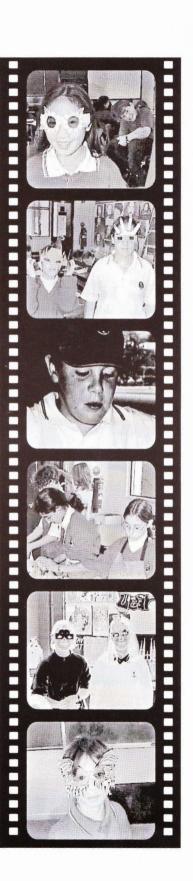
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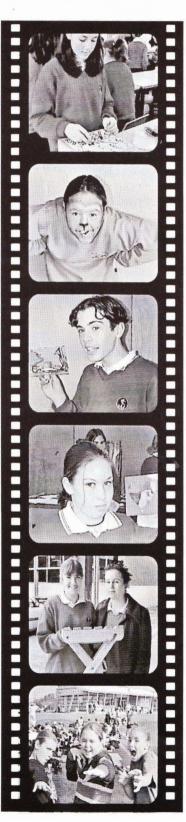
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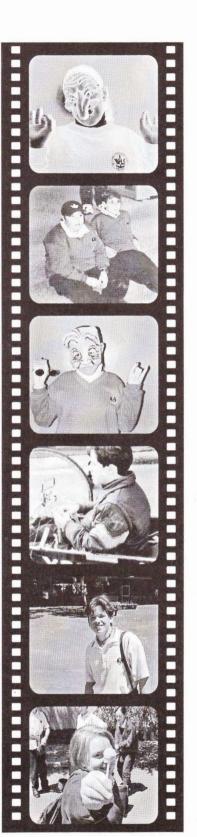
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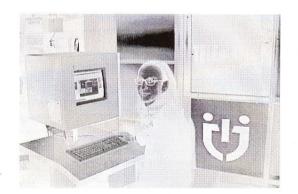
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