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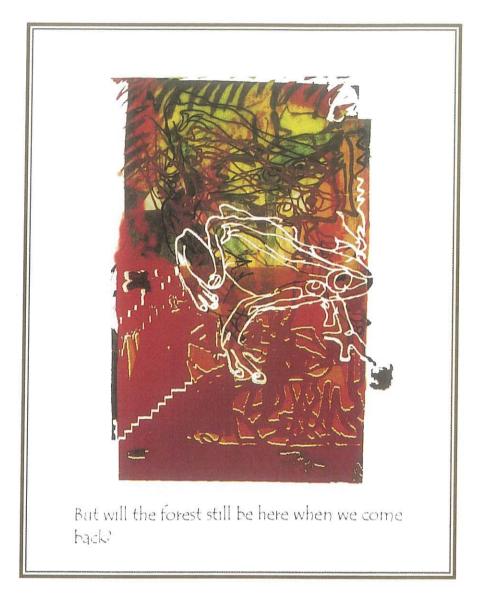


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Cover painting: "Sun and Smiles" Zoe Booth, Year 12 2000





### "R. Malcolm Award" 2000

his annual art award and exhibition is generously sponsored by the Cheltenham branch of the real estate agents and held each November. Last year (2000) the exhibition was mounted at the Parkdale Yacht Club, which has stunning views of Port Phillip Bay.

The winner of the 2000 award was Amy Limpyer. Amy was a year 12 student in 2000 and is currently a student at the Victorian College of the Arts, where she gained a place as a result of the outstanding artwork she completed during her VCE. The illustration above comes from her delightful reinterpretation of the children's story "Where the Forest Meets the Sea" by Jeannie Baker.

Two encouragement awards are also presented each year. In 2000 these were: Zoe Booth for her wonderful paintings (a colourful and joyous example is on the cover of our magazine) and Joanne Higgins for her ceramic sculpture, also a most creative and exciting artwork.

The judging panel for 2000 comprised Ms Deborah Lehner, our College Principal, Mr Frank Hellier, from R. Malcolm and Ms Gina Panabianco, Manager of Public Programs and Education Services at the National Gallery of Victoria. They had a difficult task in selecting the winners from a field of quite exceptional works.

The exhibition displayed the culmination of a full year's work in the visual arts, including photography, visual communication, painting, drawing, printmaking and ceramics. Amy's work is now on permanent display in the school, part of a growing and very impressive collection of student artworks.

ur College Vision is to provide the broadest possible opportunities to prepare all our students for success in their chosen fields. For our girls to learn to manage themselves so that they can take advantage of these opportunities is an enormous challenge. What does this mean for you? You will need to learn to develop every aspect of your skills and personal attributes, to place yourselves where you can make your greatest contribution to society. Most of all, you will need to stay mentally alert and engaged as you prepare for and experience what could be a fifty year working life.

At Mentone Girls' Secondary College we work to establish each girl's knowledge of, and confidence in, her own strengths. One cannot build performance on weaknesses. First, it is imperative to concentrate on the strengths you have (or those around you), identify them, and put yourself where your strengths can produce results. Then, you must work on improving your strengths, analysing your performance so you can identify where you need to acquire new skills.

Third, you need to discover and work on areas of improvement perhaps through observation of others with different skills and attributes. By acknowledging their strengths and using them as models, we can grow and expand our knowledge. Taking pride in our weaknesses or allowing ourselves to ignore bad habits is self defeating if we wish to succeed.

Often, it is by developing self confidence through sport, SRC, music, debating and other co-curricular activities that our girls are able to take on the challenges of academic learning and achieve outstanding results. This year we have seen

girls achieve success in E Teams, Maths Challenge, Australian Schools Science Competition, Bridge Building Competition, Science Projects, Debating, Schools Band Festival, Model United Nations Assembly, Sussan Fun Run, House Chorals, Tournament of the Minds, a Student Regional Convention, a tour of Japan, The Great Victorian Bike Ride, the Rock Eisteddfod, the R Malcolm Art Awards, and leadership conferences. The camps program has included a Music camp and a revamped Year 9 activities program involving camps at Rubicon, Central Australia and Tasmania.

Individual students, as well as many of our teams, achieved outstanding results across a wide variety of sports. Three students received DEET Sporting Blues – Casey Redford for swimming and Brooke Walker and Melinda Cleland for gymnastics. Many other girls reached All High finals, and were successful at state and national levels in their chosen sports.

Musical performances highlighted the talents of our Madrigal Groups, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Funk Group, Rock Band, Strings Group and French Horn Ensemble amongst many others.

I hope each and every student has taken advantage of all this school offered in 2001, and will move confidently towards the future with the knowledge and skills they have developed.

Deborah M. Lehner PRINCIPAL



Mary Jo Putrino Assistant Principal



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## School Captains' Report

### **Student Responsibility Positions 2001**

College Captain: Chloe Gunn
Vice Captain: Natalie Cheetham (Year 12)
Vice Captain: Katie Campbell (Year 11)
Form Captains

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Chloe Gunn College Captain

here have been many highlights this year, which have proved a huge learning experience, in and out of the classroom.

As the College Captains, we have enjoyed the opportunity to develop our leadership skills through responsibilities we have undertaken, such as conducting school assemblies. Working closely with the school administration has given us the opportunity to provide a voice for the student body and to represent the interests of all the girls who form part of our school community. The school has been fortunate to enjoy the support of many prominent members of our community who have been prepared to share their experiences and expertise with us. Their example has been part of our learning experience at Mentone Girls' Secondary College. In 2001 we have been privileged to have David Parkin and Kathy Watt, to name a few.

Life at school is more than just being in a classroom. Our Year 12 Camp was a great way of getting to know each other and preparing us for the year ahead. From that beginning, many strong friendships have been built that have provided us with support, encouragement and many laughs. We couldn't have asked for a more energetic and fun loving group of girls with which to share this experience. This year we have enjoyed success in a range of sports, musical occasions, theatre and social events. For year 12 the VCE Ball, Valedictory Dinner and the last day Boat Trip were events that we had looked forward to from earlier years. They form part of the enduring memory of our school days.

For every graduating student there will be memories of those special and dedicated teachers throughout their time at Mentone Girls' Secondary College.

Thankyou to Mrs Ray, for treating us as the young adults that we are and always encouraging our ideas and taking them on board.

To Mrs Salomon, thank you for your incredible involvement in our various committees. Despite our typical adolescent mood swings and the enormous number of hours that we added to her already heavy workload, she was always happy to help.

Ms Stewart's fantastic organisation and happy smile have been most appreciated by the students. Her innovative, yet straight forward leadership style has been an excellent example to us as student leaders.

Mrs Smith has worked tirelessly behind the scenes as our Board of Studies Coordinator, but we will always remember her for her passion and dedication to Rock Eisteddfod and her ability to find common ground with her students.

Mrs Wainwright's presence at Senior School level always kept our spirits up and we will remember her most for her laughter. Her job as Year 11 Coordinator is an important one in preparing students for their final year.

This year, the Senior School Coordinators have played not only the role of teacher, but at times that of a mother and most definitely a friend.



Natalie Cheetham College Vice Captain

The dedication and efforts of all the staff will be reflected in our final results and in our lives to come as we take the responsibility to contribute to the Australia of the 21st Century and to replicate the leadership and the positive values that were shown to us.

As we say goodbye to our school community we wish next year's senior students success in their studies and invite them to take advantage of all the opportunities that Mentone Girls' Secondary College offers them.

From the College Captains, on behalf of the class of 2001, thank you, good luck and farewell.

> Chloe Gunn College Captain NatalieCheetham CollegeViceCaptain



(L-R) Chloe Gunn:College Captain, Katie Campbell: Year 11 Captain, Natalie Cheetham: Vice Captain and Tania Smith: SRC President 2001



2001 has been a very active one for our Student Council. All year, the SRC has been working hard to represent the views of fellow students and to organise a variety of events.

The objectives of the SRC at MGSC are to work with staff and students to deal with important school and social issues, to enhance leadership qualities in its members, and to encourage the girls to participate in a number of different co-curricular activities.

The SRC workshop occurred at the beginning of the year, and it was there that the executives were elected and the SRC met for the very first time! With an emphasis on leadership, self-enhancement and social issues it was an excellent foundation on which to base the rest of the year's activities.

The SRC has been meeting every second week, and has been devoted to a number of different causes. Money has been raised mainly through casual days for charities such as the Breast Cancer Foundation, Cancer Medical Research Institute SIDS, and the Royal Children's Hospital. The SRC has also offered a number of leadership opportunities for the members of the College. It has sent girls to the Alliance of Girls State Secondary Schools meeting, the Secondary Youth Convention, RYPEN, MUNA, held public speaking Seminars and more. Our representatives have taken part in the Blood Bank Visits, the 40-hour Famine, Yoga Classes, and were guides for Open Night.

This year's SRC is a fantastic bunch of students, and it has been a pleasure working with them. The executive team has also been wonderfully supportive in all of our activities and has never let me down. However, I could not have done anything without the support and encouragement of Student Leadership Co-ordinator, Mrs Judy Firestone, who has devoted much of her time to assisting the SRC.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as SRC President this year, and a big thank you goes to everyone who assisted, encouraged and tolerated me during the course of this busy year.

Tania Smith 2001 SRC President

### SIAG (Social Issues Action Group)

This has been one of the most successful of the subcommittees within the SRC. Run by year 12 student Julia Lees, this conscientious group of students has focused a lot of their attention on issues involving native flora and fauna. They've sold raffle tickets for the Australian Conservation Society, written letters to the Minister for Environment and Conservation about native birds & bats and have even shown films at lunchtime to encourage student awareness about cruelty to animals.

### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Held on Friday 25th of May, this event was organised for staff to raise money for the Australian Cancer Foundation. The SRC reps provided the delicious morning tea for the staff who in return donated a gold coin to the cause. This event was certainly enjoyed by all the teachers and with over \$100 dollars raised it was quite a success.

### Youth Week Activities

To celebrate Youth Week this year, the SRC organised a variety of events. A movie was shown over 2 lunchtimes in the library while on the other days sporting activities were held in the gym. Several girls also attended the Melbourne Youth Forum in the city as well as the Southern Regional Youth Committee in Frankston where various youth problems were discussed.

### Year 10 Social

The Year 10 Social was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of August this year and was one of the most successful SRC events. The social committee worked hard leading up to the event to plan, decorate, cater and make tickets for the 200 people who attended. All their hard work paid off though as the evening was enjoyed by all and will be remembered as a fantastic night.

### **5RC** Talent Quest

Run over two days this year (15th & 16th August) the Talent Quest showcased some of Mentone's up and coming stars. With contestants from all year levels and acts ranging from singing to dancing to acting, the lunchtime performances had something for everyone. Over \$200 was raised with the Nina Carr Hall packed fulm

### Casual Days

Casual days this year were eagerly looked forward to by all of the college and each was held with a different purpose. To help celebrate International Women's Day, girls wore the colours of the suffragettes - white, purple and green.

Red Nose Day (30th June) was also a successful casual day this year with a number of girls wearing their red noses and the SRC providing a delicious BBQ for the school. The college's Jeans for Gene's day was held in September and despite not occurring on the official date, the support for this cause from the school was overwhelming.

With proceeds from the casual days exceeding well over \$2000, the relevant charities were all very grateful for the school's generous donations.



(L-R) Kate Roberts, Katie Campbell, Chloe Gunn, Natalie Cheetham, Linda Kevorkian, Jessica Wicks Front: Carlie Trist, Megan Fraser, Joanna Russ.



n the 26th-27th May, Julia Borovkova and Monique Attard participated in the Model United Nations Assembly at Parliament House in Melbourne. Julia and Monique acted as delegates of Saudi Arabia and debated world issues from a Middle Eastern viewpoint.

The students were assigned randomly to various countries and so much research was needed in order to cover the issues. Monique and Julia decided to debate controlling the manufacture of biological weapons, the Internet and access to pornography, rainforests, endangered species and landmines.

Participants dressed in national costume, which added much colour to the proceedings as well as giving the students the opportunity to better adapt to their new identities.

Julia and Monique were named as the winning debating team (South Eastern Region) of the May Assembly and went on to the National Model United Nations Assembly in Canberra in August. Quite an achievement!!

On the 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> of August Monique and Julia represented Saudi Arabia at the National Model United Nations Assembly. There were four teams from Victoria - representing the USA, Iraq, South America as well as Saudi Arabia.

The National MUNA took place at old Parliament House - which had some disadvantages, including not being able to use pens or take bags inside - writing speeches with a small blunt pencil can be frustrating! Going through 80 identical bags in order to identify each one took a little time...

There were thirty countries represented, all of whom had a say during some part of the MUNA weekend, and most wore traditional dress from their particular country. There



Gabby Sharpe in the company of well known sporting identities!

### "Father/Daughter Night "

Girls were invited to "make a date with your dad" on Thursday, 30th August. Over 180 students with their fathers, uncles and friends attended and heard inspiring and fascinating stories from three outstanding speakers, as well as having the opportunity to acknowledge our own Sports Honour Roll of students. The speakers were David Parkin, Director of Coaching, Hawthorn Football Club, Bev O'Connor, from the ABC Footy Program and Vice President of the Melbourne Football Club and Cathryn Fitzpatrick, Opening Fast Bowler of the Australian Women's Cricket team. This most enjoyable and entertaining night was hosted by Natalie Cheetham and her dad, John Cheetham, and organised by the Parents and Friends' Association, aided by Ms Putrino, Assistant Principal and the PE/Sport Staff.

were also three exchange students from Argentina and Russia and a team from Hong Kong who are currently considering introducing MUNA to China.

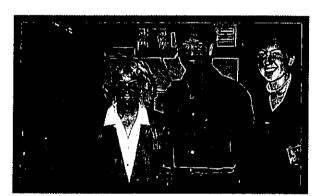
Some of the resolutions discussed were about the illicit trade of small arms, the elimination of discrimination against women and the introduction of GMO's (genetically modified foods) to developing countries. On the first evening all MUNA delegates attended a reception with the Governor General and his wife at their residence. Later on in the evening, students were invited to a dinner at the Canberra Institute of TAFE. The Institute sponsored the dinner and Senator Kate Lundy spoke on 'A career in politics'. Here they also had the chance to meet Rotarians and members of the embassies of Argentina and Sweden and the South African and British High Commissions. At the conclusion of the second day the Peace Prize was awarded to South Africa.

The weekend was sponsored by Rotary Clubs around Australia and was organised by the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise.

This was a very valuable and interesting experience for both Monique and Julia, giving them

an insight into the workings of international diplomacy as well as helping gain a greater appreciation of contemporary issues. Not to mention the friendships made and the chance to share similar beliefs and attitudes with other young people. It was a wonderful trip.

Monique Attard and Julia Borovkova Year 11



Katie Campbell (wrapped in glad wrap!), Kathy Watt, Mr Peter Evans and Natalie Cheetham, College Vice Captain.

On Friday, 7th September at the Spring Assembly, Mr Peter Evans, Marketing Manager of the King Club introduced Kathy Watt, the Australian Olympic Cycling Champion. Staff and students were delighted to meet a sporting legend. They were also appreciative of the "King Club Awards" (a month's free membership) which are presented regularly at whole school assemblies to a student or staff member who has made an outstanding contribution to the school community. This time the award went to Ms Pat Chanter Hill for her help with the "Tournament of the Minds". Her name was drawn from a hat as there had been quite a number of dedicated staff who had given valuable assistance to the students. Mr Bill Murray organised the event.



Representative



unnies on, eyes peeled to running past. What else could it be but the 2001 Athletics Day Carnival! While the middle and junior school students were sitting back and enjoying the sports day the VCE students were at school working hard as usual. I must admit

the school seemed to be quieter and the canteen U21 Bonnie Fogarty 121 points was bliss.

As always the traditional colours were seen throughout by **Kenny**, **Melba** and **Jackson**. the day. Purple, yellow, blue and green. Once again there are too many names to mention.

watch the track for sprinters 
The results of the day were as follows:

### Age Group Champions:

- U13 Launa Groves 184 points
- U14 Lynley Beaver 121 points
- U15 Bhey Orwin 154 points
- U16 Joanne Tumiati 118 points
- U17 Emma Knight 145 points

The overall results were; first place Mackellar followed

many outstanding students put in a great effort but Thank you to all the teachers who made that day possible and to all the students who participated and scored points for their house and cheered their peers on to victory. I'm sure everybody enjoyed the day.

Tiffany Pritchard









roups of Mentone Girls' students huddled under the trees for shade, as the 2001 annual swimming sports kicked off on the 12th February. It had already once been postponed to a slightly cooler day, but considering the heat, there was a great atmosphere around.

The races started, with the four cheer squads cheering for their houses. Everyone was enjoying themselves. While some people were just sitting back, listening to music and reading magazines, others were participating with great enthusiasm. Those who didn't feel comfortable swimming full laps of the pool still joined in by competing in the Aqua Olympics.

Six great new records were made on the day:

Nikki Croker U/14 smashed the old 50m Butterfly record by 3 seconds. What a great achievement!

Stacey Hopkins Open 100m Freestyle Carly Wilson Open 50m Backstroke

MacKellar U/16 Medley Relay Kenny U/14 Freestyle Relay

Jackson U/17 Freestyle Relay

This was a great achievement by all!

The day ended with MacKellar bringing up the rear on 445 points, Kenny on 521 points, Melba on 685 points and Jackson streaming ahead with 714 points.

The Individual Champions were:

U/13- Luana Groves

U/14- Natasha Futschik

U/15- Briony Cargill

U/16- Stacey Hopkins

U/17- Ashlee Waterland

Open- Jenny Torgerson

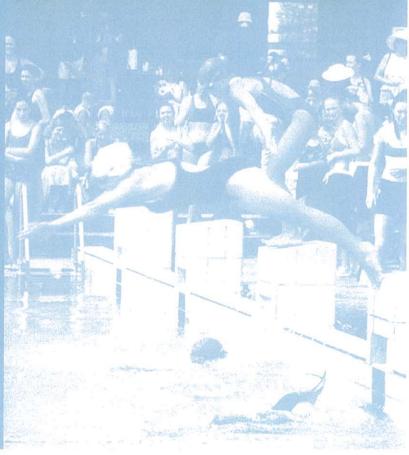
Well done to everyone who participated and I wish everyone good luck in the future sporting events! Thank you to all of the teachers and parents who helped make this event flow throughout the day, without hiccups.

Heather Cunningham 11B

















In the lovely sunny days of late February, 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D travelled down to Shiloh Ranch. Once there we were shown our cabin groups and had about half an hour to settle in,

then it was off to our first activity. We had 10 great activities: ROPES COURSE- it was quite tricky and I'm sure we all got a few small rope burns. But all up it was really fun and you had to think hard and stay alert.

POOL (SWIMMING)- it was quite hot down there so we all enjoyed a nice swim, some groups played games in there and others just hung round.

HORSE RIDING- they had a lot of horses and they were all *very* cute and easy to ride. Even the people who hadn't ridden at all were able to get the hang of it quickly. INITIATIVES- you needed teamwork for this activity and to have a good logical mind because you had to think of how to complete the activity.

GAMES ROOM- was a great place to hang out but we also had an activity in there and there were lots of weird, wonderful, new and different games.

CANOEING- we all paired with partners and then had a race. At the end of the session we all had to do a proper capsize.

FLYING-FOX- wwweee...of course here we had the competition for the LOUDEST scream and it came in handy if you had a good pair of lungs!

ORIENTEERING- some of the little clues were very hard to find and you needed a good eye for that one, and if you were first finished you won a prize.

ARCHERY- some caught on to this skill quickly and others needed a whole lesson - but then there were the people who got a bulls-eye straight away!

TRAMPOLINING- this was very relaxing just jumping up and down and very good exercise too!

Then there were the night time activities, for which we stayed inside on the first night and played the Chocolate Game, Skits, Balloon Popping Game and finally the Toy Competition! The second night we went to Phillip Island, where we shopped, ate and then sat on the sand and watched the cute little penguins. There weren't many penguins but some people said they saw heaps. Anyway in the end we had to leave early before the big rush of penguins came because it was getting late.

We also had a few meals there...WELL OBVIOUSLY! For breakfast we had orange juice, toast and cereal. For lunch-salad and chicken rolls and for dinner we had beef & vegetables and lasagna. On the last day of the first group's visit we met up with 7E, 7F, 7G and 7H. That day we had chicken and gravy rolls.

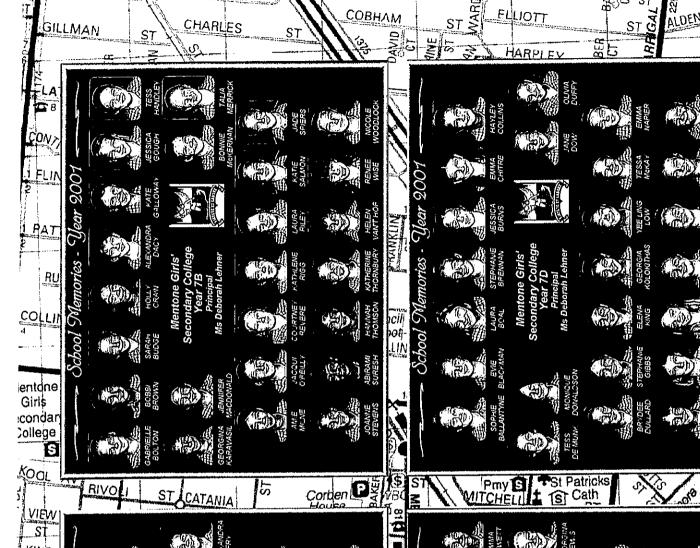
The second group did pretty much exactly what the first group did, but I think everyone agrees that there were a lot of spiders seen and we were a little freaked out!

Anyway many thanks to the teachers, the staff at Shiloh Ranch and everyone else who contributed - we had a great time.

Hayley Collins 7D and Blair Stott 7C







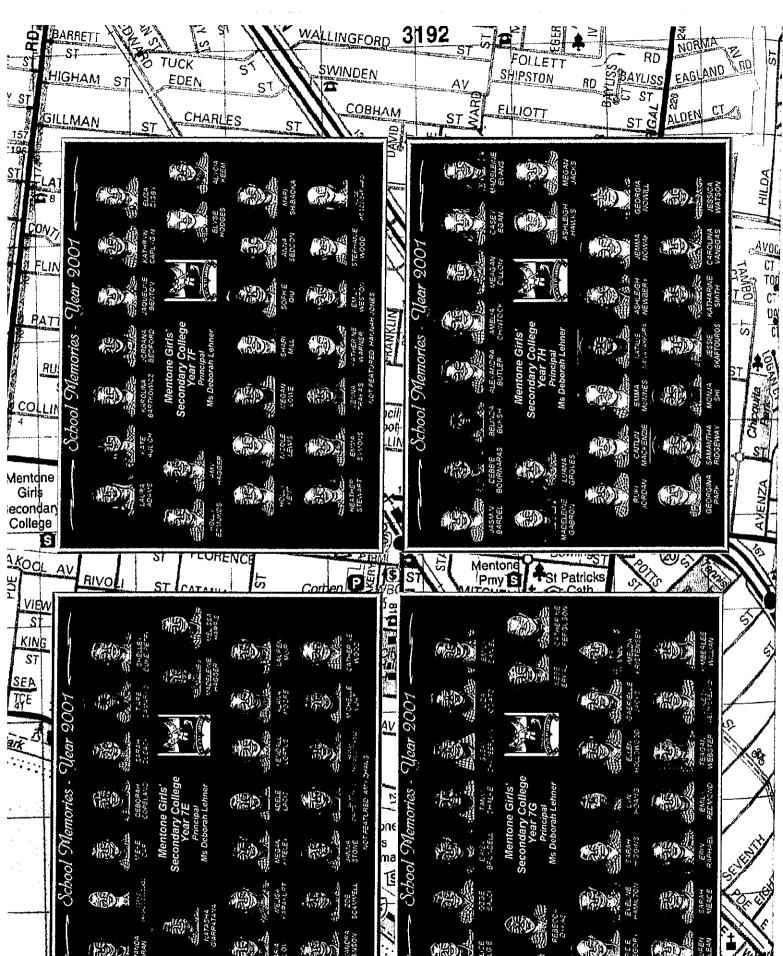
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### My Life

My life would be good hanging on a rack, next to the skirts. People might take me for granted as they flick through me. Someone will cherish me, and take me home, one day everyone has a reason to live.

Belinda Buksh

### Lunchtime Fantasy

Anywhere but here. I'd rather be in New York because there are things like guys, parties, shopping malls and comedy shows like David Letterman. They have heaps of nightclubs but I would not go into them, I'll stick to shopping. You may not think I am a party person but I am, sleep all day party all night. In my opinion Sex in the City girls all the way.

Belinda Buksh



Ellen Hollowood 7G

### Old lady and the tree

Tree standing so quiet and still,
As the elderly lady takes her pill,
She looks at the tree, as if she were in another world,
Her hair in rollers, beginning to curl,
Tree standing there so peaceful and still
She'll be peaceful soon, since she is very ill.

Georgina Park 7H

### Tablets and Slave Masters

My tablets control me just like a slave master controls his slaves My tablets make me feel sleepy and nauseous just like slaves feel because their master has worked them all day When I have to take more tablets it is like the slave master working their slaves even harder

But hopefully one day I won't have to take these tablets any more but these slaves will probably be trapped forever Katherine Smith 7H





### My bedroom

My Bedroom is like a peaceful park

When I look around my room, the posters are like the happy faces that say "hello" as you walk along the freshly mown grass.

My bedroom is like a peaceful park.

The rustling of the leaves is like the rustling of papers, clothes and rubbish on my floor.

My bedroom is like a peaceful park.

My Japanese fountain is like a beautiful water feature in the middle of the park.

My bedroom is like a peaceful park.

The photos of my friends and me having fun are like the children playing under the sun.

My bedroom is like a peaceful park.

My bed is like soft, fluffy clouds you see in the sky.

My bedroom is like a peaceful park.

Georgia Nowill 7H





Students in Year 7 French classes have a fun and interesting day discovering the joys of French food and wine (non alcoholic). A great (and quite delicious way) to experience a different cuisine!



### The Egyptian Bazaar!

On Thursday the 13th Of September. Was the day That we all will remember.

We all wore great costumes, And lots wore sheets. On most of the stalls. There were many treats.

We put on eve make-up. And lipstick too. We all started dancing And the excitement grew.

All the stalls were good, But ours was the best, Not being modest, But chuck out the rest.

7E's stall Had the best backdrop, Jewellery, food, And plenty of props.

Then we watched, The dances and acts, They were pretty good, And gave us the facts.

Then we cleaned up, Everything in the hall, Our make-up and costumes, And even the stall.

The Egyptian Bazaar, Was a great thing to do, We loved every minute, And every second too.

Lauren Muir, Michelle Vuat, Alexandra Robinson and Megan Kiteley.







n Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of September, the lucky Year 7's were fortunate enough to hold

an Egyptian Bazaar. Each form had to set up a shop like a stall in the hall as if we were in Ancient Egypt.



We had been studying about Egypt and its culture in all subjects. This was a different and exciting way of learning. At the Bazaar, we had opportunities to present work we had made. We had belly dances, music performances, drama plays, stories of Ancient Egypt and fun games that related to wrapping mummies. I think that this Egyptian Bazaar was a very good idea and I hope that the year 7's next year get to experience what we have. Thank you to all of the teachers who made this possible.

Aria Iliov 7E





### Music

Sarah Higgins, Nese Erkal and Erin Raphael with their original instruments that they made in Year 7 classroom music. Students in this class had the option of creating and playing instruments. musical researching information on various instruments and their history, producing models of various instruments and even inventing instruments for the new millennium. Congratulations girls, well done!





Mrs Barnett pads Jaquie O'Reilly through a straddle vault

### Year 7 Sport



7B PE Soccer with Aimie Milne and Kate Galloway

7B- Jaqui - Soccer

I really liked doing soccer because we all learnt new skills and talents.

7B- Jade and Helen - Hockey

We have never played hockey before and we found out that it is very interesting and fun.

7C- Sam and Georgina – Gymnastics

We've never done it before but it was fun to learn and we made up sequences.

7D- Sarah - Fitness

It was fun! We do lots of different things like going into the circuit room, skipping, going to the beach and lots more. It's really good.

7E- Mieke and Jo – Aerobics

It was really fun going to Le Gym and having an instructor. We made up dances with the help of the instructor. It's great fun.

Jess O'Brien and Blair Stott



Emma Knight giving some expert Gymnastic advice to Natalie Alexander of 7A

### Mentone Girls' Secondary College History!

For the first time in college history, the same student has won both the

swimming and athletics individual championships titles. Luana Groves won the U13 titles

for both the school athletics and swimming sports. But Luana is not just a wiz at swimming and running. She has also



represented the college in the netball, football and equestrian teams! The sport department and the school would like to thank Luana for her enthusiastic attitude and to congratulate her on her outstanding achievements. Well done Luana, and keep up the good work!

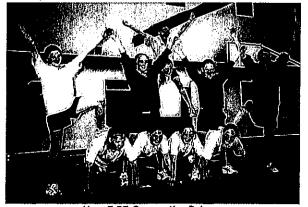
Heather Cunningham

### Year 7 Netball B - Southern Zone Champions



Left to right: Mieke Carr, Madeleine Hagger, Renee Parker, Madeleine Gabron, Tess Handley, Jemma Noak. Front: Katie Salmon, Jess O'Brien, Tess de Munk.

The year 7 Netball B team won the Beachside Finals this year with wins over Cheltenham, South Oakleigh, Highett and McKinnon. They defeated Dandenong High School on the way to the Southern Zone finals. At the Southern Zone finals they defeated Wonthaggi, Frankston and narrowly lost to Berwick. When the results were tallied Mentone were declared the winners. Netball 'B' unfortunately does not progress to the state finals so the girls have achieved the best result possible. Well done! A special thanks to the coaches Ashley Hamill, Lauren Chambers and Mrs Williams



Year 7 PE Gymnastics Balances







### Bridge Building Competition

A couple of weeks ago Mr Seddon came into our class room and asked a group of people if anyone would like to enter a competition and build a bridge.

From 8F, Jessica Vale, Skye Boyd-Gerny and Marcia Kramarov and from 8B Rhiannon Quayle, Hannah Moore and Lauren Newbery volunteered.

A few days later, we began to design the bridge. We then started to construct it. Connel Wagner provided the material for us to use. We could only use the materials in the kit. These were:

- -24 thin wooden sticks each 650mm long
- -1 tube of epoxy resin
- -1 3m length of string

We were given a pamphlet about what we had to do and what the rules were. We were told that it had to hold 3kg.

We spent the week building the bridge during class and lunch time. On Friday the  $7^{\text{th}}$  of September after recess, Mr. Seddon drove us to the Institute of Engineers in North Melbourne.

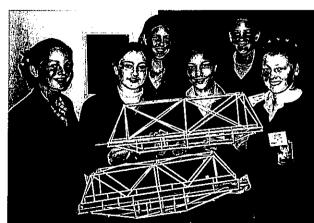
We were given lunch, then we were seated in the auditorium and listened to a presentation before the judging of the bridges. We had to compete against 8 other schools, which had about 2 teams each. When it was our turn to present our bridge we set it on a metal stand then hung weights on it. Our bridge held 45.7kg, which was surprising as we thought that 3kg was a lot for it to hold!

We won first prize out of about 15 teams. Each of us received \$100 gift vouchers for Angus & Robertson Book World and a Connel Wagner Baseball Cap. Every student who participated got a show bag containing a certificate, a pen, a chocolate bar, a CD Rom about engineering, a pamphlet and a mouse pad.

We really enjoyed ourselves and recommend it to everyone next year.

We would also like to thank Mr Seddon for organising this for us and for using his free time to help us, we would not have been able to do this without him.

Marcia Kramarov, Jessica Vale and Skye Boyd-Gerny.



Lauren Newbery, Marcia Kramarov, Hannah Moore, Skye Boyd-Gerny, Rhiannon Quayle and Jessica Vale holding their winning bridge designs.

### Debating



### 'I object!' 'That can't be right because...' 'We believe that what the opposition stated is wrong for the following reasons...'

These are all things you may hear from the debaters from Mentone. Ranging from year eight to year ten, debating is one of the many popular co-curricular activities you can get involved in at Mentone.

As I can quote from one of the debaters, "debating is really fun, it takes up heaps of time, but on the night it is really worth all the effort!" Anonymous.

"Debating is really enjoyable, and I've improved my public speaking skills greatly since the beginning of this year when I started." Marcelle Zidich, 8G.

There were three Year 8 teams who started debating this year as well as one Year 9 team and one Year 10 team. The topics have been very difficult and all teams have done extremely well with each team winning a majority of their debates.

Some examples of some topics for both C & D grades are: That the government is adequately responding to rural youth issues, That graffiti is a legitimate art form, That Hollywood movies should be true to history, That we support at-home detention, That we should ban offensive music, That we should not restrict a smoker's access to organ transplants, That we should all be vegetarian, That Australia should greatly increase its military spending, and finally that children who kill should be tried as adults.

Overall, debating DOES sound complicated and difficult, but it's heaps of fun and I'm sure that anyone that you

talk to who has done it before will recommend it. I rest my case!

Rachel Flitman 8A

(Term 3) C Grade - Our year 10 girls won four of their five debates, coming equal second on the ladder.

D Grade - 2 teams were equal second and one team held third position. Congratulations.



Year 8 portraiture





On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 8 teams from Mentone Girls Secondary College competed in Tournament of Minds. We chose a topic that we wanted to compete in. Our teams chose English Literature, maths engineering and science technology. All the groups did really well, particularly the Mentone/MacRob teams, who gained honours in Maths engineering.

Our team was in English literature. When we got to La Trobe University (where we were to compete) we were very nervous. We took a while to find each other, as there were a lot of excited people and La Trobe University is a huge campus. When we finally met up we got into our costumes then we went into the theatre where we were to perform. We saw the group before us and their performance was really good. By this time we were nervous wrecks.

Once we were on stage it just felt like another practice. We made a couple of mistakes but none that were noticeable-thankfully. We had heaps of fun and we enjoyed every second of our performance.

Next we did our spontaneous problem. Just before we went in, our team was really stressing out. However once we got into the room the nerves subsided and our brains did 10 hours of work per second.

We had 4 minutes to put together a play on 'what's around the corner?' We had to intertwine 3 things into a play that could be around the corner. We chose a circus, the world's





biggest mars bars and the boogie monster. Then we had a little girl and her mum. We had 1 minute in which to perform the play!

All in all, it was a fantastic experience, even if we didn't get a place. We would recommend it to anyone and everyone for next year's tournament.

Alanna Mattson 8f Kirsten Page 8f!

### Pole Painting in Mentone

During third term, Mr Kan and Mrs Kinneally's Year 8 art classes worked on designs to be painted on telephone poles in Mentone Parade and the central shopping area of Mentone. This was in response to a request from Kingston City Council to provide young artists to help beautify the streetscape. Other local schools were also involved, including Kilbreda and Mentone Boys' Grammar School.

"On the 13th September we walked down to the car park where we found our poles painted blue in readiness for our paintings. We started painting



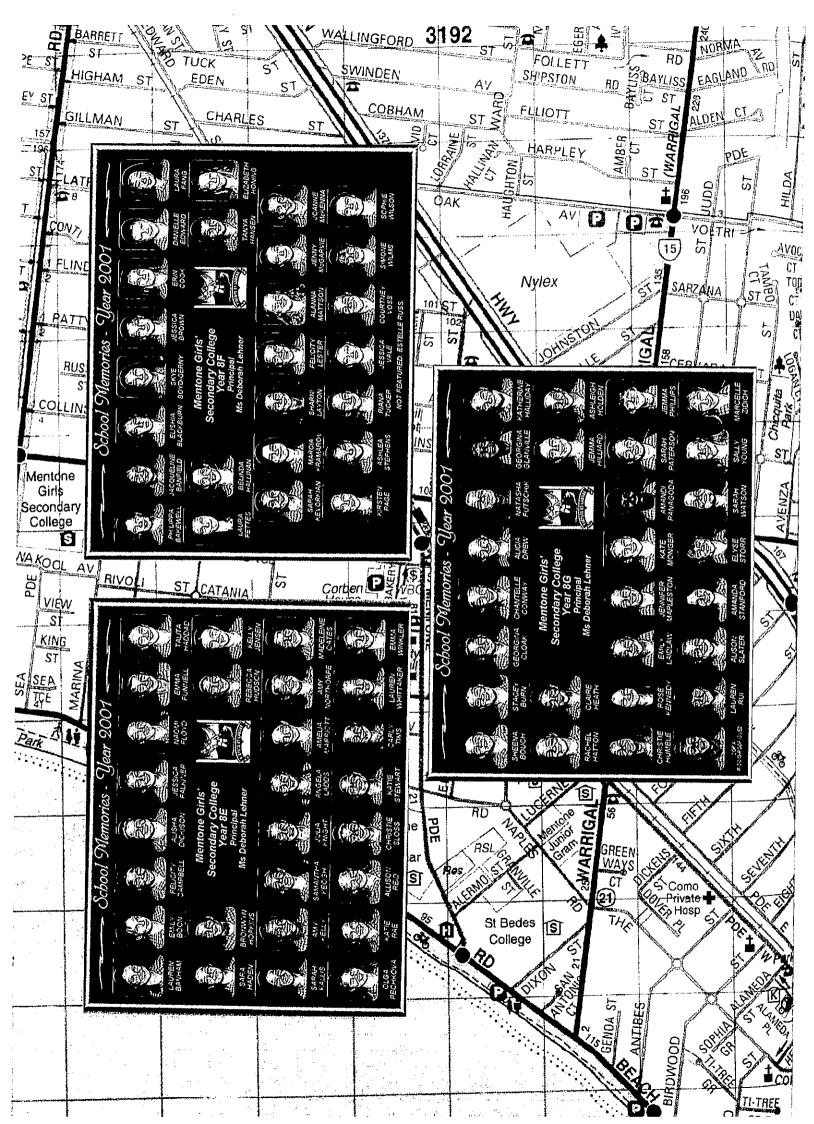
started painting straight away. It was a great day and we have to admit the painting was fun. The poles look fantastic and help to make Mentone look much more like a fun place to do your shopping."

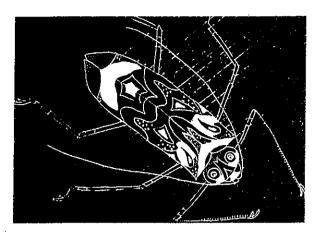
Natasha Futschik, Courtney Voss, Erin Cook Year 8











Sarah Richardson 8B

### Christmas

It's Christmas time again and I'm not really having fun. I'll not forgive my mother for what she's gone and done. She's invited round my cousins and all their dads and mums including my grandparents I pray that no-one comes. How'll they all fit inside our tiny house? There won't be enough room not even for a mouse. A couple of years ago, when the family was small, Christmas dinner was okay as it hadn't ended with a brawl. Dad started a philosophical debate very interesting, no doubt but it was promptly forgotten as the food was brought out. But my mum still remembers the time when cousin Terry ruined her Easter party (he passed out from too much sherry). Last time we got together there'd been an awful row. I think my dad was right though, my aunt does look like a cow!

Estelle Russ 8F

### Colours!

I like colours,
The gold of the sun, the blue of the sky,
The grey of the thunder when they roll by,
The white of the clouds, the green of the grass,
The turquoise of the waves, as they crash,
The yellow of the rose that grows in the soil,
The brown of the snake around the tree it does coil.
The pink of the mouth, the black of the night,
The red of the blood after the fight.

Felicity Lester and Simone Wilms 8F

### THE SKY

I like the sky.

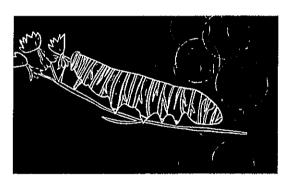
It holds the planets and all their moons
It carries the stars, like dotted runes
Blue and warm on a summer's day
Cold and overcast at the end of may
It lifts the sun to its greatest height
Then lowers it down to make it night
It creates the floods, which make the waters so high
Yet it hides its face with clouds- it is shy.
I like the sky.

Estelle Russ 8F

### **Books**

I like books,
The world of words,
The adventures through magical places,
The people you meet,
The person you become,
The travels across time,
Through the lands of kings and queens,
The place where anything can happen,
When you close a book,
The words and images disappear,
Until you open the book again.
I like books.

Sophie Wilson 8F



Sophie Wilson 8F

### I Like Cats

I like cats
White, black and tortoise-shell,
Ginger, lilac; all with a good sense of smell.
Big or small, they all start off as kittens,
Often they have markings that look like socks or mittens.
Cute little footprints from four little paws,
Cats are so beautiful, they don't have any flaws.
With large bright eyes that are very bold,
And thick fur coats that keep out the cold.
Playful animals, always ready to pounce,
On squeaky toys that roll and bounce.
Small and thin or large and fat,
I like cats.

Jessica Vale 8F

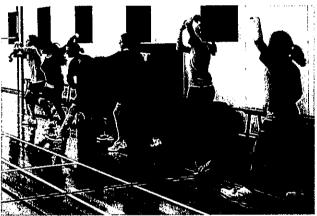
### Junior Football



Back row: Brittany Harding, Amy Haslemore, Kobi Daniel, Hayley Elia, Talita Haddad, Jess Wilson, Katherine Perazzo, Helen Wilkie, Stephanie Gabron, Nicole McDonald, Jackie Goy, Cassie Miller, Breanna Pierce, Melissa Hanstein, Georgia Evans, Bonnie Dreher, Lauren Morecroft.

Front: Amy Northwood, Lilli Brown, Luarna Groves, Lauren Stein, Kelda Humphries, Nikki Ziagas. Lying in front: Lani Craven.

The team won the Beachside Carnival, remaining undefeated on the day. They progressed to a semi-final of the Southern Zone and narrowly lost to Koo-Wee-Rup Secondary College by four points. A big thank you to Mr Seddon for coaching us and to the Cheltenham Football Club for the use of its ground and facilities.

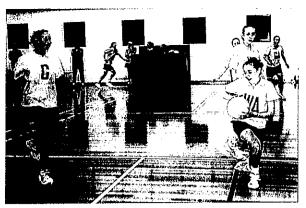


8F PE - Bowling Practice

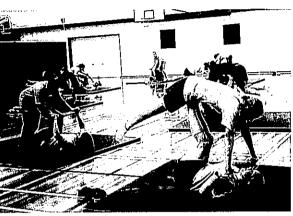


Brooke Walker, Felicity Jenkin, Talia Alt, Nikki Croker, Loren Newbery, Pauline

Georgina Karavasil, Emma Chitre, Stephanie Brennan, Tess de Munk. Emily Rodsted, Alice Woods-Barnard, Sally Young.



Nicola Ashworth and Courtney Voss



8C - Gymnastic Partners - Balances

### Inter School Gymnastics

On Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September Mentone competed at the All High Gymnastics Finals.

Two teams competed in the Junior section. The Year 8 team comprised Felicity Jenkins, Emily Rodsted, Talia Alt, Loren Newbery and Nikki Croker.

The Year 7 team comprised Emma Chitre, Georgina Karavasil, Tess de Munk, Stephanie Brennan, Sally Young (Year 8) and Alice Woods-Barnard (emergency).

It was a great effort by the two teams. The Year 8 team finished 1st and the Year 7 team finished 3rd.

The following students received medals for individual successes:

Felicity Jenkins: Overall Individual Champion

1st Beam and Bars

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Loren Newbery: 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall Individual Champion 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Champion

3rd Vault

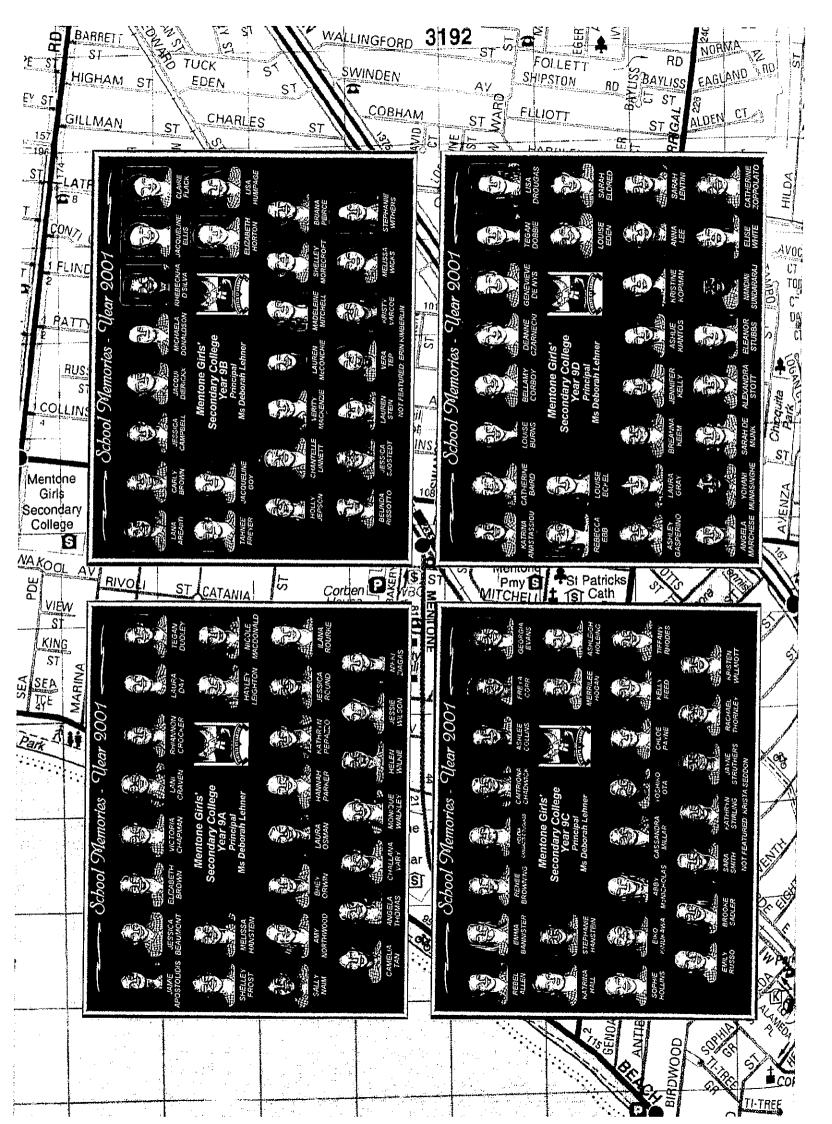
Emily Rodsted: 1st Vault

Congratulations to all the students involved and a special thanks to Brooke Walker and Pauline Czarnecki who trained the team to such a high standard. Also thanks to Mr Hull for driving the school bus to Knox for the Competition.

Well done!!



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uring first semester Mr Perk's Middle School Drama Script and Performance class decided that it wanted to put on a production. After much consideration, the children's play "Hating Alison Ashley", based on a novel by Robin Klein, was chosen.

The play centres on a young girl, Erica Yurken, who lives in run-down Barringa East. She dreams of one day becoming a famous actress; she hated her family, and matters are only made worse when Alison Ashley, the

posh kid who lives on Hedge End Road, arrives at Barringa East Primary. As the play moves on the class goes on the annual grade 6 camp and, eventually, the two girls resolve their very obvious differences.

Hard work was invested in producing scripts during the first few lessons, then we figured out how we were going to carry out the task of placing 24 students into 14 parts. We decided on two casts, with each student cast as a particular character. Then began the long and sometimes tedious task of rehearsals.

The scene for the first ever public performance was on Open Night, the 23rd of May. This was really just a dress rehearsal. As there were representatives attending from many primary schools from the local area Mr Perks and the Junior School coordinators were asked if they could see the production. Therefore we held two shows during the afternoon, at which they and some of our junior school students attended. Two more shows were held for the Parents and Friend's Association on Wednesday and Thursday, the 5th and 6th

According to the feedback from family, friends and the grade six's, the play was a huge success. \$500 was raised, which went to MGSC funds.

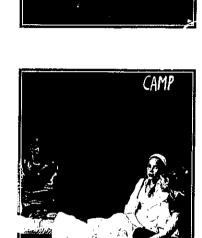
An enormous thank you and well done goes to Mr Perks and all the girls who

put in hours of work, creating sets, costumes, scripts and the fabulous lighting and sound. Much appreciation also to the junior school coordinators for organising the grade six's, some junior students and others who came to watch - mind you, they were a fantastic audience!

We would like to recommend to those who get the opportunity to be involved in a play or production to go for it because it builds up confidence and it is a great chance to form new friendships.

> Jaimee Guest and Emma O'Hehir Yr 10

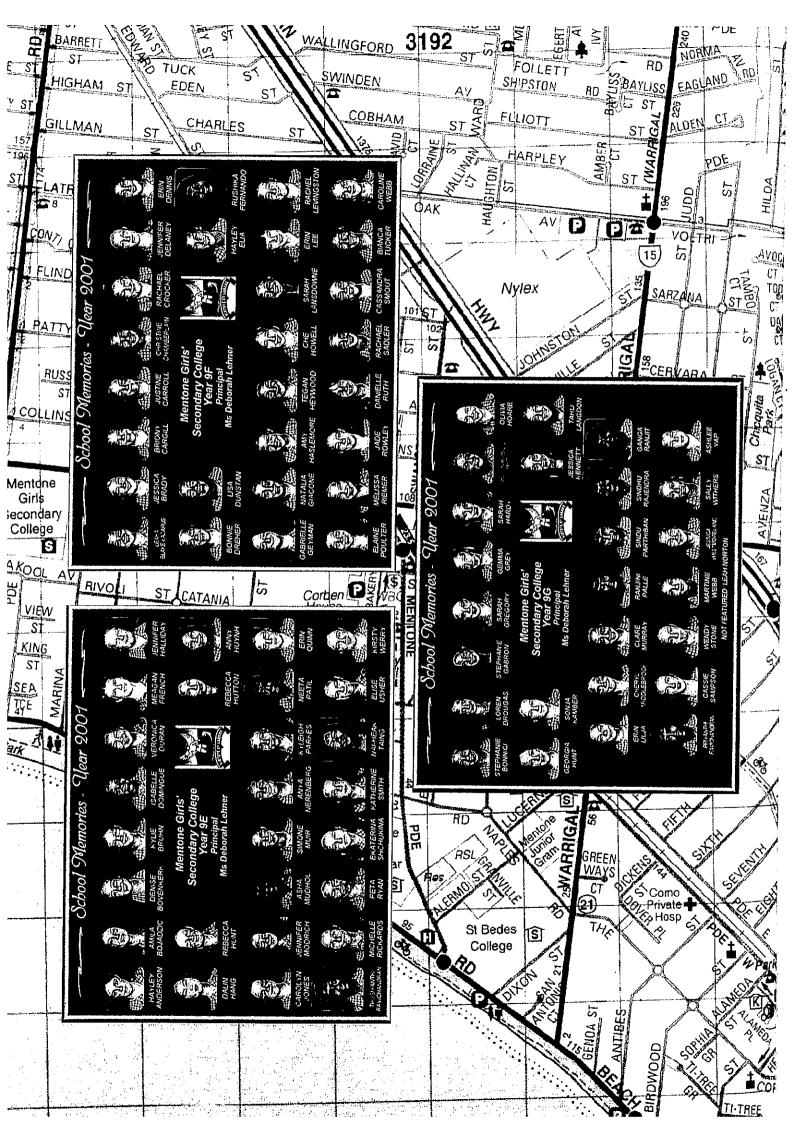










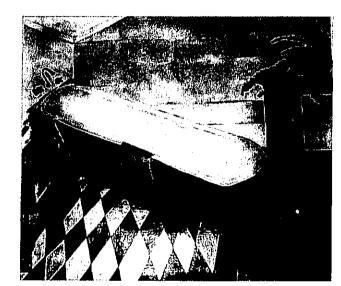


### Graphs

If you don't know your graphs,
Then you'd better learn your maths.
It's simple and fun and will help you a ton
There are just a few simple things that you'll need to know,
Like where do these two points of this line go?
Remember the equation y=mx+c
And a whole lot easier this maths will be.
The y-intercept is always on the vertical line,
If you remember this then you're doing just fine.
The next step is harder, remember it and you will see
Just turn the gradient into a fraction and a whole lot

Always remember the rise over run (Eg.2/1)
All you do is go up 2 and across 1.
Then after you're plotted the points on the graph
Join them together and sit back and laugh!
Remember these rules and you'll now know your graphs,
And maybe just maybe it'll be an A+ in maths!

Lisa Dunstan 9F



Klover Barry 10C

### Linear Poem!

When you're drawing a straight line graph Remember these words and you'll be fine When you plot your graph, mark two points Then join the dots to make a straight line.

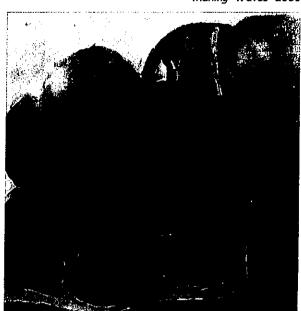
The gradient is the measure of slope If the number is big, then so is the hill The rule for this is rise over run Don't worry if you don't get it, you will

The Y-intercept is the point On the Y-axis when the line crosses through And it's the same with the X I'm sorry if this confuses you.

Into the lift Goes the little man who's round He has to walk in Before he can go up or down.

I think that's the basics That's all for now The next topic is algebra Oh No!! Don't ask me how!!

Emma Bannister 9C



Tanya Clarke 10D

On a normal day, in a normal suburb, in a normal house lived a very normal girl called Rebecca. On a very normal morning she awoke and put on her normal clothes, and then, after eating breakfast, left her house. She arrived at the normal school, saw all her normal friends Thusiyanthi, Priyanthi, Rebecca Hunt, Sara, Cassie and many others. When the bell rang she walked into her normal classroom and the teacher asked Rebecca to step out of the room with her. Rebecca went with her and the moment she did her teacher ate her up. Rebecca wriggled around in her teacher's stomach and finally made it to the end, coming out half way through math class. She tried to stand up but couldn't and realised she had no leas because the teacher had chewed her into little pieces. So now the normal girl isn't so normal.

Rebecca Hutton 9E





n Monday, 9th of May, some very lucky Year 10, 11 and 12 girls and three dedicated teachers - Mr Lord, Mr Tregellis-Smith and Ms Putrino - headed off on a trip we will remember forever. Frustratingly, our plane from Sydney was cancelled, but after a night in a Sydney Hotel, we boarded the plane for a ten-hour flight to Japan, arriving safely in Tokyo at around 5.30pm, local time.

We spent the next two days exploring Tokyo, eating at restaurants that served delicious food, watching some hilarious television, shopping and visiting Disneyland!

We spent the first day at Disneyland, enjoying all the jumps, bumps and thrills of the rides and staring curiously at the strange Japanese fashion worn by many of the tiny young girls who were toddling about in their platforms and miniskirts! The day was great fun!! After dinner we headed out by train to Ginza where we stood in awe, gazing at the neon lights and crowded streets. We wandered for a few hours amongst the thousands of people, loving the sights and sounds of a Japanese city.

The next day we headed for Akihabira, which means 'electrical district'. Akihabira is a district consisting mainly of electrical stores. They sell everything from TV and radios to unreal mobile phones and MD players. Wondering what a pair of sunglasses was doing in an electrical store, I put them on. To my surprise I couldn't see the store but a miniature television inside each half of the glasses! I changed the channel to watch the weather report and then a few other shows before it was time to move on to the next store to discover more exciting things. We headed back to the hotel before dinner and a tour of Shibuya, yet another neon city full of lively young people, where we caught buskers playing some good old rock on the street. Their name was "Strawberry Man" causing most of us to instantly buy their cd, which was on sale next to them. And who cares if it is all in Japanese!!

Leaving bright and early next morning we caught the Shinkansen (Japan's Speed Train) to Takayama, a gorgeous town high up in Japan's mountains. On the way we passed amazing scenery, including hundreds of blooming cherry blossom trees, trickling rivers and the most spectacular Mt Fuji. We had a great view of the mountain without any clouds, something which we hear is quite rare! When we arrived in Takayama, we were escorted to our accommodation by a monk, who just happened to drive a silver Toyota, something which made some of us laugh! We staved in an exquisite temple run by the monk, which had been converted into a youth hostel.

We slept in two large rooms on futons, which, despite the strange pillows, were very comfortable. The shock came for many when we were informed that the only method of bathing was the 'communal bath' (nude bathing!) Some of us were brave enough to bare all and jumped in for a blissful 45degree bath.

Next day was the festival which celebrates the beautiful cherry blossoms that bloom across Japan in the spring. Morning saw the townspeople bring out the floats that are part of the night-time parade. But despite being told how great they were hundreds of times by Mr Lord, nothing could have readied me for what I would see over the next twenty-four hours. The floats, which are around 330 years old are made from wood. covered in traditional Japanese black lacguer and decorated with ornate carvings of dragons, huge brass drums, lanterns and many other traditional features. The parade began at 8pm and Elyse, Cathie and I pushed our way through the crowds to be at the front. By the time it began the dragons had started to dance and we had a perfect view. To be honest no words could possibly explain just how amazing the parade was, so I'll just say that: IT WAS AMAZING!! The combination of beautiful sights and the atmosphere created by the half a million people there has made a lasting imprint on my mind.

The next day we headed for Shiga, where we would finally meet our host families. Our first meeting was a nervous one but we settled in and the next 5 days were spent at school, attending various excursions, including boat trips and ceramics classes. We also joined in on some interesting experiences such as flower arranging, a tea ceremony and my favourite, trying on Kimono. We were all spoiled by our families, bringing home bags full of Hello Kitty toys and Japanese souvenirs. Almost everyone was in a thousand "sticker photos' called 'purikura' with not only our host girls but their friends and families as well! We left our host families on Sunday after spending the day with them sight seeing at temples and other places in Kyoto. We were dropped at the hotel and an hour of photos, hugs and plenty of tears later our families left us and we went up to our rooms bleary eyed.

Some of us hardly slept at all, trying to make our last twenty-four hours last as long as possible. Our first destination was Deer Park (complete with lots of deer!) which surrounded the temple that held the Great Budda. Stepping inside, my mouth dropped in awe at the greatness of the huge statue before me. An 8m tall, bronze Budda who despite his size looked so kind he couldn't harm an insect. After some of the braver ones attempted climbing through the "Budda's Navel" – a huge wooden pole with a hole in it - we left Budda and walked back through the gardens to the main shopping sprawl.

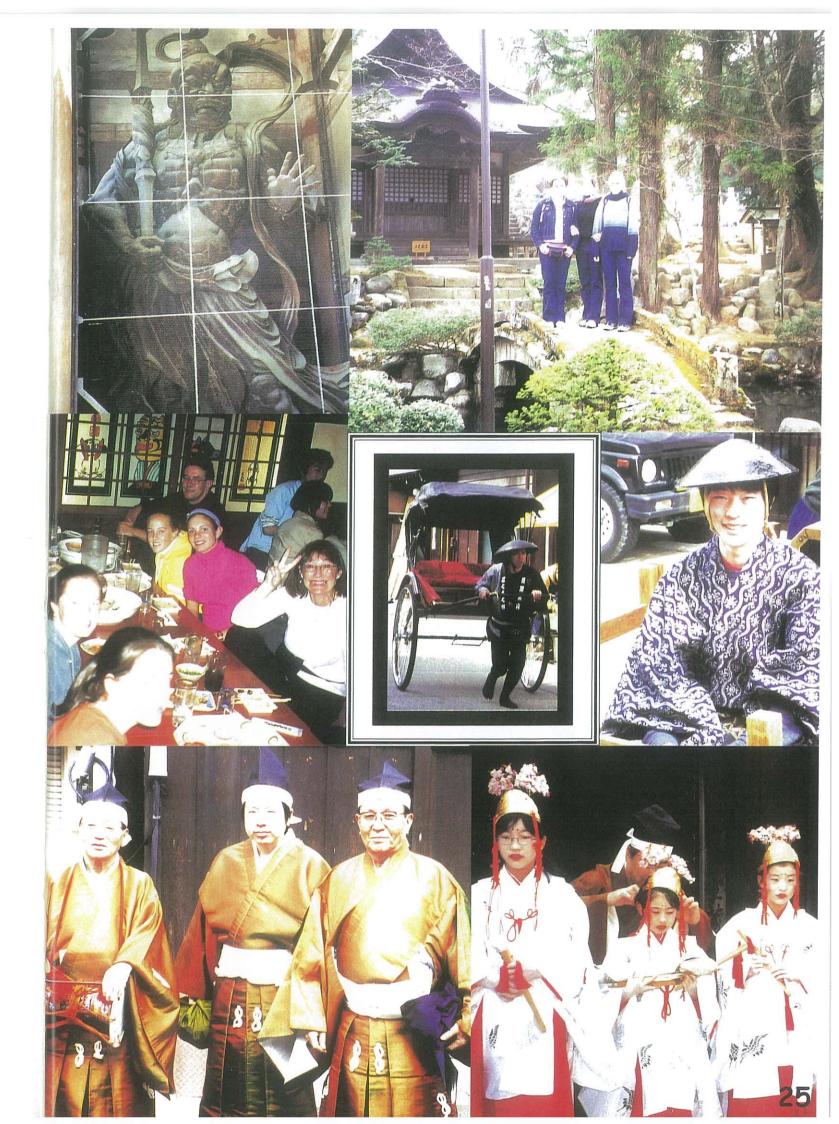
We went to the airport and after a slight delay with customs we were in the plane ready to leave this amazing place. More tears were shed as we departed but despite the great reluctance we felt when leaving we were more than glad to be back home and in the arms of our English speaking families once again!

Many, many, many thanks to the teachers, without whom we would never have had such an amazing time.

A trip I will always remember ....

Louisa Tatton 11G





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**Camp** 2001

n the 20th, 21st and 23rd of July, Year 9 students set out on three camps. Their destinations: Tasmania, Central Australia and Rubicon Adventure

Here are some of their stories.

### Travelling to Central Australia

The sits by the window, looking out across the land. Bored, she turns to the magazine on her lap. Slowly she picks it up and starts flicking through it. Frustrated she throws it on the seat beside her. "This is so boring" she says to herself for about the hundredth time that hour. Again she stares out the window, the same boring trees and the same red sand going on and on into the horizon. The bus hasn't turned for ages. The long black road ahead of them never seems to end. "Kylie, are you bored?" a voice asks, just above her head. She snaps out of her daydream and turns to the person





sitting behind her. "Yes. Do you know when we're stopping for lunch? I'm so hungry," Kylie replies.

"We're stopping in an hour or so," Peta tells Kylie. "Do you want to play snap, Kylie?" "No thanks, I played a game just before," she replies. Turning again, she looks out the window just in time to see a small herd of cattle grazing lazily in the shade of a large gum tree. After a few minutes of staring sleepily out the window, she spies three emus camouflaged amongst the tree and rocks. Such large, strange looking creatures she thought. The continous hum of the bus's engine is making her sleepy. All of a sudden the bus starts to slow down, "Yes!" Kylie said, "lunchtime". She looks out the window expecting to see a petrol station but instead she sees a sign saying, 'Alice Springs-right'. The bus slows down and turns right continuing on its journey. "Damn!" mumbled Kylie. " It's not lunch yet, just a turn on the highway". She sits back down, resting her head on the headrest and closes her eyes.

By Kylie Bruhn 9E



Dort Arthur. Even in the daylight it appears ghostly, with its high, dark hills littered with towers, castles, prisons and houses, all long since abandoned. But when the darkness cloaks the land, it becomes a very different story.

Port Arthur, haunted? That's what our guide tells us, as we were led down the dark hill on the night of the ohost tour. With three lantern bearers, one at the front, one in the middle and one at the back, I'm able to see pretty well, but not well enough to be sure we are completely alone.

So there we stood, taking in our surroundings as Todd, our tour guide, tells us of his own experiences, and of others. Being as open minded as I am, I found it hard not to be scared, and I wasn't the only one! Around me everyone, who had previously been standing alone, is now hunched together in little groups, clinging to each other's arms, making it quite hard to fit through doorways!

We moved on and stood outside in the cold for a moment, in front of an ordinary looking house. It wasn't until we were informed that we realised we were standing outside the third most haunted house in Australia. Suddenly it lost it's earlier title of "ordinary".

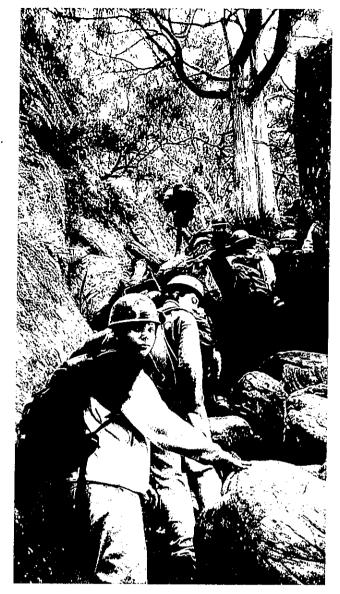
It was inside the house which gave me one of the biggest scares of my life - mistaking a teacher for the ghost that supposedly haunted the house! In reality it seems quite stupid, but at the time, I was mere seconds away from a heart attack. It was only when I spotted his electronic watch, that I calmed down.

As the tour progressed, we found ourselves being taken down through small, dark rooms and towers and eventually into the cold, silent prisons of Port Arthur. We entered, half relieved that this was the last stop of our tour, as our quide told us some stories of guests who had visited here and convicts of the past. Some people entered cell number 4, where many people had reported strange experiences. but I wasn't up to that. We took a guick look around, no one venturing too far from the group, and gathered around outside wishing those ghost stories we'd been told weren't true!

We made our way back to the visitor centre, keen to be back in the warmth and light once more.

I shivered as I turned around to take one last look at the ghostly hills of Port Arthur and wonder, what was really out there?

Meagan French 9E



### Hell on the Water-Rubicon Adventure Camp

It was a cold, wet, foggy morning. Morning exercise was boring and tiring: no one could be bothered. 7am rises weren't good for us city slickers. Louise and Zac were on weather duty and said that today's maximum temperature was going to be 13 degrees, which wasn't good seeing that we were white water rafting. After breakfast, I headed back to the Sugarloaf, the house, and sat down on my uncomfortable bed. "Why do we have to get up so early?" I wondered. As I sat there pondering my day, Ashlee came in and told me I had to get my wetsuit. I didn't want to get up, but I did and walked over to the big grey shed on the other side of camp.

My feet were dragging along the ground. It was a wonder I didn't trip. We organised ourselves in a line from shortest to tallest and were given our wetsuits, helmets and life jackets. The thought of going down a freezing cold river was not my idea of fun, but I was still very excited. All we could talk about was how much fun it was going to be and the temperature of the water. We finally reached our destination. It looked like something out of Survivor. We ate half our lunch then loaded the three rafts; they were so heavy it was like trying to lift three elephants.

We ran down to the BIG river, seriously that is what it's called, the BIG river. We got the rafts in the water and jumped in. Our instructor, Rob, explained what right back and left back meant and told us to work as a team or we would just go round and round in circles. We headed downstream singing "Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream" and then spotted our first rapid. We started paddling faster, not noticing the branch overhanging the water. I was nearly knocked unconscious; it was lucky that I was wearing that stupid, ugly and very annoying helmet.

Down the waterfall we went, screaming with excitement, but then we became stuck at the bottom of it with water gushing over us from all directions. The water was so cold you couldn't describe it.

After about 4 hours of paddling we were back on dry land and got changed into our clothes. The others headed back on the bus whilst Ashlee, Jemma and I went in the four-wheel drive with Matt and Rob. On the way back we told lots of stories and jokes. It was the best day of all.

Carolyn Jones 9E







n the 28th March, the year sevens and twelves all took part in the Annual Fancy Dress Competition. The theme was to dress up as something beginning with our form letter. When we walked in the hall, we saw witches, fairies, dorks, cheer leaders, enchanted elves, cowgirls and lots of other weird and wonderful costumes. Everyone brought food or drinks and so there were tables full of delicious treats. The hall was blasting with fantastic music all night. The teachers had to dress up as something beginning with T. (for teachers) There were Tap Dancers, Terrorists and Tigers. We were even more surprised to find two teachers dressed up as Tweedledee and Tweedledum! (Mrs Ray and Mrs Salomon) Their hard work and imagination was rewarded and they won the prize for the teacher's section.

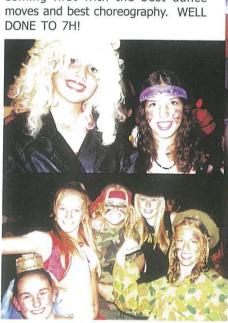
Now for the awards of the night ...

COSTUME: 7C's Joanna Cameron and Jacqueline Younger with their cow costumes.

YEAR 12'S COSTUME: the Cravola Crayons were Steph, Jess and Emma FIRST AWARD: 7B with the best choreography

SECOND AWARD: 7A with the best

DRUM ROLL... 7H with "Horror" coming first with the best dance DONE TO 7H!





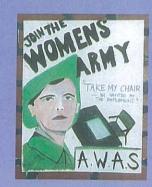
### FANCY DRESS YR 12

The year twelves made up dances which took weeks of hard work and preparation, but it was all worth it in the end. The night turned out to be a great success and we all had lots of fun. The theme was to do an act which started with the letter of the Year 7's form. Our class was 7D. who all dressed up as dorks, while we dressed up as devils!

Prizes went out to the form with the best costumes which was 7A, who did America. The prize for the best dance went to 7H who did "Horror"!

It really was a great night and everyone enjoyed themselves. We really encourgage next year's year twelves to participate on the night because it is a fantastic event and we guarantee you will have heaps of fun!

Amy O'Keefe and Georgie Hall Yr 12



t's winter 1942. Japanese submarines have been found in Sydney Harbour. The country waits an invasion, and in tiny Warrabadanga, two thousand American Airmen have been stationed two miles away from town.

On the 30th of April, Mentone Girls' Secondary College Year 12 Theatre Studies Class presented a brassy, zany

performance of the Australian play, Dinkum Assorted written by famous playwright Linda Aronson. Full of comedy, dance and drama the play depicts the lives of fifteen countrywomen working in a small town biscuit factory during WWI. The play follows the women lives and how they cope with love, death, romance, betrayal - and an escaped nanny goat.

The Year 12 theatre students displayed exceptional acting talent over their four-night performance. Dinkum Assorted enabled the students to prove their broad range of acting styles including comedy, pathos, dance and even a touch of singing. Numerous, unforgettable scenes were not unnoticed, especially Eve Lavin's scene where too many mints were eaten and ended up out of her mouth and rolling across the floor before our very eyes. Not to mention the "trooper" of the group, Selena Baird, who even with a broken ankle, managed to play two roles at once and learn a new main character's lines days before the show was due to open. And who could forget Jacinta Peirce. falling off stage. Classic!

Not only did this talented bunch have to furiously learn lines and perform the play but they also undertook multiple production tasks to get the performance up and running. Some of the tasks included set design and construction, lighting, sound, directing, front of house and publicity. Each person was assigned a task and had to complete it within the required time. Many hours out of school time were spent making tickets, buying costumes and make-up, recording tapes and rigging the lights. A special mention to their wonderful teacher, Ms Engblom, whose dedication, inspiration and persistent yelling over the last two years helped the students through the whole process. They probably could never have made it without her. THANK YOU.

After four months and 65 hours of rehearsals, numerous

fish and chip breaks, tears and tantrums the show was finally ready to be viewed by the public. And what a show it was.

Finally, good luck (or in theatre language-chookers) to Mentone's Year 12 Theatre Studies Class with their monologues and exams at the end of the year. Just remember whatever you do it was Theatre Studies and our brilliant class of 2001 that got you to Hollywood!!!

Tiff Payne and Letisha Dall



### Run 26 Fun Sussan



On Sunday the 1st of April 2001. I was one of the many thousands of women competing in the Annual Sussan Fun Run

Each

Women's Classic.

year

Mentone Girls' Secondary College enters as a school to win prizes and to keep all the students fit and healthy. I was very nervous, as it was my first year competing in it. At 8.45 three avm instructors, from Fernwood's Women's Fitness Centre came and took the competitors for a warm-up stretching session. It was very beneficial and I'm glad they came!

I was told to get a good start; you had to be right up the front. Unfortunately my friends and I were somewhere in the middle and when the race started at 9am it took us about half an hour till we could run because of the "traffic".



race, there were huge drink stations with bins of water that volunteer officials were handing out, so you could grab a drink but keep running at the same time!

Overall it took me about an hour and a half to complete the fun run. The view was great and I thoroughly enjoyed the exercise. An added bonus was that we got food at the end of the race for all the hard work we had done. I can't wait till the next one and in 2002 I'll be right up the front!

Kelly Keir 10F



MGSC wins the Participation Award for the 14th time in the last 15 years! Pictured: Ross Haywood of Ross





The Intermediate Tennis Team had outstanding success I this year, achieving for Mentone the first State Title in tennis for five years. After winning the Beachside Final in April, they progressed to the Southern Zone Preliminaries where they defeated Koo-Wee-Rup Secondary College. On Friday, 11th May they came second at the Southern Zone Finals, after a narrow defeat at the hands of Frankston High, and went on to play at the State Finals at Booroondara Tennis Club, North Balwyn. The team was drawn to play Kyneton, Kerang and Bendigo. The team played fabulous tennis and remained undefeated on the day. The team then progressed to the grand final to lose narrowly to Doncaster (who had four VIS players!). Captain Shannon Alexander was presented with the runner up pennant and each member received a badge. Congratulations!

Touch Footy



Under 18 Touch Footy Team



Under 16 Touch Footy Team



Year 10 football elective

### Intermediate Tennis



Back row: Abby McNicolas, Bianca Tucker, Kylie Peel, Shannon Alexander Front: Ainslie Hugson, Lilli Perkin, Rachel Sadler, Sally Withers

Mentone Girls' had two touch footy teams, in the under 16 age group and the 18 age group. These two teams competed in the Victorian All Schools Championships at Monash University in March this year. The U18 team performed fantastically, only narrowly missing out on getting into the finals. The U16 teams unfortunately only won one game at their level. Nevertheless, the girls had a great time, and by the look of the photos, some even enjoyed mucking around in the mud.

The U16 team was made up by Laura Head, Susan Cadman, Kate Torgeson, Bhey Orwin, Jo Tumiati, Georgia Evans, Melissa Hanstein, Briana Pierce, Meghann Geschke, Lauren Morecroft, Michaela Davis and Emma Funnell.

The U18 team was made up by Katie Campbell, Jenny Apostolidis, Meghan Graham, Emily Wadham, Jessica Macaulay, Belinda Cohen, Joni Carnegie, Mahana Crofts, Jennifer Melvin, Lisa O'Connell, Ashlee Cant and Emma Aprea.

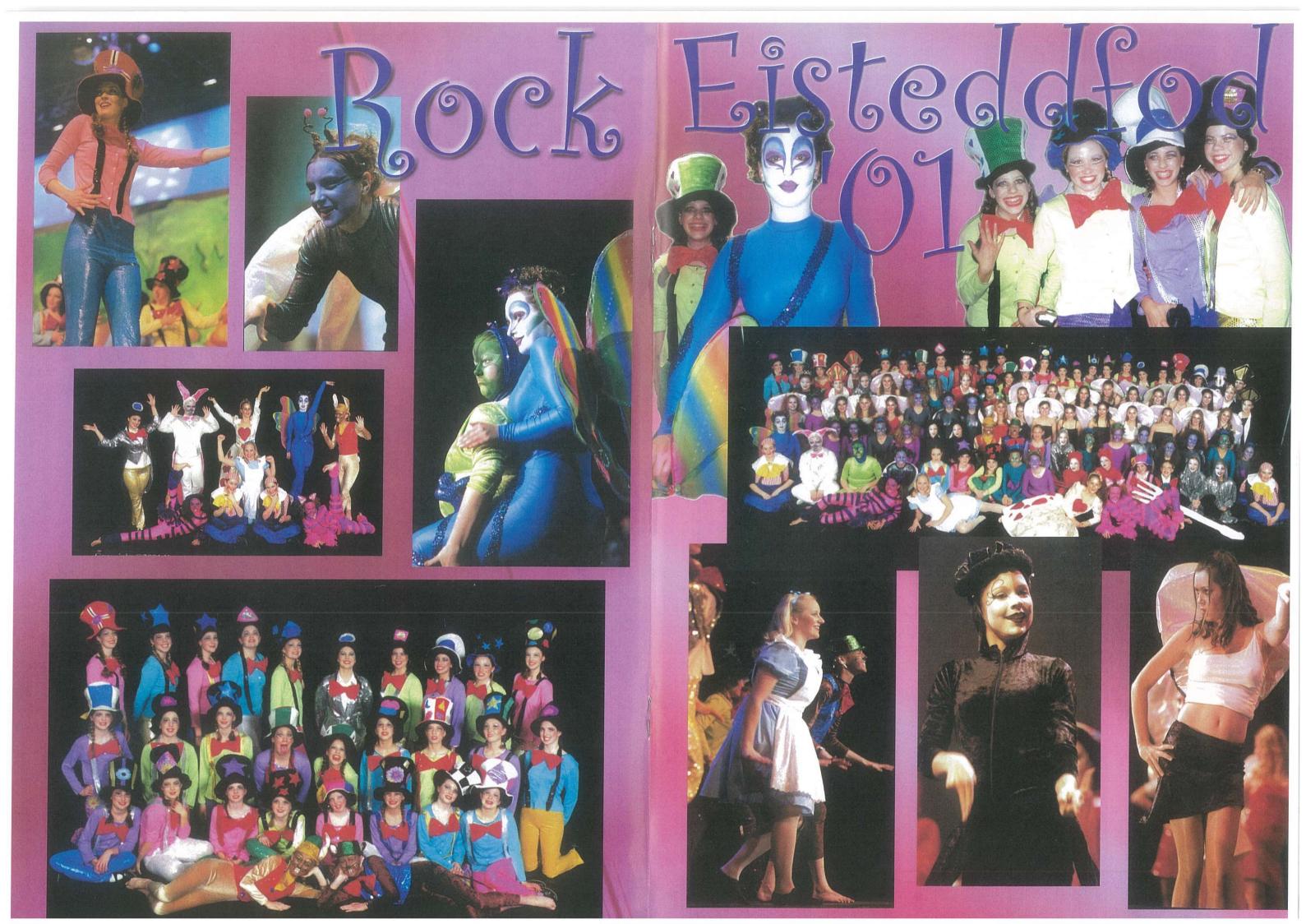
A big thanks goes to Miss Miller and Mr Ferguson for coaching the teams and organizing everything on the day! Well done girls!

Heather Cunningham



Rachel Hickey - Year 10 golf elective









### Music Camp

n Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 55 excited girls from years 7 to 10 boarded the bus heading for Arrabri lodge, for Music Camp 2001,

The action started straight away, for after lunch we began our first rehearsals. For this first session we all practiced together for the big 'Concert Band' and learnt some new songs such as Clowning Around, Rumba and The Man from Snowy River. After a long and tiring rehearsal we had free time. We could go on the trampoline, in the swimming pool, go see the animals, prepare for our talent night act or just muck around with our friends. It was time for more rehearsals after dinner. This time though, we had people rehearsing different items in smaller groups as well as the concert band. The night's entertainment was a video to watch, or playing in the games room (opted for by most). Then it was time to go to bed and lights out, but I'm sure that no one got to sleep straight away because of all the lollies they had eaten.

Straight after breakfast on Saturday we had a rehearsal for around an hour. Already you could definitely hear a difference in the quality of the music produced. After a short break it was time for lunch and another rehearsal. Free time was spent preparing for the big talent night that evening with music and lines being able to be heard all over the camp. Dinner was a delicious roast, which I am sure everyone enjoyed. We had another rehearsal after dinner and then we needed to get ready for the talent night. There were lots of different acts, including plays, instrumental performances and drag queens. Everybody who participated won a prize. The overall winner was a group acting out a scene for a music lesson where there was one person sitting behind another who blew an instrument while the other pressed the keys.

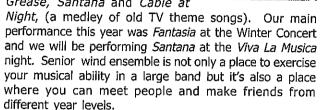
The following day we had our camp 'concert' where all our songs were recorded. Sadly we had to make it a short concert because the buses had come earlier than we had expected and we had to leave. We got our photos taken and we piled into the buses. We arrived back at Mentone about an hour and a half later and were greeted by our families. Overall it was a great camp and I'm sure that our music improved heaps! Many thanks to the teachers who made it all possible.

Jennifer Mapleston 8G

### Senior Wind Ensemble

The senior wind ensemble is one the school's more experienced and bigger bands. Conducted by Mr Silver it comprises many senior students with some middle

school students. The songs we work on are mainly medleys and this year these medleys have been Grease, Santana and Cable at



Despina Ganella 10G



The middle school jazz band comprises students in year 10 and some new students from year 8. We have been rehearsing for about a year and a half. We have played at School Concerts, St Mark's Day Care Centre, Parents and Friends' AGM, Open Night, Southland and we will be performing at the Latin Night and the R Malcolm Art Show in November.

Joanna Laurent 10B

### Senior Stage Band

Stage Band, which is composed of experienced students from all year levels. has rehearsed and

perfected many great pieces and played at many venues. Most members attended music camp and we performed at the Music Camp concert. We have also performed at the Winter Concert and Mentone RSL, as well as at school assemblies. Our performances have been really successful and we look forward to future performances at Viva La Musica and Presentation Night.

Emily Beeston 10F

### The Rock Band

The members of the band are: Emma Coats (bass), Susan Cadman (guitar), Rachel Wood (singer and guitar) and Liz Whitfield, Tiffanie Gee (vocals) and Amy Middleton (keyboard). Our first performance



was at the Winter Concert. On August 28th we played with four other school bands at Mentone RSL. Family and friends came to support us. We had a great night and find performing a thrill. We wish to recommend anyone interested in music to get involved in bands because it's so much fun. Thank you Ms Fakitopoulos for your help and guidance.

Rachel Wood 10E and Susan Cadman 10F

### Music, Music, Music

Tt's been a very busy musical year for students and their f L music teachers, with many outstanding events. All our major ensembles rehearse on a weekly basis. Congratulations to students and their teachers, who spend countless hours rehearsing in school ensembles. Instrumental and vocal students are obliged to perform in one of M.G.S.C. music ensembles, however many students play in two, three, four or more groups. The list of music events is absolutely amazing!

Sue Cook Music Performance Co-ordinator

Music Events Music Camp Music Camp Concert Parents and friends A.G.M. Past Students Association International Women's Day Dinner House Chorals Trombone Workshop Two St. Marks Day Care Centre Performances Winter Concert Melbourne School Bands Festival Performance Two Year 7 band concerts Three VCE Concerts Singfest Southern Metropolitan Region 2001 Joining the Chorus Spectacular 'Shine' Special Assembly Performances General Assembly Performances Mentone R.S.L. Gig Viva La Musica Vocal Evening 'The very special kids piggy band appeal' performance at Mentone R.S.L.

Bairnsdale S.C Music Exchange A.M.E.B Music Exams Presentation Evening

R. Malcolm Award Art Show performances Education Week at Southland - lunchtime performances every day

Hollingworth Foundation Dinner Open Evening Performances Middle School Performances Year Level Assemblies Performances

Cleopatra's Bazaar - a year 7 integrated school festival



St Mark's: Jazz Band performance



House Chorals 2001





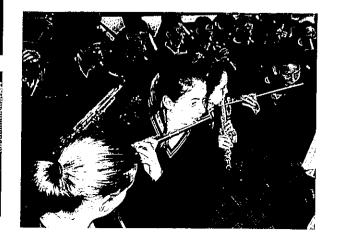
n Wednesday 27th of June, the Nina Carr Hall Ocontained the Year 8 Band, Flute Ensemble, Senior Winds, Rock Band, Horn Ensemble, Year 8 Blues Bands, Funk Band and Concert Band. As well there were the Middle School Jazz Band, Clarinet Ensemble, String Ensemble, Senior Jazz Ensemble, Madrigal and the Senior Stage band! All managed to enchant the large audience that attended with their performances at the 2001 Winter Concert.

The night began with a welcoming speech by our college principal, Ms Deborah Lehner. Meanwhile, backstage all the teachers were trying to get the performers warmed up and in order so the show could begin! Great tunes were played throughout the night such as Sandy Bay March, Roadhouse Blues, The Snake Charmer, Atlantis and Livin La Vida Loca. Also many wellknown favourites were played such as Tequila, Rock Around the Clock, Fantasia and the Mickey Mouse March. The Flute Ensemble performed Mozart's Eine Kleine Nacht Musik. Emma Avery performed a moving vocal solo, Cry me a River. The original Funk Band performed their original composition; Say You'll Be Mine. Madrigal sang I Sing of a Maiden and And So it Goes. These are just a few of the many pieces that were performed

The night closed with some Thank-you speeches and a late night supper for the families and quests. Members of the audience were in complete agreement: all the performances were excellent and well rehearsed.

Many thanks to Mr Henry Silver, Ms Sue Cook and the rest of the music staff for putting up with all their music students. Many other people helped to make the night such a success, including staff and parents who helped out with front of house duties, supper and student supervision. The backstage crew and the sound and lighting crews were wonderful, as was Cara Bradley who did a great job as compere. Thanks are due also to Mrs Marilyn Simmons, an ex staff member of Mentone Girls' Secondary College for making extra music yests for all the performers.

All we can do now is wait for the next concert! **Emily Laidlaw** 





Music Music

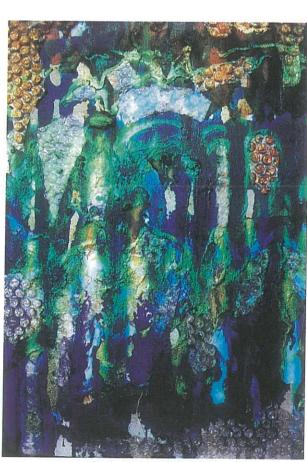




Amanda Saddington, Year 12 Art



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Sarah Fennesy Year 12 Art



Cara Johnson Year 11 Studio Art



Kate Freyer Year 12 Studio Art



Rebecca Warren Year 12 Art

VCE ART 2001



Rebecca Warren Year 12 Art



Kathlyn Nyitray Year 12 Art



Astrid Reeder Year 12 Art

to be the

most

annoying neighbour possible

Mentone Girls' Secondary College started the nine-day adventure along the Great

We travelled 650km on our bikes over gullies, mountains and alongside the beautiful beaches of Victoria. Each night was spent in a different costal town. Usually

we were placed on an oval with 2000 or so other happy campers.

On arrival each afternoon, we located our bags, set up tents and socialised with other schools such as Flinders Christian Community College who we trained with. Rides ranged from 40km-100km per day. Our hardest challenge was climbing Lavers Hill. It was 33 degrees and a long way up!

However the Great Vic. Bike Ride wasn't just about riding. Every night there were special events such as movies, discos and talent quests. These were a way of relaxing and relieving the physical strain. Having students from years 8-12 provided a great opportunity for girls across year levels to bond and make friends.

Training days were held prior to the ride. We usually rode to St Kilda however we did take on the challenge of Divers Hill. We also trained with Flinders College.

n the 25th of December, students from The training was very beneficial and paid off when on the

Throughout the trip there were many humorous moments such as:

- The constant competition to get in the shortest dinner que and come out with the biggest plate of food.
- When Jenni Melvin managed to collide her bike with another rider in a huge pack. She then rode another 50m and crashed again.
- When Emily Sarkies wore her bike shorts backwards the whole way to the first rest stop without realising.

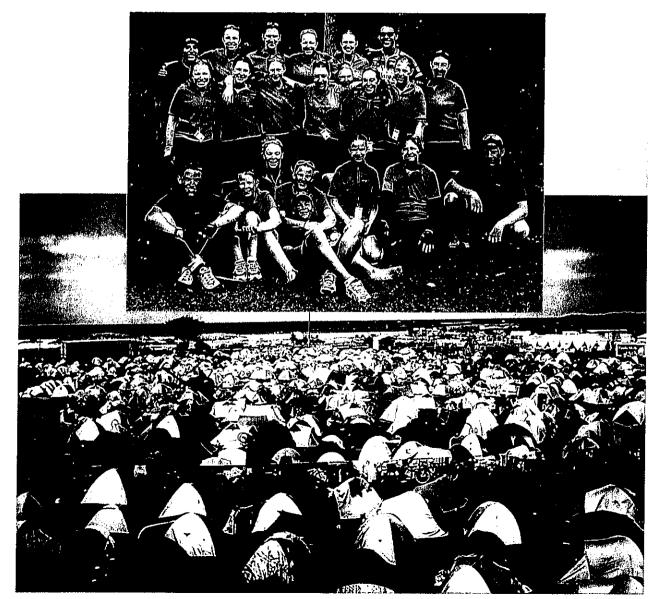
The Great Vic Bike ride provided us with many laughs

Special congratulations to the youngest member of our crew - Catherine Zoppolato who managed the whole way without walking!

On behalf of the MGSC Great Vic team, we would like to thank Mrs Morris for providing us with constant encouragement and laughter.

Secondly, a HUGE thankyou for Ms Earls' contribution to the Great Vic Bike Ride for previous years. She has organised, ridden, supervised and provided many girls with ten days of absolute fun through out the years; Thank you.

Chloe Gunn Year 12



Any resemblance to events past or present is not purely a

hen God said, "love thy neighbour as you love yourself" I don't think that He had ever experienced living next-door to someone who was constantly irritating you. For people who have, you know that it is not always possible to love thy neighbour and in reality, our neighbours very rarely love us in return. So for those of you who are living next to perhaps the worst neighbour in the world, here are some tips on how you can become the most annoying neighbour possible.

One of your most effective tools to becoming the most annoying neighbour possible is your garden. You don't require a very big or established garden, as long as there is some lawn and a few bushes. The first step to using your garden to advantage is to make sure that the grass is never allowed to grow more than about 3mm long. In order to keep it at this very short length, you will need to cut it at least 3 times a week. The ideal time to cut your grass is when your neighbour is most likely to be at home and most likely to want some peace and quiet, for example 7am on Sunday morning. If in your garden, you have any shrubbery that just happens to be screening your view of your neighbour's property, then, by all means, cut it down! This way, you have a perfect view in your neighbour's window, and your neighbour has a perfect view of your ugly house. Alternatively, if you are the more environmentally friendly type, be sure to plant a large deciduous tree right on the fence line. It is also a good idea to water plants constantly during the summer months. Make sure to place the hose close enough to the neighbour's fence so that their drying washing is squirted with every revolution of the sprinkler.

The next step to becoming the worst neighbour possible is through the use of the family car as well as other vehicles and machinery. To be able to become the most annoying neighbour possible, you will have to invest in a chainsaw, even if you don't have anything to cut, in fact, this works to your advantage. Because you are not actually using your chainsaw, it is important that it stays in working order. All that is required to do this is to take out your chainsaw once a week and give it a few good revs, and keep it up for say an hour. This method of annoyance works just as well if not better, with that motorbike you just happen to keep in the garage, but never ride. Take it out a few nights a week and rev the engine for at least 2 hours to make certain it still works. Cars can also be extremely useful. even when stationary. The best way to use your car in this way is to park it across your neighbour's driveway so that when they return from the shopping they can't get their car in the carport, and are forced to call the police. As soon as they have done this, come out, and say that you had only popped inside to get something. Drive off so that when the police arrive, your neighbour is standing there looking stupid.

You can even get your relatives to join in the fun of annoying the neighbours. Make sure that they stay over until it gets really late, and all the lights are turned off inside your neighbour's house. Then, as they are walking to their car, stop and have that last loud conversation right outside the window of your neighbour's front bedroom. Then when your relatives finally do get in their car, make sure that all the doors plus the boot are all working

by shutting them as loudly as possible and then double check by repeating the process. Make sure that they honk the horn as they drive off to complete the effect.

Apart from the methods of annoyance already listed there are many things you can do just around their home. One of the most annoying things is to do extensive renovations to your house. These renovations should be so extensive as to go on for at least 12 months. This will become increasingly more annoying as it becomes apparent that you are painting the house for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 2 months, or the windows have changed shape for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time that week.

To take advantage of all aspects of this renovation, you can build a balcony that extends along the entire length of the 2<sup>nd</sup> story so that you can see into your

neighbour's house and garden for your viewing pleasures. Another way to get the most out of this situation is to do the renovations yourself with a few of your mates from the pub. This way you don't have to pay someone from 9-5, Monday to Friday. You can renovate from 7am till 9pm every day of the week! From

personal experience I can recommend sanding floors with an industrial sized sander at 11pm, sawing metal guttering at 7am or using a nail gun to put on metal sheeting at any time of the day.

> Entertaining can be another perfect opportunity to annov the neighbours. The most effective way to do this is to have a party. Hold a party, make sure that everyone gets drunk, and then bring out the karaoke machine. When everybody has had a turn singing at the top of his or her drunken lungs come back to some more traditional, tribal style

music. This way it doesn't matter if you can't understand what people are singing, they can always tap the beat with beer cans on the concrete or play on a set of bongo drums. Then when your neighbours are finally forced to call the police start abusing them over the fence for wrecking your party. This is a good way to make sure your neighbours really hate you.

Another way to become a successful neighbour annoyer is to lull your neighbours into a false sense of security and then do something they wouldn't expect. One thing that everyone expects is that when they put their green bins out on rubbish night is that they will still be there in the morning. You can ensure annoyance by stealing their bin just after its been emptied. This forces your neighbour to ring up the council to say that they have lost their rubbish bin the same way they would ring up to say they have lost their cat. The next week when they are now able to put out their new bin it again disappears. At the end of several months you should have quite a collection.

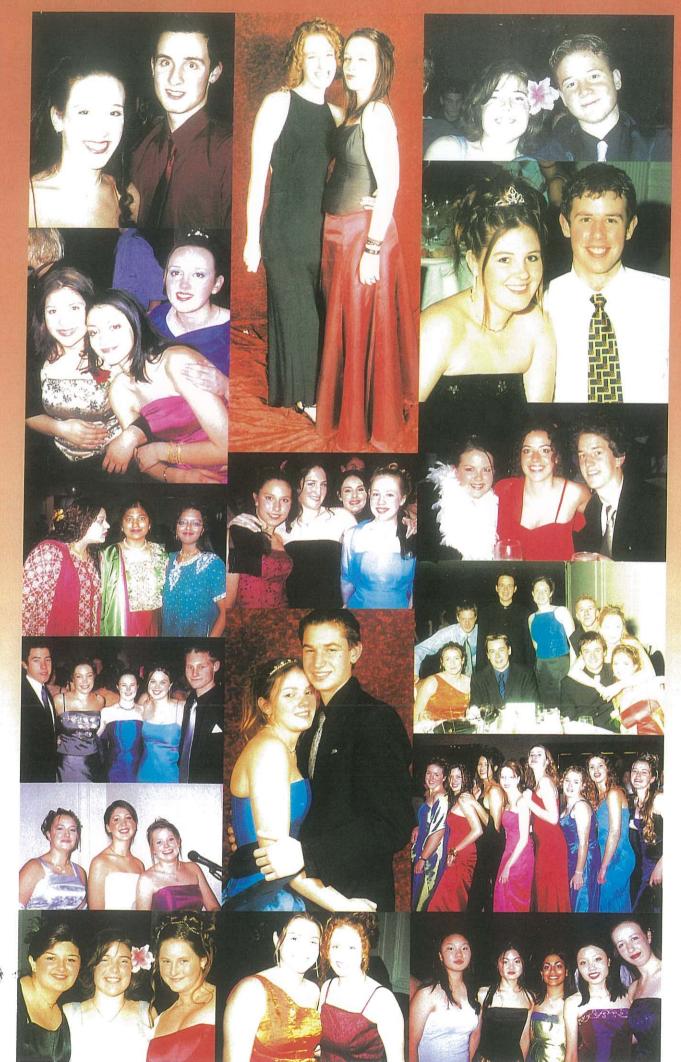
You now have a complete guide to becoming the most annoying neighbour possible. This will enable you to have fun with even the most boring of neighbours. Right now you are probably thinking that no one would be cunning, scheming or even stupid enough to do all these things but you must always remember: to become the most annoying neighbour possible you must be creative, inventive and above

> all, persistent. Shana Nerenberg 10D











Along with a lot of excitement and stress the much anticipated evening finally arrived. On arriving at the Brighton International, the guests left their luxurious limousines, stood on the marble white steps and posed for the cameras like models. The couples then had the luxury of having the door opened for them prior to strict security measures. We all headed for our tables to begin the prestigious, fun-filled evening.

"The Oscars" was the theme and would not have been complete if it weren't for the awards, best dressed (teacher and student), best couple, Year 11 Prince and Princess, best cleavage and Year 12 King and Queen merely added to the excitement of the night.

We enjoyed an exquisite three-course meal and watched our favourite teachers enjoy their wine before dancing the night away. It wasn't long before the dance floor was jam-packed and cameras were flashing nonstop! For the most part the males' dancing left something to be desired and mercifully the DJ didn't play anything as disastrous as Hanson.

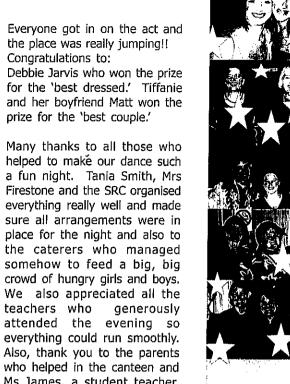
Sadly, as the clock struck midnight, it was time for all us gorgeous cinderellas' and handsome princes' to leave, all in all it was a great night and the photos and memories will stay with us forever. Thank-you to the VCE committee and Mrs Solomon for their time and dedication in organising this wonderful evening and also to the teachers who gave up their time to party...(and supervise) us.

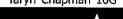
Hanna Hosking, Brooke Hebard and Rebecca Warren Year 12



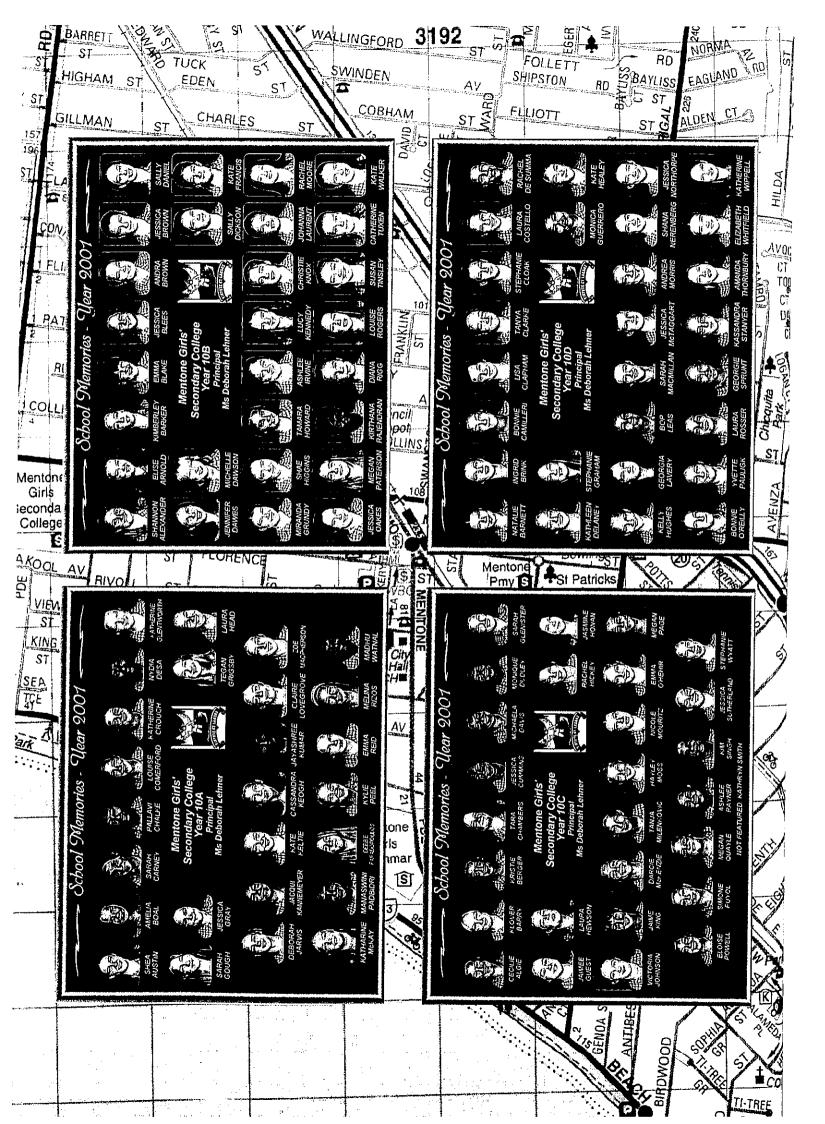












the place was really jumping!! Congratulations to:

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2001 was a great

success. The theme

was 'Starry Nightz' and

the hall glittered with

silver stars. Many gorgeous girls

from year ten attended and brought along some funky looking

dates!! The atmosphere was magical and amazing. Teachers

joined in the dancing as well,

especially Ms Hazel, Ms Stewart,

Mrs Christopoulos and Mrs Liakos.

Mrs Christopoulos and Mrs Liakos

gave us a sensational

demonstration of Greek dancing.

Some of the guys who attended

joined in with the teachers, and

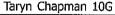
gave us all a great display of break dancing. The music varied, from

a little of the classic, 'Grease' to

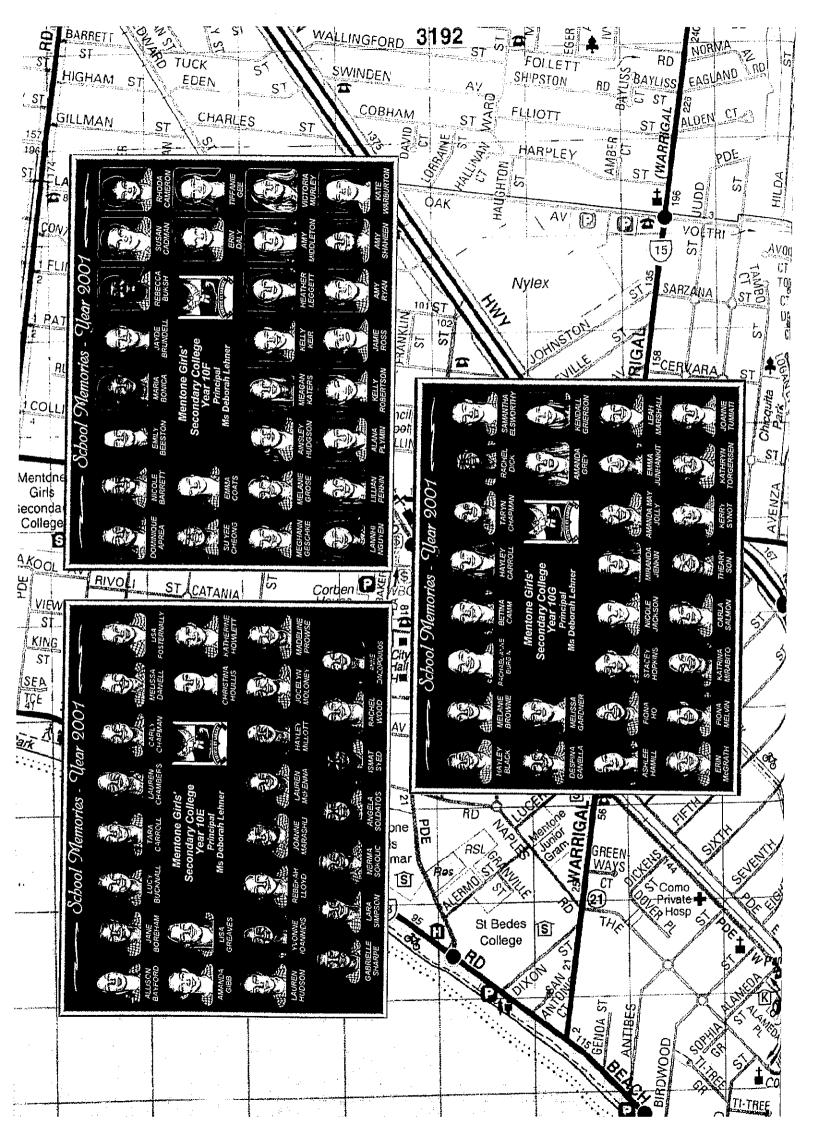
the 'Nut Bush' and the 'Bus Stop.'

Between all the dancing and

Many thanks to all those who helped to make our dance such a fun night. Tania Smith, Mrs Firestone and the SRC organised everything really well and made sure all arrangements were in place for the night and also to the caterers who managed somehow to feed a big, big crowd of hungry girls and boys. We also appreciated all the teachers who generously attended the evening so everything could run smoothly.







### The Merchant of Venice Shakespeare: Act III, ii, 11 249-270

Bassanio

O sweet Portia

Here are a few of the unpleasant'st words That ever blotted paper. Gentle ladv. When I did first impart my love to you, I freely told you all the wealth I had Ran in my veins - I was a gentleman -And then I told you true; and yet, dear ladv. Rating myself at nothing, you shall see How much I was a braggart. When I told you My state was nothing, I should then have told you That I was worse than nothing; for, indeed, I have engag'd myself to a dear friend, Engag'd my friend to his mere enemy, To feed my means. Here is a letter, lady; The paper as the body of my friend. And every word in it a gaping wound, Issuing life-blood. But is it true, Salerio? Hath all his ventures fail'd? What, not one hit? From Tripoli, from Mexico, and England, From Lisbon, Barbary, and India? And not one vessel 'scape the dreadful touch Of merchant-marring rocks?

### Revised Version by Natalie Barnett 10D

Bassanio O Portia Here are a few of the worst words That have ever been sent by e-mail. Honey When I first asked you out, I told you that I was unemployed And broke - but I was a decent guy -And I wasn't lying; and vet, sweetie. Telling you I was bankrupt, I quess I was bragging. When I told you I owned no shares, I should have told you That not only was my portfolio empty, but I've borrowed cash from my best mate, I asked him to take a loan from a rival company. To help me out. Here is an e-mail, baby; The format is like the body of my friend. And every double spacing in it like an open wound, Bleeding to death. But are you serious, Salerio? Have all his investments failed? Not one profit? From Microsoft, from HIH, and Telstra. From Qantas, BHP, and Rio Tinto? And not one share portfolio escaped the fall Of the Australian dollar?

At the beginning of the week I would have done anything to get out of Work Experience! This was not something I was looking forward to! However, I overcame my fears and tried to be open minded. The staff at Brighton Beach Child Care Centre were kind and compassionate and treated me as an asset, rather than someone inferior. The children were adorable and quickly became as fond of me as I was of them. My week at Brighton Beach Child Care Centre is one I will always remember, especially as it was my first experience in a real work force and I'm glad it was a memorable one.

Sally Dickson 10B

Work Experience 2001 placements ranged from labs of all kinds, production centres, law firms, childcare centres and hairdressers, to vets, restaurants, supermarket management, swimming pools, kindergarten and primary schools, fashion centres, beauty therapists and much more.

Most students worked the proper "nine to five" business hours - and yes, we did get tired!

I know that most students returned from work experience reluctantly, saying that they wished they could be back at work! Others didn't enjoy their placements as much, and had decided that they needed to further explore their options.

Overall, Work Experience 2001 was positive and stimulating. I'm certain everyone picked up new skills, technological or social. Everyone felt grown up a little bit more for that week and it helped students make a more thoughtful decision about their possible futures. On behalf of all of us, I'd like to thank Mr Hamilton for making sure that everyone had a placement. I'd also like to thank all the teachers from Mentone Girls' Secondary College who gave up their valuable time to come and see how we were going. I'd also like to thank everyone's employers, without whom our Work Experience program wouldn't have been possible. Thank you to everyone who made this experience possible for us!

Amy Shaheen 10F

Moorabin Vet Hospital was my workplace. I got to stand in on all the operations - desexing, taking out tumours and getting embedded bark out of a tongue to name a few! Some things were fantastically disgusting but I managed for the week, cleaning cages, instruments, dogs - pretty much everything! But I had a good time - the staff were friendly, the animals were gorgeous and I learned more than I expected.

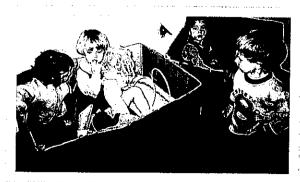
Rachel Wood, 10C

I went to "Waves Leisure Centre". It was heaps of fun and something I'd think about as a job for the future. All the staff and visitors there were really nice and helpful. Something I'll never forget.

Meagan Katers 10F

Dorevitch Pathology was where I worked and I loved every minute of it! I don't know if I'd consider it as a career in the future, but it taught me a lot about the workforce. A great learning experience."

Erin McGrath 10G



Sally Dickson's adorable clients at Brighton Beach Child Care Centre



### George Street

he streets throughout Central Sydney look very similar. While viewing them through a grotty car window they appear to have no sights or scenes that distinguish them, but if you were to abandon your vehicle and step out into the street, concentrate on what was going on, you would see a different scene.

We had deserted our rusty Ford Falcon at George Street and wandered up past the derelict second hand clothing shop - a prospect that attracted my sister enough to cause a halt in our journey. Upon her disappearance through the doors covered in beads that *might* have been fashionable in the late seventies, I was repelled by the smell of mothballs and mildew, and thus remained stationary outside the shop. I regretted this decision when I heard a familiar high-pitched sound from within. It was the ridiculous sound my superficial sister made when she spotted something - possibly an item of clothing - that she was drawn to. A second sound, similar to the first, caused me to realise I would be standing in the same spot for the best part of ten minutes.

I wasn't about to stand alone. My mind, lacking stimulation, wandered to issues I had pushed back into unconsciousness in order to avoid. I continued to avoid them, and instead of allowing myself to face them, I began looking around. The first thing that caught my attention was a boy in a wheelchair. He must have been at least fifteeen, but his impairment made him appear much younger. He was being pushed by a girl, probably only a couple of years his senior, through the crowds on the pavement. She seemed embarrassed to be there - her head hung low and her eyes darted from side to side. She was having no trouble getting



Photograph by Shae Higgins 10B Media



Photograph by Briony Cargill 9F Media

through the crowd, as the sea of people in their path parted like zebras at the sight of a lion. The boy's eyes were bloodshot; the colour of a wolf's eyes as it targets its prey, and his mouth was limp. A thread of drool connected his lip to his chin, which was covered in a blotchy rash. I heard a grunting noise as the boy shifted in his chair, and I saw the girl aiding him place a light hand on his shoulder, probably reassurance of his presence. I noticed that the boy's hands were slightly mangled and paralysed in a claw like position.

I chose to shift my gaze. The sea of people that had parted at the sight of the boy had remained divided a few seconds before recollecting - joined by mutters of pity and confusion. I saw a girl, probably four or five, turn to her mother with a curious expression. Parents touched their children as if making sure they had not been infected with the impairment they had just seen. Couples exchanged worried looks - possibly apprehensive of the health of their future children. Teenagers were given a topic of discussion, and began regurgitating tales of mental illness - some of which I was sure were embellished.

It had affected me, too. I began thinking of a life other than mine - something I don't consider very often. It was hard to believe that there was anything other than what I knew. I was aware of the hardships of a life such as that of the boy I had just seen, but I was far from familiar with them. The look of excitement on my sister's face interrupted my thoughts. She was glowing, an image that matched well with the brightly coloured top she had just purchased. It retained the same scent of a life once lived that I had smelled when we first approached the shop. She was happy - I suppose something that gave her such a positive outlook couldn't be as superficial as I had thought, and we continued up the street side by side. I appreciated her company more than ever before.

Amy Middleton 10F

here we were - twenty three students, three teachers and one mum, all travelling on a luxurious. air-conditioned bus prepared for a four day camp at the Grampians National Park Camping Grounds, We had four star accommodation, and three course meals every evening. We needed only to click our fingers for anything we wanted and we didn't have to do anything! Every morning we slept in until whatever time we liked and then we had pastries and fruit for breakfast. We all chatted about how comfortable our beds were the night before, how snuggled up and warm we were. It was luxury.

Sounds good? Well, if only our camp had really been like that! It was the total opposite. I'm not saying we didn't enjoy it, because we did, but by the end of the trip we were longing for civilisation.



I really enjoyed our camp because it was nothing like normal life. We experienced something new and different. We were also responsible for looking after ourselves.

We had to put up and pack up our own tents. using trial and error. Every night we cooked our own dinner and cleaned our dishes. That was a big task for my tent partner and me. because we had never cooked our dinner without an oven or microwave. All we had was a stove.



Showers didn't exist, so we went without for four days. We have to admit that we got used to it and it didn't bother us. But we were really looking forward to one when we got home. The toilet wasn't flushable - it was just a toilet seat on a box perched over a deep hole.

Each day there was something planned for us. On the second day we had to do a fourteen km hike, starting at Hall's Gap, up to The Pinnacle. then finishing at Lake Bellfield. It was a really big task, but the views were worth it. I thought that nobody was going to like it, but instead we all enjoyed it and were really glad we had done it. We only had two injuries which was pretty good considering how steep and rocky the walk was.

On the third day, we went rock climbing and abseiling. It was amazing how much people achieved. People had beaten their fears and had done the impossible. We had people abseiling forwards and people climbing up to the top of really high cliffs. It was fantastic.

Overall the camp was a great experience and I enjoyed it heaps. Thank you to the teachers and Jenny McKenzie for taking us.

Lauren Hudson 10E

On March 31st this year, six students from year 10 left in the morning to go to R.Y.P.E.N., a leadership camp sponsored by Rotary and held in Mount Evelyn. The six students were Rachel De Summa, Su Yee Cheong, Kassy Kier, Erin McGrath, Jessica Oakes and myself (Amy Shaheen).

Schools from all over attended the camp and everyone met at Silvan Dam. As soon as everyone arrived, we were given our name tags and put into groups. We were all split up which was good as we were given the chance to meet new people, and yes, that did include members of the opposite sex! We all walked from Silvan to the camp and as soon as we arrived we were told about our cabins and the rules, etc. and we gathered up our luggage and headed off to meet people in our cabins and also met our leaders who were people who attended the camp last year. Over the three days of the camp we did a series of fun and interesting things. We did play a few games which would help us to get to know each other, but we also had a skit and theatre night on the first night. Every group had to prepare an act and perform it that night. All the acts were just great and put everyone in a great mood. Following the acts we all had fun with a few theatre games. It was only the first night and everyone was having a blast!

The next day we had a few activities and they even hired a jumping castle which was heaps of fun. We also had two lectures. One on organ donation and the other on youth suicide. We also had time by ourselves. The boys were split from the girls and we had a big personal group discussion. We all got to know ourselves a little better that night, and we had the karaoke / disco night which was full of music and heaps of fun - especially Su Yee and Erin's version of "Shalalalala".

The next day went by quickly. We'd all made so many friends and in only one and Mrs Page for mentioning it to weekend had become very close. We were all given diaries by the people holding the camp and we all traded numbers and addresses and still keep in touch which is great.

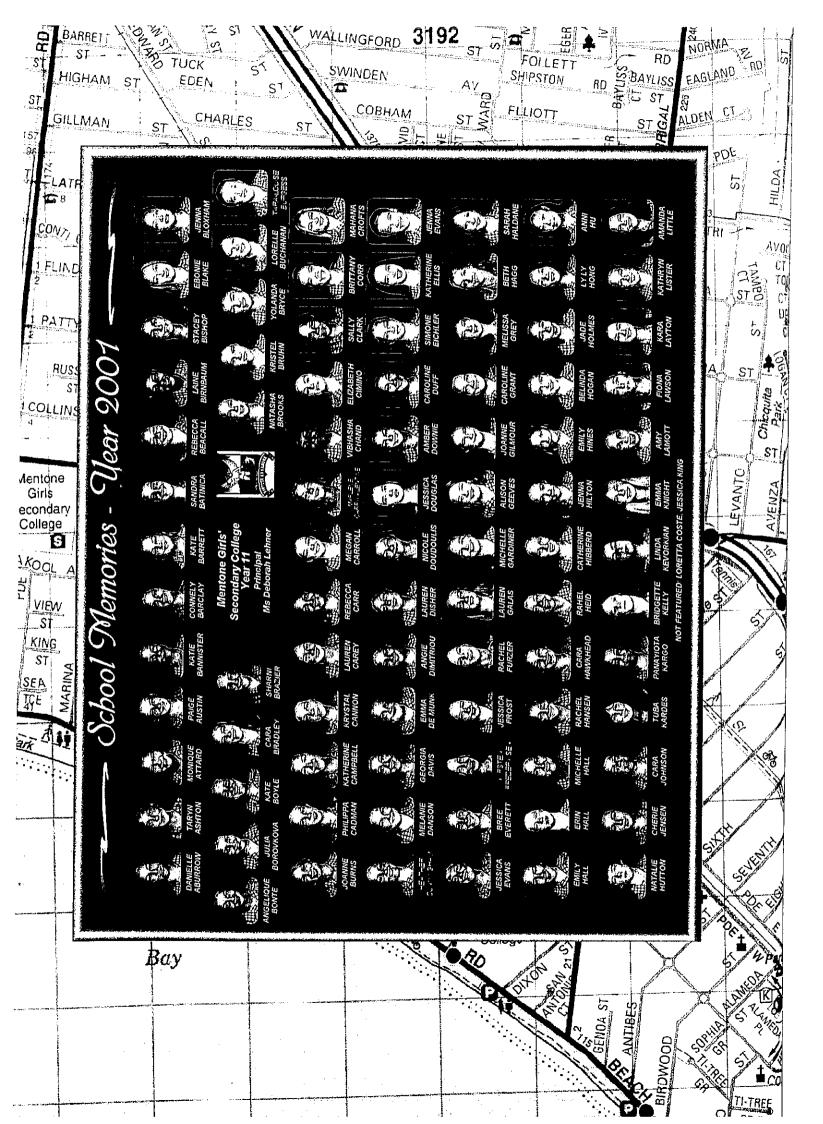


Overall, the camp was just wonderful and I'm sure we all had the most fabulous time. I would recommend the camp to anyone who is given the chance to go and thank you to everyone who contributed to helping us go and a special thanks to Mrs Firestone us. Thank you all very much!

Amy Shaheen 10F









First we were afraid,
We were petrified,
But as soon as we put
on our costumes
We all felt alive.

We started the year off as four individual groups of friends and came together as one to perform the romantic comedy "As you like it". Written by William Shakespeare, the four-night

performance was a great success, with a guest role from Natalie Cheetham of Year 12. Even though Mr Perks was a little apprehensive about letting us loose on the stage (without scripts!!) we do believe we made him very proud. Slight hiccups were of course expected, including Katie falling off the stage flat on her face, Georgia's dress ripping in two, Jess forgetting to turn the lights off and Kristen making the class sing one too many times. After many school and weekend rehearsals we felt we had truly mastered the art of Shakespeare. Thank-you to everyone who helped out with the process of the production and also the expertise of the great man Mr Perks

We Survived. Hey Hey.

Kristen Royce and Katie Campbell Year 11 Theatre





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The French visitors with the Year 11 French class

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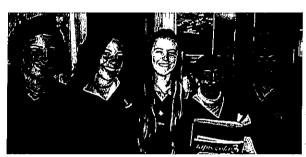
The school had an extraordinary visit in August this year from a teacher of English, Rebecca Wilson and her daughter, Aurélia. Both live in France, in Bourgogne, a region famous for wine. Their mission was to investigate the possibility of e-mail exchanges between the students in their schools and our students. Rebecca and Aurélia worked with our girls to help them prepare the text of their e-mails. Let's hope that the exchange proves fruitful for all involved. Go! Go! Go! Allez! Allez! Allez!

Exchange student Rahel Heid speaks in three languages:

My name is Rahel Heid. I am 18 years old and I come from Switzerland. I've been in Australia for 6 months and I'm enjoying myself a lot: the Australian and Swiss cultures are very different. I will go back in December and I'm looking forward to seeing my friends and family again and to finishing school. I know I will return here.

Min name isch Rahel, ich bin 18-ni und ich chume vo de Schwiiz. Ich bin i Auschtraliä sit 6 Mönät und ich gahn im Dezember zrugg. Ich gnüsses mega da. (Swiss dialect) La culture australienne est très différente de

celle de la Suisse. Je me réjouis de retourner en Suisse, de revoir mes amis, ma famille et surtout de finir l'école. Mais je sais qu'un jour je reviendrai.



Aurelia Wilson, Rahel Heid, Cara Bradley, Vibasha Chand, Lenise Prater

Rahel studies French with Year 11 although she is really a Year 12 student. She also works with the German students to give them practise in German. It's been wonderful to have her with us.

ur excitement was almost at bursting point. Nervousness began to creep through me, making me shake as it travelled from my kneecaps to my nose and back down again. I hopped from one foot to the other, adrenaline and excitement pumping through my veins at twice the speed of my blood. The holding bay was dark but if energy and excitement had colours to look now would certainly be blinding.

The occasional flash of the lights on the stage lit up the faces of everyone around me. I looked around and I could tell everyone was as jittery as me. I felt someone grip my arm and I spun around to see the face of a friend, covered with the paint most people call stage make-up. Happiness lit up a spark in her eyes as we were hit by another splash of colour. As I watched the face of my friends either new, or old, it was clear to me that what we were about to do was extremely special.

Once more I ran through the steps that I had to take. In my mind I envisioned myself moving across the stage, pausing at this point winking at that. I moved again closer to the wall needing something to help me brace myself to fight the on coming shivers. Following the leads of others I began to stretch, finding that I had already warmed up and stretched and finding that I was as flexible as I ever was going to be. I resorted to deep breathing to calm my nerves. In and out nice and deep. Just how we were all taught. The deep breaths only worked for so long. And then back came the butterflies, buzzing around trapped inside my stomach, the twitching returned.

I turned round to my friend for support, only to be confronted by an unfamiliar face, half white, half pink with big black eyes, and an even bigger look of excitement on her face. Without speaking she pointed over my shoulder in the direction of the stage. I looked and saw that we had begun. To move from the holding bay out to where the audience could see us. Quickly I carried out a mental check of where I had to be both before and

after my dance, straighten my skirt, plumped out my shell, and checked that everything was sitting right, then I made my way out and onto the stage.

Whispering those last minute instructions and good-lucks I glanced out over the audience searching and dreading to find a familiar face. I settled myself and tried in vain to stop moving. I discovered that the girl next to me also had the same problem, our hands both twitching, our bodies constantly shivering and shaking. She grabbed my hand and I squeezed it tight, sharing a silent good-luck. We looked out onto the stage as the curtain was raised to reveal the wonderland we as a team had worked so hard to create. As we watched, the Rock Eisteddfod dream came to life. Boogie Wonderland, 2001.

Rachel Tidy, 11G





### Makina Waves 2001

### Senior Netball - State Netball Title Holders

Front: Alysia Gadsby, Zoe Miller (Teacher), Pia McGéoch Back: Emma Aprea, Jess Macaulay, Bree Everett, Rachel Furzer, Courtney Mason, Megan Voss

For the second year in a row, the Senior Netball team won the state netball title - making them the premier government school netball team in Victoria.



Senior Volleyball

The team began the first round of the Victorian Secondary Schools' Competition in May and played their way through four rounds and thirteen games without dropping a match! They put away Bendigo Secondary College in the grand final for 30 goals to 15.

The team's dedication and commitment, as well as strong team values, made it an unbeatable side. All the best for 2002 - perhaps it could be a hat-trick!!





Back row: Lisa O'Connell, Lauren Cooper, Phillipa Edwards, Rina Aramian, Jessica Evans, Front: Bonnie Fogarty, Jenny Melvin, Jenny Torgersen and Bronwyn Ault-Connell.

The senior basketball team again this year showed the rest of the competitors our impressive basketball skills. The senior basketball team won the Beachside Zone comfortably remaining undefeated at local level. The girls defeated Coomoora Secondary to make the Southern Zone final where they played three matches with one win, one loss and one draw. They missed the state final by 0.07%. The girls hope to compete in an all school carnival in early December 2001. A big thankyou goes out the expert coaching skills of Ms Gillett and all the girls who represented the college with distinction. Tiffany Pritchard



Emily Wadham, Megan Frazer, Tania Smith, Jacinta Peirce, Brie Zienkiewitz, Chloe Gunn, Jacqueline Panozzo, Jessica Ferguson, Joanne Higgins and Alysia

The Senior Volleyball team competed at Monash University in February this year. They played against 7 other local schools, and completed the rounds with 6 wins and only 1 loss. Unfortunately only one team was able to go through to the next level, so they just missed out on qualifying. A big thanks goes to Mr Santos for coaching the teams and helping them have such a great time.

Heather Cunningham

### Senior Badminton



The senior badminton team were very successful when competing in the Beachside level competitions. Jenna Evans, Emma Knight, Danushe Nainanayake, Sokim Lay and Su Fen Cheong came first at the Beachside level, but when trying to qualify for the Southern Zone finals, were pushed out of the competition by Carwatha. They were so close, getting all the way to the preliminary finals, but unfortunately narrowly missed out.

Well done girls!

Heather Cunningham

### 2000 Soccer Champions



Standing, left to right: Phillipa Edwards , Meghan Graham, Megan Fraser, Bonnie Fogarty, Lisa O'Connell, Lashma Chand, Ashlee Cant, Joanna Russ, Pauline Czarnecki, Kate Campbell.

Front, sitting: Mahana Crofts, Penny Kargo, Kim Warren, Alice Harvey, Jenny Melvin, Brooke Walker, Amy Hickman, Catherine Hibberd.

The year 2000 Champions were pipped at the post at the Southern Zone Round Robin, as we narrowly lost in a penalty shoot out to Hallam Secondary College. After a frustrating first game against Hallam - in which we had countless shots on goal - only converting once, we were forced to concede a 1 -1 draw. Coming out firing in game 2, we produced a solid 9-0 win over Maffra. Yet another win against Langwarrin Secondary College put us in good stead to advance, however the points tally was tied. A penalty shoot out wa to determine our fate. Going goal for goal, sudden death was inevitable. Unfortunately we suffered a heart-breaking loss and travelled the two and a half hours home, bitterly disappointed. Nonetheless, every member of the team needs congratulating - they played passionately and gave it everything. Well done girls, we did our best!!

Joanna Russ

### Senior Cross Country



The senior team consisted of Michelle Dawson, Amy Hickman, Kate Boyle, Belinda Hogan, Gabrielle Sharpe and Jamie Ross.

Our cross country team was once again a great success. Our senior team ended the day coming in third in the state for all team events. At the beachside competitions, they were ranked 1st as they were at the Southern Zone levels. The girls have done particularly well to go this far Belinda Hogan performed particularly well, coming 1st in the school cross country individual event, Beachside, Southern Zone, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State finals. She placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the All School Final, and I travelling to Hobart in September this year to compete in the National Finals.

Well done to all the girls for their top performances! Heather Cunningham

### Senior Footy



Back row (L-R): Amy Middleton, Amy Ryan, Melanie Grose, Laura Head, Emma Knight, Susan Cadman, Joni Carnegi, Amanda Little Standing: Michaela Davis, Lauren Cooper, Rachel Byrne, Erin Daly, Bonnie Fogarty, Emily Ryan, Stephanie Brownsea, Jess Ferguson, Emma Coats Front row: Ashlee Petersen, Marlene Car, Sally Clarke, Katie Campbell, Megan Geschke Lying in front: Emma Aprea (Captain)

Mentone won the beachside pennant on International Women's Day defeating local colleges Parkdale, Cheltenham and Brighton. We progressed to the final against McKinnon. In two 15-minute halves the scores were Mentone 10.6.64 to McKinnon 0.0.0. We then played the winner of the Dandenong Zone. Wellington S.C defeated Mentone. The final score being 17.18.120 to 1.0.6. Then in the southern zone final we lost to Berwick by 5 points. Even though the girls were defeated they had a fun day and played the game in the right spirit. A special mention must go to the captain Emma Aprea (Yr12) who has made an outstanding contribution to school sport and footy over her six years in the college.

### 2001 Soccer Champians



Jo Russ, Amy Hickman, Megan Fraser, Bonnie Fogarty, Meghan Graham, Lisa O'Connell, Pauline Czarneeki, Alice Harreg, Kim Warren, Emily Sarkies, Jenny Melvin, Ashlee Cant, Laxshma Chand, Brooke Walker and

Mentone Girls again triumphed in the senior soccer division. The team had many great wins, which led them on to the finals. They defeated Cleeland (the score being 9-0) to make the Southern Zone finals. The finals were held in Traralgon, which meant an early morning departure from the school at 7:00am. The girls were weary-eyed but ready to play! Mentone had two wins. 1 draw and 1 loss to Hallam in a penalty shoot out. A big thankyou to all the girls who played and especially to the coach, Mr Santos. Well done girls!

Tiffany Pritchard





fter 18 years of teaching at Mentone Girls' Secondary College, Mr Jon McMillan is retiring gracefully. He is embarking on brighter, more exciting surroundings and situations other than the school ground. Without the hustle and bustle of the usual school routine, seeing the sights of London, walking along the beach, listening to Bach and Mozart and lots of red wine is on the cards for this English teacher, as well as the occasional luncheon with Mr Barnes, where debates over the Australian Government are ferociously argued and the odd game of golf is participated in. Yet despite moving onto greener pastures he doesn't have one bad thing to say about Mentone or his teaching career as a whole.

Originally journalism was his passion and he was keen to move into the industry, yet he completed a Diploma Of Education as his "back-up" plan. He actually then moved into the teaching field and found that this was what he wanted to do and it gave him the chance to work in an area that coincided with his personal interests; History, Politics and English. He began his teaching career in the Western suburbs. These schools were known as the "tougher lot of the bunch". None the less he took on this with passion and enthusiasm. His next port of call was the countryside (since it was compulsory he really had no choice). Numerous stories are recalled of his days with the "country kids" missing the bus then him having to speed up behind it to catch it so they could get home! He remembers one day being attacked by a magpie and it drawing blood from his head, and for some particular reason the children thought this was hysterically funny. Nice to know the students cared for their teachers!

Finally in 1983 Mr McMillan found his place at Mentone Girls' Secondary College. At first he thought he was going to go insane with their old fashioned atmosphere, only a handful of male teachers and 400 giggling girls but soon settled in to find what an exceptional school it really was. As the months passed he noticed the huge difference between co-ed and single sex schooling. The girls were much more confident, they stood up for themselves and they were not afraid to voice their opinions. In 2001 apparently not much has changed. The teacher/student



relationship is better than ever, and it's good to see Mentone holds a strong belief that "education is more than just academic".

Mr McMillan plans to return to Mentone to do some emergency work and tutoring for students. He highly recommends teaching to anyone unsure whether it is the right path for them as it is practical, it has a secure future and is one of the most fulfilling and rewarding careers. On that final note Mr McMillan leaves us with some kind words about the school "It has been an absolute privilege to teach at Mentone Girls' Secondary College and if I had the chance to do it all again; I would".

Tiffany Payne 12F



Laura Horton Year 12

Its one of the hardest languages to learn and even though it was tough to understand for a couple of months and get my tongue around the

three extra letters of the alphabet -

ØÆ and Å. I have really enjoyed communicating in a different language.

I never really thought that I would have an opportunity as great as this and to have it happen is a dream come true. To travel at such a young age is a fantastic experience and one that I will remember and cherish for the rest of my life.

Erin Shaw



Denmark is a wonderful country in summer and winter. Despite being a small country there are many things to do and see. In the winter I experienced my first snowstorm and made a snowman with a carrot, hat and scarf, it was great! It was cold riding my bicycle to the station to get to school but the feeling is something I will never forget. The most famous attraction in Denmark is "The Little Mermaid" and with snow all around her face and the icy water, she is really beautiful.

anish pastries, cute guys, Carlsburg beer and

snow were the first things that came to mind

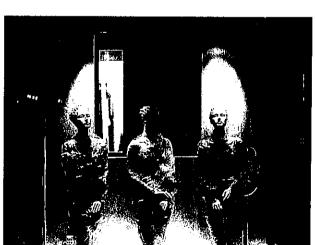
when I was told that I was going to be a

Rotary exchange student in Denmark.

Summer is totally different. "The people come out of their shells" as they come out of their houses and start seeing friends, attending festivals and going to parties. The summer holidays were three months for me and in that time I went on a European bus tour, travelling around 9 countries with 50 other exchange students. Seeing the Eiffel Tower as we drove into Paris was phenomenal!

I felt that I'd gone on exchange in the right year, as it was HOT, 30°C - something that hadn't happened for 10 years. To me this seemed really strange, as I had always thought that Denmark was cold all year round. I attended many music festivals, with mainly Danish bands, which I loved.

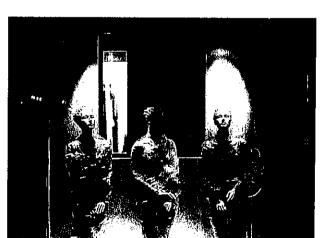




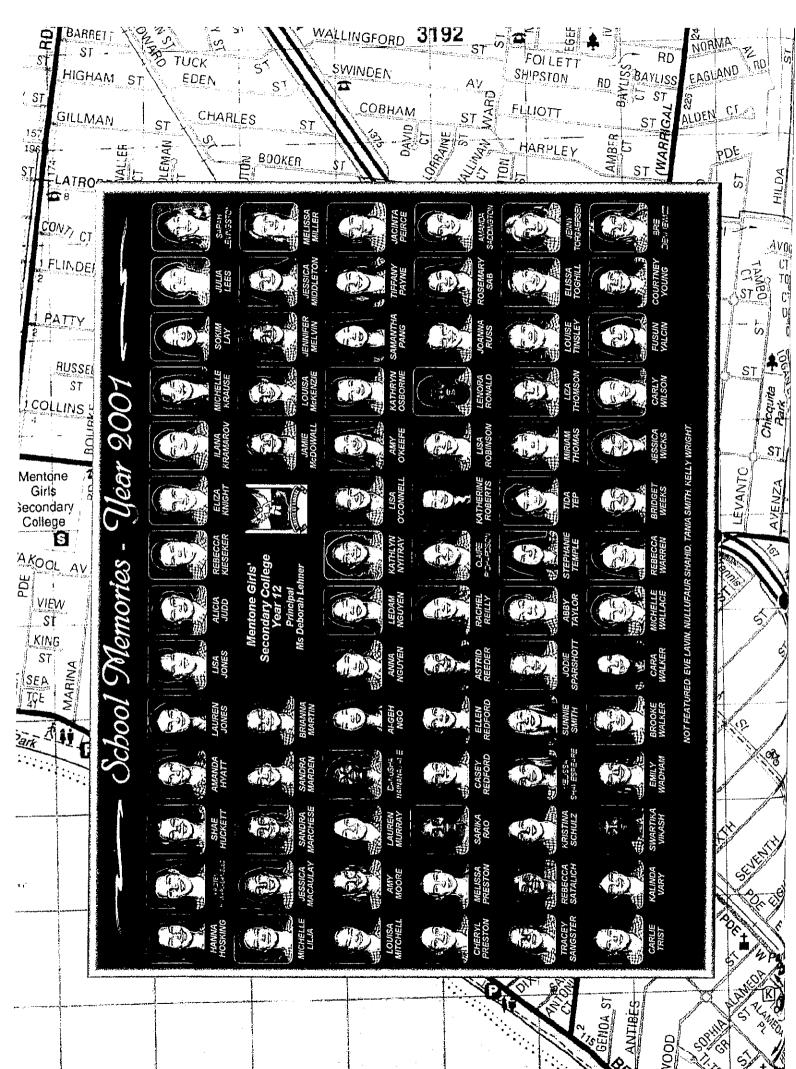
Hannah Hosking Year 12 Media



Hannah Hosking Year 12 Media









can't think of a better way to begin the very long and strenuous final year than to go on camp....and that's what we did, study camp of course, but hey, a camp is a camp!

We had been back at school no longer than two weeks before we set off to Mannix College for our three day camp, on February 14th. Over those three days we learnt essential skills and tips to help us prepare for our final year. We listened to inspiring and helpful guest speakers and we took part in group activities and discussions. We were all able to gain some form of valuable advice and learnt a lot about ourselves and each other.

Not only did we actually learn something, we also got the chance to experience a real uni environment, sleeping in our own rooms in the university style accommodation. The meals were definitely not your usual stodgy camp food - my rating an easy 10 out of 10! The facilities of the college are also superb. On our last day we had a brief tour around Monash (my rating of the guys also a clear 10 out of 10!)

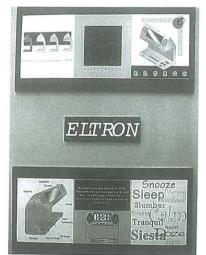
Study camp was definitely much better than expected - I can honestly say I was never at all bored! We were all grateful for our learning experiences (not to mention the three days off school) and extremely thankful for the time our favourite teachers gave up to be with us, also the entertainment they provided! Mr Kan, I don't think we'd ever have thought that you would look so good in a frock!!

Brook Hebard, Year 12









Jessica Field Year 12



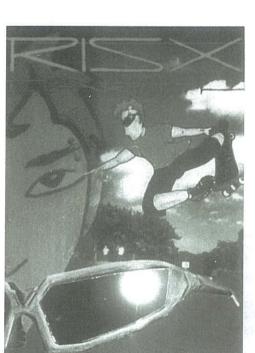
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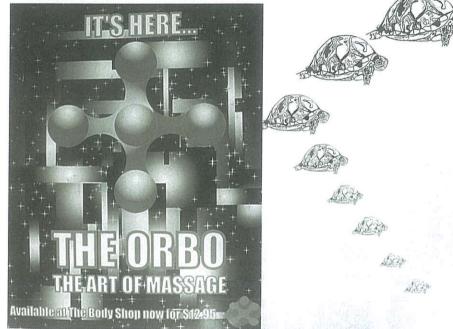
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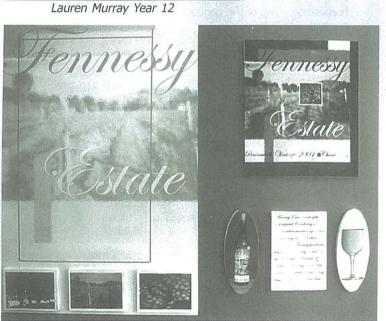


Sarah Fennessy Year 12



Amanda Saddington Year 12





Sarah Fennessy Year 12



The throaty caw of a distant mudlark preceded the premonition that would one day become a reality. It came rusty screech of the battered hinges. Dry workmen's boots thudded out onto the screened in porch, red dust and clay onto the worn, weatherbeaten floorboards. He collapsed into the solitary chair by the door, muscles crying out at the sudden and unexpected release. Almost immediately they began to stiffen and cramp as the tenseness that had taken hold of his body finally left him, like the bursting of a dam, until he was drained and wasted.

His mind however, did not find such release, indeed it never seemed to be able to find the relaxation that crept so quickly into his tired bones. Even as he surveyed the land, tired, red-rimmed eyes scanning the horizon. his mind was constantly working in broader circles.

It was a classic scene; his over-worked brain was conscious enough to recognise the cliché in the landscape. The dusty, bleeding horizon, covering the land with the orange glow of dusk. Dry, parched paddocks riddled with river-like cracks flowing into the distance. The sad, grey silhouettes of dead trees, eerie in their skeletal angularity. But, perhaps the most telling of all, the far off dust turning the dusk a dismal grey, filling the air with its acid blackness. This is what held his attention as he looked out from his porch, and this is where, inevitably, his mind wandered.

It had been the longest summer in fifteen years, though the calendar had long ago heralded the beginning of autumn. The temperatures, though nothing like they had been during the long January heat waves, were still dry and blistering enough to warrant the guestion of winter ever approaching. The bushfire was simply another thing to worry about. Not that it was the first one to be had this summer, or the last, if this weather continued. He remembered the first bushfire of the season - by rule it was always the worst, the most devastating, and this one had been no exception.

He received the call early one evening, not so unusual in itself - farmers by definition were morning people. This call however, had him rushing over to old Rog's farm over fifteen kilometres away.

He saw the smoke before he reached the turnoff and was doing well over seventy as he turned into the homestead. Two of the paddocks surrounding the house were alive with flames and a third was dead and black in its wake. There was Rog, doggedly dousing the fire with water from his industrial hose. It was a monstrous thing, thick and black and oily as a snake and over three kilometres long uncoiled. He, like all farmers, had one just like it, but it had never looked so minute, so inadequate as it did as they fought that bushfire.

They had managed to control that one, but not before the fire had taken the homestead and the majority of Rog's land. In the end it had taken four fire trucks, hundreds of the neighbouring community and two days to smother the fire. When it was out everybody returned to their homes, exhausted and emotionally wrecked, faces and arms blackened, charred and blistered.

He remembered the event vividly, it returned to him in dreams and times of idle thought like a terrible

to him now and then and his stomach churned at the thought. He had been through hard times before, but never had the premonition become so certain in his mind as it had throughout this long hot summer.

It had been a lonely life. The back breaking labour and inconsistent hours made social contact difficult under the best of circumstances. It had become so that the only people he could really connect with, the only people he really understood were people like him, lone farmers or workers from the local community. And because they, like him, didn't have time to spend in social situations, even this closeness was a form of isolation. The only relationship that had come close to substantiality had been with Amy.

They had been the best of friends, had done everything together, graduating from high school, university, travel and so, when it had been time to get married, they had done that too. They had love for one another, that was for sure, but the longevity of their relationship had caused awkwardness contradictory to their long acquaintance. They were similar people. No, perhaps they had simply understood each of their differences. She had been vivacious and extroverted, while he had always been labelled as timid. He was the romantic, while she was always the first to shy away from any display of affection. He was relaxed and reserved while at times it had been impossible to restrain her.

That is, until the end.

She had been diagnosed on a routine checkup. The doctor couldn't understand how they had missed it. She had always been health conscious. He remembered the first time she had gone in for surgery; he had been so scared. More so than she had been at times.

The shock had given way to the guilt about four days after. It had made him question his own ability to love. whether he wanted to love. He had retreated into himself, and let the world go by, becoming an outcast and a stranger even to himself. The small hope that there would be some release for his anguish had been his only salvation,

How many times had he heard that word during her last month? So many times, it seems to him, that it had lost all meaning. But she had always been the small voice of his conscience, never allowing him to give up hope. That had been seven long years ago, and had he given up? Was that what this cold hard, weight in his stomach was? The void left by her and his last shred of hope?

He looked out again into the distance and through the thick blackness he saw that the fire was out, the flames extinguished. The smoke had risen from the grass and become part of the atmosphere, entirely disconnected from its origins on earth. The dusk had given way to a dense blackness and even the heat had receded somewhat. He sat there a long time in the still dark, allowing the night to absorb him.

Then he stood, welcoming the familiar ache of his tired muscles, and went back inside.

Laura Golden Year 12

### Anna Trist



fter completing Year 12 in 1997 Anna is now doing what she has always wanted to do, studying Arts/Law at Monash University. In Year 12 Anna studied Politics, History, Legal Studies, English and Enhancement Literature. The tedious process of applying for Universities and deciding

which career path to take was easy for Anna as she already had her mind set to a specific career and this narrowed the selection process down. Anna's transition from Year 12 to University was a lot easier than some as most of her friends went to Monash and had the same interests as her. She still remains in contact with her close friends from Mentone and says "You have to make the effort otherwise you'll never see each other again". Anna is studying full-time and has a part-time job at a local bookshop. She says that "University has opened up a world of opportunity for me and the different type of people that you meet is incredible".

Anna has also been involved in the Monash Law Students' Society, the student body that represents the interests of law students within the University and to law firms. Her role last year as Publications Officer was challenging, but rewarding and involved producing a finished magazine



canvassing career opportunities (within and outside the law) open to law students. Anna finished her Arts degree last year with a major in Politics and plans to defer her law degree for six months to travel to Europe with friends. She will visit a number of countries, including Russia, a country she has wanted to visit since studying the Russian Revolution in her year 12 History class. She will then start applying for articles, which is a final year of on-the-job training for lawyers, at the completion of which she will be a fully-fledged lawyer. We wish Anna lots of good luck in the future and a satisfying and rewarding career.

Tiffany Payne

### Roberta Campbell



oberta completed her VCE at MGSC in 1997. Her favourite subjects were English, History and Literature owing to her hatred of all things mathematical. Her fondest memories are of abseiling and hiking in year 11 Outdoor Education, and riding horses whenever the

opportunity arose. Apart from catching the bus from Dingley every school day, Roberta didn't mind school too much, and looking back she realises just how much fun it actually was.

Roberta's need for a new and adventurous life involving horse riding, found an outlet when she applied to do a course in Horse Management at Glenormiston (Melbourne University) at their campus near Warrnambool. The first year at Glenormiston, Roberta found to be enormously enjoyable - especially the rural lifestyle - being able to get up 15 minutes before a lecture definitely had its advantages! She met amazing people from all around Australia and looking back she wouldn't change a thing!

Roberta passed her first year and then set off for England to do a year's industry experience at a dressage stable in Hereford. This posting was rather less successful. Three days spent under the strict regime of the army officer in charge, eating nothing but "bread, milk and potatoes" and sleeping in the stable were more than our poor heroine could cope with. One morning, very early, Roberta rang a taxi and slipped out of her detested detention into a new life.

Roberta then worked in Cambridge as a receptionist for the Forestry Commission for a month, living at a Cambridge youth hostel which meant waking up seven others early each morning! A fortnight of backpacking in Scotland followed - more adventures and possible heartbreak - until finally her money ran out, and it was time to come home.

Roberta then worked as a stable hand/dressage trainer in Somerville, which she greatly enjoyed, despite earning no money, but gaining extensive professional experience. She has since gained her degree but realises that working full time in the horse industry is not for her (not enough

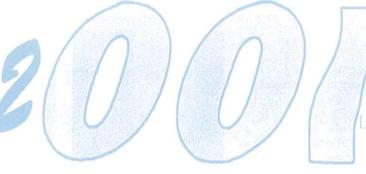
Roberta has since worked as a vet nurse and in the ANZ bank as a clerk. These were admirable careers, but Roberta felt the need for a more satisfying and challenging option. What else but Law!!! Thus Roberta entered Deakin University to begin a law degree earlier this year. She chose to do this degree by correspondence, and part time - she prefers the freedom to work at her own pace, and needs time to work with her beloved horses (as well as her kelpie puppy, Molly). She has just successfully passed her first semester.

Roberta is also a volunteer for Riding for the Disabled in Moorabbin and will be a qualified riding instructor at the end of this year. Her one true passion is to compete at the Olympic Games as a competitor in Dressage.









Ashlee Cant "Sorry I didn't know he was a boyfriend."

Megan Graham "Kick goals!"

Darunee Bowe "Ohh guess what?"

Chloe Gunn "How the hell did I get school captain!"

"That's nasty!"

Lauren Bogle "You win some, you lose some!'

Kylie Goy

"I'm off to the

library if anyone

needs me."

Victoria Ely

"Му

Michelle W

"I am not a

Munchkin!"

boyfriend ..

Sam Pang "Good luck, have fun!"

Emma Gunn "Where's Tracey?"

Camilla B Can I eat your lunch?"

> Astrid Reeder Kristina Schultz "Trippy.....Man

Tiff Payne "Do I look like a reakin' people person?"

Louise

Tinsley

what

you mean!"

Georgie Hall "I wanna be 18!" "I know...

> baby, alove ston!

Fusun Yalcin "I'm over it!"

Jacinta P "I love Mrs Salomon and she loves

"Glove stop, Sarika Rao "Ssh, Ssh, Ssh,

me!"

Jess Wicks

"I can't believe

this! I deserve

an A+"

Mel Preston

Nulufaur

Shahid

"I love the

internet!"

Rachel R

"I just can't

with my

hair."

Alice Harvey "Did you hear?" Ellen Redford

....Ssh!"

"Camilla, that's my lunch!"

Brooke H "Lets go shopping..! Southland? Anybody?"

stop playing

Richardson Yeah, that's funny ... in a way!"

Dig it!"

Jo Higgins 'Mmm Nachos! Nice one Bruva!"

Rosemary

Sab "Trust me."

Abby Taylor "Don't worry

losing!" epilepsy." Kristen HD "Oh damn it

Rebecca

Dzesa

it's just

"life is a treatand there's no study!"

Loretta Hollins "It's a Kun Kun kind of day."

Bridget Weeks 'Anyone up for a drive... Bills?"

Carly Wilson

"Did I lock

my locker???"

Lenora Ronald "I love the internet too!"

Cara Walker You know how it is-just Rockin and Rollin'."

Emily W "Chrissy is coming over tonight!"

Sunnie Smith 'Where's Havley and Kate?"

Swartika V "As long as I'm around you're second best" Kate Roberts

"I am busting for the toilet!"

Elisa Toghill "I'm on a prowl mission RaaRRFF!!

Katherine

Lisa Robinson "That's so sad."

> Holland "No, I will not be with you."

Liz Thomson "I love you."

> Jo Russ "Where's

Claire?"

"I'm black, no really I'm black!" Brooke W "I don't want to be here today."

Raquel

Hargrave

"Smile, Jesus

loves you."

Nadine Eram

Sandra Hernandez "You're a nut!"

Amy Hickman "Anyone want a coffee?"

Claire

Kalinda Vary Life's a garden.

Laura Horton

"I don't have a quote!"

Carlie Trist 'Can you see

that its a surf brand?"

Miriam Thomas

"Give me liberty

or a bran

muffin."

Shae Huckett

"ummmm....

....!"

Tracey

Sangster

"Tee-hee-hee.

Hannah H "The man who narries me will be unconscious"

Rebecca Lisa Jones Kieseker "Camilla's my

"America here I come! best friend"

Ana-Clara Duran "I need some M&M's now!

Jess Field

'Sorry I'm late.

I slept in!"

Tania Smith

'What would you do for one million dollars?'

Anna Dreher

I'm as happy an a button!" Amanda H Am I annoying

was a big night man!"

Amanda S

'My curiosity

is fighting

boredom and

Mel

Phillipa Edwards "You're on drugs!

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Kiren Gune

Steph B "Classy Chick Hey luv!" Jen Melvin "Why can't I do more than

4 sports this Rachel Byrne term?" "I'm hungry-Jess M I need food! Being full doesn't mean stop eating" Laxshma

Chand "Are you serious?' Laura Mitchell "Can I have a taste?" Nat C. (nicely) "No Chloe,

I will not go to Kathlyn Twister with Nyitray you." "Poo-Na-Nex all the way."

the gym?"

Su Fen Cheong "Ah hah! Sure woman! Lisa O'Connell "Wanna go to

Cohen "I'll organise Amy O'Keefe it!" "I'm starting m diet today"

Belinda

Michelle Collins Kath O. "Oh that's "Hi! My names so cute!' Kath, but you can call me Kath!"

Lauren Coope "Hangin' with Steph the cooper!" Anderson 'I need sleep!"

Pauline Czarnecki "I'm buggered!"

Letisha Dall "Did you see me

Louisa Mac. "Oh I need some chocolate!"

Jamie McDowall "Ant, Ant, Ant, Ant, Ant, Ant Ant."

Bree Martin "Scrunchies are so last year!"

Glen's coming

down!"

Sandra

"I don't think

so!"

Jess Mac

"No John, you

can't visit.I

have to

study!"

Michelle Lilya

"Hey

Gorgeous"

Marchese

Golden "No I'm not sorry, but you're Sandra M. wrong!" I'm not coming to school.

Estelle Giaspitzoglou "Do you have plain Jane Gamiso?"

Jane Gordon

"Its all good."

Sophie

Goldsworthy

"I'm excited!"

Laura

Alysia Gadsby "Does anyone wanna have a free?"

Sarah Levingston "Turtle necks aren't my style."

"Grr Arrah!"

timing."

Megan Frasei "It's not fair! They're cousins!"

Brooke Blees

Hayley Francis 'Where's Sunnie or Kate?"

> Jess Burn "I need a

> > Carly

my....!"

holiday!"

Michelle Krause Dickenson "Oh my god!" "What? Oh

yeahhh!"

Julia Lees Daphne Gauchi

"Be a lady!"

Bonnie Fogarty

"Deal with it!" Eve Lavin "Ei, Ei, Ei! Oh

> Kim Greenwell "What is going on!?"

Celeste

Dimakos

"Ya duffer!"

Nicole

Doudoulos

"2 o'clock,

hot wog!'

Danielle Flack "Dir...get it right!"

"Life's too short to drink bad coffee"

Ilana

Kramarov

'No Camilla you

can't have my

lunch."

Megan Doutch

Jess F

(Fergie)

"What?! I can't

be bothered!'

Jenny A

"Ohhh....yeah?

"Chocolatemmm..."

Tell mel"

'Huh?..What? Start again.

Lauren

Cause I'm annoying myself!"

Shakespeare 'I'm not as thick as you think!"

on Big Brother last night?"

Emma Aprea "Have I got boogers?" less Despard

Bron AC Mel Miller "My heart "Tell me if any kipped a beat i teachers are Synchronised coming!"

> Sonia Dhiman "You're kiddin', right?"

Kate F

"Not going out

this weekend or

drinking ever

again!"

Suzanne B

pumping.

"If the music's "Can you do it thumping, it'll be because I just can't"

> Carnegi"I'm not wearing that dress!"

> > Maria

Damarko "Do you want to "Do I really come to the talk too fast?" S11 protest?"

Making Waves 2001

### Magazine Committee 2001

Kirsten Fredericksen, Ashlee Waterland and Tiffany Payne.



extraordinary one for the magazine. On the home front we started off the year with a record number of Magazine Committee members, hoping that this would lighten the load for all involved. These committee members were a vital support system without

whom we wouldn't have been able to complete this incredible magazine.

For the first time we had the opportunity to use eight 'two-colour' pages to add an extra "groovy" touch to this year's magazine. We chose a blue tone to match the front cover and again we have our full colour pages that bring the magazine to life.

We used many different touches to make the magazine a little "funkier" - especially on the Year 12 page and making tiny "page number people". These projects were in themselves an incredible workload for those involved, but with the usual determination of the layout team the end result was spectacular. Rachel Reilly and Hannah Hosking deserve a special mention here for the hours and hours of work spent on the Year 12 and Rock Eisteddfod pages. Thank-you.

This year the school has been as busy as ever, making our job a race to keep up with all the different, exciting and interesting events happening throughout the school year. The Rock Eisteddfod was of course a prime

his year has been an candidate for the centre page spread - the photos showcase this spectacular occasion. The students and teachers put an enormous amount of time, creativity and energy into the production.

> Once again the Year 7 and 12 Fancy Dress has a colour page - this night wasn't just about wonderful costumes, great music, excellent food and a great party atmosphere - its also about making friends and getting to know people within both the junior and senior year levels. A terrific night enjoyed by all attending students.

> Once more the VCE Ball page is a colourful celebration of the wonderful night that took place. The glitz, glamour and gowns that appeared at the VCE ball were incredible. Extravagant dresses and hairstyles astonished all who attended this magnificent night.

> We've tried to balance reports, photographs, art and literature in the hope of creating a well rounded magazine. We feel we have succeeded, as there was a vast amount of impressive work from all year levels to choose from. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all committee members and everyone else involved in the production of the year's magazine. Your help was greatly appreciated.

> Last but not least we would like to thank Mrs Sue Kinneally for all her wonderful help and guidance over the last seven months. We appreciate all the hard work and preparation you have done and without you this magazine could not have been as fantastic as it is! Thank-you.

> > Tiffany Payne, Editor Ashlee Waterland, Assistant Editor



(LR) Back: Brittany Corr, Louisa Tatton, Elyse Waller, Hannah Hosking, Tiffany Payne, Rebecca Warren, Yana Slatter, Helen Petropoulos, Penny Kargo. Front: Ailsa Dunbar, Rachel Flitman, Émily Laidlaw, Heather Stewart, Eloise Johnstone, Blair Stott. Not present: Rachel Reilly, Julia Treweek, Taryn Chapman, Vibhasha Chand, Taycian Lord, Hayley Collins,

Quinnie Trinh, Jess O'Brien, Kristel Brunh, Hannah Thomson.

