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STUDENT EDITORIAL

'Why in our youth does the life we still have before us look so immeasurably long? Because we have to find room for the boundless hopes with which we cram it.' - Schopenhauer 1851

It is hard to believe that after thirteen years at Ruyton my use-by date has finally arrived. In leaving, I will take with me a final publication of the Ruytonian that sadly will be used as the bookend to complete my collection of magazines that line the shelf and document many of the happy 'blue and gold' memories.

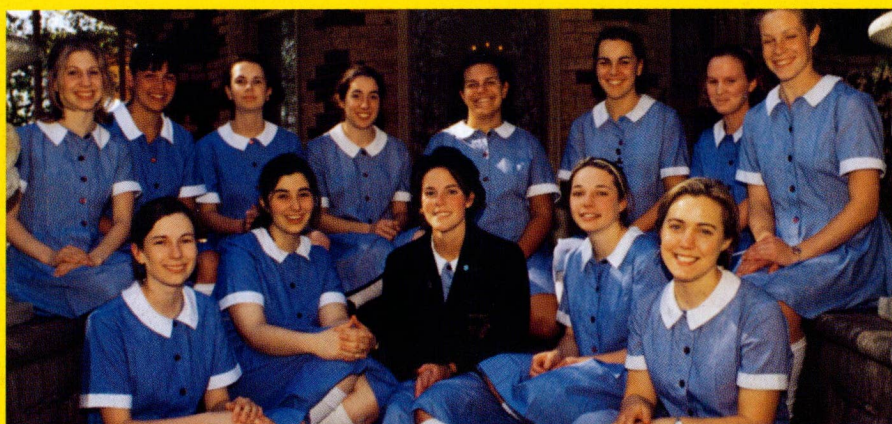
In this final year of school we Year 12s face a significant stage in our lives with mixed feelings; a sense of regret and sadness for all that we farewell but also pleasure in anticipating a future which is already crammed with our 'boundless hopes'. For that reason there is an empty shelf above the Ruytonians eagerly awaiting the next archive that will document my next journey through life. Whatever it is, it will become the equivalent of the 1985 'landscape edition' of the 'Ruytonian', the one that began these last thirteen unforgettable years.

That is why our prime focus, throughout the year, has been to incorporate as many photographs depicting every facet of the School, and capturing as many faces as possible, whilst endeavouring to restore those fading memories. Increasing the number of pages to represent each girl in her final year has also enhanced the Year 12's Valedictory book, a modification that I hope will assist in 'remembering the days'.

I would like to add special thanks to Gabby Ferraro, whose help has been invaluable in the final stages of collating student contributions. I wish her the best of luck for next year as the 1998 Student Editor of the 'Ruytonian'. She will undoubtedly have a very exciting year to record the celebration of Ruyton's 120th anniversary.

Through your contributions, I hope this 1997 edition gives a time representation of your year at this School and that you enjoy it as much as I have enjoyed my part in producing it.

Georgina Sutton



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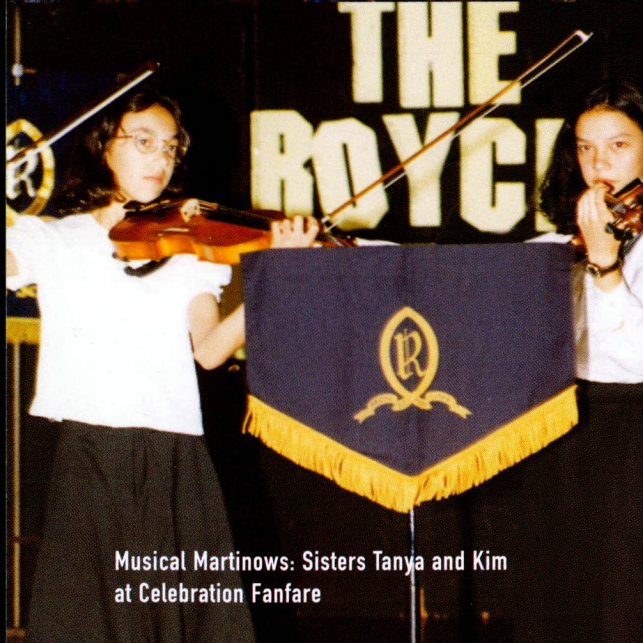
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Hot to go (GSA Athletics)



Buchanan Cup Champions



Musical Martinows: Sisters Tanya and Kim at Celebration Fanfare



Super Swimmers: Sophie Muir, Alice Bamford and Stephanie Franet

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Dr. Carol Driscoll M.B., B.S.

A dinner attended by past and present members of the Board, the Foundation and their partners provided an excellent opportunity to thank Dr. Carol Driscoll who served as Chairman of the Ruyton Council from 1994-1997. The first Old Ruytonian to hold this office, Dr. Driscoll gave her time, energy and keen intellect to the Council which she joined in 1989. Her vitality and enthusiasm were apparent in her membership of various Council committees, including Strategy and Property and she has been a force behind many projects, including the refurbishing of The Royce Theatre. Her knowledge and interest in every aspect of Ruyton has been as impressive as the admiration she inspired among all members of the Ruyton community.

in 1989 to 1990 the Melbourne Olympic Social Assessment Panel and was one of a three member committee appointed by the Premier to review the personnel management of the Victorian Public Service. She was Deputy Chairperson of State Trustees 1987-1993, a Member of the Accident Compensation Commission Board 1988-89, a Member of the Board of the Mental Health Research Institute 1987-92 and a Member of the Victorian Equal Opportunity Board 1987-93.

In 1986 she was awarded Member of the Order of Australia.

She is currently Managing Director of Fay Marles and Associates, a Management Consultancy firm. Mrs. Marles is also Past President of the Alfred Health Care Group, Director of Over 50s Focus, Chairperson, Over 50s Focus National Advisory Council and a member of the Councils of Medley Hall and Geelong College. Married to Don, a former Headmaster of Trinity Grammar School, they have four adult children.

Mrs. Fay Marles A.M., M.A. (Dip.Soc.Stud.) Melbourne is the new President of The Ruyton Board of Directors. An Old Ruytonian, Mrs. Marles (nee Pearce) attended the School from 1933 to 1943 and is currently Deputy Chancellor of the University of Melbourne. Mrs. Marles was Victoria's first Commissioner for Equal Opportunity from 1977 to 1987. In 1987 she chaired the Study of Professional Issues in Nursing and

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Some weeks ago I was privileged to hear the President of the Rockefeller Foundation, Peter Goldmark, share his vision of the future. It is a vision, he confessed, that is not yet clear to us, but we do know what some of its assumptions will be:

- Our natural resources are finite and some are in danger of being exhausted
- Industrialization cannot proceed without moderation and adaptation.

And the new paradigm, according to Goldmark, will be 'a world with different cultures, different languages, different religions - but - a world where we are locked together in interdependence; part of a porous, polyethnic society in a global economy, unified by instantaneous worldwide communications. One world, bound together.'

As I travelled across Canada and the USA, the educational priorities in schools from Vancouver to Boston reflect this global consciousness. As at Ruyton, students are being encouraged to access the intellectual resources of the world now available to them through the Internet. In seeking enlightenment they learn to understand and respect other cultures, languages and beliefs.

Exchange programmes of the kind now firmly established in Year 10 at Ruyton also promote perceptions of similarities and differences. This experience emphasizes the truism that it is people who matter; it is the personal encounters which give meaning to experience, diminish distance and give new meaning to the phrase that we are citizens of the world.

Mrs. Prue Gillies



Top: The beautiful gardens of Dana Hall, Boston, provide a lovely setting for a photograph with Principal, Mrs. Blair Jenkins

Above: Concord Academy, USA with Meg Moulton and Whitney Ransome, Marketing Consultants for Independent Girls' Schools

Left: Mrs. Gillies, Co-Captains Prue Bodsworth and Sarah Summons in the Study with Wee Jasper



Above left: Special guest at the farewell dinner for Mr. Peter Ditchburn, retiring Principal of STS, Calgary. Mrs. Gillies offers a tribute to his leadership.

Above: Year 2 class girls at Ecole ECS in Montreal show their project of celestial proportions to Mrs. Gillies.

Left: Mrs. Gillies at St. Michael's University School, Victoria, B.C. with exchange students past and future.



THE SCHOOL EXECUTIVE

The members of the School Executive are as remarkable for their patience and loyalty as they are for their tireless devotion to the interests of Ruyton. To the Registrar, **Mrs. Jennie Macdonald**, the Director of Studies, **Ms. Beverley Casey**, the Assistant Principals, **Miss Lee Wills and Mrs. Jennifer Nicholls**, and the Business Manager, **Mr. Stephen Phillips**, my grateful thanks. I would like to extend my particular gratitude to Mr. Phillips and Mrs. Nicholls who took on extra duties and responsibilities during my absence on Study Leave.



Above: Standing: Ms. Bev Casey, Miss Lee Wills, Mrs. Jennifer Nicholls, Mrs. Jennie Macdonald, Mr. Stephen Phillips.
Seated: Mrs. Prue Gillies.

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SCHOOL CO-CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Sarah Summons and Prue Bodsworth

Prue: Sarah, when I go on stage, will you hold my double bass?
Sarah: But Prue, who will hold mine?

Early this year, when invited to meet the Junior School at their assembly, we were thrilled to become 'guest' double bass players with the Junior School Orchestra. As we towered three feet above our fellow musicians, we realized how much we have grown mentally, emotionally, and vertically! We have found that over the years, everyone we have encountered at Ruyton - including staff, guests and our peers - has been inspirational in some way. This continual motivation and support has given us the confidence and the will to make our mark in society.

In first term, we soon realized that our lunchtimes were a thing of the past, as we dashed off to various committee meetings; South House, Ruytonian, Environment are just to name a few, not forgetting the infamous School Dance committee. For two months we devoted our lunchtimes and spares (never class time) to talk of the formal. The new venue was at the Lincoln in Toorak and it made us feel very glamorous. Everyone, including the staff, thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

The opening of the spectacular new Royce Theatre was a chance for us to meet with our Old Ruytonian community. Throughout the year, the new floorboards became well-trodden as the captains danced, capered and frolicked their way through Friday assemblies. We made our debut in student assembly as 'Kerri and Friend' from 'A Perfect Match', later graduating to more challenging roles such as the witches from 'Macbeth' and the orphans from 'Oliver'. The most fun we had was at our final student assembly. We became 'The Women In Black' (dressed in the teachers' academic

gowns) and proceeded to 'initiate' next year's captains - we made poor Lucy and Sarah shake hands with every member of the audience! Perhaps we can attribute our zany antics to the wonderful time we spent at Lady Somers Camp over the summer holidays. There we learnt life skills, including how to lose our inhibitions!

This year also saw the revival and transformation of the former environment committee into the new improved Enviro Club. With the help of Ms. Oliver, the Enviro Club has worked to 'green' many aspects of the School. We had the whole school participating in 'Clean Up Australia Day' around the School grounds and a smaller group of us helped to clean up Gardiner's Creek on the weekend. In addition to paper and aluminium can recycling, we organized the sale of 'enviro bags' - environmentally friendly calico lunch bags. And Mrs. Gillies has also switched from log fires to natural gas to warm The Study during winter.

With winter, we became the first Year 12s to sport the new Year 12 tie and the controversial navy blue tights. The ties were the envy of many a year seven and the navy blue tights proved ever so flattering during the winter months.

As school captains we were privileged to have front row seats at the annual Carmelite Monastery Service. The delightful chapel and garden surrounds provided the perfect setting for afternoon tea while listening to the Ruyton madrigals singing and chatting with the nuns. The nuns' home-made sponges were just heavenly!

Whilst on the topic of food and glorious occasions, we are already missing our weekly Morning Tea



With Mrs. Gillies. In between patting Jasper and musing over photos from the school archives, we discussed important matters and were able to express our own opinions and ideas. Mrs. Gillies sustained us through the busy year with her boundless enthusiasm and innovation, and of course, the occasional chocolate frog. While Mrs. Gillies was abroad, Mrs. Nicholls and Ms. Casey were supportive of us and we also thank them for their help.

It seems like years have passed since the night of our Induction at St. Paul's Cathedral. There, Dr. Carol Driscoll reminded us of our potential as young women entering the world. We remember her wisdom and that of our teachers at Ruyton as 1997 comes to a close. Year 12 has been the most character-building, exhilarating, and fulfilling year of our schooling life. We wish everyone at Ruyton a happy and successful 1998, especially next year's Co-Captains, Lucy Joske and Sarah Chapman.

Prue: That has been our motto all year hasn't it?
Sarah: "You hold my bass and I'll hold yours".

LEADERSHIP

Even before Prue Bodsworth and Sarah Summons were officially inducted as Co-Captains in February, both girls attended the Lady Somers Camp as representatives at Ruyton. The report of their participation is, in itself, a tribute to their exemplary leadership of the School in 1997. Their demeanour has set the tone for others to emulate and admire. Maturity of opinion, tempered with good humour have distinguished Prue and Sarah as outstanding role models for every girl. They have represented the School on numerous occasions, including the Ecumenical Service at the Carmelite Monastery and participated in a kaleidoscope of extra curricular activities including orchestra and the Enviro Club. During Valedictory Week for Year 12, they joined the other Born Again Babies to create a final schooldays occasion which we could all enjoy.

The unique style of Jasmine Bahen's leadership gave the assembly Committee a fresh, spontaneous and lively direction in 1997. Guests included Mary Kenneally and Fay Marles as well as Trinity boys and other luminaries. Music, Debates and most particularly the Captains' reports in Student Association have all provided a colourful canvas for interest, reflection and entertainment.

Anna Olsen, Kelly Woodhams, Susan Hooke and Amanda Tickell, the Captains of Debating, Drama, Music and Sport respectively have provided outstanding leadership to the extra-curricular programme. The House Co-Captains too, Amelia Mason and Jennifer Marshall (Anderson), Sally Collett and Rachel Quigley (Bromby), Narissa Llewellyn and Rainer Paterson (Daniell) and Cassandra Williams and



Annelie Zuccolo (Lascelles) have been dedicated and supportive in all activities. The same spirit has been apparent in Georgina Sutton's leadership of the Student Editorial Committee of the Ruytonian and in the manner in which each Year 12 Form Captain has attended to her particular responsibilities.

The most senior class has won the admiration of students and staff and their final day of school, when they were born again, was one of the happiest in our collective experience. I would particularly like to thank Year 12, 1997 for their magnificent gift to Ruyton - a garden chair - which will grace the courtyard outside The Royce Theatre for many days to come. In congratulating them all, I wish them every success in the future.

Mrs. Prue Gillies



Top: Prue Bodsworth and Sarah Summons make their first presentation to Mrs. Williams, wife of the architect, Mr. Bill Williams, at 'Celebration Fanfare' in the new Royce Theatre

Centre: Jasmine Bahen

Above: Form Captains: Dimi Manuele and Josephine Lyon (12HW), Simona Santoli and Caitlin Taylor (12TA), Elizabeth Andrews and April Curatolo (12LB)

Left: Prue and Sarah receive the Year 12 presentation cake from Mrs. Gillies



COMMUNITY AWARENESS

The Community Awareness Co-ordinator in the Senior School in 1997 has been Ms. Delwyn Oliver. Mrs. Nicholls has paid tribute to Ms. Oliver's remarkable impact on this area of Ruyton's activities and in this admirable report provides tangible evidence of extraordinary achievements.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS REPORT

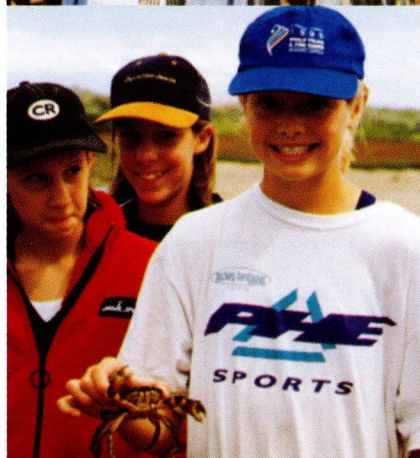
Community Awareness is a concept that covers a range of areas from people in the community, to the environment in which we live, to fundraising for various organizations. A sense of understanding yourself and enriching your life by gaining an appreciation and understanding of and for others is one of our main aims.

A rather informal committee was formed at the beginning of the year led by Prue Bodsworth, Sarah Summons and Alex Keeble. This committee decided on the special days that would be acknowledged, events and activities to be run throughout the year along with fundraising activities and organizations that Ruyton would support. As the year progressed this committee grew in size, commitment and enthusiasm. A number of Year 11 students contributed significantly with ideas, the ability to complete tasks, contact community groups and begin planning for 1998. Term 1 began with International Women's Day celebrations with special guest, Mrs. Fay Marles, Clean Up Australia Day, the form group fundraising day and World Day for Water.

Our biggest project in Term 2 was Environment Week. Calico lunch bags were sold to encourage greater use of a reusable material, a lunch time chalk sketching competition was run, information was displayed in the library with the highlight of the week being a sensational video presentation by Sandra Lau, Kate Stanton and Emily Butlin. Forty students, staff and parents volunteered to be collectors for the Red Shield Appeal and a special winter effort by the whole school involved donating blankets, gold coins and soup cans was greatly appreciated by the Salvation Army.

In Term 3, during the depths of

winter, we had our second form group fundraising day. This day brought out the sunshine and the carnival atmosphere that 'Sponge a Teacher' and fairy floss brings. Awareness of issues concerning Australia's indigenous peoples and Peace Week at the end of Term 3 lead into our letter writing for Amnesty International in Term 4 and awareness of the political turmoil that some countries face. Peace week was supported by the students and staff, led by Kate Stanton, making a total of 1381 origami cranes as symbols of good fortune and harmony and our continued struggle to achieve World Peace.



The following is a list of the charities Ruyton supported in 1997:

- Hidden Springs Animal Shelter
- Anti-Cancer Council
- MacFarlane Burnet Centre
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- International Women's Development Agency
- Lions Club of Carlton
- Make a Wish Foundation
- AIDS Prevention and Support Group
- Arthritis Foundation
- Lort Smith Animal Hospital
- Salvation Army
- Lady Nell Seeing Eye Dog Centre
- Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Association
- The Children's Medical Research Institute Legacy
- Amnesty International
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Organizations
- Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
- Anglicare Victoria

The Ruyton community has responded to all the events and activities that have taken place this year. Thanks is extended to all the staff for their enthusiasm and willingness to support Community Awareness at Ruyton. Congratulations goes to the Community Awareness Committee, who have formed an active student group with a focus and presence in the community. We should look forward to 1998 being a second dynamic year for Community Awareness.

Delwyn Oliver
Community Awareness
Co-ordinator

Left, from top:

Peace reigns.

Miss Jelbart and girls with origami cranes.

Clean Up Day, 1997: Meg Lewis and Emma Renowden.

Beach discoveries with Jane Harvey, Mimi Thomas and Julia Jenkins.

Below: Year 12s restore bushland



SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

VCE RESULTS, 1996

Claire Waugh-Young (TER score 99.80) and **Sarah Charlton** (TER score 99.75) were Dux of Humanities and Dux of Science respectively. Claire (for Economics and English) and **Victoria Wilde** (English) were among those students who received Premier's VCE Awards in April. Another 13 girls in Year 12 '96 obtained a TER score of 90 or above, **Victoria Wilde, Olive Chang, Felicia Lau, Claire Wilkin, Anna Archer, Simone Leijon, Charlotte Skene, Alex Prior, Anna Podlouka, Linden Clarke, Jane Joske, Marion Askin, Sharmila Sandrasegar** and **Lisa Sampson**. Six perfect scores of 50 were achieved in English, Economics and Information Processing and Management and 68 scores of 40 or above were registered. Of these 19 were in English. The most popular destinations for our students were the Universities of Melbourne and Monash and courses ranged from Science, Pharmacy, Engineering and Art. We congratulate them all.

Right top: Claire Waugh-Young

Right: Anna Archer, Sarah Charlton and Victoria Wilde are ecstatic as they receive their results.



THE SENIOR CURRICULUM

The forum of the Curriculum Deans, chaired by the queen of organization and logical thinking, the Director of Studies, **Ms. Beverley Casey**, has been the centre of initiatives and lively debate. The appointment of **Mrs. Dagmar Turnidge** as Dean of Technology and Future Planning and **Mrs. Jenine Caruso** as Dean of Enrichment has further enhanced the educational programme.

The quality of writing produced by Ruyton girls in **ENGLISH** classes has been outstanding and Dean, **Mrs. Irene Taylor**, and the English staff have encouraged a variety of enriched experiences in literature, public speaking and theatre appreciation. Visiting writers and writers-in-residence have included **Gillian Bouras**, **Carmel Bird**, **Arnold Zable**, **Myron Lysenko** (our poet-in-residence who launched the poetry writing competition) as well as the outrageous **Glyn Parry** and the intriguing **John Marsden**. The 'e-mail Murder Mystery' enabled Year 7 students to join secondary students around Australia to chat live on the Internet with the authors.

The **LITERATURE** class, enlivened as ever by the effervescent **Mrs. Diane Berold**, held their annual soiree at Perks, attended the Malthouse Theatre and reviewed authors as diverse as Plath and Winton - selections as eclectic and individual as the students themselves.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) Dean, **Mrs. Sue Heinicke**, has encouraged staff to team teach in association with IT and Information Resource Centre (IRC) staff, exploring the Web for research. Multi Media application and cross curriculum activities made possible by Ruyton's extensive laptop programme and the use of intelligent classroom facilities are in place for this year. An accelerated programme for Year 10 students studying VCE Units 1 and 2 in Information Technology has been a highlight and Years 9 and 10 have taken advantage of our elective programme in which they construct Web pages, programme animated graphics and consider IT to set up their own business enterprises. **Mrs. Heinicke** has worked closely with **Mrs. Dianne Hager**, the inspired Director of the Information Resource Centre and **Mr. Gary Richmond**. Collectively they provide an admirable and rich resource of exciting expertise.

LOTE Dean, **Mrs. Denise Brown**, with **Mrs. Gina Gutierrez**, included visits to French schools on a trip to Paris earlier this year. Opportunities for Ruyton girls to experience a 'sister school' in France will soon be available as a result of their international mission. Competitions, culinary and cultural experiences were an integral part of the LOTE programme this year. Scholars-in-residence, **Eric Bouvet** from the University of Melbourne and **Marie-Carmen Riola-Klotz**

provided innovative and challenging sessions in conversational, written and listening skills for Years 11 and 12. The results of Ruyton's LOTE students in Chinese and French competitions have been wonderful and we congratulate all participants.

Acquisition of new technology such as the use of data logging equipment for the analysis of motion and a video flex camera for the demonstration of micro organisms have enhanced Science classes. The Swinburne travelling science show, Scienceworks and CSIRO have also stimulated girls' interest in scientific concepts and development, while the Science Club for Year 8, devised by **Ms. Oliver** and **Mrs. Nicoll**, attracted a number of students to lunchtime activities throughout the year. Reflecting our emphasis on exploration, the **SCIENCE** Department has been closely involved in the organization and programme offered to Year 8 Outdoor Education and the Year 9 Camp. Dean of Science, **Mrs. Jenn Wardrop**, has been an active participant in these initiatives and has thus encouraged students' awareness of the environment. Such is the enthusiasm generated

Below left: **Emily Pockley** recites, listened to by **Tamara Abraham** and **Tom Callahan** (Trinity)

Below right: **Mrs. Brown** with **M. Legras**



Right: Emily Butlin, Kimberley Smith, Wendy Greenberg, Sophie Liu, Kate Stanton and Sandra Lau with their environmentally friendly bags



by Science staff member, **Ms. Barbara Corstorphan** that Year 7 were inspired to write poetry. Here is an example:

'Yeast' by Alicia Strickland, Year 7

A greyish-yellow fungus called 'YEAST',
Can produce quite a feast!

It is carried on the breeze,
From there it will seize,
Any opportunity to please,
Its appetite to ease.

Sugary substances are to its liking,
It finds them quite inviting.
Then its chemical reaction starts fighting,
Gas and bubbles appear to be rioting.

These simple steps lead to fermentation,
Helping to create a great tasting sensation.

Beer, cheese, bread, yoghurt and wine,
Are but a few of the foods on which you can dine.

It is no surprise that over fifty per cent of students who entered the Science Talent Search were awarded bursaries.

The **HUMANITIES** Department has enjoyed a varied kaleidoscope of activities led by **Mrs. Jenne Hale** who joined the staff of Ruyton as Dean of Humanities this year. Visits to the new Melbourne Magistrates Court for Legal Studies studies in Years 11 and 12 was complemented by the Year 10 VCE Business Management course and the Business and Enterprise classes in Year 9. Year 12 Economics student, **Elizabeth Andrews**, was selected from many candidates to participate in Deakin University's Australian Business Week which required the selection and management of a new product and a final presentation. Small Business

Week and the Stock Exchange Game were both profitable for Year 9 and 10 girls respectively. The National History Challenge, the Asia Wise Competition and the Australian Geography Competition also produced a surplus of awards.

MATHEMATICS Dean, **Ms. Jane Jelbart**, was delighted to announce that **Mrs. Jenny Watson** has been invited to join a textbook writing team for Jacaranda Press and that **Ms. Delwyn Oliver** co-ordinated an inservice activity for the Mathematics Association. Reflecting the requirement for VCE students to study Mathematics in Year 12 in order to maximize their choices of gaining the University courses of their choice, a speaker from Monash University discussed possible careers in Mathematics.

The introduction of graphic calculators and laptop computers have also enhanced student involvement in this area of learning. Early training in technology has had a clear impact on analytical skills, evidenced by the outstanding quality of projects in nationwide competition.

Visiting artists for the **VISUAL ARTS** department, have enriched students' knowledge and perspective.

Ms. Bernie Curtin and **Mr. John Stafford** have taken students to the Heide Gallery, Villa Alba and the National Gallery. They have viewed Sydney Nolan's Ned Kelly series and watched conservation artists at work, discussed architectural

styles and observed the 1996 Top CATs Exhibition.

Donna Leslie (Koori Arts), **Masmina Cininas** (Contemporary Art), **Helen McCaughey**, **Tamara Harrison** (Multi Media), **Kate Allen** and **Sian Adnam** (Old Ruytonians in the world of art) have also brought valuable insight to our girls. Sian, assisted by Ruyton's Art Society, designed and constructed a mosaic, late last year, to cover the support column outside the Margaret McRae Centre using casts of girls' faces. It has been, like the Art Department, a visual highlight. Students have participated in exhibitions, ranging from 'Celebration Fanfare', the Young Melbourne Artists Exhibition and Year 12 CATs featured in an art and musical event in Term 4. **Pheona Rawnsley** and **Tim McGaw** are among the Art staff who offer their own creative talent in classes ranging from drypoint and inlaglio etching, Life Drawing, Video Production, Photography and we applaud the exploration of highly original avenues through technology and multi media.

VCE PHYSICAL EDUCATION Units 1 and 2 was introduced to Year 10 students and numbers continue to grow in Units 3 and 4. Co-ordinator, **Mrs. Ann Dulke**, reports that the computer programme 'Sport Search' has been extended to include Years 7 and 9 and encompasses a battery of fitness tests, analysis of results and sports counselling.



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

'Spinning a world-wide web'

The world of today makes it more important than ever that education provides a model for successful living. As internationalism increasingly becomes the focus of many academic and business opportunities, it is appropriate to offer girls in Year 10 a chance to explore other countries and in doing so, develop their independence and self-esteem.



Above, left to right: Andrea Batsis, Ecole E.C.S., Quebec, Canada, Kate Barnett, York House School, Vancouver, Canada, Aya Larsen, St. Michael's School, Victoria, Vancouver Island, Dixie Klaibert, St. Michael's School, Victoria, Vancouver Island Gemma Beattie, Durban Girls' College, Durban, South Africa, Alex Martis, Ecole E.C.S., Quebec, Canada, Karusha Reddy, Durban Girls' College, Durban, South Africa, Alix Cook, Bishop Strachan School, Toronto, Canada, Christie Love, Bishop Strachan School, Toronto, Canada. Seated: Mrs. Yvonne Panagacos and Mrs. Prue Gillies



Above: True Contributors All! When not away on international adventures, these girls are enthusiastic participants in many Ruyton activities (see list in brackets):

Back row: Lucy Reid (Henty and Arcangelo Orchestras, String Quartet), Pollyanna Whitman, Jessica Try (Rowing, Hockey, Cross-Country, Melba Choir and Henty Orchestra), Fiona Marshall (Concert Band, Henty Orchestra, Athletics, Cross-Country, Netball, Basketball and Saturday Netball), Cara Thomas (Henty and Arcangelo Orchestras, Melba Choir, Equestrian Team).
4th Row: Kate Johnson (Concert Band, Henty Orchestra, Athletics, Cross-Country, Debating, Rowing), Eliza Catchlove (Henty Orchestra, Rowing, Cross-Country, Brass Ensemble, Hockey, Volleyball), Arabella Forge (Rowing, Debating, Cross-Country), Jorja Burns (Swimming, Cross-Country, Basketball, Netball, Henty Orchestra).

3rd Row: Felicity Irvine (Henty Orchestra, Concert Band, Rowing, Athletics, Cross-Country, Debating), Rebecca Colman (Rowing, Debating, Melba Choir), Zoe Towell (Henty and Arcangelo Orchestras, Debating, Athletics, Cross-Country, Netball).

2nd Row: Sophie Smibert (Brass Ensemble, Rowing, Cross-Country, Hockey, Swimming, Volleyball), Katia Sanderson (Rowing, Debating, Melba Choir, Swimming, Cross-Country), Alexandra Gloster, Peta Dawkins-Walsh.

Front: Jessica Meadows (Debating, Melba Choir), Natalie Siemensma (Melba Choir), Claire Golder (Henty Orchestra, Duke of Edinburgh, Rowing, Hockey, Cross-Country), Fiona Finlayson (Henty Orchestra, Rowing, Cross-Country, Hockey, Volleyball).

Absent: Jacqueline Boyd, Georgina Lewis, Laura Weaver

1997 International Programme Participants

Canada	
Bishop Strachan School	Eliza Catchlove
	Alexandra Gloster
	Sophie Smibert
Collingwood School	Jessica Meadows
	Pollyanna Whitman
Glenlyon-Norfolk School	Fiona Marshall
	Zoe Towell
St. Michael's University School	Arabella Forge
	Claire Golder
York House School	Peta Dawkins-Walsh
	Laura Weaver
U.S.A.	
Dana Hall School	Lucy Reid
	Natalie Siemensma
St. Mark's School	Jorja Burns
	Rebecca Colman
	Fiona Finlayson
	Katia Sanderson
United Kingdom	
Forest School	Felicity Irvine
	Kate Johnson
Priors Field	Emma Hardy
	Jacqueline Boyd
St. Leonard's School	Georgina Lewis
	Cara Thomas
South Africa	
Durban Girls' College	Jessica Try

Right: The Senior Sophomore Festival. Sascha Dickenson as a lounge dancer, Jane MacFarlane as the Statue of Liberty, Vanessa Bonzolo from Dana as Little Bo Peep and Marina Panagacos as a Crayola crayon

FOCUS ON DANA HALL 1996/1997

In 1996, Sascha Dickenson, Jane MacFarlane and Marina Panagacos spent seven weeks boarding at Dana Hall, located in the pretty town of Wellesley, not far from Boston, Massachusetts.

Some of their impressions follow:

Jane MacFarlane: A typical day at Dana Hall requires a 'wake-up' call at 7.00 a.m. to be at the dining centre for a full course scrumptious breakfast. Classes begin at 8.15 a.m. and there are approximately nine periods a day. Classes go for about 40 minutes, but there are no bells to indicate the end of a lesson, so basically the teacher decides when the lesson is finished! The day ends at about 3.00 p.m., however, some days we finished earlier, due to our timetable that contained several spare periods!

Marina Panagacos: Wherever we went there was always something new to observe. A highlight of the trip which must be acknowledged was to nearby Newbury Street, a shoppers heaven which is the home to fabulous shops such as Armani, Ralph Lauren, Tiffany and Co., Gap - the list is endless. If you ever go to Boston a visitor must go and buy at least one article from Newbury Street.

Sascha Dickenson: Experiencing everything from seeing President Clinton to watching the Boston Red Sox win victory over the New York Yankees was a lot of fun. It gives you the chance to experience a different culture, be independent, gain self esteem and meet lots of really friendly people who are intrigued by our foreign accent!



Left: Ruyton girls discover 'Tiffany and Co.' on a shopping spree in Boston: Marina Panagacos, Sascha Dickenson and Jane MacFarlane

Above: The 'Senior Sophomore' banquet. Jane MacFarlane, Sascha Dickenson and Marina Panagacos are wearing their crowns presented to them by an anonymous Senior

Warm Greetings

Karusha and I arrived in Melbourne to a temperature of 42 degrees - and we thought Durban was hot! The subjects here are quite different from back home. I experimented with Legal Studies, Economics and PE, which was held at Trinity - much to the jealousy of my friends at home. Karusha did Psychology and French. We had the wonderful experience of living a true 'Ozzie' life. We ate the Australian way - meat pies, freckles, fairy bread, and lamingtons - all of which we found delicious. We also had 'Maccas' frequently. Girls were shocked to discover that there is no McDonalds in our home town. Karusha and I attended footy matches - something new for us as we are used to rugby. I can now say

that I am totally converted! I attended the Rose Day at Flemington Race Course, while Karusha went to Moomba. It has been one of the best experiences of our lives. The Year 11s were really friendly right from the first day and Mrs. Panagacos was always ready to help. We also would like to thank our host families who gave us a very warm welcome, and to Mrs. Gillies for making this exchange possible. I would also like to say a very special thanks to Mrs. Graystone at reception for helping me to send off all my faxes and for being so kind. We had a truly wonderful exchange and will never forget our time here.

**Gemma Beattie
Durban Girls' College**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - SENIOR SCHOOL

Mrs. Jennifer Nicholls

During 1997, a number of Ruyton staff enjoyed some well-deserved long service leave and as a consequence we were joined by a group of teachers who were appointed to the temporary staff. It is never an easy task to take on such appointments and we gratefully acknowledge the significant contribution of Ms. Georgina Canby, Ms. Julie Howard, Mrs. Sue Jollow, Ms. Caroline Leach, Mrs Diana Pemberton, Miss Nicole Robinson, Mrs. Mandy Smith and Mr. Andy Sugg. We wish them every future success and thank them for their contribution to Ruyton.

Ms. Tina Di Cosmo

Ms. Di Cosmo was appointed in 1997 to take classes in Mathematics and Information Technology. Undertaking her duties with energy and commitment, Ms. Di Cosmo's students have enjoyed the liveliness of her classroom and the stimulation of her flexible and creative approach to her subject. Generous in her willingness to give of her time and expertise, Ms. Di Cosmo has made a valuable contribution as both a House and Form Teacher, where her students have benefitted from her keen interest in their welfare and progress.

A breath of fresh air in her delightful enthusiasm and positive approach, Ms. Di Cosmo's charm and good humour have been valuable characteristics and we will miss her warm and vital presence in the staffroom - not to mention her fashionable elegance! In thanking Ms. Di Cosmo for her contribution to Ruyton, we wish her every future success.

Mr. Richard Dowling

Versatility must be the leading characteristic of this talented young man. Initially appointed for a term in 1996 and again for 1997, Mr. Dowling has taught Science, French and English and he also enjoys the teaching of Mathematics. Thorough in his



preparation and often making use of current events and a broad range of source material in his teaching, Mr. Dowling has shown great commitment to his profession. Widely read and with a passion for literature, film and drama, Mr. Dowling's classes have been enriched by his breadth of knowledge and enthusiasm for his subject matter. The liveliness and creativity of his classroom are well known to his students, who appreciate his spontaneity and sense of humour - not to mention his legendary interest in the X-Files!

Enjoying a genuine rapport with students and an intuitive understanding of their interests and concerns, Mr. Dowling has shown a keen interest in their progress, often taking time to offer constructive support, encouragement and individual assistance to many girls. In expressing our appreciation to Mr. Dowling for his contribution to Ruyton, we wish him every future success.

Ms. Delwyn Oliver

Joining the staff in 1996, Ms. Delwyn Oliver's presence has had an incredible impact on the life of Ruyton in this all too short a time with us. An outstanding member of staff and a fine role model for young women, Ms. Oliver has given unstintingly of her time and energy in both her teaching disciplines of Mathematics and Science and in her commitment to the co-curricular programme at the School. Ms. Oliver is a highly

skilled classroom practitioner whose impressive ability to share her expertise and passion for her subject has earned her the admiration and respect of the girls she has taught. Her great interest in Science and Environmental Issues has seen her assume a leading role in the formation of the Double Helix Club and the Environmental Committee - two groups which have captured the interest and enthusiasm of a number of students. In her role as a Year 10 Form Teacher, Ms. Oliver has shown a commitment to her students that goes beyond the classroom. She has organized a number of extra activities and excursions, from ballet to football, which have enhanced the cohesion of her pastoral group. Versatile and talented in a number of areas, Ms. Oliver has attended Outdoor Education Camps, led a group on the Great Victorian Bike Ride, co-ordinated the House system and completed administrative duties such as examination timetabling - all this in two years. Yet perhaps her greatest achievement has been in her leadership of the Community Awareness Programme which has been revitalized under her guidance. Whilst fund-raising for a number of charities has continued to be an important focus, Ms. Oliver has broadened the scope of this programme to ensure that compassion for others and awareness of world social issues have been brought to the forefront of our consciousness. As a staff member, Ms. Oliver will be remembered with great affection for her unfailing good humour and support and loyalty to her colleagues. As she leaves us to join her husband who is taking up a senior appointment in Ballarat, we take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution to Ruyton and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

Mr. Greg Malcolm

Appointed to teach Geography and History from 1995, Mr. Malcolm has been a key member of the Humanities faculty. An expert in his field, it was no surprise to learn that Mr. Malcolm had been awarded a Melbourne University scholarship to complete his Master of Arts by thesis. His understanding of his subject matter extends far beyond the school curriculum, to encompass a genuine concern about a wide range of social issues, including the environment and the way people live in urban spaces. In imparting his knowledge and interests to his students, Mr. Malcolm has indeed enriched their learning. One of Mr. Malcolm's defining characteristics (apart from his passion for pasta!) is his unique sense of humour, which has often been a source of entertainment to both staff and students. Who will forget his launching of History Day, when in School Assembly he launched into song, thus revealing his mastery of Rock 'n Roll trivia? His performance as Father Christmas at the staff end of year luncheon was equally memorable! Yet it is his openness and sense of humour which have enabled Mr. Malcolm to form close bonds with his students, who enjoy his classroom and benefit from his gentle and even-tempered demeanour, even when affectionately teased. In thanking Mr. Malcolm for his contribution to Ruyton, we wish him every success for the future.

Ms. Angela Howden

During the last eight years since Ms. Howden joined the staff at Ruyton, she has successfully taught classes from Year 7 to Year 12 in Accounting, Business Studies, Geography, Australian Studies and Place Space and Time. She has also

been appointed to various positions of responsibility, including Co-ordinator of Year 10, Head of Australian Studies and Co-ordinator of Social Services. In addition, she served as editor of the School Magazine, *The Ruytonian*, for four years, demonstrating an impressive capacity for organization, graphics, layout and design. Always willing to participate fully in the life of the School, Ms. Howden was a form teacher; took part in the Outdoor Education programme and was a member of many staff committees. In all these activities, those of us who worked with Ms. Howden were impressed by her efficiency, responsible leadership and willingness 'to go the extra mile' in the interests of the School and her students. Admired and respected by the girls she taught, Ms. Howden was unfailingly patient, warm and supportive to all. She has many friends among the staff who have always found her to be a loyal colleague, ever ready to create opportunities for fellowship and goodwill. Ms. Howden has followed a new career path, taking up a position with a company designing computer software programmes for corporations. In wishing her great success in this endeavour, we thank her for her lasting and impressive contribution to Ruyton.

The energy and enthusiastic commitment of the staff are reflected in the myriad of activities in which the girls are involved. Whether it be cleaning the School on Environment Day, going on camp or taking part in assembly, staff and students work together to enrich and enliven the school day.

Mrs. Jennifer Nicholls



From top:
Year 7 Camp

Anthea Rooke, Melissa Finlayson,
Anna Smith, Alanna Weekley

Ms. Di Cosmo and Ms. Benton

Alice Kohler, Fonnie Cameron,
Marlo Manison, Elizabeth Calder

First Senior Assembly in the
new Royce Theatre, '97

Stephanie Antonopoulos, Liyana Ferdaus,
Alexandra Levine, Simone de Kever,
Rebecca Rocchi, Tatyana Lawriwsky

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION 1997

The winners of the Junior, Inter and Senior Competitions were **Alex Turnidge, Cara Thomas and Narissa Llewellyn.**

These impressive photographs represent the creative talents of all three outstanding young artists.

**Narissa Llewellyn,
Year 12**

**'Footprints on Beach'
by Cara Thomas
Year 10**



**'The Apple'
by Alex Turnidge
Year 7**

YEAR 12 CREATIVE

Fuzzy Wuzzy Was the World

My world is a blur. I would love to blame it on the cracking pace at which I live life, but it would be an outright lie. It's my eyesight. I'm endlessly waving at featureless faces of people who seem to recognize me. I cross roads when the little green blob flashes. I absolutely never read the fine print before signing documents. Mine is essentially the same world as yours - only a little less detailed.

It is particularly difficult for a child to accept being different. For a while, I believed I would be much better off if I just got rid of my glasses. So the battle began; glasses thrown under a car, glasses thrown over the back fence, under beds, in the dog kennel - you name it. But no matter how hard I tried, my glasses kept returning. Spectacles were to me as the falling apple was to Newton; my best bet for discovering the mysteries of the world around me. Having accepted that being a 'four-eyed freak' was my destiny, I packed my lunchbox and prepared to grope my way through primary education.

Junior school is not always bliss. Kids bustle for security in the mainstream and make fun of everyone else's peculiarities. Brothers can be mean too. They tend to be especially cruel if their sister is the only person they know with vision worse than theirs. They've experienced the insults first-hand and know just how to wield them. But insults are easy to rise above and are usually harmless. Nevertheless, it's hard not to become discouraged at times. Any girl is going to feel like an ugly duckling when she goes to her first mixed party adorned in inch-thick specs. I might not have been able to see much, but I could see that my beautiful, freshly mascarared

girlfriends were having more fun than me.

The most painful thing has been seeing my own potential stolen away from me by a physical disability. I have always loved playing and watching sport. At the age of ten or eleven, some sports began dropping out of the realms of possibility. Baseball and tennis were among the first to go. For me, a ball whizzing through mid-air is a high speed, fuzzy nightmare. Fortunately, hockey was my favourite sport and the ball is rarely lifted off the ground. Playing in the faster women's competition has made the limit set by my eyes more clearly defined than ever. A limit that for me is a thousand times more defined than the ball.

School is no better. The white-board is an enigma. It's white and it's a board - that much I know, but it is also a place of indecipherable notation where secrets are endlessly withheld from me. I sit at the front. I concentrate hard. I squint, I blink, I moisten my eyes. These are fairly lame tactics and I usually end up relying on a trusted friend to see for me. It is very, very frustrating and it makes classes so much harder. I don't want to have to re-teach myself from textbooks afterwards. I don't want to be forced to choose an occupation where good vision is not required. What if I want to be a footy umpire? Or a neurosurgeon? Maybe a taxi driver? I don't want to think about whether or not I'll be safe on the roads. I don't want spotty glasses when it rains.

About a year ago I spent a week at Yooralla working with children who were severely physically or mentally disabled. These kids weren't worried about being called four-eyed or having an

awful forehand volley. One girl with cerebral palsy could hardly walk. Others were incapable of making connections between colours, numbers and letters. I was especially touched by Ping, a four year old with a baby's body and an adult-sized head. He was softly spoken, intelligent and loving. His happiness was contagious and made me feel sheepish about any self-pity I had on account of my eyes.

Activities I enjoy every day were unattainable to nearly every child there. It gave me a real appreciation of how blessed I am. I can stroll down the street or sing and dance embarrassingly to my favourite CDs. I have an independence that one with a serious impediment or disability may never know. I will take through my life a cocktail of exotic sounding eye disorders; astigmatism, nystagmus, hypermetropia - but after all, there are four other senses. Keanu Reeves once said with rare wisdom, "Ya maaan, vision is highly over-rated!" Maybe he's a better philosopher than he is an actor.

With the number of things there are to be enjoyed, I think it really should be the pace of life making it a blur. There is so much around us to be absorbed. For the visually inclined, there are raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens, but for those of us who can't see them there's Mozart's clarinet concerto and Pearl Jam's Alive. We can all enjoy the sun's warmth or our favourite meal. Every now and again it is of benefit to sit back and see how lucky we are. The world is an exciting place, whether it is a constant challenge, blurred and fuzzy, or completely silent.

Philippa Wilson, Year 12



YEARS 7 AND 8

PRECIOUS OBJECTS

by Stephanie Tolliday 7TU

My Teddy

3 years ago my Nana went in for a hip replacement operation. Something went very wrong and she turned into a paraplegic which meant she spends all her time in a wheel chair. She was in a spinal unit hospital for a year and they had lots of art and craft classes. She decided to make a teddy bear for me and gave it to me for Christmas. It took my Nana many weeks to make this teddy. She had to cut out all the pieces of material then sew them together by hand and stuff it with wool. She then had to sew the legs and arms on. The last thing was the teddy's face. He is golden-brown and his eyes are a tiger colour. He is a medium size and when he looks at you he makes you feel like he's saying "Please cuddle me". He is cuddly and lovable and when you tip him upside down he makes a cute roaring sound. I will always remember my Nana when I look at him.

POEMS

Love... By Alice Burnett 7TU

As insignificant to some as a grain of sand
Or as important as the air we breathe
As delicate as a flower's petal
Some need it to live
Some run from it
Some have always had it, but now it's gone
Some have never had it, and so can't miss it
Some may not care
When the world they know is not loving any more
When it is full of hatred,
but some may.

Please Miss!!! By Rachel Dadds 7JJ

There's a fight...Miss!
In the locker room...Miss
And Rachel's drink got spilt.
It just flew from her hands
And messed up Julia's kilt.
I think you ought to come Miss,
Steph is covered in paint.
Cath has ripped her blazer
And Liyana is feeling faint.

Are you coming soon Miss,
Because Claire has jammed the printer.
Sally is crying, her finger is red,
We think she's got a splinter.

You should come now Miss,
Before things get too bad.
We're much too cold to do as we're told,
I hope that you don't get mad.

Miss.

Sunrise to Sunset

By Katherine Maple 7JJ

It's dark, the wind blows cold,
Upon the dew, beneath the grass.
As the birds start to sing among the trees,
The sun rises upon the edge of the horizon.
Shimmering specks of golden light,
Across the face of the silent earth.
Noise breaks out of cracks upon earth,
As people go about the day.
The sun shines bright, as a ball of fire,
The clouds hang in the sky, looking like bits of cotton wool,
Scattered across the vast blue sky.
The air silent and still,
Sticks to my skin like toffee.

The air starts to blow a cool breeze,
Against my freckled skin.
Clouds gather in the sky,
Like a flock of sheep.

The clouds begin to change colour,
To the vibrant colours of the rainbow.
Shadows begin to emerge across the earth,
As the sky begins to grow dark.
The moon rises in the sky,
Giving to only light on this cool summer's night.
The earth is again silent.

Teenagers By Hannah Quigley 7TU

Teenagers are like weeds
You can never control them

Teenagers are like horoscopes
You never know if they are going to be good or bad

Teenagers are like kittens
They are cute until they grow up

Teenagers are like interviews
You never get much out of them.

Below: Erin Pritchard-Hunt Year 8

Bottom: Julia Fiorenza Year 7





Left: Olivia Breheny Year 7

POEMS

A Recipe for Being a Teenager

By Soolin Ong Tan 8BR

A sprinkle of pimples
A cupful of chocolate
A splash of shopping
And a bundle of friendships
A dash of quarrels
A dab of presents
A whisk of birthdays
And a dollop of parties
A fist of troubles
A thimbleful of broken promises
A glimmer of truth
And a smidge of sadness
Mix and mash the ingredients
together
Marinate your mixture for
fifteen minutes
To be a teenager forever and ever!

Ballad: The Big Town Man (edited)

By Emma Purdue 8WL

Deep in the wild lands
Where farmers were aslight
Where lived the Bundoojarra tribe
And where spirits danced at night

Where the stars are flung afar
Where the dreaming stories start
There lived a loving mother
And the boys who held her heart

Her one and only child
Whom she guarded with her life
Was causing her to weep
And stir her passion rife

The father of the child
To take him far away
To take him to a foreign place
Where he'd forever stay

The women were all mourning
As though the boy were dead
The men were wanderin'
round the camp
and sadly bowed their heads

Horror ran throughout the tribe
The elders were in despair
For they could not stop the
Big Town Man
From taking what was theirs

As the night grew darker,
The mother held her son
She would hold him 'till the
morning
When the Big Town Man
would come.

COMPARISONS:

GLYN PARRY VS JOHN MARSDEN

by Hannah Colman 8GG

Glyn Parry

I really enjoyed having Glyn Parry come and talk to us as he was an example of a very different author. He talked to us about the way he carried his notebook around with him all the time, so he could write down things he saw, he dreamed, he overheard and he was told. We took some notes on what he talked to us about and I will be sure to look back through them the next time I am writing a story. He also talked to us about hearing the 'voices' of the characters and how he would cut a picture of a person out of a magazine and use it as his character. He had many funny stories to tell us which we all had a good laugh at. It was a real change hearing Glyn Parry talk to us, but a very pleasant one, as he told us that he worked hard to get where he was, but he followed his dreams and eventually got to where he wanted to get to.

John Marsden

Hearing John Marsden speak

was a real contrast to what Glyn Parry said to us a couple of days ago. John Marsden also talked about the 'voices' of the characters in the books that he writes, and he also had a notebook that he carried around just like Glyn did. He told us a couple of stories, like one about a boy who had pins and needles in his leg, went up to his mother and claimed, 'Mum, I've got lemonade legs!' After saying that, all the other adults around him probably would have laughed, which would have made him think that he had said something stupid, and made a mental note not to say that again. As John claimed, children are great writers until they are 8 years old. If you think about it, it is more or less true. Another story John told us was about how he took some kids who were at a workshop out to the cliffs, and they all sat down and started writing. He was appalled at what the 14 or 15 year old girl had written. It said ...the sparkling blue ocean... John looked down at the ocean and it wasn't blue at all, more grey and murky looking, as a storm was coming in. He explained to us that when we are young, fake pictures are painted in our minds. We say things like: the golden sand...and the sparkling water reflected the sun... We have to try and be realistic, and not write these things, for they bore the reader and sound corny and unoriginal. Lastly he told us that he would never plan out a book, just think of a good character and start writing.

In conclusion, I enjoyed hearing both writers very much, although I have to say Glyn Parry was the most enjoyable to hear, as he was funny and very unpredictable.



YEARS 9 AND 10

YEAR 9

Romeo and Juliet By Anna Clarke 9CR

"Lights, camera, action."

There's more to film making than this. You can't just walk onto a set and expect to direct an award winning film.

There's more to it than that.

To even start to have a well-made film, you need an idea, a partner, support, a company, actors, actresses, a pitch, a screen play, a set, to hire staff, a script, somewhere cheap but good to make the film, and of course, you need lights, cameras and action. All of this is just the beginning.

The modern day 'Romeo and Juliet', written by William Shakespeare, was a huge success in most English speaking countries, as well as places where the movie was dubbed or subtitled. Using the modern settings of Mexico and well known actors and actresses of the 90's, the Shakespearian language fitted in perfectly. It seemed meant to be.

On Thursday 4th September, Years 9 and 10 students of Ruyton Girls' School went to The Melbourne Convention Centre to hear Craig Pearce, the co-writer of the screen play 'Romeo and Juliet' talk about his experience in making the play. He showed small clips of the finished product as well as pitch videos and clips with Leonardo DiCaprio while he was in Australia. He spoke about the troubles in making a film: how you have to have an open mind about all issues, and be willing to change some of the scenes, even if you have written them, otherwise, you will get nowhere.

Years 9 and 10 thoroughly enjoyed this speaker because he spoke to all of us like adults not children.

We all felt very welcome and learnt much about the production of films.

Snow By Mimi Davey 9CR

I broke through a thin layer of sleep with a jumper draped across my face and a flash of light exploding in front of my eyes. I slowly came back to the real world hearing the loud murmur of my school mates on the bus around me. They were making fun of me as I had dozed off for a minute.

We were weaving round and round the mountain, slowly making our way to the top. Mt. Buffalo wasn't a very big mountain but it seemed to take forever to reach the peak. I was listening to my friends talking about how they had all been skiing and how small 'Buffalo' was, when someone at the front of the bus yelled 'Look, look, out the window!' I gazed in amazement as I saw the white sparkling snow. I had never seen anything like it before. It looked like shaving cream smothering the side of the road; as if left to set overnight; pieces here and there. The majority of the bus seemed uninterested as they had seen snow thousands of times before - but I was in awe as the 'whiteness' continued to increase along the fringe of the winding route, as we crept closer and closer to the summit, higher and higher into the sky. The snow cover was advancing through the tree line, like a blanket placed over a rigid object, turning sharp edges into smooth. Rays of sun glimpsed through the canopy, beaming down on the snow, reflecting and creating an unbearable glare, rebounding off every snow flake, sparkling like a disco ball as the bus bounced and jolted along the road. I quickly reached for my sunnies. I couldn't believe how bright it was. I was taken back by the beauty of the snow. I couldn't wait to get off the bus and touch it, so soft and gentle. I was brought



back to reality as someone shouted 'Half way!' I thought to myself, only half way! I just wanted to dig my hands into the snow, I could almost feel it. My face was glued to the window for the rest of the trip winding around the mountain side.

Thick, creamy, gleaming, white snow. That's all I could see as I stepped out into the crisp, fresh air. I felt the brisk wind sweep across my face. It was beautiful. The experienced snow-goers didn't seem to notice. They just stepped off the bus and collected their gear without a second look... but it took me a few moments to take it all in. I glanced in every direction, more and more snow, with a tree spotted here and there. The runs were so smooth as if they had just been groomed the night before. I couldn't wait to make my way to one but I thought maybe later, as the ski lesson was my first priority.

We all dressed in our gear and waited in anticipation for the ski instructor to tell us what to do. I was begging not to be the first one to fall over and make a complete and utter fool out of myself. This was to be the beginning of a long, tiring and exciting day for me. I was about to become much better acquainted with the world of snow.

POEMS

Tropicana By Tania Martinow 9CA

I sit and look at the misty tendrils of fog curling around the trees and perfumed plants, I hear the splash of water as fish jump and twist in the lake in the early light of dawn, I see the sky beginning to lighten and a lazy breeze ripple the surface of the lake, I observe the light filtering

Left: Mimi Davey Year 9

Below: Hermione Liu Year 9

Bottom right: Ji-Hyun Lee Year 10

between the fronds of the palms and the air becoming humid, and the butterflies fluttering among the scented flowers,
I sit and feel the white, hot glare of the sun beating down, and all life becoming still in the early afternoon,
I observe the sun dipping low in the sky and the lake coming back to life,
I hear the breeze whipping across the lake and the palms and ferns bending,
I see the red and pink glow in the sky soaking up the last rays of light as the cool night takes over,
I mark the spot where I sit and let the chilly air wash away the humidity, I might come back to the same place tomorrow, maybe...



YEAR 10

Work Experience: A Moment

By Fiona Finlayson

She smiled. She reached out for my hand and smiled. Three year old Rachel had been lying in the end of the plastic tunnel for about ten minutes. To get out, she had to haul her twisted little body out, and it wasn't going to be easy for her. With the physiotherapist and her interested student watching, Rachel gripped the edge of the black and red tunnel with one hand, and, with difficulty, stretched her other arm towards my hand. 'Notice the way she has difficulty

in straightening her arm. There is actually nothing wrong with her muscles, but the messages from the brain aren't clear enough for the muscles to understand.'

I nodded, but I wasn't listening. Her legs kicking wildly against the top and sides of the tube, Rachel gripped my hand tightly, and slowly brought her other arm forward. With her two hands in mine, she pulled with all her might, while I held my arms firm. After a few seconds of breath holding and furious kicking, Rachel had moved forward about ten centimetres. Half of her body was out of the tunnel as she released my hands and returned them to their natural position, bent underneath her chest.

Has she given up? No chance, she was determined to get herself out of the tube. Her clenched fists were pushing against the ground in a desperate attempt to move forward. She had a few more centimetres. The determination of the three year old girl with cerebral palsy amazed me. It was so difficult for her, but she was going to get out.

'The clenched fists are quite common amongst cerebral palsy people. We have got to encourage her to use her hands. It is very important to be able to use your hands in life.'

I nodded again. 'Mmmm hmm. Come on Rachel, come on.' I was lying on the floor, my hands out in front of me,



tapping on the floor, 'You can do it, Rachel!'

Her knees were left in the tunnel, so she reached for my hands again. One final pull was all it took; she was out. She released my hands, but then reached for them again, and smiled.

POEMS

Poetry

By Stacey Oldman 1000

The past is a place we were yesterday: always there, but we can never return to it. The present is now, but every second, minute, hour, day, that was the present is now the past, never to be the present again.

The future is where we will be tomorrow: always there, but we can never catch up to it.

Life

By Sally Jones 1000

I sit and look out upon the mysteries of this world that lies before me,

I see people just older than myself, graduating from school, moving on, I observe people moving away from their families, eager to leave but fearing what is ahead of them,

I see the joy in those new in the work force, enthusiastic and ready to prove their capabilities, I hear the vows of love as two become one, hand in hand they begin a new chapter in their life,

I hear the cries of happiness as babies are born, nervous parents as they enter the unexpected years of parenthood,

I see the hardship endured by many, struggling to meet their financial needs,

I observe the opportunities in life, ready and waiting to be snatched up;

All these - all the joys and the complications of life, I sit and wonder,

What does the future hold for me?

Italian Christmas

By Stefania Brunetti 11JW

Dear Diary,

Today was my first Italian and white Christmas

I was woken at 9 a.m., by the bright shining sun streaming through my window. As I slowly and sleepily got out of my bed, I made my way to my window and as I looked at the amazingly blue sky, I thought to myself; this is going to be a memorable day. My mother's preparation for the Christmas lunch had begun on 22 December. She had offered to have this special event at our house, firstly because it was our first year living in Italy, and secondly, coming from an English family, mum wanted to show the Italians that the English too knew how to spend Christmas with their relatives.

Although father's 'Italian' family is numerous, and spread throughout Rome and northern Italy (six sons and six daughters), mother tried to invite as many as possible.

She had invited my grandparents, father's sisters and their families; Mirella, Orietta and Antonella, and his brothers and their families; Stefano, Franco and Massimo. All together there were twenty three 'Brunettis' present at the lunch.

At midday the doorbell rang and the first of the guests arrived.

As we all greeted one another (the traditional Italian way) with a kiss on either cheek and a 'Buon Natale', presents were placed underneath the Christmas tree and a glass of wine with a slice of salami was offered to each relative. By one-thirty everybody had arrived and mother ushered us all into the beautifully arranged dinner table. There were two white candles in special Christmas candelabras at either end of the table. The crystal glasses and the silver cutlery glistened in the sun's rays and, each dinner plate had a golden bon-bon beside it, as my mother's 'English' family always insisted on having bon bons. In the middle of the table there were three bottles of Red Chianti and three bottles of Ferrarelle mineral water. As we sat in our seats there was a

soft murmur from the adults commenting on the impressive setting of the table. The children were eager to 'crack' their bon-bons with one another, and they did! A yelp of joy came from the winner, whilst the loser insisted on reading the jokes found inside. 'Siedetivi tutti, arrivano I tortellini'. 'All sit down, the tortellini are about to be served'. The sound of mother's contented voice filled the dining room. I helped her to serve the tortellini in brodo. An exquisite traditional Italian winter dish, of small bundles of home-made pasta in chicken broth. Everyone helped themselves to a sprinkling of parmesan cheese on their broth, and a quick toast was made to begin the meal. 'Mmmmmmm, buonissimo' was the only sentence that was spoken at the table in the first five minutes of the meal. After 'seconds', my sister and I cleared the empty bowls and helped mother to put the next course on to dishes. The chit chat between the relatives had started again, and a sense of love and warmth was in the air. My grandfather and father were discussing the political situation in Italy, whilst two of my aunts were in a deep conversation about the huge sales that were due to begin in Rome in two days. 'Arriva il maialino.' 'Here comes the suckling pig.' As mother and Aunty Mirella brought out the suckling pig and three dishes of roast vegetables, father rose to begin the carving of the pig. The smell was magnificent. Although I felt as though I was full, I was anticipating the taste of the meat and vegetables! My uncles commented on what a 'good pig' my mother had chosen, and she replied with a grin of satisfaction. It was not long before everyone was 'digging into' their meal. Even my nine year old cousin was eating abundantly with such joy. I felt a sense of happiness whilst I watched my family enjoying their meal and eating with great pleasure. It was quite awe-inspiring to see that one meal, brought so many people together and offered them such happiness.

Every single person was eating with a smile on their face. The second course finished at two-thirty, and my mother was making sure that everyone enjoyed their meal. Of course they did!! As the plates were cleared from the table, the conversation started again, and the children were anxious to open their presents. Mother decided that dessert could wait a while. As I sat and observed my Italian family I noticed that they were in fact all relaxed and enjoying themselves. I knew that many of them were under stress due to work related problems and disagreements within their own families, yet during this meal, they were able to forget their worries and take pleasure from the festive day with one another.

Three o'clock, time for coffee and dessert. Mother decided that an English Christmas homemade pudding, made from her mother's own traditional recipe, would be appropriate for the Romans' tastebuds! Surprisingly enough they loved it. While the strong coffee aroma drifted into the dining room, the adults drank their 'espressi', and ate the one only traditional Italian Christmas cake, Panettone.

Once the meal was finished, the table was cleared and everyone returned to their seats to listen to my father's joke telling session. I must admit, we all roared with laughter. He was hilarious. I now felt drowsy and relaxed, and as I looked at my family's faces, they too were the same as me. During the day, I had not seen one sad face, and that made me feel content and wanted by all of those around me.

After the opening of the presents, we all had one more coffee and a piece of panettone. I was now tired, and as my relatives began to leave at five-thirty, I was sad they were leaving, but I knew that tomorrow I would see them all again, for the Santo Stefano Lunch! But that I will have to tell you about tomorrow.

Goodnight.





Left: Emily Unger Year 11

Below: Frances Crawley Year 11

The Secret Trail By Frances Crawley

'We go up this little hill here in front of us - and then drop down into a little copse. There's a funny old cottage nearby - quite ruined and empty. We could go exploring and see.'

The spring holidays had just set in and the dark skies and big clouds had moved in to stay. We were holidaying in Scotland and had taken refuge in a small Scottish castle just off the highland road, when the rain set in. A brook flowed gently beside the window; and above there was a gently sloping hillside that ran down to the local village graveyard. The old church towered above the village, with its stark gray walls and now overgrown garden. On the hour the church bells would echo throughout the village and up to the castle with a spooky drumbeat. At the point where the brook crossed the road there was a small village inn, with men who seemed to enter and come out befuddled and feeling no pain.

'The little spring was a lovely one. The people who had once lived in the old cottage had evidently used it. The spring ran through a little stony channel, clear as crystal.'

It was my first visit to Scotland or England for that matter. Our family had taken an exchange from our home in Australia and six months later they were determined to show us the countryside. My father was constantly at work and my mother was continually looking after the baby. We had decided to take a holiday so they could 'get away from it all'. It must have been the drive because when we arrived they collapsed into chairs and fell into a deep sleep. My brother and I then four and six were inquisitive and a large Scottish castle held huge possibilities. We were then avid readers of the Famous Five and the Secret Seven and so the Terrible Two went exploring. We peered around the corner of the door;

the hallway was empty, as was the rest of the castle. I don't know what we were expecting to find, but there were no skeletons in the closet. We found a small door just right for small people that was inside another larger one. We stepped out into the rain. They went in at the wide doorway. There was no door left, only the stone archway. Inside was a big room, whose floor had once been paved with slabs of white stone. Now grass and other weeds had grown between the cracks, and actually lifted up some of the slabs so that the whole floor was uneven. As we were later to learn in Scotland it always rained. A gentle wind blew our hair and stole our hats taking us on a wild goose chase over the hilltop.

The wet balls dropped lightly onto our heads as we found ourselves just outside the village graveyard. My brother who was still at the 'clingy' stage started to whimper. Not wanting to make a scene I pushed him gently through the gate and up the un-weeded path to the church. It was a big old building that must have been there for hundreds of years. The seats were hard and cold but were great for a game of hide-and-seek. By that time my brother had calmed down and was ready to move on, but it was still raining with great gusts of wind blowing the trees from side to side.

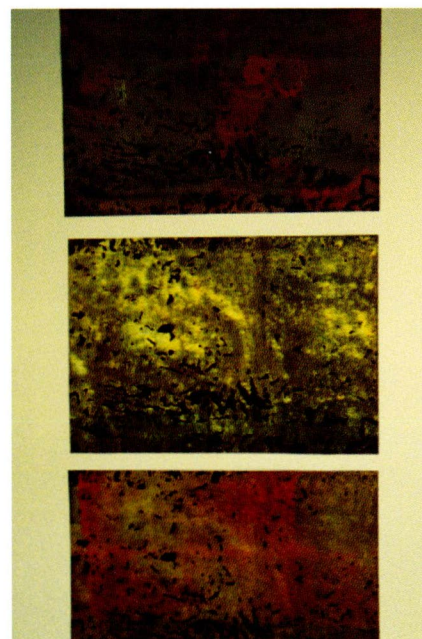
When we looked more closely around we found that at the front of the church there was a small cup of liquid and a small roll of bread. As we were hungry and thirsty from all our exploring we sat down on the soft red carpet and 'picnicked'. The gusts of wind were beginning to subside now and the rain had eased. We walked through the rain to the brook we had crossed earlier. The water in the brook was freezing and the weather did not invite swimmers. There were no birds but a few fish, happy with the coming of the rain. Our reflections became distorted in the puddles the rain left on the surface. Behind us we suddenly heard the squelch, squelch of someone walking. Over the hill

suddenly came a man dressed in yellow overalls with a long pole and funny high black rubber boots. He proceeded to flick the pole in and out of the water.

Although our curiosity was overwhelming our senses told us he did not want to be disturbed. With stomachs rumbling we thought we should head for home. We made our way back over the hill to the brook running beside the old castle. It looked different in the rain and the mist was beginning to gather around the turrets. When we pushed open the small door we found the house in a state of frenzy, people rushing to and fro. As we climbed the creaky old stairs to our room and pushed open the heavy old door we were bowled over and our parents tear-stained and red faced, converged on us.

It was not for us to know that we had been the cause of a search party and that our parents had been frantically worried for our safety. However, none of that seemed to matter to them and we were certainly eager to bask in the unexpected attention. We were watched like hawks from then on, but the old work and play with the baby mentality seemed to have passed and we found ourselves invisibly bound together by our separation.

'It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good. However the bad and the good have fitted together very well this time, and made the most exciting adventure!'

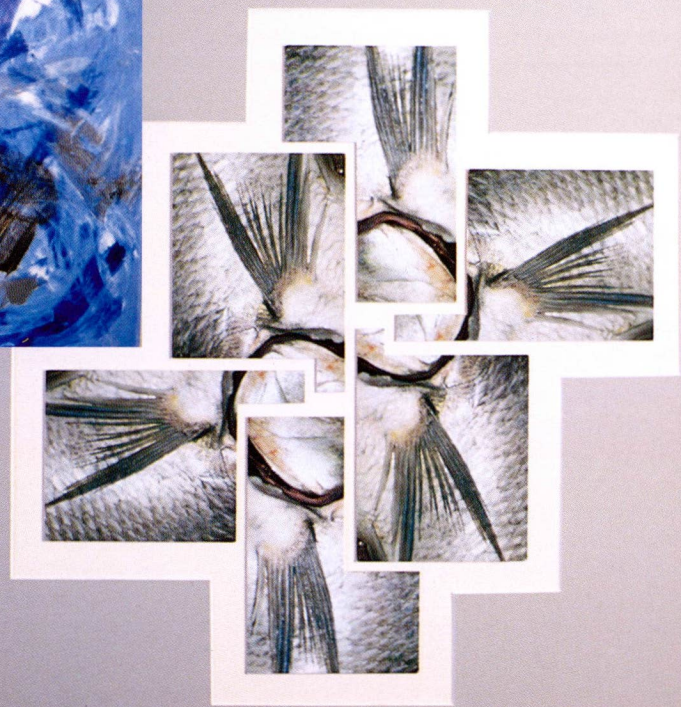


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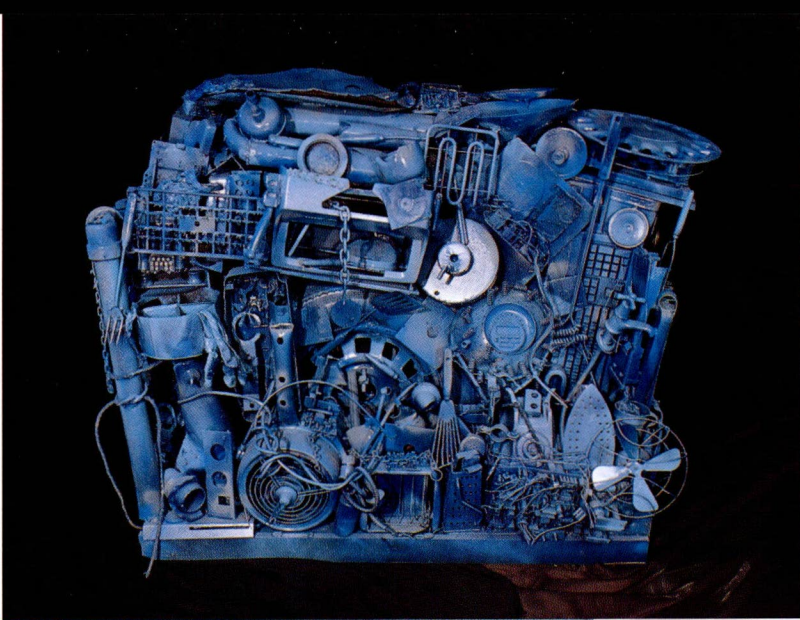
Below: Georgina Sutton



Above: Roslyn Halliday

Right: Sarah Summons





Left: Blythe Kirk

Below: Sarah Summons

Below left: Kate Riedel

Bottom: Ella Pakes



ANDERSON HOUSE REPORT

Andersonites, what can we say,
A most amazing year has come our way.
Not only have we reached great heights,
But team spirit and enthusiasm were never out of sight!

As we reflect on the year that has passed it is only now that we realize how much fun and challenging our role has been. It all began with a 'splash' at Richmond Pool where Anderson girls', donned red lipstick, red nail-polish and red powdered caps and kicked their way to the first of many victories. The never-ending energy of Andersonites, enriched with the help of a lolly bin, was evident as they relentlessly cheered each girl to her personal best. The success of this exhausting day was celebrated in sizzling style with a scrumptious House BBQ under the Moreton Bay Fig tree. This allowed Anderson girls to broaden their friendships across the year levels, expanding our House spirit.

With another 'splash' (this time from up above) Anderson hit the athletics track. Forced to battle not just the other Houses, but the inclement weather, proved no hurdle for Anderson's dedicated athletes. Dressed in red, by that we mean anything from devils to tomatoes, (thanks Kristen and Bec), Andersonites sprinted, leapt, threw, jumped and jogged with mighty determination and sportsmanship. Indeed our motto seemed most appropriate, 'To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield'. Mention must also go to Lissy and Alex and their band of vociferous cheerers. (Thank God we were outside!) Once again Anderson's participation was rewarded with a stunning victory.

The phenomenal sporting success of Anderson, (much to the expanding annoyance of other Houses) continued at the muddy grounds of Victoria

Park, the home of XC. Our girls braved the dreaded two laps, in hypothermic conditions, or so it seemed, with great distinction. Particular appreciation must go to the senior girls who rose at the horrendous hour of 8 a.m. to plod the two (or one, if preferred) laps. From sport to drama, our attentions were switched to another area for the annual

Debating, the last major house activity, confirmed the strength of Anderson's spirit and willingness to participate. Our junior, intermediate and senior debating teams all showed just how much they like to argue. The juniors proved most successful winning two of their three debates. Congratulations!

This year has been one full of overwhelming success for Anderson. Success not just because of the numerous cups



Amelia Mason and Jennifer Marshall

PAHF festival. With the theme 'Reach for the Stars' our Year 11s produced a marvellous production based on the tragic death of two twins, Hayley and Leo Pegasus. Anna Lozynski's (Leo) emotionally charged scene toward the end of the play was clearly admired by renowned actress and judge, Miss Beverley Dunn. She rewarded Anderson with the inaugural cup. Thanks must go to each of the Year 11s whose efforts allowed this play to come together so superbly.

that have fallen our way, but primarily because of the positive attitude, excitement, willingness and enthusiasm displayed by each Anderson girl. We thank and applaud all Andersonites for such an attribute. As we prepare, with some regret, to pass on our positions, we wish our successors Anna Lozynski and Rebecca Littlejohn the best of luck and best of fun. We hope your year will be as fulfilling and rewarding as our own.

**Jennifer Marshall and
Amelia Mason**



Clockwise from top:
Anderson House

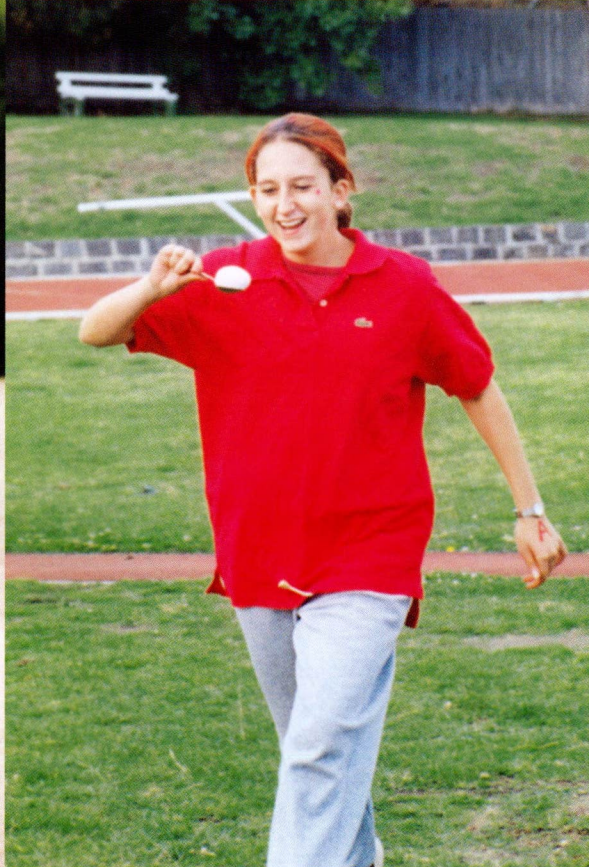
Sarah Summons,
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BROMBYHOUSEREPORT

Rachel Quigley and Sally Collett

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Built circa 1900, 'BROMBY', a charming blue brick House boasts a collection of unique features under the careful watch of caretaker, Ms Di Cosmo. With 79 permanent residents and 12 part-time residents (joint dwellers of South House), it is situated in the tranquil setting of the Drama Studio region. Despite a lack of victory, the House's architecture is guaranteed to impress prospective buyers, with great feats of effort and determination in the fields of athletics and swimming.

The artistic wing of the House proved particularly sturdy in a strong performance in this year's PAHF competition. Led by the Year 11s, the House danced, sung, laughed and occasionally quarrelled its way to an impressive production, complete with talents of Kelly Woodhams, Despina Paltoglou and Clementine Young. With the strong foundations of this year's performance, this wing looks set for some victorious extensions and redecorating. Repainting could be in order, changing red to next season's colour: royal blue!!!

The House displayed strong resilience to climatic conditions at the early-morning cross country competition, Frances Crawley

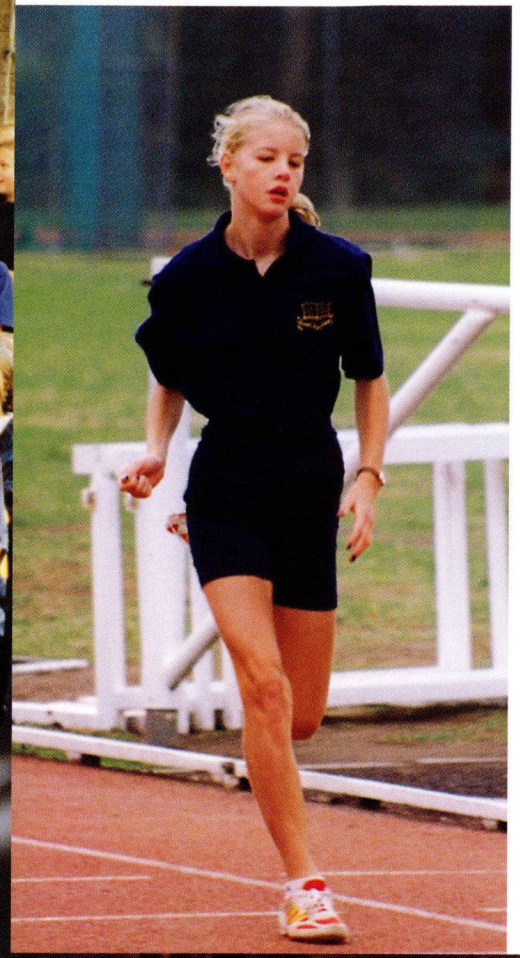


and Anthea Rooke displaying great talent around the track. The House's walls provided excellent acoustics for this year's House Debating Competition. While gathering and maintaining willing participants was initially slow (thanks to all those girls who filled in on such short notice), enthusiasm was prompted at all levels by the excellent performance of the junior teams.

What more could a House have to offer? A prime position, lively and enthusiastic inhabitants (especially after a dose of jelly beans and smarties), an obvious potential to increase its mantle

piece display of cups and trophies and most importantly a unique spirit and character! We wish the new owners: Amy Rhind and Marina Panagacos all the best for 1998 and hope they have as much fun as we had!

**Rachel Quigley and
Sally Collett**



Clockwise from top:
Bromby House

Jane Higgs

Anthea Rooke

Emily Pockley,
Narissa Llewellyn
and Rachel Quigley

Ms. Howden presents
medal to
Rachel Dadds

DANIELLHOUSEREPORT

Narissa Llewellyn and
Rainer Paterson

The hot and steamy air filled the Richmond Pool as we led the Daniellites with a splash at the House Swimming Sports. The girls braved the waters, donned in powdered light blue swimming caps and speedos taking out a sensational second place in both the Participation and the Swimming Cups. Thanks to all those who stripped down to near nudity and those who added that extra layer for the fun-filled 'boxer shorts race'.

From hot and steamy to cold and wet, our next challenge was the House Athletics. Daniell girls ran, jumped, threw and got drenched as the rain pelted down at the track. But the freezing weather was not going to stand in our way. Both on and off the track, girls gave it their all finishing in third place helped along by the inspirational cheering of fellow Daniellites. They were rewarded for their roaring efforts, running home with the newly introduced 'Cheering Cup'. Thanks to all those who screamed and cheered and woke up the next morning with no voice!

The poor weather continued and Daniell girls continued to compete. Testing their endurance, Daniellites headed down to Victoria Park where they braved the frosty conditions to take on the hills of the Cross Country course. Thanks to all those who competed, especially the senior girls who got up extra early to compete before school! Congratulations must also go to Chelsea Burns who gained a third place in the junior division, Angela Taggart a second place in the inter division and Emma Anderson third for the seniors.



House Drama was next on the agenda and as always proved to be a stressful experience. With only two weeks of strenuous rehearsals, the Year 11 directors tackled the theme of 'Reach for the Stars' to come up with a traditional Daniell humorous play about a genie writing horoscopes for Cleo. The few rehearsals were over and it was time for the Daniell girls to strut their stuff on stage. The girls poured out their lines and acted with gusto, but on this occasion Anderson stole the show. A huge thanks must go to Rachel Burnet and Sarah Chapman for their endless enthusiasm and dedication in putting this show on the road.

Moving away from the dramatic scene, Daniell girls took to the stand for House Debating, and

a chance to voice their opinions (something with which Daniell girls needed no practice). Daniellites debated a variety of topics including 'The Spice Girls are a worry' to 'No girl wants a SNAG'. We congratulate all Daniell girls for their efforts, especially the Inters who made it to the finals.

As the year comes to a close and we hand over to next year's captains, Rachel Burnet and Holly McDonald, we would like to thank all our Daniell team mates for their ongoing support. We have had a fantastic year and wish all of you the best of luck for next year, and only hope Rachel and Holly have as great a year as we had.

**Rainer Paterson and
Narissa Llewellyn**

Clockwise from right:
Daniell House

...and again

Caitlin Taylor

Chelsea Burns

Narissa Llewellyn
and Rainier Paterson



LASCELLES HOUSE REPORT

Cassandra Williams and Annelie Zuccolo

The ever spirited Lascelles have triumphed once again! Thanks to the enthusiasm from our gallant Lascellians, the year of House competition has been rewarding and extremely memorable. Further, we have continued to live up to the tradition of the House, which perseveres in all areas.

Lascelles' vigour began at the end of last year, with the annual House Swimming Carnival. We provided tough competition for the other Houses, but were not good enough to overcome the force of Anderson. Lascelles however was satisfied with their efforts, prevailing in cheering and drowning out the other Houses. House Diving, held at Xavier, was also successful. Our juniors especially proved to be a force to be reckoned with. Congratulations to all competitors in both swimming and diving; you did us proud.

Decked out in our never-fail white costumes, Lascelles girls hit the track in style. Once again we annihilated the other Houses with our over-zealous cheering. Although we did not receive the Cheering Cup, our chants were commended by many for being the most resounding. We proved to be a tough challenge on the track, losing in the end, by a few points to Anderson. The future of athletics in Lascelles looks bright, with many young athletes showing great flair in both field and track events. Beware Anderson! Our participation levels were outstanding - clearly - we won the Participation Cup! Many thanks must go again to our vivacious white tribe, who



showed all the other Houses what great teamwork really is.

Cross country proved to be another success, with a sensational number of participants rising early to take part. Although Anderson once again took the cup, Lascelles illustrated another brilliant team effort.

Term 2 was spent madly writing scripts for the Performing Arts House Festival, better known as PAHF. The theme, 'Reach for The Stars' could have been 'Reach for the Laser Beams' as the Theatre was transformed into a galaxy far far away...

With the help of four tremendously talented Year 11s, Jane MacFarlane, Stef Brunetti, Sally Carwadine, and Jane Joske, Lascelles was 'beamed into' a Star Wars Movie centred around Luke Skywalker, Varth Dader, Princess Leia and Han Solo. Thrust into the role of Varth Dader with four days to go, Meg Lewis led her storm troopers, and must be thanked for filling in at such short notice!

Unfortunately, Halley's Comet flew past this spaceship, yet the house spirit and enthusiasm was maintained as we launched into an assault in the debating

rounds in Term 3. It is true that 'No girl wants a SNAG', and the fact that 'That Melbourne has lost it's character' was determined in House Debating. Many enthusiastic girls from all different year levels joined forces to express their opinion and debate their point. Round 2, saw successes to all year levels, and talent such as Jane Marsden, Louise Tolson, Emma Henley, Sarah Cleghorn, Elizabeth Andrews and our own Debating Captain, Anna Olsen, led the way in challenging responses to the opposition's points, and positioned Lascelles in good stead for the Finals in Term 4. Ms Longley must be credited for all behind the scenes work, and helping us House Captains organise debates and give us a crash course in debating! We have acquired debating jargon, such as 'team splits' and have seen how able Lascelles girls are at House Debating. A high standard was displayed and hopefully these standards and the enjoyment gained will continue.

It has been an honour to lead Lascelles, and we hope that the eagerness and sportsmanship of all Lascellians continues in the future. We've both had lots of fun, and would like to thank all the girls for making this year very special. It was an absolute privilege to be acknowledged as Lascelles House Co-Captains. Good luck to next year's Co-Captains Andrea Fiorenza and Kate O'Brien. We hope you have a fabulous year, and may the White and Gold ring true throughout the future!

Cassandra Williams and Annelie Zuccolo



**Clockwise from top:
Lascelles House**

Amy Dakis

House spirit

Georgina Power

Airlie Young

**Cassandra Williams
and Annelie Zuccolo**

DEBATING CAPTAIN'S REPORT

A recent Age survey cited public speaking as one of the top five fears of 90% of Australians, but thankfully it is a phobia that does not affect Ruyton girls. Again in 1997, debating has been one of the most popular and most successful extra-curricular activities offered at Ruyton. With over 50 girls participating and Ruyton hosting not only the rounds but grand finals of the D.A.V. competition, debating continues to flourish and produce persuasive, eloquent and articulate debaters.

With Ms. Longley away, first semester presented its fair share of challenges for Ruyton debaters. Ms. Julie Howard ably led the 10 teams through the first four rounds and was assisted by Ms. Longley (who trekked into Ruyton rain, hail or shine) and Claire Waugh-Young, last year's Debating Captain. Whether it was last-minute preparation, writing team-lines or ordering pizza, their help was invaluable. Ruyton once again retained its reputation for not only fine debating but also fine catering; the sandwiches and slices provided by debaters' parents are greatly appreciated by adjudicators who can barely raise a cup of coffee at other venues!

Ruyton's performance in the competition was uneven, but there were some outstanding achievements. The Year 8 team struggled to get their first win against other D Grade teams who were all at least a year older than them, but they will be back next year armed with experience and determined not to give any other novices a chance! Our Year 9 teams were not always thorough when regarding preparation but Emma Henley stood out as a confident and poised speaker, winning the Swannie award for the best D Grade speaker in the region;



a huge achievement when you consider that more than 120 students compete at this level.

The triumphs of the season lay in the teams in B and C Grades. With four wins and only one loss (by one point!) to another undefeated team, the Year 11s were very unlucky not to get a finals birth. In C Grade, the team consisting of Sarah Cleghorn, Elissa Bell, Katia Sanderson, Janine Loftus, Clementine Young and Stephanie Salter were undefeated in the five D.A.V. rounds. From there, the team progressed to the play-offs, a sudden death competition preceding the finals. Debating advised topics (where the team is given the subject some weeks in advance but given the topic only one hour before the debate) this team defeated Fintona in the debate 'That we need diversity of media ownership.' The next debate was on the topic 'Australia and Asia' with Ruyton debating the negative of 'That Australia's future lies in Asia', and unfortunately being narrowly defeated by St. Margaret's. This was our best result of the season, and each of these girls should be congratulated on an outstanding effort. For the first time, Ruyton was able to enter two very strong teams at A Grade, or Year 12 level. Both teams showed a high level of commitment to continue

Anna Olsen

debating when other pressures placed upon students are so great and the teams should be commended for their efforts. Ruyton 1 recorded one loss, to arch-enemies Scotch 1, which unfortunately kept them out of the finals. Debates were of a challenging standard and topical subjects. Two secret topics were 'That we should blow the whistle on "The Footy Show"', and shortly following Prime Minister's attempted apology to the 'stolen generation' 'That present generations should be responsible for the past.'

As this report goes to press, preparations are well underway for the fifth annual Alan Patterson Prize for Public Speaking. This year the competition will have a much higher profile with some 20 contestants from Year 11 and 12 competing in front of a large audience of their peers. Contestants are required to present both a prepared and impromptu speech. As well as the major prize, which is judged by members of the English Department, minor prizes are also offered for each section of the competition determined by an audience vote.

I would like to personally thank each debater, Ms. Longley, Ms. Howard and Claire for a very successful and enjoyable season and hope that debating will continue to be as fun and rewarding as I have found it. Congratulations to Ingrid Lewis, the 1998 Debating Captain, who I am sure, will allow debating at Ruyton to reach the heights it enjoys and deserves.

'Let thy speech be always with grace, and seasoned with salt!'

Colossians 4:6

Anna Olsen, Year 12

Right: DAV Debating (Year 12)
 Back: A. Olsen, M. Lewis,
 A. Collier, P. Buckle, R. Quigley
 Middle: K. Riedel, S. Collett,
 P. Bodsworth
 Front: L. Milner, J. Lyon
 Absent: A. Keeble,
 R. Halliday,



Left: DAV Debating (Year 11)
 Back: K. O'Brien, R. Burnet,
 F. Crawley, A. Lozynski
 Middle: I. Lewis, H. MacDonald,
 B. Rankin
 Front: W. Greenberg, L. Graham
 Absent: A. Nall



Left: C Grade Debate-Year 10
 Back: M. Olaver, E. Bell,
 L. Kew, J. Loftus
 Middle: S. Cleghorn, C. Young,
 D. Lim
 Front: D. Paltoglou, S. Salter
 Absent: K. Sanderson, Z. Towell,
 J. Meadows, G. Lewis, R. Colman,
 F. Irvine, A. Forge, K. Johnson



Right: D Grade Debate-Years 8 and 9
 Back: P. Kanodia, B. Meek, S. Hodgson,
 M. Hillman, K. Baker
 Middle: E. Ljubicic, A. Hewitt, J. Henty,
 L. Tolson, J. Marsden
 Front: S. Garamszegi, E. Fry, E. Henley,
 A. Rooke, K. Eldred
 Absent: M. Tobing, S. White, A. Smith



Left: C Grade Team 1
 (who recorded the highest score)
 Back: E. Bell, K. Sanderson
 Front: S. Cleghorn, C. Young,
 J. Loftus



DRAMA CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The spirit of Drama at Ruyton reached new dimensions this year with the long-awaited opening of The Royce Theatre. With luxury seating and a spacious area for the actors, the Theatre offers comfort for audiences and flexibility for performers. Students now have endless opportunities to maximize their interests in acting, singing, dancing, choreography, lighting, sound, make-up, set design and publicity.

We also welcomed a new Director of Drama in 1997, Ms. Cath Benton. She has proved to be an inspiration having directed two exceptional School plays, ensured that new initiatives are taken by the Drama Club and best of all perhaps, has achieved outstanding results in VCE Drama.

Drama Club was put on hold for Term One while rehearsals and auditions, auditions and auditions took place in preparation for the first theatrical event in the new theatre, 'A Celebration Fanfare'. A week long showcase of the Arts, audiences were no doubt impressed by the talent of the students ranging from Year 7 to Year 12. This week allowed students to test the water in the new theatre and gave glimpses of all this exciting new facility had to offer.

Under the influence of the spectacular new theatre, assemblies took a theatrical turn this year. With the help of the extraordinary Assembly Chair, Jasmine Bahen, and the other ECA captains, the mechanical student reports were transformed into enthralling performances. Such acts included a Perfect

Match episode, a live performance by the Spice Girls, excerpts from Shakespeare and even a visit from our audacious fellow Wellington Street residents from Trinity.

Term Two launched the Performing Arts House Festival, otherwise known as PAHF, where the raging war between the four forces, Anderson, Bromby, Daniell and Lascelles continued. Each year they come together in a ferocious battle, armed with drama skills and musical abilities. These rebel forces, striking with scripted attacks, fight to gain power over the ultimate weapon, the mighty galactic House Cup, an armoured ego station with enough power to destroy an entire House's morale. With only two weeks' preparation, it was the Year 11 responsibility to write, direct and produce a play, utilising the theme 'Reach for the Stars', and the Disney song, 'When You Wish Upon A Star'. With limited time, House Drama requires dedication, co-operation and support from the whole House. Time proved no barrier and the required commitment was evident, with each house giving a spectacular and disciplined performance, providing an enthralling afternoon for the School. Ruyton's Patron of Drama, Miss Beverley Dunn, who judged the competition, was certainly overwhelmed by the talent. Once again, Anderson House triumphed. While the other three Houses gave comic performances, Anderson House opted for a serious tone, with the powerful play 'Entering Dream Mode', written and produced by Anna Lozynski and Elissa Bell.

The most successful event for Drama Club this year was the

Lip-Sync competition. The competition required girls to work either individually or in a group and simply to mime to a song. Students through Year 7 to Year 12 participated and presented the audience with a vast range of ideas, from pop stars to children orientated groups such as the Wiggles. The competition ran for three exciting weeks and contestants were given overwhelming support by a full audience in Royce Theatre. The two finalists, a Year 7 group (The Spice Girls) and a Year 12 group (The Village People) battled for first place in a school assembly. The Spice Girls, with their uncanny impersonations, took home the trophy. Due to the enormous success of the competition, the Lyp Sync is now an annual contest.



Drama Captain,
Kelly Woodhams



Left: Annelie Zuccolo

Year 10

Another exciting event for Ruyton Drama students this year was the first annual Trinity/Ruyton Drama dinner. This dinner aimed to acknowledge and unify those with a passion for drama. All lead cast members and also the staff involved in any Trinity/Ruyton production from 1992 to 1997 were invited to the dinner. The memory of each production was revived as the room was decorated with memorabilia from each of the plays. The guests were entertained with some outstanding Drama Cat 1 performances and a musical quartet. After a delectable dinner, the audience was spellbound by the performance given by a Melbournian singer, Wendy Rule, whose music draws heavily on Celtic and Greek mythology. An enjoyable evening, next year's dinner is eagerly awaited.

For the first time, Ruyton was proudly able to this year utilise The Royce Theatre for the Trinity/Ruyton production. The production, Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible', was demanding and challenging for students from Years 9 to 11. A solemn and grim play, it was certainly a contrast to last year's joyous and fun-filled musical Grease. Yet while the play involved a smaller cast and exercised a serious tone, the cast and crew successfully captivated audiences with a haunting and frighteningly realistic performance, sending shivers down their spines.

An enormous cast worked hard over two terms to produce a spectacular Year 7 and 8 musical, 'A Kidsummer Night's Dream', which is just like William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', although the language has been modernised to Australian colloquial speech. Full of energy, audiences were awestruck by this stunning display of talent, the glitzy and exciting performance and the dazzling costumes. An enormous

amount of time and effort was put into the musical and I would like particularly to acknowledge Rebecca Orr, the Drama Captain for 1998, who generously dedicated her time to assist Miss Benton, the director.

The future of Drama at Ruyton looks very promising with Rebecca Orr at the helm and I wish her the best of luck in 1998.

Kelly Woodhams, Year 12



Top: Clementine Young, Miss Catherine Benton and Despina Paltoglou

Above: Alexandra Keeble, Miss Beverley Dunn and Kelly Woodhams

Left: Lip Sync Winners:
Back: Rebecca Rocchi, Jane Higgs, Fannie Cameron
Front: Jasmine Weeding-Hill, Alex Turnidge



THE CRUCIBLE

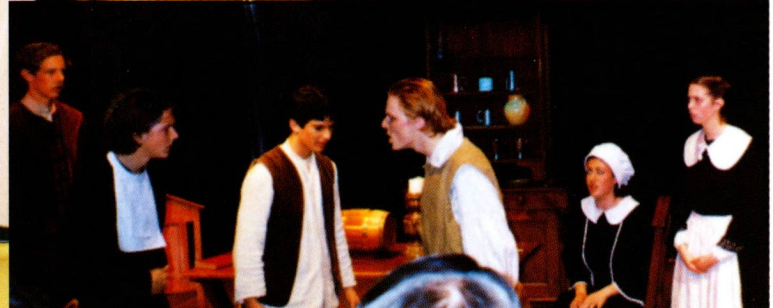
Trinity/Ruyton Production 1997

'Who weeps for these, weeps for corruption'

So ends the Trinity and Ruyton production of The Crucible. A play of fear, allegation and deceit amongst the never ending theme of choice; the choice between maintaining ones integrity or having the chance to live.

And amidst the seemingly endless pool of heart-felt emotions found in The Crucible, worked thirty-two dedicated actors, two patient directors and a hoard of enthusiastic crew members, all combining to produce a play that left the audience both mesmerised and tearful. The Crucible is a particularly hard work to perform due to its pathos, passion, older characters and three hour script. It created a challenge for many students, which was prompted by Mr. Ken Barrett and Miss Cath Benton who worked tirelessly to extend the students' skills in audience communication and emotional memory. As well as the challenge involved, students were given the opportunity to socialize with other people who enjoy acting, and a lot of fun was had by all. The Crucible was yet another highly successful Trinity and Ruyton production.

Rebecca Orr, 11YP
(Character in The Crucible:
Rebecca Nurse)
VCE Drama Class 1997



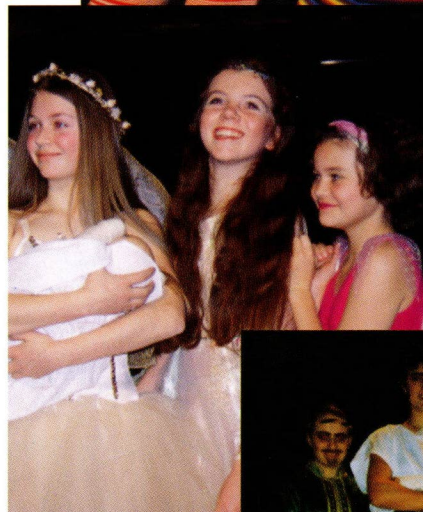
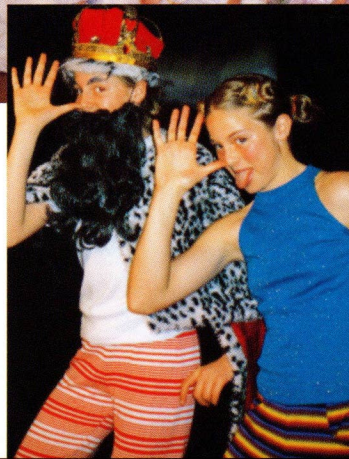
A KIDSUMMERNIGHT'S DREAM

During one of our rare free lunchtimes, we calculated that we've seen more of Miss Benton than we have of our own parents in the past month of hectic rehearsals. However, our hard work (and that of Miss Benton, Miss Leach and Rebecca Orr) has finally paid off. It is not only the cast members that have been putting their energy and time into the show, there are many other aspects. These include the chorus, the dance troupe, the choreographers (who attended even more rehearsals than the cast), the costume designers (including parents), set designers, backstage, lighting and make-up crews.

All these people involved dragged themselves out of bed on Saturday and Sunday mornings to attend all day rehearsals. These rehearsals proved to be what finally brought the show together. Three weeks before the performance, everybody involved was stressed out and half of Year 7 and 8 were sick with the flu. However, after a few weekend rehearsals we are confident enough that the show will proceed without any major hiccups.

All the cast and crew would agree that being involved in 'A Kidsummer Night's Dream' was a time-consuming and tiring commitment. However, it involved a lot of fun and excitement and it was a great experience. Congratulations to all 120 people involved.

**By Jane Marsden and
Emma Purdue 8NL**



MUSIC CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Susan Hooke

'The rest may reason and welcome; tis we musicians know.'

Robert Browning

The Royce Theatre has been a wonderful venue for the musical events of 1997. We musicians know, however, that the theatre is more than a venue, for we know what it is to be able to rehearse in such inspired surroundings several mornings a week. Ruyton musicians no longer perform in a hall, but in a stylishly modern theatre. We are delighted to have been able to take part in such an exciting and memorable year of new beginnings.

The musical year started on the first weekend of term, as choir and orchestra members piled onto a bus headed for music camp. To prepare for the Induction Service as well as Performing Arts Week, we spent a very warm weekend rehearsing (and swimming) at Rutherford Park, Blampied. Our time at this new campsite was extremely successful and enjoyable, and of course, we were all well entertained by the performers featuring in the annual Saturday night concert.

Celebration Fanfare, the title given to a week of visual and performing arts in March, marked the official opening of The Royce Theatre. A most impressive series of concerts featuring past and present students brought together the disciplines of drama, dance, music and visual art. The anthem commissioned to celebrate the new theatre was performed on the Thursday night, along with items from the Senior School's choirs, orchestras and bands. We were even joined by two international musicians - exchange students from Victoria, Canada.

Two new faces, Mr. Sugg and Ms. Petris, appeared in the music department in second term as both Mrs. Usher and Mr. Summerton travelled overseas. Amid this busy term, vocalists from Junior and Senior School came together in May to present a variety of music reflecting on the seasons. The 1997 Vocal Concert, entitled 'Autumn Moods', was a delightful evening of solo and group performances held in The Royce Theatre. We were also very fortunate to experience the musical talents of the Samuel Marsden Girls' School in New Zealand. Amid a hectic schedule, the girls performed for us in assembly and then joined us for morning tea to compare notes on school life in Wellington and Melbourne.

For a week in third term we were treated to the amazing voices of the KWA Thema Youth Choir, visiting from Springs in South Africa as part of the Melbourne Youth Performing Arts Festival. Many Ruyton families hosted the choir members, and their stay was definitely a highlight of the musical year. The choir gave a wonderful lunchtime concert, and many friendships were started and addresses exchanged.

The Annual Concert held in August reached new heights this year as it became an evening of two concerts performed in the Theatre. The first was 'Mainly Contemporary' and featured groups such as Junior Wind Symphony, Stage Band and Percussion Ensemble, as well as Arietta Choir, Madrigal and Mini Mads. The second concert,



'Mostly Classical With a Touch of Difference', featured the larger choirs, bands and orchestras of the Senior School, as well as the string quartets and the Brass Ensemble.

The Music Department has also held a number of soirees this year, primarily featuring students preparing for AMEB exams. However, the teachers performed in their annual soiree in fourth term. As well as this, VCE students and friends put together a night combining music, literature and art.

Thank you to Mr. Summerton for such a wonderful and exciting year. And thank you also to Mrs. Usher, FORMA and all the teachers of the Music Department for their encouragement and enthusiasm. My best wishes go to Music Captain, Wendy Greenberg, and all the musicians for 1998.

Susan Hooke, Year 12





Above: Arcangelo Orchestra:

Back Row: M. Pattenden, V. Stewart, A. Lozynski, L. Joske, W. Greenberg, R. Burnet, T. Abraham, A. Hewitt, L. Reed, D. Mak, A. Nall
Second Row: E. Bell, K. Smith, O. Faul, S. Franklin, M. Constantinou, R. Orr, F. Berry, P. Bodsworth, S. Summons, E. Duncan
Front Row: E. Spicer, T. Martinow, K. Martinow, J. Loftus, B. Meek, S. Hooke, C. Malan, L. Terracall, A. Weekley, J. Dakis, S. Ong Tan.
Absent: M. Green (Orchestra Leader), C. Thomas, Z. Towell, J. Skepper, E. Hardy, J. Boyd, L. Reid, S. Finegan, H. Liu, A. Tickell.

Below left: Orchestra Leader, Mariana Green



Above Right: Henty Orchestra:

Back Row: S. Sirianni, P. Kohler, V. Stewart, A. Lozynski, L. Joske, W. Greenberg, R. Burnet, T. Abraham, N. Zulauf, A. Hewitt, L. Reed, D. Mak, A. Taggart, A. Nall
Third Row: M. Pattenden, A. Zhang, E. Bell, A. Smith, L. Tolson, K. Smith, S. Santoli, D. Stow, K. Baker, L. Kew, R. Littlejohn, S. Dickenson, F. Berry, A. Rhind
Second Row: M. Constantinou, J. Marsden, D. Lim, M. Finlayson, S. Horan, O. Faul, J. Dakis, S. Franklin, A. Dakis, A. Kohler, R. Orr, A. Olsen
Front Row: E. Spicer, E. Duncan, C. Malan, T. Martinow, K. Martinow, J. Loftus, B. Meek, S. Hooke, E. Fry, F. McQualter, L. Terracall, A. Weekley, S. Ong Tan, S. Summons
Absent: A. Drapac, K. Johnson, Z. Towell, C. Thomas, J. Skepper, E. Hardy, N. Kung, L. Reid, J. Boyd, A. Tickell, S. Lau, B. Young, A. Chang, J. Burns, S. Chang, F. Marshall, C. Golder, F. Irvine, A. Dakis, R. Dadds, J. Higgs, C. Littlejohn, M. Wang

Left: Concert Band 1997:

Back Row: M. Pattenden, S. Sirianni, V. Stewart, A. Lozynski, L. Joske, W. Greenberg, R. Burnet, T. Abraham, N. Zulauf, A. Hewitt, L. Reed, D. Mak, A. Taggart, P. Kohler, A. Nall
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Absent: A. Tickell, S. Lau, F. Irvine, C. Young, F. Marshall, J. Dakis, M. Wong, E. Hardy, L. Tolson, A. Drapac





Far left: Die Zauberfloten:
Back Row: D. Lim, A. Hewitt
Front Row: J. Marsden, M. Constantinou
Absent: A. Chang, F. Marshall,
 S. Chang, C. Young

Left: Anderson Brass Ensemble
Back Row: P. Kohler, L. Reid, D. Mak,
 A. Zhang, G. Blackett-Smith
Front Row: M. Pattenden,
 L. Joske, S. Sirianni
Absent: A. Drapac, K. Fryday,
 E. Catchlove, S. Smibert

Right: Arietta Choir

Back Row: J. Marsden, J. Anderson,
 A. Weekley, S. Hodgson, M. Harris,
 L. Sayers, H. Catchpole, P. Gilligan
Third Row: M. Finley, L. Tolson, S. McMicking,
 A. Smith, S. Ong Tan, A. Taggart
Second Row: B. Were, A. Rooke, S. Horan,
 H. Groves, E. Stapleton
Front Row: M. Finlayson, E. Henley,
 N. Williams, E. Fry
Absent: D. Farrell, J. Dakis,
 E. Pritchard-Hunt, S. Tollanday



Left: Junior Wind Symphony 1997
Back Row: A. Hewitt, N. Zulauf,
 L. Reed, R. Rocchi, M. Pattenden,
 P. Kohler, S. Sirianni
Second Row: J. Marsden, S. Sirianni,
 A. Kohler, K. Baker, O. Faul, L. Tolson
Front Row: C. Fitzpatrick, S. Horan,
 M. Finlayson, A. Smith, A. Zhang, S. Lyons
Absent: A. Dakis, R. Dadds,
 J. Dakis, S. McMicking, M. Jones,
 F. Allen, B. Robertson



Left: Ruyton Funk Band 1997
Back Row: R. Littlejohn,
 S. Liu
Front Row: Lucy Joske,
 W. Greenberg

Far Left: Percussion Ensemble 1997
**S. Salter, R. Burnet,
 T. Abraham, W. Greenberg**
Absent: K. Johnson



Left: Stage Band 1997

Back Row: M. Pattenden, V. Stewart, A. Lozynski,
L. Joske, L. Reed, P. Kohler, A. Taggart
Second Row: R. Littlejohn, S. Santoli, F. Berry,
S. Dickenson, A. Nall, E. Bell
Front Row: E. Spicer, T. Abraham,
S. Salter, W. Greenberg



Left: Melba Choir

Back Row: A. Nall, A. Collier, K. Martinow,
J. Starzynski, E. Anderson, A. Zuccolo,
K. Woodhams, P. Croyle,
F. Crawley, S. Santoli
Second Row: D. Wilson, E. Visser, D. Lim,
A. Garner, L. Kew, S. Franklin, A. Lozynski,
S. Liu, A. Keeble, Mrs. F. Hutton
Front Row: C. Huber, R. Eliezer,
M. Constantinou, E. Duncan, A. Rhind,
L. McKemmish, J. Loftus, R. Orr
Absent: N. Siemensma, J. Boyd, E. Hardy,
L. Reid, C. Thomas, B. Rankin, R. Colman,
J. Meadows, D. Paltoglou, L. Terracall,
S. Chang, R. Yewers, M. Wong, K. Sanderson

Right: Ruyton Madrigal 1997

Back Row: A. Collier, E. Anderson, A. Zuccolo,
K. Woodhams, Mrs. F. Hutton, S. Santoli
Front Row: A. Keeble, R. Orr,
A. Lozynski, E. Duncan
Absent: M. Green

Far right: Brass and Percussion Ensemble 1997

Back Row: S. Salter, P. Kohler, R. Burnet,
T. Abraham, L. Reed, W. Greenberg
Front Row: M. Pattenden, L. Joske
Absent: K. Johnson



Left: String Orchestra 1997

Back Row: F. McQualter, A. Weekley,
B. Meek, S. Ong Tan
Front Row: C. Malan, T. Martinow, E. Fry
Absent: T. Martinow, J. Dakis, J. Skepper,
A. Levine, H. Liu, A. deKretser



Far left :Derham String Quartet

K. Martinow, J. Loftus, T. Martinow
Absent: J. Skepper



SPORTSCAPTAIN'S REPORT

Sports Captain, Amanda Tickell

The Beginning

'In accepting your positions and responsibilities of captaincy in 1997, you must be aware that, at times, girls will not want to co-operate; girls will not want to participate.' - Ruyton's Senior Teachers

The End

The teachers were proven wrong.

The Middle

'We'll nail our colours to the mast' - Ruyton School Song

And we have done just that. The sporting epidemic that struck Ruyton undoubtedly began late last year with the introduction of a stylish new sports uniform. The cheers of approval that sounded beside the catwalk in the Physical Education Centre, were soon to be followed by appeals of 'How's that?' on the cricket field; an action-packed season in which the Open Cricket Team were undefeated.

This seemingly contagious enthusiasm spread to the Xavier Pool, where the swimming and diving squads trained tirelessly through a lengthy season, gaining a creditable fourth place in the GSA Swimming. Ruyton's 24 placings and four new records were as equally impressive as the national times swum by our girls in the All Schools' Swimming Relays, and Sophie Zalkauskas' success in the individual championships. This earned her selection into the Victorian Development Squad, training for the 2000 Olympics.

From the State Swim Centre to the Barwon River, Ruyton was no less impressive at the 12th Head of the Schoolgirls Rowing Regatta. Exhaustive training, the extent of which is not often recognized by non-rowers, led the Year 10 First Four to victory in their division. This outstanding win was joined by a third and fourth placing, and three first and two second placings in petite finals.

'The School that always plays the game'
If there is a game to be played, we will play it. As Ruyton took to the more obscure events on the sporting calendar, our vast array of talent was not to be denied. A team comprising of four senior girls was placed third in the AGS Golf Championships at the prestigious Royal Melbourne Golf Club, in which Meg Lewis' score placed her in the top six players. The individual results in the final of the Victorian Inter School Equestrian Challenge were also commendable, as can be said for the Schools Diving Championships and the National Clubs Competition (rhythmic gymnastics) in Gosford, NSW. Emily Ogilvie and Sarah Rossi gained first place in two events, helping Ruyton to a most honourable third place.

As winter approached and the weather deteriorated, excellence was further displayed by many at the House Cross Country and the GSA Cross Country, in which Ruyton gained fourth place. The dedicated runners then pursued their talent in the Victorian Schools Cross Country Championships, and the Under 14 2 x 2000m team were victorious in the State Relay Championships. Meanwhile, amidst GSA netball and hockey (and unsuccessful attempts in these sports to upstage Trinity Grammar), the Ruyton Cheetahs had a convincing win in their Saturday netball division, and the open hockey team did Ruyton proud, dominating a strong field of schools to win the Telstra Buchanan Cup. It was then the slopes of Mt. Buller which were bombarded with the talent of Ruyton skiers, in the Alpine, Moguls and Snowboarding events. The football team endured both success and enjoyment and the first open volleyball team were undefeated throughout their season.

'At sport we've made a lasting name'
It was this name in athletics that inspired Ruyton's runners, jumpers



and throwers to enormous success after initial predictions of a bleak season, plagued with injury, illness and numerous other commitments. Although gaining second place in the GSA Athletics, a narrow six points behind first, Ruyton was victorious in defeat. In acknowledging the pure class of our Pacific School Games and Track and Field Championship medallists, namely Georgina Power, Jane Tulloch and Jennifer Marshall, one cannot turn a blind eye to every member who formed our team. I don't hesitate to believe that determination and enthusiasm had spread to a maximum.

This year I was fortunate enough to witness the Ruyton morale from a similar perspective to that of the PE staff. It would therefore be criminal to end 1997 without acknowledging the personal involvement, organisation and humour of Ms. Didier, Mrs. Dulke, Miss Day, Miss Cockwill and Mrs. Lachal; attributes that have been so fondly recognized by students for several years. In concluding a wonderful sporting life at Ruyton, so rich in opportunities for Ruytonians of all standards in both team and individual events, I congratulate Jane MacFarlane, next year's deserving Sports Captain. I can only hope that 1998 will be as fun-filled and rewarding for Jane as 1997 was for me.

Amanda Tickell, Year 12

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Left: Senior Tennis:

Front: S. Dickenson, C. Williams, H. McDonald, L. Milner, R. Burnet

Second Row: L. Joske, E. Andrews, K. Huxley, K. Tolliday, S. Collett, G. Sutton

Third Row: R. Palamarczuk, F. Berry, R. Paterson, J. Marshall, A. Tickell, R. Littlejohn

HOCKEY

Champions of the **Telstra Buchanan (Hockey) Cup** defeated every other girls' hockey team to take the grand final in fine style. The winning team was Greer Paterson (Captain), Amelia Mason (Vice Captain), Fiona Allen, Mimi Davey, Caroline Burke, Amy Rhind, Jane MacFarlane, Elizabeth Sayers, Meg Lewis, Cassandra Williams, Philippa Wilson, Dimi Manuele, Rainer Paterson, Narissa Llewellyn and Emma Spicer.

TENNIS

Senior Tennis pair, **Amanda Tickell** and **Jennifer Marshall** have never been defeated in six years of GSA tennis competition.



Above: Intermediate Tennis

Front Row: D. Paltoglou, N. Zulauf, E. Fry, A. Hewitt, L. Abraham, F. McQualter

Second Row: J. Tulloch, R. Harker, A. Young, K. Stirkul, J. Dakis, L. Reed

Absent: K. Bucknell, J. Borella, R. Yewers, L. Kew.

Below: Junior Tennis

Front Row: R. Caia-Tucci, N. Siemensma, M. James, C. Fitzpatrick

Second Row: I. Grigg, S. Horan, P. MacDonald, A. Riches

Third Row: L. Whalen, S. Tolliday, R. MacPherson, L. Hallo, J. Marsden

Absent: K. Simon, F. McLean, M. Finley, F. Shaddick, S. Horan, J. Higgs



Above: Senior Hockey

Front Row: A. Rhind, C. Williams, R. Palamarczuk, D. Manuele, A. Terracall

Second Row: B. Grigg, F. Bell, J. MacFarlane, G. Paterson, S. Lau, N. Llewellyn

Third Row: E. Sayers, M. Lewis, A. Mason, R. Paterson, P. Wilson, E. Spicer, L. Joske

Absent: C. Burke

Below: Intermediate Hockey

Front Row: L. Reed, S. Salter, L. Abraham, L. Terracall, E. Fry

Second Row: M. Tobing, C. Young, P. Kohler, A. Taggart, A. Gloster, R. Eliezer

Third Row: H. Liu, M. Davey, G. Booth, K. Olsen, L. Sayers, D. Stow

Absent: F. Allen, S. Garamszegi, K. Johnson, M. Pattenden, E. Catchlove, F. Finlayson, S. Smibert, J. Try, C. Golder, A. Hallam, F. Irvine, L. Weaver, A. Drapac



Right: Junior Hockey

Front Row: L. Ferdaus, N. Siemensma, E. Purdue, C. Fitzpatrick, K. Maple, A. Turnidge, L. Whalen

Second Row: M. Finlayson, M. James, A. Riches, S. Bamford, C. Morrison, J. Weeding-Hill, G. Blackett-Smith, S. Sirianni, H. Colman

Third Row: J. Anderson, S. Zalkauskas, C. Burns, K. Glaister, J. Harvey, S. Ong Tan, P. Glaister, S. Marks, S. Tolliday

Absent: J. Lipshut, A. Burke, S. Fincher, H. Groves, A. Weekley



Left: The Buchanan Cup



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



ATHLETICS

GSA Athletics

Winners of the Margaret McPherson Cup and runners up in Final results, Ruyton gained more than 30 1st places, 30 2nd places and 13 3rd places out of 103 events.

Best performers:

Jennifer Marshall (competing against Lauren Hewitt (Atlanta Olympian) - 3 second places

Georgina Power - 2 first, 2 second places

Jane Tulloch - 3 firsts, 1 second and 1 third place

Mimi Davey - 3 firsts, 1 second place.



Clockwise from top:

GSA Athletics Team

J. Marshall

A. Rooke, J. Harvey,
A. Burke, L. Morawsky

J. Tulloch



Gold medallists in
Athletics Victoria.

Track Relay Championships were:

Under 15 4 x 200:

Anthea Rooke, Andrea Burke,
Louisa Morawsky and Jane Harvey

Under 17 4 x 200:

Georgina Power, Mimi Davey,
Jane Tulloch and Fiona Marshall.

School Games

Kimberley Crow (Year 6),
Jennifer Marshall, Jane Tulloch
and Georgina Power were all
selected to represent Australia
in the sporting carnival in
December, 1996. Georgina
Power was placed 1st in the
Under 15 Hurdles.

**Victorian State Athletic
Championships**

Gold medallist Jennifer Marshall
(Under 20 400m Hurdles)

**Victorian Under Age Track
and Field Championships**

1st in Hurdles:

Jennifer Marshall

2nd: Georgina Power and
Jane Tulloch in Under 16
Hurdles and Under 16 100
metres respectively.



Clockwise from left:
Philippa Wilson

Diane Wilson

Amanda Tickell

Simone De Kever

Senior Ballgames





Above: Senior Basketball

Front Row: D. Wilson, R. Spinks, A. Curatolo, F. Bell
 Second Row: L. Milner, V. Prior, K. Hillas, M. Constantinou
 Third Row: R. Palamarczuk, A. Nall, A. Zuccolo,
 N. Kropp, A. Spinks



Above: Intermediate Basketball

Front Row: N. Zulauf, E. Fry, S. Tallent
 Second Row: H. Liu, S. Hodgson, S. Prior, P. Kanodia
 Third Row: C. Stewart, A. Doyle, S. Stewart, K. Baker
 Absent: J. Burns, F. Marshall, C. Gibbs, F. Allen



Above left: Junior Basketball

Front Row: L. Ferdaus, M. Finlayson, E. Ramsey, J. Weeding-Hill, A. Rooke
 Second Row: J. Cleghorn, H. Colman, R. Rocchi, J. Anderson, S. Booth
 Third Row: F. Shaddick, C. Burns, B. Potter, K. Glaister, P. Glaister



Above: Senior Baseball

Front Row: D. Wilson, J. MacFarlane, F. Crawley, N. Llewellyn
 Second Row: A. Fiorenza, A. Clayton, V. Prior, A. Rintoul, G. Paterson
 Third Row: E. Sayers, A. Mason, A. Zuccolo, A. Nall, C. Grover
 Absent: L. Kubu



Above: Intermediate Baseball

Front Row: A. Taggart, M. Wong, L. Terracall, R. Eliezer, C. Young, S. Jones
 Second Row: B. Duffell, S. White, L. Mollison, P. Kanodia, H. Liu, K. Baker
 Third Row: S. Hodgson, M. Davey, G. Booth, D. Stow, L. Sayers, A. Doyle
 Absent: E. Bell

Right: Junior Baseball

Front Row: A. Dakis, M. Finlayson, S. Bamford, S. Sirianni
 Second Row: J. Slattery, C. Armstrong, M. Jones, H. Colman, A. Rooke
 Third Row: L. Cropley, J. Anderson, C. Burns, P. Glaister, C. Fogarty
 Absent: C. Gibbons, R. Bessant, J. Harvey, S. Mitchell, E. Peyton,
 J. Slattery, S. Booth, J. Marsden



**Left: GSA Basketball
 Stephanie Tallent**

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Above: GSA Swimming/Diving

Front Row: A. Dakis, L. Reed, D. Wilson, C. McKay, A. Strickland, J. Weeding-Hill, R. Dadds, C. Littlejohn Second Row: E. Purdue, A. Riches, R. McPherson, S. Tolliday, B. Grigg, M. Pattenden, L. Whalen, R. Rocchi, S. Bamford Third Row: J. Lyon, A. Taggart, S. Chapman, J. Marsden, M. Jones, A. Robson, C. Burns, S. Samuel, S. Jones Fourth Row: A. Mason, E. Sayers, K. Pettifer, A. Rintoul, A. Tickell, J. Marshall, S. Zalkauskas, G. Lowry, M. Lewis Absent: A. Keeble, D. Wilson, G. Lewis, K. Baker, L. Tolson, J. Burns, K. Sanderson, C. Burke.



Above: Open volleyball

Front Row: L. Abraham, G. Booth, R. Harker, H. Liu, S. Chapman, L. Joske Second Row: K. Hillas, D. Stow, A. Rintoul, N. Kropp, K. Stirkul, E. Unger Third Row: K. Pettifer, M. Lewis, R. Littlejohn, A. Tickell, A. Nall, A. Mason, K. Huxley Absent: C. Burke, S. Cleghorn, F. Finlayson, F. Allen, S. Smibert



Above: Cricket

Front Row: M. Wong, L. Joske, H. Liu, S. Chapman, J. MacFarlane, D. Wilson Second Row: K. Hillas, M. Davey, S. Carwardine, G. Patterson, J. Lyon, P. Kanodia, M. Constantinou, A. Rhind Third Row: R. Burnet, A. Rintoul, K. Baker, A. Nall, A. Tickell, N. Kropp, A. Mason, E. Sayers Absent: S. Chapman



Left: Duke of Edinburgh

Front Row: N. Zulauf, C. McKay, C. Alexander, S. Hodgson, M. Tobing, S. White, O. Faul Second Row: A. Hewitt, K. Stirkul, B. Meek, M. Harris, K. Baker, D. Stow, J. Dakis Third Row: M. Panagacos, K. Stanton, E. Butlin, F. Crawley, D. Bowman, S. Dickenson, S. Lay



Above: Senior Netball

Front Row: D. Wilson, S. Chapman, D. Bowman, L. Milner, A. Fiorenza, E. Unger, M. Constantinou Second Row: K. Hillas, A. Rintoul, K. Huxley, F. Berry, V. Prior, P. Bodsworth, G. Sutton Third Row: A. Tickell, J. Marshall, A. Zuccolo, R. Littlejohn, J. Morgan, A. Nall, J. Lyon



Above: Intermediate Netball

Front Row: M. Wong, N. Zulauf, C. McKay, J. Tratt, B. Duffell, S. White, L. Mollison Second Row: S. Jones, G. Power, P. Kanodia, S. Hodgson, K. Bucknell, F. McQualter, A. Doyle, J. Dakis Third Row: R. Harker, J. Tulloch, C. Stewart, A. Doyle, S. Stewart, S. Prior, K. Stirkul, K. Baker Absent: K. Daley, C. Gibbs, A. Hewitt, Z. Towell, R. Yewers, J. Burns, S. Oldman, F. Marshall, E. Hardy.



Above: Saturday Netball

Front Row: A. Burnett, M. Finlayson, I. Grigg, A. Rooke, D. Mak Second Row: S. Mitchell, J. Slattery, C. Armstrong, A. Smith, B. Duffell Third Row: L. Tolson, J. Tulloch, L. Cropley, J. Marsden, M. Jones Absent: F. Marshall, R. Yewers, C. Fogarty, S. Oldman, S. Cleghorn, E. Hardy, A. Weekley, H. Catchpole



Above: Junior Netball

Front Row: D. Mak, N. Williams, C. Hounslow, O. Breheny, J. Fiorenza, G. Hapgood, A. Rooke Second Row: J. Cleghorn, G. Storey, S. Booth, R. McPherson, S. Horan, E. Ramsey, A. Dakis Third Row: C. Armstrong, M. Jones, P. McDonald, J. Henty, N. Kung, S. McMicking, I. Grigg Fourth Row: S. Mitchell, J. Slattery, L. Hallo, J. Higgs, F. Shaddick, B. Potter, L. Cropley Absent: C. Robertson, R. Bessant, A. Phan, K. Simon, L. Tolson, E. Peyton, B. Coxon

SWIMMING

Sophie Zalkauskas: Victorian Swimming Championships finalist. Victorian Championships - State sprints - finalist.

All Junior Finals - Winner and placegetter

Sophie has been selected for the Victorian Development Squad for the 1997/1998 season who are training for the 2000 Olympics.

Combined GSA Swimming Sports

Co-Captains: Amelia Mason and Elizabeth Sayers

Diving Captain: Alexandra Keeble 24 placings and 4 new records (achieved by Sophie Zalkauskas, Andrea Burke and Junior Medley team - Chelsea Burns, Andrea Burke, Sophie Zalkauskas and Annabel Robson who were also the members of the record-breaking Freestyle Relay.

All Schools' Swimming Relays

Silver Medallists (Under 13 Medley Relay) Annabel Robson, Andrea Burke, Sophie Zalkauskas and Chelsea Burns and Bronze Medallists (Under 13 Breaststroke Relay) Annabel Robson, Chelsea Burns, Melinda Pattenden and Andrea Burke.



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



ROWING

At the Head of the Schoolgirls' Regatta, the Year 10 First Four won their division - Sophie Smibert, Fiona Finlayson, Gina Booth, Kate Johnson and Lucy Terracall. Chelsea McKay was 1st in the Year 9 Skull Petite Relay and the Year 9 Four, Division 1 and 2 were 1st in the Petite Final.



GOLF

In the AGS Golf Championships, Meg Lewis scored 46 and that placed her in the top six players in the State Championships.

EQUESTRIAN

Our A and B Teams were placegetters in the Victorian Inter School Equestrian Challenge. Kate Nankervis and Rebekah Spinks won the Best Rider over 16.

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

In the National Club competition Category 1 placegetters were Rachel Dadds and Catherine Littlejohn. Category 2 placed first were Emily Ogilvie and Sarah Rossi with placegetters Julia Jenkins and Annabel Rossi.

Top: Skiing

Above: Henty Rowing Club:
Front Row: R. Yewers, L. Sayers
Second Row: M. Tobing, S. Smibert, A. Drapac, C. McKay, A. Taggart
Third Row: A. Terracall, L. Abraham, E. Visser, L. Terracall, S. Salter
Fourth Row: L. O'Brien, J. Dakis, F. McQualter, J. Tucker
Fifth Row: E. Bell, C. Golder, R. Colman, A. Forge, J. Try
Sixth Row: K. Sanderson, G. Lewis, E. Catchlove, G. Booth, F. Finlayson, S. Anderson
Seventh Row: E. Renowden, M. Lewis, C. Burke, E. Anderson, J. Morgan, K. Pettifer, S. Chapman, F. Bell
Absent: F. Irvine, K. Baker, M. Davey, D. Loh



Right top: Golf:

A. Mason, M. Lewis, J. MacFarlane, R. Burnet

Right: Senior Rhythmic Gymnastics Team:

Standing: Sarah Rossi, Emily Ogilvie, Annabel Robson
Sitting: Rachel Dadds, Julia Jenkins, Catherine Littlejohn



Right below: Equestrian Team:

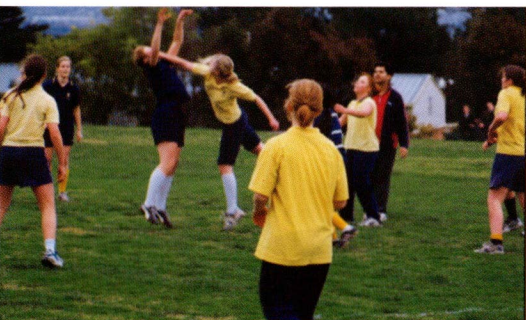
Front Row: M. Adams
Second Row: A. Young, R. Spinks, K. Nankervis, S. Nankervis
Absent: C. Adams

Left: Skiing Team:

Front Row: C. Reid, J. Simson, E. McKendry, J. Lipshut, S. Logan, A. Batrouney
Second Row: K. Nicolson, D. Wilson, L. Abraham, R. McPherson, L. Terracall, S. Sirianni
Third Row: S. Tolliday, L. Joske, E. Andrews, K. Tolliday, L. Graham, S. Hill



Left above : Football



GSA CROSS COUNTRY

Left top: GSA Cross Country:
 Front Row: S. de Kever, A. Dakis, S. Bamford, S. Salter, R. Dadds, C. Young, N. Zulauf, L. Terracall, M. Panagacos, R. Yewers, C. Littlejohn
 Second Row: M. Finlayson, E. Purdue, C. Williams, A. Taggart, A. Robson, J. Marsden, A. Weekley, E. Ogilvie, S. Jones, J. Slattery, A. Curatolo, A. Rooke
 Third Row: M. Jones, J. MacFarlane, C. Burns, K. Stirkul, F. Crawley, G. Booth, E. Bell, G. Power, L. Kew, R. Harker, G. Paterson, J. Tulloch, S. Hill
 Fourth Row: P. Glaister, R. Burnet, R. Palamarczuk, A. Spinks, M. Lewis, A. Tickell, J. Marshall, J. Higgs, J. Tucker, P. Wilson, E. Anderson, S. Luxton
 Absent: A. Forge, F. Irvine, F. Marshall, E. Visser, J. Jenkins, K. Simon, T. Martinow, S. Tallent, E. Henly, E. Catchlove, K. Johnson, K. Kraft, S. Oldman, B. Coxon, L. Hallo, C. Armstrong, S. Garamszegi, C. McKay, J. Burns, F. Finlayson, D. Paltoglou, S. Smibert, J. Try, P. Whitman, S. Samuel, D. Stow, C. Golder, K. Martinow, K. Sanderson, J. Morgan, S. Chapman.

Left: G. Power, J. Burns, J. Tulloch, F. Irvine



below: A. Dakis



Right: F. Crawley, R. Burnet, S. Luxton, J. MacFarlane, P. Wilson

Far right: P. Wilson



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - JUNIOR SCHOOL

You will be aware of the work the Junior School teaching staff have been undertaking with Dr. John Munro. We have been planning programmes that accommodate the various learning styles of the girls. This knowledge has fascinated teachers for many years, but it is the organization of this knowledge that is new. Our girls are the beneficiaries, as the programmes are organized across all year levels which has made it particularly exciting.

STAFF FAREWELLS

Mrs. Rosemary Cox (Renshaw) understandably decided, upon completion of her maternity leave, to devote her time to her lovely son Sebastian. Mrs. Cox was appointed to the staff of Ruyton in 1983. Dedicated to the young children in her care, she has been a versatile and creative teacher who quickly won and maintained the admiration and respect of her young charges, their parents and the staff with whom she worked. Always willing to adapt to change, Mrs. Cox taught Years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 providing a proper atmosphere for learning which was reflected in the quality of the girls' work. Her classroom always became a colourful and stimulating place for children to be.

A willing participant in organizing Junior School productions, Mrs. Cox also attended various camps, organized excursions and volunteered for other extra curricular activities. Fully committed to developing her professional expertise, she continued to pursue post-graduate studies and attended many in-service seminars. In thanking her for her outstanding contribution to Ruyton, we wish Mrs. Cox happiness and fulfilment in the future.

Mrs. Jennifer McPherson was appointed to the staff of Ruyton in 1985 and resigned, effective from the end of Term 4, 1997 to take up a position with Korowa Anglican Girls' School. Initially taking classes in French, German and English, Mrs. McPherson also held positions of responsibility as Year 9/10 Co-ordinator (from 1987 until she took maternity leave in 1991), Editor of the School Magazine (1985 and 1986) and in the last few years as the teacher responsible for French in the

Junior School. As a teacher of LOTE to secondary students, Mrs. McPherson was respected and admired. She accompanied girls on two excursions to Europe and was always willing to enliven LOTE classes with her own energy and commitment. As a Form Teacher and later Co-ordinator of Years 9 and 10, she demonstrated knowledge and dedication to the pastoral care of the girls in her care. Having accommodated her request for maternity leave and part-time teaching during 1991 and 1992, Mrs. McPherson again took on a full-time position. Her responsibilities in the School shifted, however, to include a larger component of Junior School teaching and ultimately all the teaching of French in the Junior School. As changes in LOTE teaching took place, Mrs. McPherson took an active role in the interest group organized by the Junior Heads Association. Mrs. McPherson was a well regarded colleague with many friends on the staff who appreciated her participation in professional development activities. In thanking her for her contribution to Ruyton, we take this opportunity to wish her success in the future.

Miss Naomi Irlight began teaching at Ruyton in February, 1993 and after five valuable years, leaves Ruyton to take up an appointment in another school. Miss Irlight began team teaching in Year 6 with Mrs. Swiney before moving to Year 5 in 1994. A highly qualified teacher, Miss Irlight also holds Graduate Diplomas in Special Education, Educational Administration and Student Welfare. Miss Irlight's contribution to Ruyton includes an active role in professional development and in the many extra-curricular activities undertaken in the Junior School. Our best wishes go with her as she takes up her new appointment.

Mrs. Robin Mathieson was appointed to the permanent staff of Ruyton in February, 1994. Prior to that she had been a relieving teacher in the Junior School. Her love of little children made her an ideal person to teach the Prep class, which she has done for the last three years. A trained infant teacher, Mrs. Mathieson prepared the girls well for their participation in Junior

School assemblies and for the many Little Ruyton House productions which we all anticipate with delight. A staunch supporter of professional development programmes, she also made a valuable contribution to the further development of the Junior School Curriculum.

The mother of four children, Mrs. Mathieson's resignation will enable her to be more available to her youngest, who commences his Year 12 in 1998. Mrs. Mathieson, fondly known as 'Mrs. Math', will be missed and we wish her every success in the future.

Mrs. Olga Megele, who will always be remembered for that wonderful mural at the entrance of the Information Resource Centre, began teaching in the Junior School in Term 1, 1996 after teaching Visual Arts in the Senior School for almost 2 years. During her time with us, Mrs. Megele introduced the girls to a wide variety of creative activities which culminated in the mural project in which she involved every Junior School girl. Mrs. Megele also made a valuable contribution to professional development in the Junior School particularly in the work undertaken by the teaching staff in relation to accessing learning styles. She resigned from Ruyton at the end of Term 3 to take an appointment in a school closer to her home. We wish her every success.

Miss Lee Wills



Top: School Co-Captains:
Penelope Yewers, Katherine Nicolson,
Miss Wills, Ellie Webb
Absent: Tara Gibb (see inset)

Above: The Mural

LEADERSHIP

When we were elected, by the girls to be the Junior School Co-Captains for 1997, we realized that we would have a number of responsibilities. Of course the responsibilities are shared because there are Co-Captains of the Houses, Music, Drama and Ruytonian Junior School Editors.

Leadership in the Junior School provides opportunities for many girls to develop an understanding of how important each of us is to the School. This understanding develops from a young age because in Year 3 girls are chosen to be Class Co-Captains for a term. They begin to realize that they are representing the girls who chose them and that they need to set an example to others.

During the year we saw the introduction of Social Service Representatives, four girls who work with Miss Harris to organize activities to raise funds for many of our favourite charities. They must be congratulated on the job they are doing.

The Student Representative Council began last year and has two representatives from each class from Year 3 to Year 6 who meet with Miss Wills once a fortnight. Before the S.R.C. meeting, they ask their class for any ideas that may improve the Junior School. As a result, we have seen a number of changes that we are very pleased about, and would like to say 'thank you girls'.

We have enjoyed our time as Junior School Co-Captains, knowing that we have represented Ruyton and the Junior School in particular.

**Tara Gibbs, Ellie Webb,
Katherine Nicolson and
Penelope Yewers**



Above: Junior School House Co-Captains:
Back: Sophie Robson (Anderson), Katherine Nicolson (Bromby), Katherine Woolcock and Josephine Black (Daniell)
Front: Alice McCahey (Bromby), Caitlin Murdoch (Anderson), Hayley Smith (Bromby), Zoe Lewis and Kimberley Crow (Lascelles)



Above: Student Representative Council:
Back: Waynee Yang, Sophie Muir, Katharine Hansen, Alexandra Liebelt, Lisa Bailey, Elizabeth Calder
Middle: Marlo Manison, Penelope Yewers, Natasha Anderson, Persephone Wales
Front: Rosemary Purdue, Amanda Lavoipierre, Katrina Bishop, Olivia Payne, Kristina Paterno



Above: Junior School Editors:
Kimberley Crow, Elizabeth Strawbridge, Elizabeth Archer and Katharine Hansen



Left: Social Service:
Lucinda Catchlove, Helen Osborne, Katherine Maughan and Sarah Maple



MUSIC 1997

This year the Junior School has had many musical events, with excellent results.

One of the major performances was the Boroondara Eisteddfod, in which the Blue Ribbon String Quintet, Paganini Strings and Walsh Singers competed. All did well. The Blue Ribbon Strings and Paganini Strings won their sections and Walsh Singers reached the finals.

After this wonderful success, the Walsh singers were invited to perform in the Senior School Music Assembly at The Royce Theatre opening, 'Follow the Yellow Brick Road'. This was a major School event and the first big occasion for all the Junior orchestral and choral groups. The Year 6s performed a wonderful dance, choreographed by Mrs. Jenine Caruso.



Top: A. deKretser, A. Levine, M. Wanklyn, A. Attwood

Above: Percussion Group 1997: K. Palermo, J. Farell, Z. Murdoch, M. Adams, A. Magennis, A. Fraser, A. Bamford, Z. Lewis

Left: Blue Ribbon String Quartet: K. Nicolson, M. Wanklyn, A. Attwood, A. deKretser



Minimads, the auditioned choir in the Junior School performed on their own and with the Senior Madrigals in the Senior School Vocal Night, 'Autumn Moods'. Also in this concert, the Year 6 Vocal Quartet, Julia Quantock, Kate Parsonson, Lisa Bailey and Penny Yewers, gave a special performance.

Grandparents and Special Friends enjoyed a concert in which all the Junior School musical groups were involved. The Year 2 violins and Year 3 strings made their debut performance at this concert and everybody was impressed. This year, two new musical ensembles have been created: a

flute ensemble, 'Mini-Zauberfloten', conducted by Peter Bartels and a brass and percussion ensemble, conducted by Sonja Horbelt and Wendy Anderson.

Congratulations to the brass and percussion ensemble for being invited to play in the Senior School assembly.

Early in third term, the Minimads and selected girls competed in a Vegemite competition. They had to think up a new version of the Vegemite jingle to send in to a competition.

Congratulations on a great performance! This year there has been three excellent productions. One

from 'Little Ruyton House' called 'Let's celebrate', another from Year 3 and 4 called 'Living Bird'. The last but not least, is the Year 5 and 6 production called 'Scrooge'. Well done to those girls for putting on such excellent musical work.

Junior School Music Co-Captains
Alexandra Levine and Marika Wanklyn,
Semester 1
Alicia Attwood and Adele deKretser,
Semester 2

Right: Mini Mads 1997:

Back: A. Attwood, E. Franet, P. Tallent, J. Quantock,
E. Webb, P. Yewers, K. Nicolson
Middle: R. Brown, K. Parsonson, L. Bailey, H. Munckton,
J. Hazelwood, R. Bowen, E. Weekley, Z. Lewis
Front: H. Smith, A. Lavoipierre, N. Anderson,
L. Gonzalez, E. McLean, P. Wales.



Left: Paganini Strings:

Violin 1: Leader – K. Nicolson, M. Wanklyn, A. Attwood,
A. Levine, J. Black, R. Brown
Violin 2: P. Wales, J. Huggett, L. Dayman, K. Waldron,
A. Greig, J. James, R. Gregory, H. Stamopoulos
Violin 3: C. Lyons, R. Naito, A. Liebelt, N. Pullan, N. Moore, R. Soh
Cello: A. deKretser, E. Webb, P. Yewers, A. Nisbet,
Crawley, E. Riekert, E. Weekley, M. Morris
Double Bass: C. Hoyle
Piano: S. Magennis
Conductor: R. Bonetti



Right: Year 3 String Group

Back: E. Levine, H. Dadds, S. McLeod-Bourke,
J. Bowtell, L. Black, C. Sircelj
Front: K. Bishop, C. Dunn, S. Pizzey, S. Gonzalez,
V. Panopoulos, M. Disney, J. Williams
Conductor: R. Bonetti



Left: Walsh Singers 1997 - Junior School



Left: Year 2 String Group 1997

M. Paszkiewicz, M. Manison, P. Zimbler, E. Davis,
E. Chambers, J. Finlay, I. Lees-Trinca, G. Calder,
Loringh van Beeck, F. Firth, A. Muir, S. Blyth,
V. Marriot, G. Taylor, J. Pleunik, V. Verrocchi,
S. Mah, D. Algeo, J. Strawbridge, H. Cunningham
Absent: L. Davenport, S. Lavoipierre, A. MacKenzie,
L. Woolcock, A. Venter

Right: 'Bumble Bee Choir' 1997 - Year 2/3

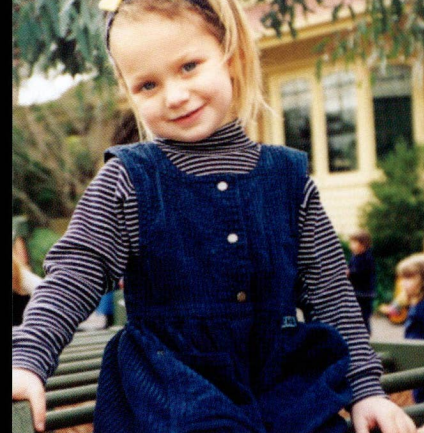


MAGIC MOMENTS AT LITTLE RUYTON

Each day is filled with many magic moments at Little Ruyton. The delight and enthusiasm of the children enhances their opportunity to participate which leads to discovery and learning.



Rosie O'Grady
Early Learning Co-ordinator



Clockwise from top:
 'Boys will be boys!': Julian Weekley, Christopher Yapanis and Alexander Lyle.
 Young fairies Sara Hogan, Anna Mulcahy and Matilda Barrie with Mrs. Rosie O'Grady, the Red Fairy.
 'Fun flying kites': Kimberley Stockdale and Catherine Buckley.
 'Dressing Up': Jordan Dunn and Benjamin Davis.
 'Just me': Zoe Kanat.
 'Enjoying the new cubby': Alessandra Ogden, Amorette Garner-Williams, Anna Mulcahy and Kimberley Stockdale.
 'Collage with style': Alexander Lyle.
 'Behind the spider mask': Adrian Duvnjak.



Clockwise from top left:
'Firemen on the job!': Robert Buttner, Andrew Elder, Elizabeth Pearce and Grace Oliver.
Pre Prep 'Peg people'.
'Baking day': Nicole Pickering, Isabella Weeding-Hill, Jane Trotta and Anna Smart.
'Red Day': Hilary Hartindale, Matilda Barrie, Hayley Knaggs, Sara Hogan and Kate Robertson.
'Footballers': Charles Alston, Anna Mulcahy and Leshea Morkham.
'I love the new lounge chairs': Ariane Garner-Williams.
Collage by Anna Chmiel.
'And she said...': Madeline LaForest, Lauren Merakis, Grace Oliver and Grace Mead.
'We two': Georgina Baker and Emily Scott.

LITTLE RUYTON



Ryan and Tim at work in the block corner on their own computers



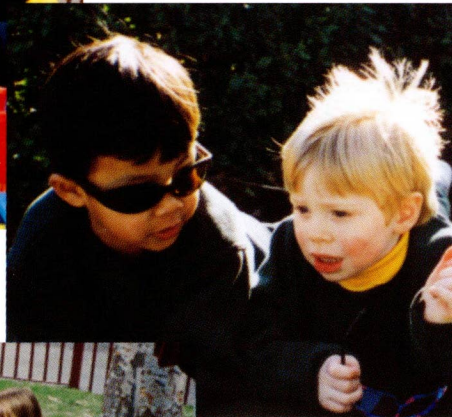
Cross age tutors from Year 6 with Vanessa, Fraser, Dito and Cecily



Katherine, Matthew, Anna, Jane and Isabella having a picnic



Katherine and Isabella



Dito and Francis



Tom getting down the details



Green Group enjoying a sausage sizzle.



Relaxing after a warm day's play outside



Laura, Julian, Georgina, Angelica and Livia

KINDERGARTEN



Chefs for the day. Livia, Georgina, Olivia, Tom and Chelsea, ready to make sausage rolls for their lunch



Andrew, Matthew, Angelica and James sampling their own cooking



Isabella experiencing 'Wildlife Encounter'



Amelia, Lauren, Isabella and Ambuj writing to their dads for Father's Day

Robert, Francis, Madeline, Fraser, Emily, Dito, Georgina, Stephanie and Zoe watching the ducks' first bath



Emily doing some cooking



With the chicks: Imogen, Meret, Tom, Alison, Grace and Andrew



PREPREPS



Graham Clutterbuck and Jack Delmo and Snake



Madeline Hannington and Koala

Anna Mulcahy with Mum Lindy Mulcahy and dog Bridie

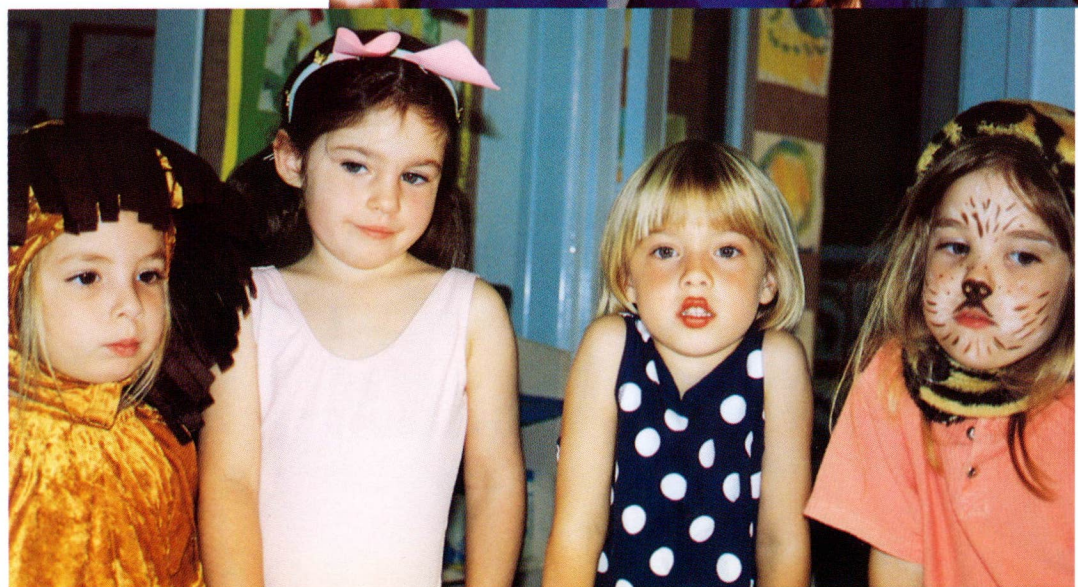
FACT



Roslyn O'Grady, Birman Cat - Chamix, Kimberley Stockdale, Ariane Garner-Williams, Jack Delmo, Georgia Baker, Harrie Bantick

FUN

Katya Doig, Madeleine Reilly, Jacqueline Butler, Kate Robertson



FANTASY



Alessandra Ogden



Above: Miss Jenelle Andrea,
Jordan Dunn,
Harrie Bantick



Below: Hayley Knaggs,
Sara Hogan,
Matilda Barrie

Above:
Miss Jodi Mark,
Rebecca Cody-Gehrig



JUNIORSCHOOLSPORT

Right: Swimming Team – 1st Place SYDSA
 Back: Sophie Robson, Katherine Nicolson,
 Elizabeth Archer, Elizabeth Franet, Alicia
 Attwood, Emma Hill

Middle: Lorena Gonzalez, Emily McKendry,
 Zoe Lewis, Ellie Webb, Laurel Dayman, Maria
 Llooringh Van Beeck, Catherine Crawley
 Front: Rosemary Purdue, Sarah Southwell,
 Emma Weekley, Caitlin Murdoch,
 Kimberley Crow, Hannah Cropley, Masa
 Music, Olivia Bramwell

Below: Emily McKendry, Sally Logan, and
 Katherine Nicolson



Right: Rhythmic Gym.

Back: Sarah Rossi, Emily Ogilvie, Annabel Robson
 Middle: Masa Music, Anna Nisbet, Catherine Littlejohn, Amelia Weiland
 Front: Rosemary Gregory, Sophie Forde, Hana Sekiguchi



Right: Jennifer Bowtell,
 Zoe Murdoch and
 Hannah Dadds



**Victorian Representatives:
Kimberley Crow and Katherine Nicolson**



1997 has been a year of unparalleled sporting success for the girls in the Junior School. Whether it was an individual in the pool or on the track, or team mates scoring goals, Ruyton's younger sports-women have shown that they are a force to be reckoned with. Throughout the year Junior School girls have consistently competed with an enormous amount of skill, enthusiasm and dedication, and have been a credit both to themselves and to Ruyton.

As part of the Victorian Primary Schools' Sports Association, Ruyton is affiliated with the South Yarra District. The girls compete in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics in this Association, and this year they seemed to be unstoppable, with convincing

wins in all three events! Several girls also went on to compete in Zone and State Primary School Finals. During the year, all girls from Years 4, 5 and 6 had the opportunity to participate in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics in inter House competitions.

There were some outstanding sporting achievements by individuals this year. Four girls from Year 6 won the Athletics Victoria Under 14 Road Relay Championship. In recognition of this fine achievement the girls also received a VicHealth Herald Sun Young Sports Achievers Award.

Kimberley Crow was elected Victorian girls' captain and she ran third in the National Cross Country Championships; the Victorian team won the relay event, and Kimberley ran the fastest overall time. Kimberley also received a Young Sports Achievers Award. Katherine Nicolson was selected to represent Victoria in the State Primary Schools Hockey team, and she travelled to Sydney for the competition.

Team sports have also been an important part of sporting life in the Junior School during 1997. Throughout the year the girls have had many opportunities to participate in a variety of sports including Softball, Netball and Hockey.

The girls play inter-House competitions, can choose to participate in after school sport and Saturday sport, and all Year 6 girls participate in GSA round robins as a compulsory part of their yearly

programme. This year an unprecedented number of girls have been involved in playing team sports and all players should be congratulated for their unfailing eagerness and interest.

In House matches, where all Year 5 and 6 girls are encouraged to participate, many happy lunchtimes were spent playing sports such as Newcombe and Teeball.

In after school sport, the Year 6 'A' Softball and Hockey and the Year 5 'A' Netball teams remained undefeated all season and all players displayed a great deal of skill and enthusiasm throughout their respective seasons. The Year 5 Ruyton Cheetahs Netball team won their Saturday Netball Grand Final in a very exciting match, and they also won most of their matches during the season.

The girls in Year 6 are all involved in GSA round robins in Autumn (Teeball, Newcombe, Rounders and Tennis) and Winter (Netball and Hockey). These round robins are organized to allow for maximum participation whilst also teaching the girls more about their chosen sport.

Girls from the Junior School also take part in the School's Rhythmic Gym programme. As they progress with the discipline they are entered into many competitions.

This year the Junior School Ski team competed at Mt. Buller. All team members competed well and a great time was had by all.

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SATURDAY NETBALL

Every Saturday morning there are a number of teams that represent the Ruyton Junior School. These teams train on Friday afternoon and compete on Saturday mornings at Waverley courts. Last season the Ruyton Cheetahs entered the finals undefeated and made it to the Grand Final. The team won this game 21-6. Thanks to our coach Simone O'Shea for coaching us through the season. If it wasn't for her we probably wouldn't have done so well.

By Emma Weekley and
Caroline Hoyle Year 5R

TWO JUNIOR SCHOOL GIRLS MAKE STATE TEAMS

In August Kimberley Crow competed in the National Cross Country Championships at Nortons Park. In the Individual event, which was three kilometers, she ran third. In the Relay event which Victoria won, Kimberley achieved the fastest time overall. Katherine Nicolson got selected in the State Hockey team. The Hockey Finals were held in Sydney.

RUYTON SKIING TEAM

On 20th July, we went to Mt. Buller for the Inter School Skiing Championship trials, then on 25th August, Ruyton girls went to compete. There was a fair cover of snow, which was good for skiing on. The girls had two runs each. The events included: Snowboarding, Alpine, Moguls and Cross-Country. Everyone competed very well and really enjoyed themselves.

By Sally Logan Year 6D

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

The girls who do Rhythmic Gym come from years Prep up to Year 10.



Above: Year 5 Netball - Undefeated:
Elisha Verrocchi, Natasha Anderson, Rebecca Bowen, Lucie Swinnerton, Kate Enright
Caroline Hoyle, Hannah Cropley, Emma Weekley, Georgina Wright, Sophie Hindle, Anna Hart



Above: Ruyton Cheetahs Saturday Netball - Undefeated:
Hannah Cropley, Emma Weekley, Rebecca Bowen, Elisha Verrocchi, Caroline Hoyle, Emily
McLean, Georgina Wright, Sophie Hindle

Some of the younger girls go on a Monday and the older girls on a Tuesday. As the girls get more practice, they may be chosen to work at a higher stage. This means the routines are more difficult and we are entered into more competitions.

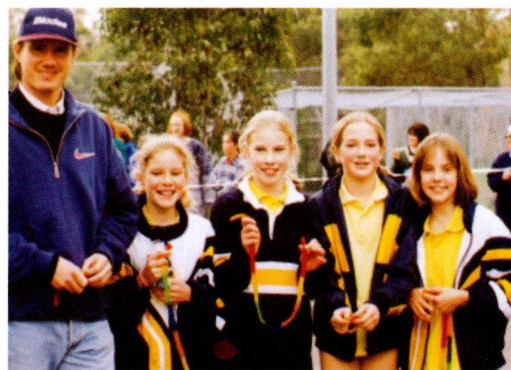
By Masa Music Year 5R

SWIMMING

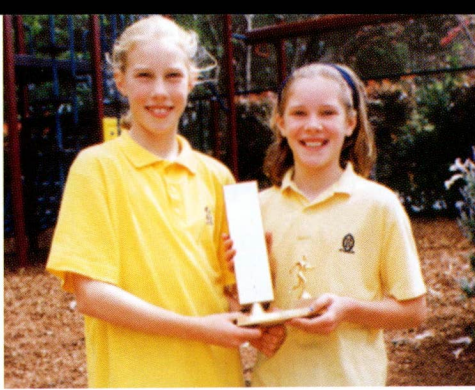
Wow! Whoopie! These sounds echoed around the pool when Ruyton won the SYDSA for the fifth time in a row! But this event did not come without hard work. Many girls had got out of bed at six o'clock in the morning for an early seven o'clock in the morning start at the freezing Hawthorn Pool. But after: breakfast in the Courtyard Cafe. This was not the only event we

went in, and at the GSA we swam many personal bests! Many thanks to our coaches Josh and Kerry!

By Alicia Attwood and
Emma Hill Year 6B.



Above: Victorian School Road Relay
Championships Under 14 First:
Stephen Ellinghaus (coach), Zoe Lewis,
Kimberley Crow, Sophie Robson, Ellie Webb



**Above: Cross Country Champions:
Kimberley Crow and Zoe Lewis**

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country Season started in Term 2. All girls participating in the SYDSA went to training on Friday lunchtime with Stephen Ellinghaus. Steven trained us hard and we got up to our peak fitness just before the District Sports.

Everyone was really nervous as we waited for our races. The lucky Ten and Unders went first. In Eleven Years Ruyton went extremely well with Ellie Webb, Sophie Robson and Zoe Lewis taking the first three places. Georgina Wright also made it to Zone, but she had to go to Camp.

In Twelve Years, Kimberley Crow, Rosemary Purdue and Elizabeth Franet made it to Zone. Congratulations to Kim, Ellie and Sophie who made it to State, Ellie 3rd B Division, Sophie 7th C Division and Kimberley won her age group and went to the National Finals as Victorian Captain and came Third.

By Zoe Lewis Year 6B

ALL SCHOOLS ROAD RELAY

On this Saturday in June Kimberley Crow, Zoe Lewis, Ellie Webb and Sophie Robson, from Year 6 ran in the All Schools Road Relay... and won: in an age group with competitors up to three years older than them. St. Catherine's came in second and Wesley third.

By Kimberley Crow Year 6B



Above: Athletics – 1st Place SYDSA Athletics

Penny Yewers, Catherine Crawley, Katherine Nicolson, Elizabeth Franet, Katherine Woolcock, Marlo Manison, Sophie Robson, Helen Osborne
Melanie Adams, Wayne Yang, Alice Bamford, Masa Music, Amanda Greig, Sophie Muir, Rosemary Purdue, Hayley Smith
Emma Nairn, Georgina Wright, Lauren McCluskey, Penny Hey, Kimberley Crow, Zoe Lewis, Emma Weekley, Katharine Hansen, Ellie Webb, Anna Nisbet.



Left: Year 6 'A' Softball Team – Undefeated

Back: Elizabeth Franet, Kimberley Crow, Catherine Woolcock, Lucinda Catchlove, Sophie Robson
Middle: Zoe Lewis, Katherine Nicolson, Anna Nisbet, Ellie Webb
Front: Katharine Hansen, Caitlin Murdoch, Hayley Smith



Above: Cross Country

Back: Emma Nairn, Lucie Swinnerton, Sophie Robson, Maria Looringh Van Beeck, Marlo Manison, Elizabeth Archer, Elizabeth Franet, Katherine Nicolson
2nd row: Georgina Wright, Phoebe Tallent, Anna Nisbet, Helen Osborne, Catherine Crawley, Lucinda Catchlove, Masa Music
3rd row: Sophie Hindle, Rosemary Purdue, Melanie Adams, Ellie Webb, Kimberley Crow, Zoe Lewis, Harriet Munckton, Emily McKendry, Kate Enright, Alice Bamford
Front: Emma Weekley, Penny Hey, Rosemary Gregory, Fatin Feradaus, Olivia Bramwell, Hannah Cropley



Left: Year 6 Hockey – Undefeated

Back: Joanna Black, Kimberley Crow, Anita Luke, Katherine Nicolson, Catherine Crawley
Middle: Elizabeth Franet, Sophie Robson, Zoe Lewis, Caitlin Murdoch
Front: Helen Osborne, Rosemary Purdue, Hayley Smith

CREATIVE/PREPTOYEAR3

Right:
Charlotte Malon
Prep N

Far right:
Julia McCahey
Prep N



Left:
Anne Cuninghame
Prep M

Far left:
Tory Manison
Year 3



Left:
Katherine Reid
Year 3

Far left:
Madeleine Bradley
Prep N



Far left: Lucy Duvnjak Prep M

Above left: Sophia Gonzales Year 3

Above: Hannah Harris Year 3

Left: Katherine Johnstone Year 1





Above: Sarah Blyth Year 2



Below right: Isabel Deakin Year 1

Left:
Monika Paszkiewicz
Year 2

Below:
Amy Lovett
Year 1



Left:
Lucy Duvnjak
Prep M

Far left:
Noemie Fauchere
Year 1

Below: Prep M Birdmasks



Above: Year 2 Coil Pots



Right: Anna Muir
Year 2

Far right: Year 3 working
on the mural



PREP-M-WE LOVE WRITING STORIES IN PREP



Yesterday I went to the Toy Museum. I loved going on the train. **By Lucy-Ellen Duvnjak**

I liked the Leaping Loonies. My favourite part was when the guy kicked his foot at me and when he pretended to be a tiger. **By Natasha McKenzie**

We went to see the firemen and we squirted water and went in the truck. I liked best squirting the water. I'm going to be a fireman. **By Alexandra Franet**

When the firemen came I didn't like holding the hose because I was scared. I liked hopping into the truck and Mrs. Math took a photo of us. **By Holly Radford**

My cat caught some fleas. I liked the seals at the Zoo. **By Meghan Rundus**

We had a visit from the firemen. We squirted the hose onto the oval and we had fun. **By Camille Hudson**

In Assembly, we said a fairy poem and we saw a fairy. Her name was Fairy Lou and I liked it when she blew up a balloon. **By Anne Cunningham**

Yesterday I went to the Toy Museum. I saw a hen and I liked the train. **By Kate Pizzey**

I liked the firemen because they let us go in the fire engine and they let us have a go with the fire hoses. **By Philippa Pietromonaco**

When we were mini-beasts we sang a mini-beast song at Assembly. I was a ladybird. **By Marcelle Prentice**

The girls performed in Assembly. I liked it when they said, 'will you please come out and play.' When I saw Fairy Lou she let us wish for something. **By Alexandra Adornetto**

When I went into space, I saw an alien eating a teacher and then the alien landed on Mars and Mars exploded. The teacher got angry. **By Siobhan Goddard**

When we saw the Leaping Loonies my favourite bit was when the man nearly rode into me. **By Stephanie Mercuri**

PREP-N-OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT PREP '97

I liked the Fairy Day and learning to work. **By Maria**

I liked it when I learnt the sun was a star and the Teddy Bear's Picnic. **By Madeleine**

I liked Mrs. Newman's birthday and the Teddy Bear's Picnic. **By Eliza**

My favourite time was dressing up and going to Art. **By Rebecca M**



Felicity Newton,
Julia McCahey,
Rebecca Cowie and
Eliza Bramwell.

Katya Udorovic, Eliza Bramwell, Brittany Hallgren, Amelia Mascaro, Felicity Newton, Rebecca Macpherson, Madeleine Bradley, Jasmin Self, Julia McCahey, Charlotte Malon, Daniela Paszkiewicz, Rebecca Cowie, Maria Nguyen and Samantha Bamford.

I liked it when we went to the Zoo and the Teddy Bear's Picnic. **By Jasmin**

I liked it when we did the Fairy Day and dress up time. **By Daniela**

I liked the Teddy Bear's Picnic and going to the Zoo because it was fun. **By Sammy**

I liked it when we got wet from the hose when it was really hot. **By Rebecca C**

I liked it when we went to the Teddy Bear's Picnic. **By Katya**

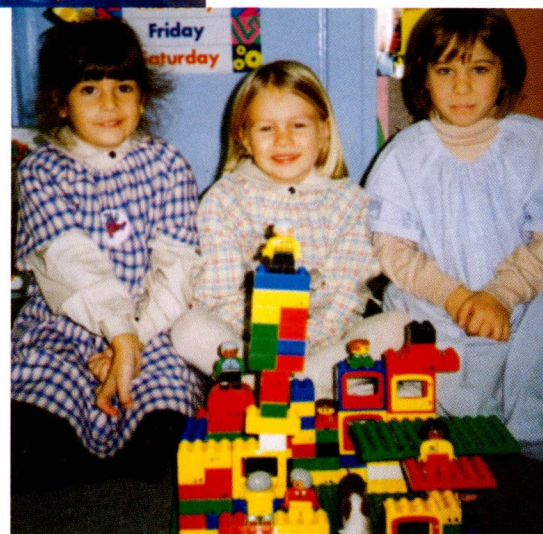
My favourite was the Mini Beasts and the Teddy Bear's Picnic. **By Brittany**

My favourite time was when we went to the Zoo and we saw the zebras. **By Felicity**

I liked making the moon buggies and making the rockets. **By Amelia**

I liked colouring and the Teddy Bear's Picnic and the Toy Museum. **By Charlotte**

I liked P.M.P. and Drama and going to the Zoo. **By Julia**



Katya Udorovic,
Samantha Bamford
and Amelia Mascaro

YEAR ONE - FEELINGS



Daddy Daddy I love you, you are the best. You are very nice. Why do you love cars so much? I love you daddy.
Love Amy XO

I like being 6 because I get to help Grandma make pizzas.
By Adria

I like being 7 because 7 is bigger than 6, so I like 7. 7 can play on the monkey bar so I like 7. **By Saki**

Daddy, I love you because you tickle me and I call you Badsy because you are FUN.
Love Ruby XO

Daddy, I love you because you are special and you earn money. **Love Rina XO**

I like being 6 because I get to live longer. I have nice friends and I can run very fast.
By Karen

I like being 7 because I have Miss Gidley for a teacher and I feel COOL.
By Anna-Louise

Daddy, I love you. I think about you. I always think about you at school. I think you are the best dad. You fill my heart with sunshine.
Love Sammy XO

I like being 6 because I know how to skip and draw. I know how to count and write. I know how to add things up and I know how to run.
By Stella

My dad is special because he loves me and I love him too.
Love Katherine XO

I like being 6 because I like being cute and hugging my teacher. I like it when my mum calls me cutie pie.
By Lizzy B

I like being 6 because I learnt how to do a flip on the bar and it was fun and I like being 6 because my dad takes me to the milkbar. **By Lizzie G**

I like being 6 because I am growing very high.
By Stephanie

Daddy is special because he loves me. But he doesn't just love me, he loves Mummy and Ryan too. Daddy loves everybody. **Love Jessica XO**

I love you Pop. You are so special and you are the best Pop because you cook nicely.
Love Naomi XO

YEAR 2G - HAPPY MEMORIES

of Little Ruyton House

One of my happiest memories of Little Ruyton House is learning so much maths. **Jillian Pleunik**

I remember when it was my birthday and we got to dance to music. One of the happiest memories is when it was my first day of school. I liked Little Ruyton House because I learnt different things. **Anna Muir**

One of my happiest memories of Little Ruyton House is the 'Circus Concert', because I loved being a clown and playing a party whistle. I loved Little Ruyton House because the teachers are the nicest in the world. I love when Miss Godwin does cooking with us and all the work she gives us. **Sara Lavoipierre**

I remember when it was my first day of school, I was really nervous. My happiest memory was when Miss Godwin had her surprise party. **Alexandra Mackenzie**

One of my happiest memories of Little Ruyton House was in Year One when we dressed up for Book Week. I dressed up as my favourite character, Pocahontas. **Vinaya Marriot**

My happiest memory was when I met the monkey bar! I also like making friends with people in my class. I liked this year's surprise party the best. There was a dog cake with a 2G on the collar. **Lauren Woolcock**

One of my happiest memories of Little Ruyton House is my first day of school. I was so excited, I wondered what school would be like. I remember the first play we did at the end of the year. It was 'The Circus' and I was a horse. **Sarah Blyth**

One of my happiest memories of Little Ruyton House was when we gave Miss Godwin a surprise party. Miss Godwin was very surprised! **Jessica Finlay**



**Anna Muir and
Lauren Woolcock**

One of my happy memories is at art class this year. We were making papier mache hippopotamuses. **Isabella Lees-Trinca**

My happiest memories of Little Ruyton House are being a clown in 'The Circus', painting, making friends and Bumblebee Choir. **Phoebe Zimmler**

One of my happiest memories of Little Ruyton House is making friends in Year 2G. **Ellese Chambers**

One of my happiest memories was my first day of school. I was so excited that I was up very early in the morning. I made a lot of good friends at Little Ruyton House. **Genevieve Calder**

One of my favourite memories in Little Ruyton House was the end of year concert where the theme was puppets. I was Popo the puppet. I liked the concert because no one made a mistake and I liked the Popo song I sang. **Sher Mei Mah**

My happiest memory of Little Ruyton House was when Miss Godwin walked in the door and we had a surprise party for her. There was a dog cake which had a 2G dog collar on it. **Victoria Verrocchi**

I remember when Jessica and Izzy in Grade One helped me when I was new. When I got bossed by a bigger kid, they would tell them to stop it. **Morgan Manison**



Ellese Chambers, Genevieve Calder, Morgan Manison, Victoria Verrocchi, Vinaya Marriot, Sara Lavoipierre, Lauren Davenport

I remember the day before Prep, I was so excited because I wasn't sure what it would be like. I thought school was going to be fun. When I actually went to school, I was right, it was fun. We did a little bit of work, played some games and had free time. My happiest memories of Year 2G are making lots of new friends, playing, writing and reading. **Lauren Davenport**

I remember when I started Ruyton in Year 2, I liked Miss Godwin because she always let us read and write. One of my favourite memories is making friends in Year 2. I made friends with everyone in my class. I also liked Miss Godwin's surprise party. The cake was a dog cake and on its collar was 2G. It was yummy! **Monika Pazskiewicz**

YEAR 2/3



Stephanie
Bella
Jenny
Jenna
Grace
Heather
Debbie
Emily
Helen
Mary-Daisy
Tory
Charlotte
Annie
Fiona
Felicity
Kristina

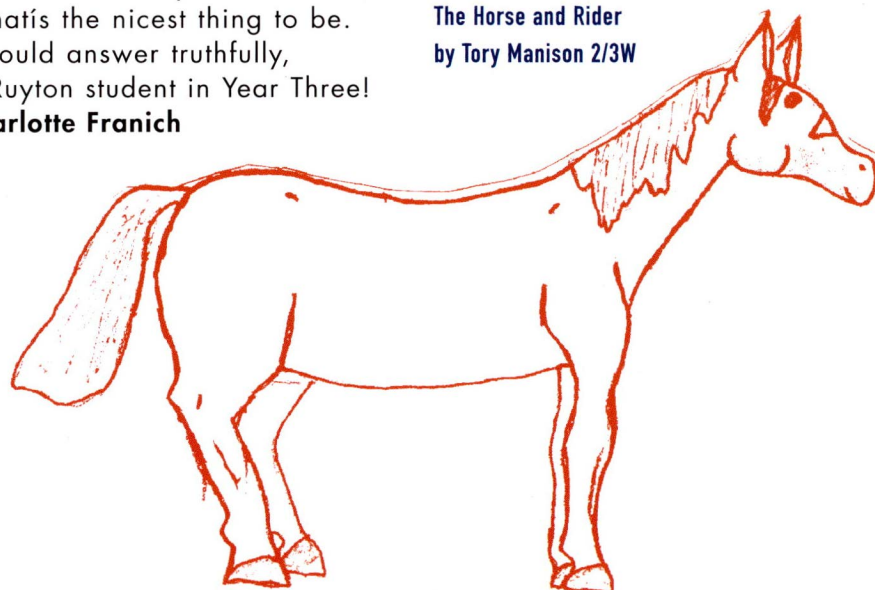
Year 3

We're a class of mixed years three and two
Our school colours are gold and blue.
We went swimming at Xavier pool
The weather was hot but the water was cool.
In term one the work was fun
In term two it was harder to do.
The homework was tricky but we managed quite well,
The Living Bird was a story to tell.
We've worked and played and measured and weighed
And off to Camp Clevedon for one night we stayed.
It was such a great year, we enjoyed every day,
To the Senior School we're making our way.

The Horse and Rider!

Clipperty clop Clipperty clop,
Over the logs and ferns,
Clipperty clop Clipperty clop,
Around the track that turns,
Clipperty clop Clipperty clop,
Pull on the rein make him go right,
Clipperty clop Clipperty clop,
Galloping Galloping into the night.

The Horse and Rider
by Tory Manison 2/3W



Year 2

We went to the Zoo to see a kangaroo
We learnt about animals and did projects too.
We went to the Met on a bus, tram and train
And luckily for us it did not rain.
At the Art Gallery some fairies were small
And flickering happily around the wall.
We made Antarctica appear to be real
With snowflakes and penguins and icebergs and seals.
The witches were scary the spiders were hairy,
The webs in our classroom looked very contrary.
We visited the Guide Dogs and then made a circus
And all that we did had a very good purpose.
All of these things we managed to do
As well as have fun in our year in Year Two.

The Shower

The water trickles from the tap,
With a quick, short plap plap plap.
It rushes down into the drain,
Then goes to the sea to mix with the rain.

Kristina Palermo

Year 3

If someone kindly asked of me,
What's the nicest thing to be.
I would answer truthfully,
A Ruyton student in Year Three!
Charlotte Franich

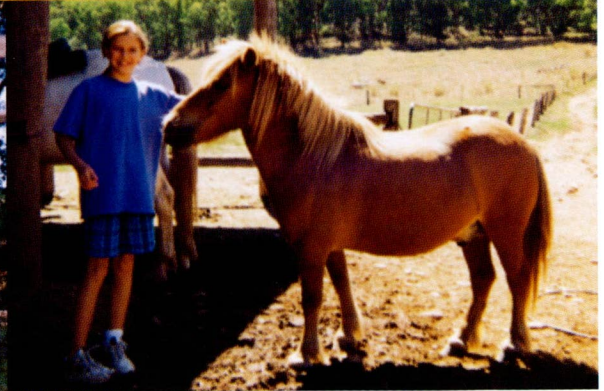
JUNIOR SCHOOL OUTDOOR EDUCATION



Above: Stephanie Franet and Alice Bamford

Right: Rosemary Purdue

Far right: Sarah Pizzev



Year 5 Camp at Shiloh Ranch

In Term Two we went to Shiloh Ranch at Grantville. Horse riding was the main activity. We also did tabloid sports, orienteering, archery, a BMX course, outdoor cooking, a ropes course, juggling, horse grooming, a scavenger hunt and we went on a ropes course. At the end of the camp everyone was tired, especially on the bus trip home.

Marlo Manison and Jessica Hugget, 5Q

Year 3 Camp

Off to Camp Clevedon we travelled by bus, Getting here early created a fuss. We slept in cabins and had a great time, The flying fox was attached to a line. We played on the ropes' course and ran from the sheep, And made gumnut models we were able to keep. The ropes' course was tricky, the jelly was sticky, The bunks that we slept in were all rather creaky. Everyone had such a good time But at the end we were all rather sleepy.

**Tory Manison
Charlotte Franich
Mary-Daisy Disney
Kristina Palermo
Felicity Reynolds
Year 2/3W**

Year 4 Camp

Sovereign Hill was the best camp we have ever been on. We were all excited on the bus, but when we got there it was even better than we imagined. We heard a scream, but it was only because a mouse had run into the showers. We went gold panning and down into the mine. We had a morning at the school and explored all the shops and spent our money. We had great breakfasts and at night we went to the restaurant in the main street for dinner. The best part of the trip was 'Blood on The Southern Cross', - a sound and light movie show. We learnt such a lot on this camp. It was sad to leave. We all loved our stay at Sovereign Hill.

By Elizabeth Riekert, 4H

Year Six Camp

It was in Term One when Year Six claimed Bright theirs on their five day camp. On the first day when we arrived at the Bright Chalet we split off into groups and did activities such as horse riding, mountain bike riding, rope courses, camping, orienteering and the highlight for most people was rafting down the river, then getting out and snorkelling. Altogether as one group we went gold panning and quite a few of us were lucky enough to find some gold. It got very hot and sticky most days and we all enjoyed having a swim in the water hole and going on the water slide.

Rosemary Purdue, 6B

YEAR 4 / CREATIVE



Left above:
Francesca McSteen
Top: Rosemary Gregory
Above: Jessica Turnbull

Left: Leanne Irvine

Left: Year 4 working
in the art room
on the mural

Below: Lucy Catchpole

Top: Alice Bamford
Centre: Lucy Catchpole
Bottom: Penny Hey

Right: Book Week Kites
by Year 3 and 4



YEAR 3 HAIKU POEMS ABOUT FLIGHT

Birds are all different
Some are big and some are small
They fly through the air.

Laura Black

Yes, I am nervous
To be flying on a plane
It wasn't so bad.

Sophia Gonzalez

My plane crashed help help
My seat went up in the air
It went up up up!

Zoe Murdoch

Planes are fun indeed
Flying up through the clouds
Bumping up and down.

Kacey Reid

I like flying high
High up in the big blue sky
Gliding through the air.

Elly Steinlauf

Birds, birds they fly high
I wish I could fly like birds
Free as a big bird.

Sarah Pizzey

I get excited
When I fly on a huge jet
It is really fun.

Chloe Sircelj

Crash! Bang! The plane crashed
Falling from the sky above
It would be scary.

Eugenie Levine

The plane started up
It ran along the runway
It took off very fast.

Carly Dunn

Who's up in the sky
It's only me who can fly
You scared me to death

Caitlin Browning

Wondering a lot
Sitting by the jumbo jet
Wondering a lot.

Jo Williams

On top of the world
Is how I feel in the sky
Gliding through the air.

Olivia Paine



Back: Kacey Reid, Laura Browne, Jennifer Bowtell, Sarah MacLeod-Bourke, Joanna Williams

Front: Sarah Pizzey, Phillipa Inge, Elly Steinlauf, Sarah Dayman, Chloe Sircelj

Absent: Vanessa Panopoulos, Hannah Dadds.



Sarah MacLeod-Bourke, Caroline Dunn,

Zoe Murdoch, Olivia Paine

Back: Sophia Gonzalez, Hannah Harris, Caitlin Browning, Katrina Bishop, Caroline Dunn

Front: Olivia Paine, Jennifer Le,

Eugenie Levine, Laura Black

I am very glad
To be going on a plane
Up into the sky.

Katrina Bishop

I wanted to fly
So I bought a nice big jet
I sat down and... bag.

Jenny Bowtell

I want to fly far
Away in a huge white jet
And come back one day.

Sarah Dayman

Bobbing up and down
I feel quite nervous and scared
Floating through the air.

Pippi Inge

I wanted to fly
So I bought a nice big plane
And flew round the world.

Sarah MacLeod-Bourke

I've seen birds take-off
They flap their wings and fly high
Birds glide through the sky.

Hannah Dadds

Fasten your seat belts
I can't wait to fly up high
In the air I go.

Hannah Harris

Bang bang, oh my plane
My small plane has broken down
To the ground I go.

Vanessa Panopoulos

Birds' wings flap quite fast
They fly high in the sky
Birds fly really high.

Laura Browne

I do like to fly
Would you like to fly away?
Tell me if you do.

Jenny Le



WONDERFUL WORDS FROM 4D

I Will Arise... (after W.B.

I will arise and go now and
go to heaven's land,
To see the palm trees,
green and fresh, to see the
blossoms bright.

Rosemary Gregory

Soft music shall a-play there,
With happiness through the notes
Doves a-flying from the North
And dissolving in the South.

Tessa Leach

A place where tropical music
is played,
With the sound of buzzy bees.

Emily Shaddick

So here I will rest as snug as snug,
On a white fluffy cotton wool bud.

Natalie Moore

I will arise and go
now and go to my
favourite dream
A dream that I'll be
peaceful, a sign that
I'll be free.

Julie Farrell

I will lie on a soft
island,
I will live in a
bamboo house.

Chanel Mayall

No rainbow of gold,
No mirror lake of all colours,
Though no peace any more,
There at the door
Stands peace in its own way.

Erin Radford



Very sadly I leave the place
I know that I will return soon.

Kathryn Maroney

from Diaries of Early Aviators...

I am going to make it. I can
see my name in the newspaper
article. 'Scarlet Salval makes
it from Argentina to the
Bermuda Triangle.'

I can imagine the crowds
cheering me on...

Natasha Sullivan

I feel very scared. I have a
picture of my family in my
bag! I land in Ireland with no
fuel. There are millions of
people screaming...

Natalie Pullan

Hot, sweaty and damp. It
looks like the engine has been
leaking. I don't know what to
do. I'll try and stop as soon
as I come across another
island.

Stephanie Franet

I said goodbye to my sisters,
mum, dad and my brother.

Mum, dad and my sister were

crying like crazy. Toddles (my
brother) didn't understand...

Amanda Greig

Suddenly the clouds began to
turn grey and rain started to
dribble out. The small rain
turned into big rain, and I
mean big! It was like a
monsoon!

Anna Chambers

Orville and I used to go flying
together. Pity Wilbur never
came too. Didn't have much
interest in him. Orville is a
very funny bloke.

Amelia Batrouney

I am the scuba diver who
found their bodies and, sur-
prisingly, they were in a row
together. This is where I found
this diary. I'm going to write
in it for the rest of my life and
pass it on.

Alice Bamford

Flying

Walking on the sand
I find the air steps.

Hana Sekiguchi

I am free in the precious air,
Gliding from cloud to cloud.

Sophie Forde

Looking up at the precious sun,
Looking down at the torn blue sea.

Waynee Yang

Slowly I sink to the sandy beach,
Then I remember.

The remains of my memories
are fading.

Leanne Irvine

Gracefully fluttering in the air
I lift up my arms and rise into
the sky.

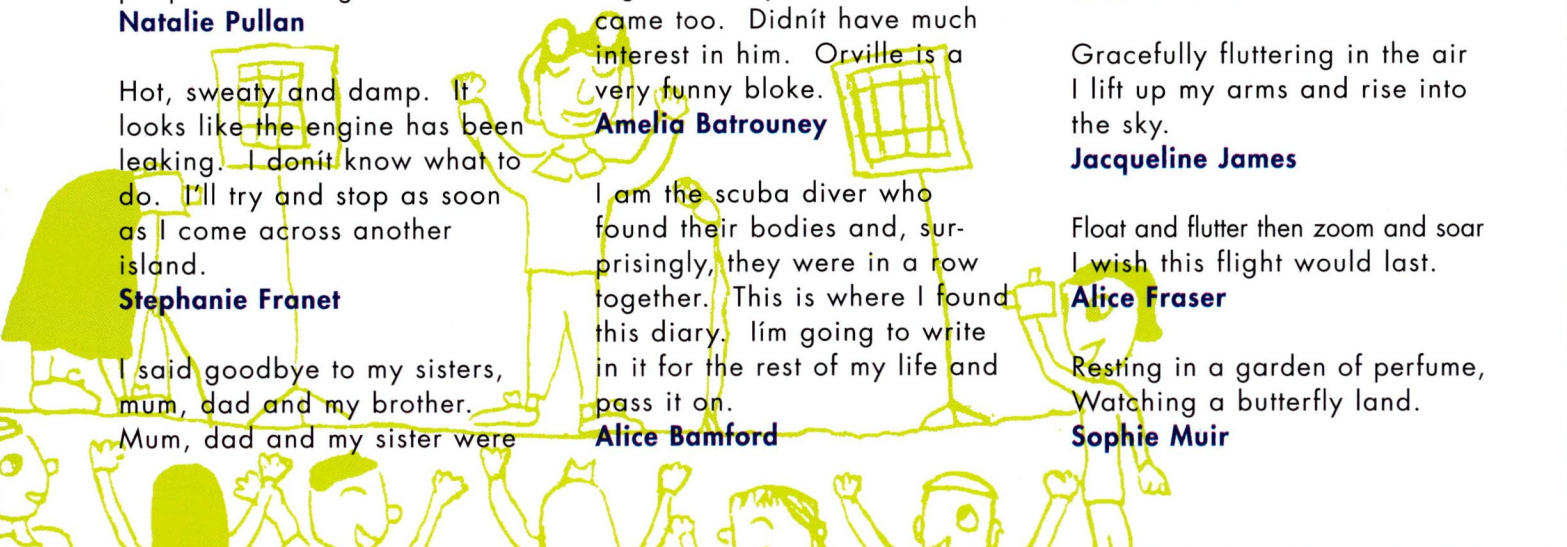
Jacqueline James

Float and flutter then zoom and soar
I wish this flight would last.

Alice Fraser

Resting in a garden of perfume,
Watching a butterfly land.

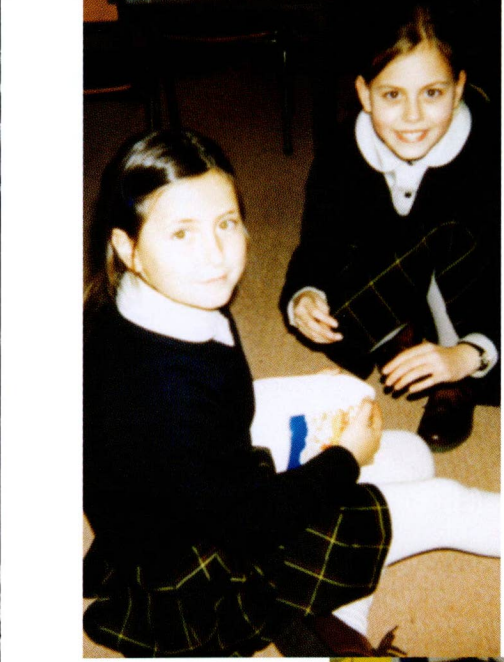
Sophie Muir



SELECTIONS FROM YEAR 4H



Top: Penny Hey and Fatin Ferdaus



Above: Alex Liebelt and Adrienne Samuel



Right: Sosha Cherian and Simone Sharma

Eastward they climb, dark
black planes of fate,
Soon for this city it will be too
late
These horrible monsters drop
big black shapes
And smash the city into
drapes.
'Get out! Get out!' the General
cried
'Those planes are on the
enemy side'
The golden morning has finally
come
But for this city, there will be
no light
Those dark black shapes came
out to fight.
Elizabeth Calder

In a balloon
Here I go
Zooming, zoom
Go!
It's cool up here,
Just soaring through the air.
It's just as high as Mir,
I love to stare,
At the birds
Flying with me.
I'm tumbling down,
To the ground
With my balloon
And my balloon with me.
Sarah Southwell

Down to the bay,
Down to the bay,
Play hide and seek,
With childish waves

The water ripples,
The waves crash,
With the wind so strong,
It sings the sea's song.

I feel the rocks,
Beneath my feet,
As I'm finding
Shells from the beach.

I see rocks,
And crashing waves,
Boys and girls playing
In the sand.

With the smell of the salt,
The smell of the sea,
This beach I've found
Belongs to me.
Jessica Simson

Up above
Like a dove
In the pale blue sky.
Do you see the clouds go by?
I am higher than all the birds.
This beauty can't be expressed
in words
If only everyone could see
My beautiful balloon and me.
Elizabeth Riekert

There is a place
Among the valley
So gorgeous in my dreams,
A joyful palace so perfect it is,
With colour and laughter all
around,
There is a place among the
valley,
A beautiful green is the grass,
And the nicest trees the world
has seen,
With rocky blue mountains
surrounding,
There is a place among the
valley,
But no more colour or laughter,
'Cause its all deserted now,
But it's earned its place in history.
By Lauren McCluskey

YEARS 5 AND 6 / CREATIVE

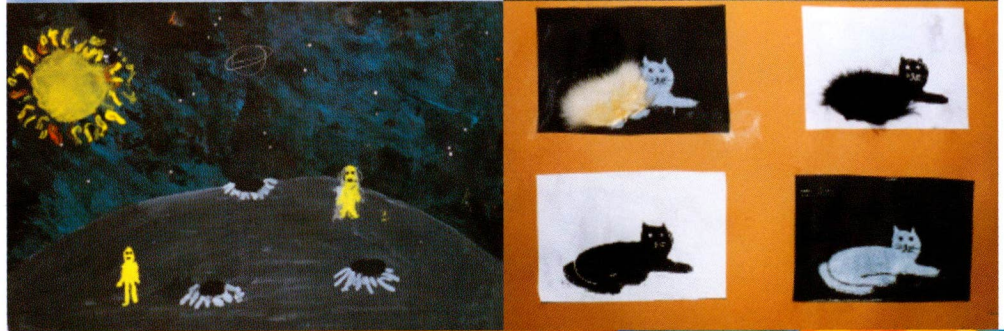
Right: Cheryl Lyons Year 6
Centre: Adele De Kretser Year 6
Far right: Anna Nisbet Year 6



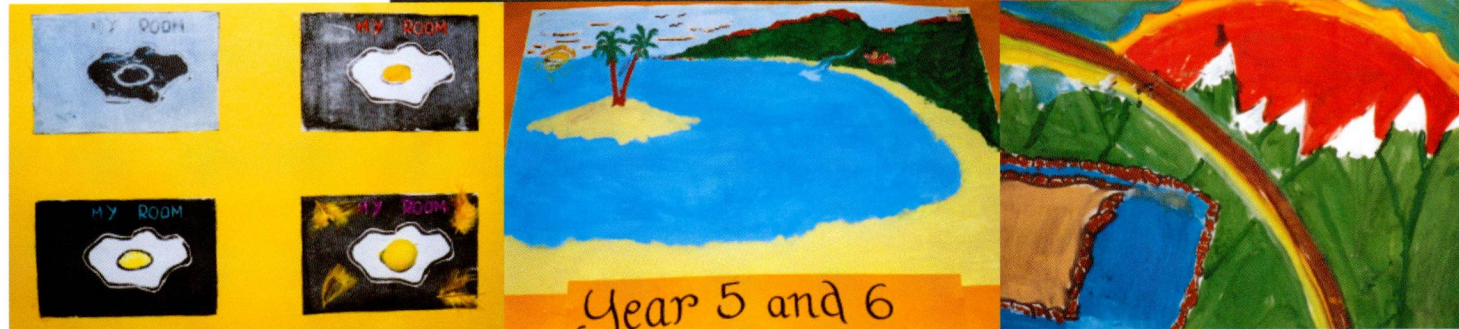
Right: Phoebe Tallent Year 6
Far right: Anna Hart Year 5



Right: Emily McKendry Year 5
Far right: Emily McClean Year 5



Below left: Harriet Munckton Year 5
Below centre: Marika Wanklyn Year 6
Below right: Janine Loh Year 5



Year 5 and 6

Above left: Georgia Baynes-Smith Year 5
Above centre: Emma Hill Year 6
Above right: Olivia Bramwell Year 5

Right: Hang Nguyen Year 6
Far right: Adele de Kretser Year 6





Stamps artwork by girls in Years 5 and 6



At camp, we loved learning juggling with scarves and balls, but it was hard. Vicky.P



At camp I went sleepwalking in my sleeping bag. I soon realised that I was in the wrong cabin! Emily McL.



Try an elective including Sewing, Jewelry Knitting, Cross stitch, embroidery and Calligraphy. Alexandra.F



This year we got the chance to do debating, which was really fun and a great new experience. Amanda L.



After School Sport in first term we played T-Ball, next term was Netball, then Hockey. Diana C-S



At Melissa's going away party, Eliza shot her hand up, knocked me and my Coke went all over me. Harriet M.



At camp we went horse riding and it was fun except when my horse tripped over. Jeamine.L



The highlights for me would have to be Saturday Netball and Sport on Mondays and Wednesdays. Emma W.



At Shiloh the cabins were cozy and had many bunks including an ensuite. Sophie C



At Shiloh Ranch we went riding and I rode a horse called Bucky, who was a really good jumper. Gemma M.

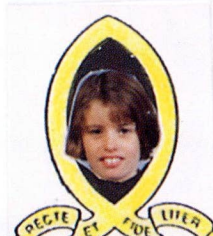


I enjoyed Wider Reading because all of the books that were chosen were enjoyable. Kate.E

Year 5



Every Saturday I get up to go to Netball; the Ruyton Cheetahs made it into the Grand Final and we won! Rebecca B.



In the games room at camp there were games such as pool, table tennis and Hop Scotch. Laurel.D



In Sose I made a model of one of the ships that arrived in the First Fleet - I made the sea in paper mache. Jessica D.



At Shiloh Ranch we went on a scavenger hunt, we answered many questions. Simone .L



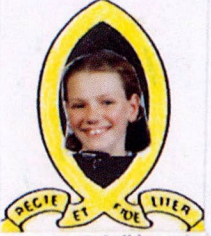
At camp we did frisbee golf and in our group Sophie won, it was fantastic! Caroline H.



In art it was fantastic to do lino printing with Mrs. Megele. Marlo M.



At camp I went on a trail ride on a bay horse called Beau and we trotted. Meredith M.



Saturday Netball is great fun. It is good team work. Lucie .S



At Ruyton most girls like hockey (except for a few) and we have won most of our matches. Elisabeth D.



One of the highlights I thought, was the horse riding at Shiloh Ranch, on our school camp. Georgina W.



At camp, I went horse riding for the first time, I really liked it and I'm glad I tried it. Georgia B.S.



The trampoline at camp was so bouncy, I could do ba somersault in the air and land on my feet. Persphone W.



On camp, there was a BMX track. We rode around the course, but it was pretty wet and slippery. Hannah C.



At camp we went on a Night Hike. We slipped down the slippery hill in the dark night. Lorena G.



In Art we are doing lino cuts; we draw on the lino with a pencil, then we carve it all out. Maria L.v.B.



We performed plays in Assembly for rubbish day. Irene T.



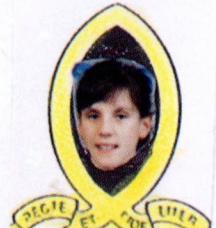
This year I liked the South Yarra District Sports because some of us got a good place. Masa M.



BMX is in the bush and the bike doesn't have brakes. It's so scary. Tina H.



Sport is really great we learn all sorts of things like dancing, soccer and hockey. Isabel L.



At camp Shiloh we went on the flying fox. It was scary but fun. Lara U.

Reflections



I loved horse riding at Shiloh camp in May, we went on a trail ride through the bush. Eliza N.



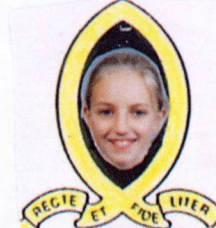
I had my first experience of riding at Shiloh Ranch, where I rode Kimba. I now go to the Equestrian Centre to have lessons. Emily McK.



We received a laptop this year we learnt many things, we are now very competent. Katherine-Anne W.



I like Process Writing because I like writing about different things that are realistic and fantasy. Natasha A.



The best thing this year was camp at Shiloh Ranch - we horse rode and lots more. Anna H.



In our cabin on camp, Mrs Robertson thought that Rebecca's doll (under the bed) was Caroline! Elisha V.



I enjoy drama because we play games and we act. We pretended to be different people. Chrissy F.



When we won the Netball Grand final the score was 21 to 6, it was fun. Sophie H.



In music we learnt songs, to play the recorder and use instruments for "Botany Bay" Jessica H.



One highlight of the year was when we did the Cinderella plays in Drama - I was the prince, it was really funny. Olivia B.

JOTTINGS FROM YEAR 6B WRITERS CLUB

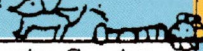
Katherine Nicolson

13 is unlucky, but not as much as mirrors that shatter or black cats that stare. It's just a silly number that gets everyone scared.



Lizzie Archer

I always get tangled up with my dog Max. Whenever I go for a walk with him he runs around and tangles me up, and I start doing ballet dances down the road!



Rosie Purdue

The best age to be is two because you don't have to write about topics such as... 'the best age to be...'



Rika Naito

When I came to Australia from Japan, I chose Ruyton because all the girls were smiling and Miss Wills was warm and welcoming.



Alicia Attwood

Life's pleasures and passions are T.V., bed, food, beaches and the country.



Zoe Lewis

I just caught granny in her underwear. They were pink I'm sure, I swear. She screamed out loud. In came the crowd. Her nickers fell down and then she was bare!



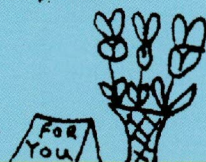
Catherine Crawley

Advice to young children..... Sleep in as much as possible, get away with as least work as possible, only clean your room when you are told.



Emma Finnemore

Happiness is a loving, caring, sharing and kind person.



Phoebe Tallent

Poetry is writing something that grabs your eye, lifts your heart and juggles your mind.



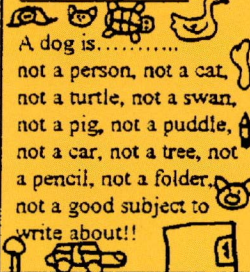
Alex Levine

A dog is a best friend for life. A memory never to be forgotten. An affectionate pal who warms your toes.



Kimberley Crow

A dog is..... not a person, not a cat, not a turtle, not a swan, not a pig, not a puddle, not a car, not a tree, not a pencil, not a folder, not a good subject to write about!!



Elizabeth Franet

Sunset is like the day dying.



Lucinda Catchlove

A dog is the best pet, the cutest pet but very smelly at times.



Adele DeKretser

"HELP! I'm drowning, quick, quick, Greg. Oh! I'm gone, I will always love you, goodb....."



Sophie Robson

HELP!...I'm being forced into writing. HELP PLEASE!!!!



Emma Hill

Life's pleasures are..... eating an icecream, being happy, being free and having a family who loves you.



Alice Finley

Purple is happiness, like wearing a hat, and reading a book. It flows through my body, it makes me feel happy. It makes me want to jump for joy.



Penny Yewers

Advice to young children..... Try to stay away from old people. They pinch your cheeks. Don't ever go into your sister's room, it's a dangerous place!

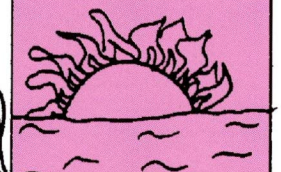


Jo Black

Advice to young people..... Don't ever think that you are your mum's favourite child - you're sister always gets it!

Katherine Woolcock

Sunsets look like the sky is on fire.



Anita Luke

Dogs are a man's best friend. They are loving, caring and so much fun to play with. No matter whether they are big, small or in between, I love all dogs.



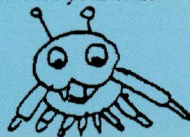
Sarah Maple

Noses are amazing things. They help you breathe and smell flowers as well as smell your brother's dirty socks. YUCK!!!



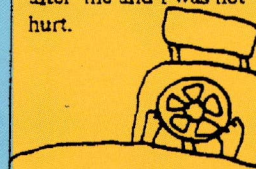
Katherine Maughan

What is your fear? I think mine is spiders. I used to be scared of flying but now I love it. So I recommend that you face your fear.



Helen Osborne

When I was two, all by myself, I reversed the car backwards into a bush. My aunty ran after me and I was not hurt.



Cassandra Panopoulos

What really bugs me.... Getting out of bed, long trips, my sister, my brother, piano practice and my room.














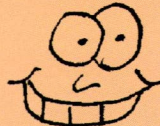



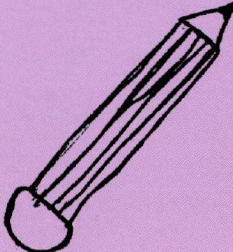


Lvdia Hardy

Wishes - I wish there was a nice big bath just waiting for me, with bubbles reaching the top and overflowing and floating into the air.



YEAR 6 DWRITERS CLUB

expressing our thoughts in writing

<p>Lisa Bailey</p> <p>A dog is... a lovable canine companion. A dog can chase a ball, swim a river or dig a big hole in the earth. It doesn't matter if your dog is big or small because all dogs are bundles of joy and happiness.</p>	<p>Rebecca Brown</p> <p>Advice for young children... Help mum out once in a while. Don't eat too much junk food, it's unhealthy. Clean your teeth every day to keep them pearly white.</p>	<p>Shannon Burton-Rushworth</p> <p>Potatoes and rainbows.. they are both tasty, one in the mouth and one in the heart.</p> 	<p>Emily Crisafi</p> <p>I wish... I could fly over the glistening blue sea into the shimmering sunset, letting me free.</p> 	<p>Emma Devries</p> <p>Life's pleasures and passions... having a family to love, a house to live in, a holiday each year and life in a war free country.</p> 
<p>Tara Gibbs</p> <p>Advice to young children... never become a vegetarian as you won't get McDonalds and go to a school with a good tuckshop</p> 	<p>Katharine Hansen</p> <p>Happiness is laughter and a giggling smile coming openly from a child. Happiness is also a brief and restrained smile coming from an adult. Happiness is important as it makes you feel good about yourself.</p>	<p>Jessica Hazlewood</p> <p>The best age to be is 100 because you get a telegram from the Queen.</p> 	<p>Sally Logan</p> <p>Happiness is... young children playing in the playground. Shrieking and shrilling. Jumping on the climbing frame, sliding down the slide. Playing their own unique little games and having fun.</p>	<p>Cheryl Lyons</p> <p>The relationship between a potato and a rainbow... they both need sun and rain to make them what they are.</p> 
<p>Sarah Magennis</p> <p>I wish... With all my heart and soul That I could fly to lands untold, And see the world from a bird's eye view, Then land back down to be with you.</p> 	<p>Alice McCahey</p> <p>The best age to be is three... you don't get tired from walking as you often get carried, you don't have to empty the dishwasher and you get so much attention!</p> 	<p><i>Year 6 have enjoyed working with writer in residence Virginia Ferguson throughout the year. These are a few of our thoughts...</i></p>	<p>Caitlin Murdoch</p> <p>Spiderweb. The glistening of dew in the early morning, The struggle of the fly trying to escape from certain death. The shriek of a woman as she walks into it - The humble spider home.</p>	<p>Jessica Newton</p> <p>I seem to be sedate But really I'm exciting I seem to be sad and thoughtful But really I'm happy inside I seem to be quiet But really I'm full of fun.</p> 
<p>Hang Nguyen</p> <p>A spider web is a sticky nest for humans but a comfortable nest for spiders.</p> 	<p>Anna Nisbet</p> <p>Sunset is a wonderful sight, especially on a summer's night when the sky turns the most gorgeous colours and the light from the sun gleams in your eyes!</p> 	<p>Emily Meadows</p> <p>Happiness is when you feel warm deep inside and when you can't stop smiling.</p> 	<p>Natalie O'Brien</p> <p>Happiness is a joyful feeling that leaves smiling inside and out.</p> 	<p>Kate Parsonson</p> <p>A dog is... a loving pet that you can cuddle up to at night and have that snuffling noise in your ear. A dog is a pet that you should cherish forever.</p>
<p>Julia Quantock</p> <p>Spiderweb. The morning sun reflected in the dew, Glistening in the moonlight. Even on a foggy morn it stands out against the trees...Mystical</p>	<p>Coralie Shaefer</p> <p>Happiness is... when your heart glows with joy and you have the biggest smile - inside and out.</p> 	<p>Hayley Smith</p> <p>I Wish... I wish I was on the great big sea, All alone, just only me. Not a noise, not a sound. It makes you feel as though you're free, If I had a wish I'd be on the sea.</p>	<p>Rachel Soh</p> <p>The relationship between potatoes and rainbows... rainbows have pots of gold at the end and potatoes grow from the gold of the earth.</p> 	<p>Lizzie Strawbridge</p> <p>Advice to young children... Don't eat it if it's yukky. make a mess if you want to and only clean your room on an annual basis.</p>
	<p>Marika Wanklyn</p> <p>Advice to young children... cheekiness won't get you anywhere, don't eat lollies and plant two trees before you die.</p> 		<p>Ellie Webb</p> <p>Spiderwebs... The rain pours down On the spiderwebs of the town. They glow and they glisten, They all seem to listen. On the barn door they lay Until the new day.</p>	<p>Many thanks to Virginia for working with us throughout the year - we have thoroughly enjoyed her sessions and the opportunity to improve our writing.</p>

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENTS

John Marsden spoke to girls in Years 6, 7 and 8.

Hazel Edwards popped in to entertain the primary school students.

Winners of the book reading competition were:

Emily Butlin	11JW
Anna Lozynski	11MD
Jane Marsden	8NL
Frances Park-Howell	7JS
Louise Tolson	8GG



Above: Fairy Lou, the flower fairy entertained the Prep girls with tales both fabulous and fantastic.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

I brought Pinky, my teddy bear from home. We found some lollipops.

Katya Udorovic Prep N

I liked it when we went down to the Moreton Bay Fig. We had lunch down there. I brought Picky the picnic teddy.
Daniela Paszkiewicz Prep N

Top: Kate Pizzey, Philippa Pietromonaco, Anne Cunningham, Meghan Rundas
Middle: Natasha MacKenzie, Camille Hudson, Marcelle Prentice, Rachel Hunt, Stephanie Mercuri
Front: Holly Radford, Lucy Duvnjak, Alexandra Franet, Siobhan Goddard



The Living Bird

The Grade threes and fours started to audition for our play, the Living Bird in March. The play was about a nightingale (Rosie Gregory) who sings beautifully and the emperor (Monica Don) who wants the nightingale.

Then, the queen of Japan (Hana Sekiguchi) gives them a mechanical nightingale.

It feels very exciting when you are on the stage!

The lights are so bright, they get in your eyes so you can't see. It's also very scary and nerve-racking, but once you finish it you feel brilliant! It's really fun to do a play.

By Alice Bamford and Sophie Muir 4D

Above: Amelia Weiland and Hana Sekiguchi



Mini Beasts

I loved the Mini Beasts. We dressed up and performed the song called Eenie-Meenie-Mini-Beasts. This is how it goes. Eenie-Meenie-Mini-Beasts. Fat of skinny beasts.

By Holly, Prep M

Above: Philippa Pietromonaco, Camille Hudson, Marcelle Prentice, Natasha MacKenzie, Alexandra Adornetto, Siobhan Goddard, Stephanie Mercuri, Alexandra Franet



The Day the Fire Engine Visited Ruyton Girls' School

The Preps and Year Ones met some firemen and one was called Fireman Brendan. He told us about good fires and bad fires. The next week Fireman Brendan and two other firemen came to see us in their fire engine. We all sat inside the fire engine with hats on and we had photos taken too. We squirted water from the big hose onto the oval. We saw the flashing light and heard the loud siren. We now know to STOP, DROP and ROLL.

By Sam Sparks and Saki Sekiguchi, 1G

Cross Age Tutoring

In Crossover, we pair up with a Prep and help them with their work. Over the terms we have accomplished some great activities. Some of the subjects include Space, Toys, Story Writing and many more. Sometimes they are asked to read to us. It is great fun and they have improved a lot over the terms. We have had great times and every now and then there is something going wrong but we enjoy it and wish we could continue with them next year.

Marika Wanklyn and Jessica Newton

Marika Wanklyn and Alexandra Adornetto



Swimming lessons: Isabella Lees-Trinca, Phoebe Zimbler, Sarah Blythe, Monica Paszkiewicz and Sher-Mei Mah

Year 2 Swimming Lessons

In First Term Year Two went to the Xavier Pool for swimming lessons. We were split into two groups. On the first day we started swimming in the shallow pool. On Wednesday we swam in the deep pool. We did two laps of freestyle then we did some breaststroke. Swimming was lots of fun. We learnt a lot and we really enjoyed it!

By Lauren Woolcock and Genevieve Calder

Hospital Day

The people from the Box Hill Hospital came to our school to talk to the Year One and Twos about going to hospital. They showed us hospital things and the clothes that hospital people wear. Some children got to dress up as doctors, nurses and patients. The Year Ones and Two thought it was great and excellent.

By Elizabeth Gray and Elizabeth Bowtell, Year 1G



Learning about hospitals: Jessica Graham, Emily Wilde, Rina Biswas, Isabel Deakin, Elizabeth Gray, Samantha Sparks and Sophie Laforest

Vive Les French Impressionists

On Wednesday 20th July at 9.15 a.m. we headed off for the Melbourne Art Gallery. When we got there we were separated into groups and then off we went to look at all the famous French Impressionists' paintings. They were all so good, I liked the 'The House at Rueil'.

EVENTS



At the Zoo: Jenna Strawbridge, Anna Muir, Emily Davis, Jillian Pleunik and Sarah Blyth

Zoo Report

When Year 2 was studying animals Mrs. Wilkes thought we should go to the Zoo. So the next day we went there. Most of the teachers put us into groups. Anna, Emily, Sarah and Jillian were in my group. All the groups went different ways. First my group went to the seals. Anna was so happy to see them. She was so funny. Then we went to the koalas. I love koalas. They are so cute. Then we went to a lot more animals. It was GREAT!!! Then the day was over. We went back to School.

By Jenna Strawbridge, 2/3W



Above: Year 6B and 6D at the Art Gallery
Above right: Year 1G at the Art Gallery

Guiding Angels

On 25th June Year 2 went to the guide dogs. We saw puppies, they were so cute, I wanted to keep one. Then we saw dogs that were being trained. We saw a video and then we put a mask on so we couldn't see and I did a puzzle, it was hard! I liked going to the Guide Dogs.

Sarah Blyth, Year 2G



With the guide dogs: Jenna Strawbridge, Abigail Venter, Emily Davis, Heather Cunningham, Fiona Firth, Anna Muir and Genevieve Calder



The Flower Fairies

One exciting day, Year 1 and 2 went to visit the Flower Fairies in the city. It was lots of fun and we got to make wishes and do drawings of fairies. We heard a beautiful lady dressed in fairy clothes tell us magical stories and sprinkle us in fairy dust. We looked at old fairies and found hidden things. We also touched the water windows at the art gallery. It was fantastic!

By Noemie Fauchere and Adria Castellucci, 1G

RUYTON SUPPORT GROUPS

Each term, the Principal and members of the School Executive meet with the Presidents of Ruyton's Support Groups. Valuable information is shared regarding activities, objectives and significant dates. This forum also provides an important resource for the Principal to inform the members of the Presidium about various issues of significance and to hear from those who are well placed to be in touch with the opinions of parents and past students. Each President and the groups they represent deserve our deepest gratitude for the time they give to this School. We treasure the comment made by a President at our last meeting who observed that it is the involvement of parents and past students which gives depth and a unique dimension to the community which is collectively, Ruyton.

**The Bell Family, Mrs. Sue Bell,
Mr. Bruce Bell and Felicity Bell**



Henty Rowing Club

When the 'Bruce Bell' (a quad four racing shell) was launched late last year, we acknowledged the outstanding work of the immediate past (and foundation) President of the Henty Rowing Club. Thanks in no small part to the leadership of the indefatigable Mr. Bell, rowing has grown to nine crews, two boats and recognition as a major sport at Ruyton.

In thanking Mr. Bell for his great contribution, we also thank the other members of the Henty Rowing Club Executive and wish the new President, Mr. Pip Smibert, good luck and continued success.

The spectacular concert 'A Hot February Night', featuring Patrick McMahon attracted over 2,000 patrons and provided great entertainment. The weather was fine and the music was fabulous and all in all, a complete triumph for the Henty Rowing Club Committee and its generous supporters.

**Top: The 'Hot February Night'
organizing committee**

**Above: Mr. Bob Johnson (Vice President
of the Henty Rowing Club) with Emma
Renowden, Amelia Terracall, Kate Johnson
and Katia Sanderson**





Left and below:
Happy picnickers
on the lawns of
Henty House



Left: Evening
perspective of
'A Hot February
Night'

Right: Sunny
perspective of
'A Hot February
Night'



RUYTON SUPPORT GROUPS



In congratulating the **Committee of the Ruyton Shop** for a number of initiatives including Saturday openings and more Ruyton items for sale (such as dog leads, Ruyton rugs and stylish watches) we pay tribute to Co-Presidents **Mrs. Belinda Burke and Mrs. Anna Mason**. Mrs. Burke resigned at the end of Term 3 and now we must farewell Mrs. Mason whose daughter, Amelia, finishes Year 12 in 1997. She has been a most energetic and supportive President who has ensured the Ruyton Shop moves forward as reflected in the new sports gear, without losing its commitment to traditional supplies of pre-loved uniforms. Profound thanks from us all.

Questers President, **Mrs. Claire Reid**, reports the goal for Questers this year was to finalize the commitment of \$25,000 for the 'Questers' Balcony' in the new Royce Theatre, a fitting contribution in the 25th year of this active group. A final cheque was presented to the Principal to mark this achievement, made possible by our traditional fundraising activities including stalls at Easter, Mothers' Day and Christmas.

The Easter stall, despite increased stocks, was an instant sellout with a mouth-watering display of chocolate goodies and beautifully decorated eggs. Mothers' Day saw a wonderful selection of new gift ideas as did Christmas, with a larger-than-ever variety of presents, decorations and food items.

Questers happily joined other support groups who organized the Black and White Dinner in The Royce Theatre during Performing Arts Week. This was a fun-filled occasion early in the school year.

A successful coffee morning and workshop was held at Mrs. Wendy Stewart's home, where participants learnt to embroider bullion roses on a facewasher and make a Ruyton doll brooch. Each one was pleased with her efforts and delighted to take home the finished masterpieces.

During the year the Music Department was thrilled to take possession of the refurbished conductor's podium, now resplendent in royal blue, with crest, braid and tassels. Mrs. Gillies' study has also been enhanced by the addition of an ornate tassel in Ruyton colours.

My sincere thanks to the hard-working committee of Lindy Smith, Jane Blyth, Fiona Archer and Kristina Attwood. Each person's contribution enables the group to keep expanding ideas and



talents. Thanks also go to the members who continue to create wonderful stalls, those who help on the day, make raffle prizes and of course the faithful customers, whose support we value greatly.

Editors Note: Very special thanks to Mrs. Claire Reid for her seemingly inexhaustible creative energy and ideas.

Friends of Ruyton Drama Association continued to support School productions throughout the year. President, **Mrs. Gay Lewis**, will direct the Wellington Boot Company's production, an Alan Ayckbourn play scheduled for November. Mrs. Lewis' professional expertise has also been appreciated for the application of technical resources in The Royce Theatre.

The kaleidoscope of activities undertaken by **The Friends of Ruyton Music Association** has enhanced the Music Department and given great support for our many young musicians. FORMA President, **Mrs. Marysia Green** and her members have been present at every music production, selling tickets, providing refreshments and yet found time to organize two delightful functions, the Black and White Dinner during the Performing Arts Week (with other support groups) and FORMA's 'Big Night Out' with 'Morgana in Concert' in June. As the guests arrived, they were treated to some wonderful music played by senior music students and the jazz group, Morgana, was warmly received.

Dr. Elizabeth Marshall, has now resigned as President of the **Friends of Ruyton Sport Association**, but her impressive contribution to our sporting life, its students, teachers and coaches, will not be easily forgotten. A keen spectator at sporting events with a commitment to fitness and the fun of competition, Dr. Marshall's own interest and dedication was reflected in her members' willingness to provide support to the varied and ever-expanding sporting programme. We record our gratitude and thanks.

The **Ruyton Rhythmic Gymnastics Club** with Co-Presidents, **Mrs. Virginia Ogilvie** and **Mrs. Rosie Robson**, continues to impress as standards of excellence are maintained and more

Top: Daughters of FORMA members in rehearsal

Above left: New sports uniform - the complete collection

Above: Mrs. Claire Reid presents cheque to Mrs. Gillies watched by Mrs. Blyth and Mrs. Archer

girls are attracted to this highly skilled activity.

The Courtyard Cafe Committee farewelled **Mrs. Robin Collier** and welcomed **Mrs. Jenny McKendry** as the new President for 1997. Scheduling parents to the roster is a significant aspect of this Committee's work and always a challenge. The Committee and the Manager of the Cafe, **Mrs. Maureen Currie** are most grateful to all who offer their services. With increased space and light, the Courtyard Cafe is looking splendid and the delectable fare created by Mrs. Currie will be available for home catering in 1998. There is no doubt about the success of the Courtyard Cafe and we congratulate the Committee on their part in maintaining a 'spotless' record.

Parents of Ruyton President, **Mrs. Vicki Maughan**, and her committee chose the Kooyong Tennis Club for one of the most glamorous and nicely frivolous functions held this year. Organized by **Mrs. Phillipa Liebelt**, **Mrs. Heather Smith** and **Mrs. Julie James** a delicious luncheon was followed by a fashion parade in blissful spring sunshine.

The Parents of Ruyton Executive are indebted to Class Representatives who create a social and pastoral network for parents. The Book Exchange and Christmas Tree Sale are among the other P.O.R.'s constructive activities undertaken by this group.

Fine Art Friends now has a beautiful collection of cards for sale. President, **Mrs. Sally Black**, and others committed to the Visual Arts at Ruyton were among those groups responsible for the Black and White Dinner. The exhibition of present and past students' work, a highlight of Arts Week, was also generously assisted by Fine Art Friends.

OLDRUYTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

In writing this report on behalf of the Old Ruytonians' Association, we felt we should commence by recording our congratulations to ORA President, Jane Garland, on her engagement to Michael McKenna. Jane and the Executive of the ORA have - as ever - been stalwart supporters of the School and of course, of their own members, in particular Melanie Gibbs. Melanie resigns from the Executive after 25 years and we thank her with gratitude for such sustained service to the ORA.

Thanks to the Macdonald clan. Helen MacDonald (Wildenburg) and Jennie Macdonald, and also Trish Spicer, the Queensland and Sydney Reunions were wonderful occasions filled with the fun of catching up with friends from schooldays at Ruyton. Other Reunions 1967, 1977, 1980, 1987 and 1992 were held at the School during the year and the first 'young' Old Girls Reunion was held in November. Natalie Smith, Secretary of the ORA, and her sub committee have worked hard to bring together Leavers from 1980 to 1995 and it is anticipated that this will become an annual occasion.

We would also like to acknowledge several Old Ruytonians who have gained particular distinction in the past twelve months. The first woman to be appointed to the office of Lieutenant Governor of Victoria, **Professor Adrienne Clarke, A.O.** (Petty) is a distinguished Australian who has already 'come to the fore' at the University of Melbourne and as Chairman of the CSIRO. **Mrs. Fay Marles, A.M.** (Pearce) is the second Old Ruytonian to lead the Ruyton Board of Directors succeeding **Dr. Carol Driscoll (Crane)** whose record in this office has been impressive.

As the photographs on this page reveal, the young Old Ruytonians who responded so generously to Mrs. Galt's invitation to be at the annual Careers Night are also



Left:

Alison Shelton Agar ('88) Social Work,
Katherine Magoutis (Alysandratos '88)
Travel Consultant,
Fiona Griffiths ('87) Lawyer

Left below:

Law Panel, Fleur Summons ('90) Lawyer,
Melinda Hamson ('88) Lawyer,
Fiona Cowl ('83) Lawyer



Below:

Pei Yoong Lam ('86) Doctor,
Millie McLeish ('89) Paediatric Nurse,
Caroline Gibbs ('93) Orthoptics

Below centre:

Bridget Hogan ('86) Music Therapist,
Lyndel Wischer ('86) Heritage Curator,
Suzanne Jones ('86) Sound Engineer

Bottom:

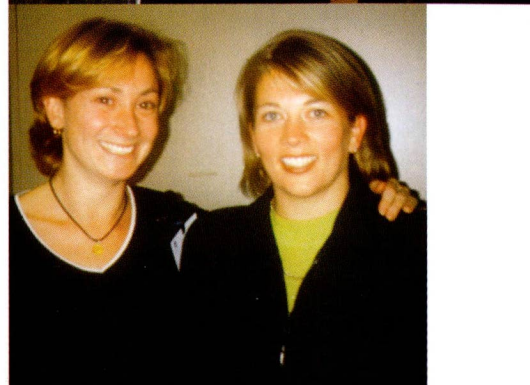
Alina Jonas ('84) Psychologist,
Georgie Cox ('84) Public Relations

fine role models pursuing courses and careers in a variety of areas. Jane Garland, as Marketing Executive for Laminex Industries has been most generous and informative to Year 9 Business and Enterprise students.

The ORA Executive also hosted the Leavers' Cocktail Party for the '96 contingent; a very pleasant occasion for all. The questionnaire to all Old Ruytonians has now been sent out and the response has been excellent. The information received will be collected to provide the first comprehensive Directory of Old Ruytonians (ever attempted). This publication will be available towards the conclusion of the 120th celebrations (just in case we can find a few more 'lost' Old Girls in the course of various special events.)

Old Ruytonians are as delighted as we are with forward planning for 1998 and in thanking the ORA we look forward to the contribution of all Old Ruytonians next year.

The Editors



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COLOURS YEAR 12 1997

Congratulations to all the following girls who achieved excellence.

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Susan Hooke
Alexandra Keeble
Jennifer Marshall
Amelia Mason
Anna Olsen
Rachel Quigley
Sarah Summons
Amanda Tickell
Cassandra Williams
Philippa Wilson
Kelly Woodhams

DEBATING

Silver Certificate:

Prue Bodsworth
Purdy Buckle
Sally Collett
Alexandra Collier
Roslyn Halliday
Alexandra Keeble
Meg Lewis
Josephine Lyon
Lauren Milner
Anna Olsen
Rachel Quigley
Kate Riedel

DRAMA

Gold Certificate:

Josephine Lyon
Kelly Woodhams
Annelie Zuccolo

MUSIC

Silver Certificate:

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Prue Bodsworth
Alexandra Collier
Alexandra Keeble
Anna Olsen
Sarah Summons
Amanda Tickell

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The Student Editor of the 'Ruytonian', **Georgina Sutton**, possesses vision, determination and flair. The cover of this year's School Magazine is her creation, as is the arrangement and selection of many student contributions. Her commitment to this publication has been outstanding and we congratulate her on a most impressive result.

In acknowledging the contribution of the many students and staff who have responded so generously to requests (demands!) for text and photographs, there are some who deserve our particular thanks. **Mrs. Julie Cleveland** took responsibility for the Junior School pages. Her patience and knowledge were invaluable. Our official photographer, **Mr. Stan Guilfoyle**, has spent countless hours throughout the year recording formal and informal moments in and beyond the School. His presence at so many events ensured that a comprehensive visual record has been sought and achieved. **Mrs. Irene Taylor** spent days compiling a selection of student writing from which we chose a selection. We only wish we could have included all. **Ms. Deb Forster** deserves our thanks for reading, editing and choosing the creative contribution as does **Mrs. Trish Spicer** for proof reading and other related issues requiring her scrutiny and accurate oversight. To **Mrs. Sandra Miall** fell the demanding task of word-processing all written material. Ever patient, her assistance was invaluable. We also thank **Mr. Chris Payne** whose task it was to translate each page to accord with the overall concept. Student Committee members, particularly **Gabriella Ferraro**, **Sarah Summons** and **Narissa Llewellyn** also deserve our gratitude.

In 1996, I decided to incorporate the Principal's Annual Report into the Ruytonian. It thus falls to me to weave together the strands of the year that was 1997 and I am very proud of all that was accomplished and achieved.

Prue Gillies, Principal

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Gold Certificate:

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Golf:

Gold Certificate:

Meg Lewis
Amelia Mason

Tennis

Silver Certificate:

Elizabeth Andrews
Rainer Paterson
Cassandra Williams

Gold Certificate:

Fiona Berry
Sally Collett
Jennifer Marshall
Lauren Milner
Georgina Sutton
Amanda Tickell

Rowing

Gold Certificate:

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Felicity Bell
Meg Lewis
Amelia Terracall

Swimming:

Silver Certificate:

Elizabeth Sayers

Gold Certificate:

Amelia Mason

Netball

Silver Certificate:

Fiona Berry

Josephine Lyon

Lauren Milner

Georgina Sutton

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Jennifer Marshall

Amanda Tickell

Annelie Zuccolo

Hockey

Silver Certificate:

Felicity Bell

Meg Lewis

Amelia Terracall

Cassandra Williams

Gold Certificate:

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Dimi Manuele

Amelia Mason

Greer Paterson

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Amanda Tickell

Cassandra Williams

Philippa Wilson

Athletics:

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Meg Lewis

Gold Certificate:

Jennifer Marshall

Amanda Tickell

Basketball:

Silver Certificate:

Felicity Bell

Rosemary

Palamarczuk

Averyll Spinks



Above: Prep 1985

Back: Mrs. B. Wilkes, Emma Strugnell, Amanda Harcourt,

Grania Buckley, Alexis Brennan

Middle: Sarah Kewming, Amelia Terracall, Elizabeth Andrews, Lisa Fraumano,

Fiona Berry, Georgina Sutton, Stefania Brunetti

Front: Kathryn Chapman, Emma Anderson, Elizabeth Sayers, Amelia Mason,

Felicity Bell, Felicity Brown

Inset: Annelie Zuccolo



Above: Year 12 1997

Back: Elizabeth Sayers, Emma Anderson, Annelie Zuccolo, Elizabeth Andrews,

Felicity Bell, Fiona Berry

Front: Vanessa Starzynski, Amelia Mason, Georgina Sutton, Amelia Terracall

Basketball

Gold Certificate:

April Curatolo

Annelia Zuccolo

Skiing

Silver Certificate:

Elizabeth Andrews

VISUAL ART

Gold Certificate:

Roslyn Halliday

Blythe Kirk

Ella Pakes

Kate Riedel

Sarah Summons

Georgina Sutton

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Anderson

Silver Certificate:

Alexandra Collier

April Curatolo

Roslyn Halliday

Philippa Wilson

Gold Certificate:

Alexandra Keeble

Jennifer Marshall

Amelia Mason

Elizabeth Sayers

Amanda Tickell

Bromby

Silver Certificate:

Ella Pakes

Gold Certificate:

Sally Collett

Brianna Grigg

Rachel Quigley

Daniell

Silver Certificate:

Jasmine Bahen

Simona Santoli

Gold Certificate:

Emma Anderson

Prue Bodsworth

Narissa Llewellyn

Greer Paterson

Rainer Paterson

Kate Riedel

Georgina Sutton

Caitlin Taylor

Lascelles

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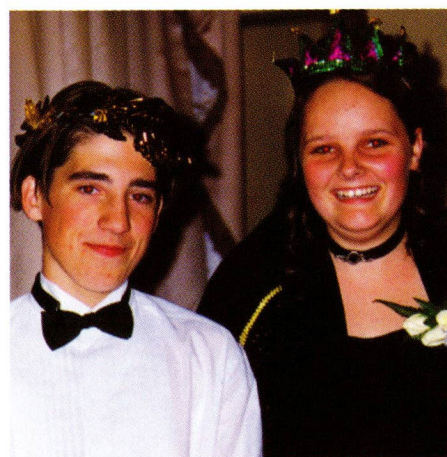
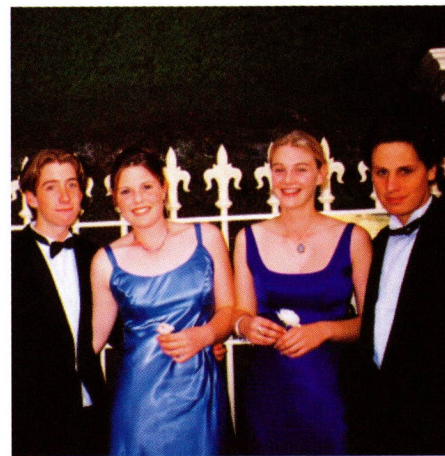
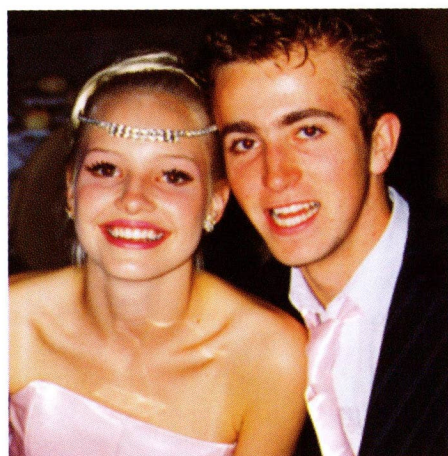
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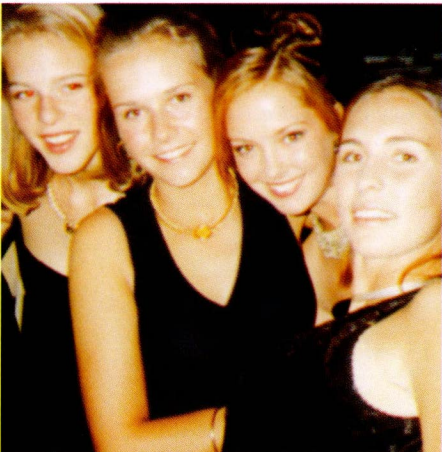
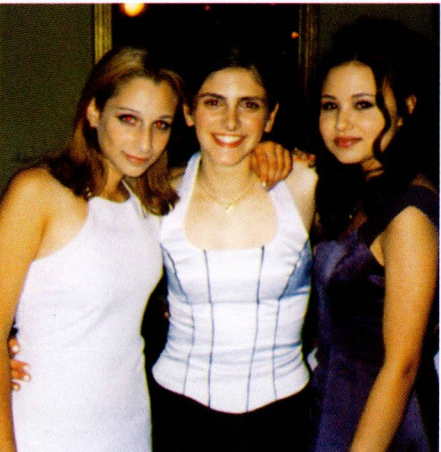
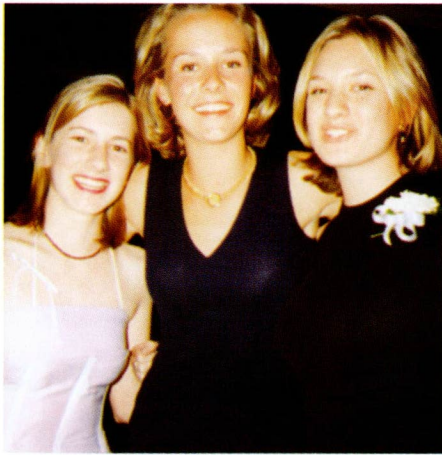
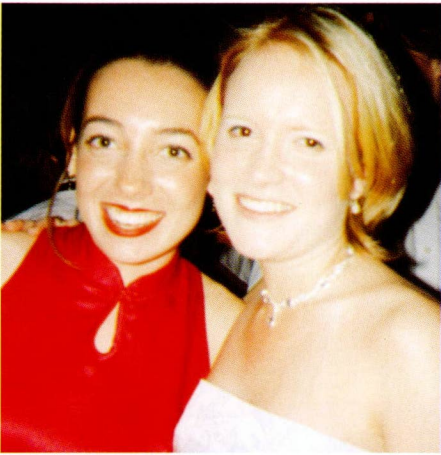
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YEAR 12



Standing Back Row 5th Row: Vanessa Starzynski, Clara Tabliabue, Lauren Milner, Averyll Spinks, April Curatolo, Amanda Tickell, Rainer Paterson, Jennifer Marshall, Annelie Zuccolo, Kelly Woodhams, Emma Renowden, Blythe Kirk, Tamara Abraham

Standing 4th Row: Kate Riedel, Narissa Llewellyn, Caitlin Taylor, Rachel Quigley, Ellen Arnot, Jarrah Young, Elizabeth Andrews, Anna Olsen, Philippa Wilson, Alexandra Collier

Standing 3rd Row: Kathryn Mak, Brianna Grigg, Meg Lewis, Amelia Mason, Emily Pockley, Alexandra Keeble, Roslyn Halliday, Prue Bodsworth, Susan Hooke, Fiona Berry, Emma Brickhill

Standing 2nd Row: Ghislaine Lowry, Jasmine Bahen, Simona Santoli, Christina Kung, Rosemary Palamarczuk, Linda Jong, Emma Spicer, Ella Pakes, Lina Kubu, Felicity Bell, Bryony Hesson

Front Row, seated: Sarah Summons, Josephine Lyon, Amelia Terracall, Dimi Manuele, Elizabeth Duncan, Greer Paterson, Georgina Sutton, Emma Anderson, Elizabeth Sayers

Absent: Sally Collett, Purdy Buckle, Cassandra Williams



