



Christ Church
Grammar School

Building good men

Principal's Report

August 2017

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**Old Boys' Association
Parents' Association**

Global Challenge

As part of Strategic Intent 4, the School is participating in the Virgin Pulse Global Challenge. This involves staff forming groups of 7 and competing against each other and teams worldwide to achieve 10,000 steps or more for 100 days. The challenge will commence on Wednesday 6 September and we currently have 126 staff members participating.

Archbishop Roger Herft

The Archbishop officially finished Friday 7 July 2017. The search is still ongoing to find a replacement. All reports are that this will be completed by the end of the year.

Pedestrian crossing

As announced in my email on Wednesday 5 July 2017, the Town of Claremont voted 8 to 2 in support of a pedestrian crossing on Queenslea Drive. John Price is now working with the ToC to secure a start date for the implementation of the crossing.

Bike thefts

Due to a rising number of bike thefts from the School grounds (seven bikes in 2017, twelve in 2016, six in 2015, five in 2014, four in 2013 and two in 2012), the bike racks have been relocated to Q Block near the cricket nets.

Following the move of the racks, staff apprehended a man attempting to steal a bike after he had cut a bike cable. The police took the man into custody and confirmed that he was known to them.

Cladding fire compliance confirmation

The architects for the new Prep School build (Donaldson + Warn) have confirmed all cladding specified for the new Prep building is compliant under the Australian Standards in relation to fire resistance. The majority of the external works is primary structure which is inert and non-combustible i.e. block work, steel, precast concrete columns and panels etc. The primary cladding of the building, Equitone, which is a pre finished fire cement board is non-combustible (see attached datasheets) and the secondary cladding including stainless steel shingle (metal) and stone tile (natural) are both inert and non-combustible. All internal floor, wall and ceiling linings in the project have been selected based on their fire hazard property requirements in compliance with the Building Code of Australia. This is a requirement as part of the Certificate of Design Compliance (CDC) submitted as part of the Building Permit. In the event of an alternative material being proposed by the contractor, prior to considering, D+W will critically analyse the alternative to ensure it's compliant with all relative Australian Standards.

Staffing

Appointments

- Dr Louise Andony: Psychologist, Semester 2
- Elisabeth Barrett: Preparatory School Teacher
- Lisette Carey: Preparatory School Teacher, Semester 2
- Ryan Carson: Maths Specialist Teacher, Term 3
- Sam Flinn: Residential Community Assistant
- Chaz Flint: Residential Community Assistant
- Justin Forbes: Teacher in Charge - Rowing
- Cathy Halvorson: Residential Housemother
- Jason Lamb: Acting Assistant Head of Humanities, Term 3
- Sally MacKinnon: Preparatory School Acting Year 5/6 Co-ordinator
- Melanie Nazarri: Co-ordinator of Learning Development, Term 3
- Richard Spence: Assistant Head of Humanities, History/Humanities Teacher
- Sarah Stone: Acting Deputy Head of Preparatory School, Term 3

- Sara Wallace: Preparatory School Teacher, Semester 2
- Chloe White: French Teacher, Semester 2
- Victoria Wisker: Preparatory School Acting Year 3/4 Co-ordinator
- Nicole Xouris: Humanities Teacher, Semester 2

Resignations

- Grace Curtis: Preparatory School Teacher
- Jamie Fagan: Assistant Director of Pastoral Care, Planning and Co-curricular
- George Haggett: Residential Community Assistant
- Rowan Powell: Residential Community Assistant
- Kerrie Tonkin: Walters Housemother

Funding

The Turnbull government has chalked up a major policy win with its Gonski 2.0 overhaul of school funding passing the federal parliament before the long winter break. The government shovelled an extra \$5 billion into the plan to win over the crossbench, boosting the package to \$23.5 billion over the next decade. Labor and the Greens voted against the package, but the government secured the 10 crucial crossbench votes needed to win the vote 34-31.

Working visas

On 18 April 2017, the Prime Minister announced the 457 visa subclass for temporary skilled workers coming to Australia would be abolished and replaced by the Temporary Skill Shortage Visa. Along with this change was a reclassification of some occupations from four-year to two-year visa status, including that of 'School Principal'. As well as having an immediate negative impact on some AHISA members both personally and professionally, the changes also have a significant impact on the current and future options of AHISA members' schools for recruiting senior leadership staff, boarding house staff, specialist teachers for junior and middle schools and school chaplains.

OBA Centenary

Over 480 old boys gathered in the school gym on Saturday 1 July 2017 to celebrate the OBA centenary. The celebrations included a chapel service and an official presentation with a video created for the evening which reinforced the strong connection between old boys and the School.

Perth Modern

Perth Modern will remain on its current site as the State's only fully selective academic school. The Government has announced its decision to build a new local intake secondary school, Inner City College (planning name), on Kitchener Park in Subiaco.

MLC

Methodist Ladies' College has called for expressions of interest in an early learning centre to open next year for children from six months to three years of age in a bid to ease the load for working parents.

Educators from Saudi Arabia

Throughout Term 3 we will have 3 visiting educators from Saudi Arabia on placement at the School as part of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Education Project in conjunction with UWA. These educators will participate fully in the life of the School.

Funding

The Catholic school sector has reacted angrily to suggestions it is "funneling" money away from students in disadvantaged areas to those in wealthy suburbs. Senate hearings, Catholic education authorities also opened up a new front in the school funding debate by warning the Turnbull

government's changes could lead city dioceses to break away and form their own systems so they don't have to send money to schools in poorer regional areas. Catholic education commissions in each state and territory receive government funding in a lump sum, which they distribute among schools as they see fit.

New rules for home schools

Victorian home schoolers will face routine audits and tougher registration under a dramatic crackdown. The proposed changes will see one in 10 families targeted for an audit every year. As part of the check, families will have to prove they are teaching eight key learning areas in the Australian curriculum, and provide evidence of the child's learning progress. In order to register as a home school, families will have to submit reports about their lessons to the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Agency. Families will lose their registration if they do not meet the new criteria.

New teachers

Up to half of all Australian teachers are quitting in the first five years, and new research suggests the problem relate to the structure of the school day. Of the 453 NSW teachers surveyed by the Hunter Institute of Mental Health, two-thirds identified time management and having too much work as their biggest challenge, and more than half said they wanted more time for collaboration, mentoring and planning.

Census

The 2016 Census has revealed an increase in the number of children with disability, up nearly 40,000 since 2011. One explanation is that the Census now counts disability differently, which is more in line with the way many children and families view disability. However, children continue to miss out on support because they do not name their needs as "disability" and services don't yet have adequate funding.

The 2016 Census also revealed Australians are increasingly doing away with religion and becoming more culturally diverse. The first batch of data shows 30 per cent of Australians identified as having no religion, compared with 25 per cent in the 2011 Census. Meanwhile, the number of Australians speaking only English at home fell from almost 77 per cent in 2011 to almost 73 per cent in 2016.

School events Term 3

Please see list below of Term 3 school events Council members are invited to attend.

Date	Event	Time	Venue	RSVP
2 August 2017	NAIDOC Week - Indigenous student art exhibition opening	6.30pm	Old Boys' Gallery	26 July 2017
3 August 2017	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	7.30pm	Heath Ledger Theatre, State Theatre Centre of WA	17 July 2017
2 September 2017	Concerto Night	2pm	MLC, Hadley Hall	TBC



Early-morning rowers Gavin Bunning, Ross Chappell, Rob Black, John Hanrahan and Rory Argyle. Picture: Ian Munro

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Vibrant rowers keep history alive

■ Steve Butler

A group of "grumpy old men" are rolling back the years each time they take to the Swan River in a wooden vessel that is making waves around the world.

The champions of rowing's yesteryear, some of whom are now in their 80s, are also proving champions of life as they power along in their St Ayles skiff, a traditional Scottish fishing boat.

As they break the glassy, early-morning waters, they are also breaking the mould of seniors-style living.

"It's not a matter of fun. This is a matter of life and death," quipped 80-year-old former Geelong Grammar and University of WA rower Rory Argyle. "We really get a kick out of it and it takes us back to all those years."

"Most of us have been rowing through life really.

"These boats are light, easily driven and it is just such a pleasure to be out there."

On the urging of America's Cup legend John Longley, who spotted the vessels at a boat show in Hobart in 2015, Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club members hand-built two of the skiffs under the watchful eye of Australia II builder Steve Ward.

Longley said building skiffs had taken off around the world.

History in a Coffee Cup



All the World's a Stage in Claremont

Presented by Christ Church Grammar School's
Midnite Youth Theatre Company.

Thursday 6 July - 10am to 11am
Christ Church (Cnr Queenslea Dve & Stirling Hwy)
www.trybooking.com/268284

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Too many unanswered questions

Moving the existing academic selective school from the Perth Modern site to a high-rise building in Northbridge was not a key election promise; Mark McGowan's promise not to be arrogant in decision-making and to consult with the people was.

How is it, then, that until recently, the government has refused to listen, to consult, or even to answer basic questions about the proposed implementation of the new school?

Questions needing answers include:

“How do you propose to get 1500 children safely down from the 22nd floor of a skyscraper in the case of fire?”

“How will you keep them safe when their school building is intended to be of shared use with businesses, Scitech, and residential areas?”

“How can you justify spending public money on renting the school space back from the developer, when there are suitable government-owned sites already available that could be used to ease the overcrowding in Churchlands SHS and Shenton College?”

And finally: “How do you intend to maintain the level of sporting, music and non-academic success that the school currently exhibits within the new environment?”

Chris Smith
Waroonga Road, Nedlands



POST goes to the Wall

Methodist Ladies' College and Christ Church Grammar School teachers Bonnie Wo and Ben Hodsdon took 20 local students to China on a cultural and language exchange during the school holidays, and found time to read the POST while checking out the Great Wall. Ben insists he was "reading the paper, not reviewing China's fencing policy". The students immersed themselves in the 4000-year-old culture of Australia's biggest trading partner, with highlights that included visiting the Great Wall, the Forbidden City in Beijing and Chengdu city in Sichuan Province.



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Students with bytes ... Christ Church Grammar School students Noirit Seal, left, James Patrikeos, and Felix Banks at a CoderDojo session.

Hunt is on for young programmers

A looming worldwide shortage of computer programmers is being tackled by social computing clubs aimed at youngsters.

CoderDojo recently signed up Christ Church Grammar School to help students learn more about how computer code can help with critical thinking and creativity.

CoderDojo's WA program manager, Karen Wellington, said the Claremont school was the 100th organisation to join the initiative.

"The things we rely on for life to be smooth and seamless – travel, medicine and other areas – won't see as much progress with a programmer shortage,"

Karen said.

"It's an exciting career, but it can be hard to communicate to kids sometimes."

A core group of 24 Christ Church students meets for two hours a week to learn about coding and what it can do.

Teacher Jan Honnens said the school already taught coding in Year 4, but CoderDojo attracted boys up to Year 6, and Years 7 and 8 would join soon.

"I was hearing about it from other parents, who said they liked it," Jan said.

"It is not really embedded in schools' curricula yet, but coding is useful for many skills later in life."

In some of the projects, students – known as ninjas in

CoderDojo-speak – create games featuring sharks or football.

"It's about using technology to engage their real-world interests," Jan said.

Karen said there were all sorts of jobs related to coding, from data input to IT architecture.

"There's a lot of software out there with a lot of bugs in it," she said.

In WA, CoderDojo has signed up schools, community groups, corporate giants and universities.

There is no cost to start a CoderDojo.

CoderDojo started in Ireland in 2013 and is funded in WA by the Fogarty Foundation.

See <http://coderdojowa.org.au/> for more information.

Education and Career Options

Boarders have genuine sense of belonging

BOARDERS have been an integral part of the Christ Church Grammar School community for more than a century and come from a variety of regional and international backgrounds.

In this home away from home, boarders learn in a diverse and caring environment and become part of a supportive community of boys from across the globe, resulting in life-long friendships.

Supported by an exceptional pastoral care program, boarding helps boys develop their independence and learn the importance of co-operation and empathy in a tight-knit community.

Christ Church boarders thrive in a network of care, comprised of a boy's head of house and tutor who monitor his academic and co-curricular progress, while a housemother and year group co-ordinator, who both live onsite, are responsible for supporting and nurturing the boys when in the boarding house.

In addition, the year group co-ordinator and director of the Residential Community guide each boy in every facet of his boarding experience.

They encourage communication across all year groups, giving boarders a real sense of identity and belonging, as well as facilitating team building



The boarding facilities at Chris Church Grammar are described as a home away from home.

From Years 7 to 12, boarders at Christ Church are housed in beautiful A bright and modern Health own dining room, plenty of casual spaces – both indoor and outdoor – ties and swimming pool. To explore what boarding at

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100 years of quality education

For over 100 years, Christ Church Grammar School has been taking boys on their educational journey.

In 2019, a new purpose-built Preparatory School will open, consolidating all school classrooms under one roof, offering a unique form of engagement specifically designed for boys at Christ Church Grammar School.

Incorporated in the new building will be the Early Learning Centre (ELC), catering for boys between the ages of three and five. Early learning is a time for discovery where boys gain self-confidence through new experiences.

Christ Church has highly qualified staff who are with the boys every step of the journey and who learn from a curriculum based on meaningful interactive play in a natural, caring and educationally stimulating environment. The program is uniquely designed with key areas: the School's philosophy, thinking and



"Christ Church celebrates and values all that it means to be a boy."

learning, and embracing teachable moments in nature's playground.

The literacy and numeracy skills program is incorporated into play-based activities, igniting a love for learning and challenging boys to explore their potential and share thoughts and ideas. The program for the early years includes Mandarin, physical education, music, drama, library, information technology and visual arts.

Boys attending the ELC program will enjoy days filled with purposeful play, fun and being with friends. Running simultaneously is an age and stage appropriate learning program, designed especially for boys allowing them to express their personality and uniqueness.



Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten opening in 2019

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Dandaragan sheep farmer Hugh Roberts is worried he will run out of feed stock for his ewes and lambs. Picture: Steve Ferrier

Farmers fear for crops as dry season drags on

■ Rueben Hale

WA's dry start to the season continues, with fears it could cost the economy up to \$2 billion.

After producing almost 16 million tonnes of grain last year, the State is enduring one of its driest spells, with many parts already experiencing "drought-like conditions".

CBH chairman Wally Newman, who farms at Newdegate, said if it did not rain "hard and long" in the next 10 days, the total of this year's grain harvest could be only about half of last year. "If the rains come very soon and it continued to rain it could still be a reasonable season," he said. "However, things aren't looking very good for many of our growers, as it stands at the moment."

'There is barely any moisture left in the soil for the pastures to survive.'

Dandaragan sheep farmer
Hugh Roberts

CBH said yesterday it had made some provision to set aside grain in case of livestock feed shortages.

According to the Department of Agriculture and Food WA, there has been great variability to the start of the growing season across the grain belt.

DAFWA research officer David Farris reported crops in the rain-deprived areas were showing signs of stress.

He said growth in low rainfall

areas was variable depending on rain, crop and soil type, and sowing times.

"Germination ranges from full emergence to a staggered development and, in some cases, dry sown crops have not yet emerged," he said.

Many farmers in WA's driest areas say it is already too late, with large sections of non-germinated crops unlikely to emerge even with rain.

WA's peak farm lobby groups have predicted Mr Newman's dire forecast could be "optimistic" if the season does not break soon.

WAFarmers president Tony York said his assessment of the northern wheatbelt was depressing.

"Flying from Geraldton just the other day there was no green

until we reached New Norcia," Mr York said.

"I would estimate that only about 25 to 30 per cent of the crop has emerged across the State and in those Mid West areas much less."

Dandaragan sheep farmer Hugh Roberts has limited feed left for his 8500 lambing ewes.

He said his hungry pregnant sheep were rapidly chewing through the 80 tonnes of lupins he had left. "This is the worst situation the farm has ever been in," Mr Roberts said.

"We've hardly had a drop of rain since summer, and there is barely any moisture left in the soil for the pastures to survive.

"I have managed to lock in pellets for the next month but after that, who knows."

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Friendly game of tennis

FAST serves, quick volleys and some great cultural awareness were exchanged at Cottesloe Tennis Club recently as Christ Church Grammar's (CCGS) Corr Cup First VIII tennis team played a 'friendly' with Clontarf College athletes.

Indigenous boys from as far as the 'western desert', Kununurra, Port Hedland, Kalgoorlie and Moora had tremendous fun and many laughs while they teamed up with the western suburbs players in doubles.

CCGS boys thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and donated their racquets at the end of the match to Clontarf to help with its tennis program.

The event was organised by the Murpurrmarra Connection's Darren Patten and Warren Harding. It was hosted by Cottesloe Tennis, which provided courts, balls and a sausage sizzle.

Tennis West coach Rob Kilderry ran a tennis clinic on serving and was impressed with the enthusiasm of the boys.

It was 46 years ago that indigenous Australian Evonne



Some of those who took part in the friendly game of tennis.

Goolagong-Cawley won the French Open and then went on to become world number one.

Tennis has been called a sport that caters for all ages and backgrounds and it is hoped that this

event will become an annual one and inspire future champions.

Montana Ardon

Dalkeith man is new head of medical body

A Dalkeith orthopaedic surgeon has been elected president of the Australian Medical Association (WA).

Omar Khorshid (42), of Waratah Avenue, is one of the youngest presidents in the association's history. He was elected unopposed at the annual general meeting in Nedlands.

Educated at Christ Church Grammar School and the University of WA, Dr Khorshid has been for many years an outspoken and prominent voice in the WA branch of the AMA after joining as an intern.

After his election he thanked outgoing president Andrew Miller for his term in office.

"Dr Miller represented the AMA in WA extremely well over the last year and, like everyone, I believe it is an enormous shame that, due to family illness, he was not able to stand for a second term," Dr Khorshid said.

"However the changes he

began, the relationships he developed and the impact he had on health will be long-lasting.

"The AMA has a great history of representing not just the medical profession but health itself.

"As AMA (WA) president, I believe it is my role to represent everyone who has contact with medicine in WA."

Dr Khorshid said he was looking forward to working with the state government to ensure health continued to receive appropriate funding in the next WA Budget.

He said he intended to focus on a range of issues, including public health, obesity services and surgery, along with planning for future health services.

"If it is necessary to go to the trenches and fight to protect proper funding and staffing for health services, then I am more than willing to take a leadership position in that fight," he said.

"It is vital that governments at all levels realise that health is the area of administration that touches the lives and the families of all people."



Omar Khorshid

Alleged bike thief nabbed

A Christ Church Grammar School teacher caught and detained an alleged bike thief on school grounds on Monday.

The teacher noticed a suspicious-looking man at 1.30pm and saw him take a bike from a rack near classrooms at the Claresmont school.

He apprehended the man as he tried to ride away and detained him until Cottesloe police arrived.

The man was known to police, has hepatitis C, and has been known to carry scalpels.

An Armadale man in his 30s made admission to officers and was charged with one count of stealing.

He is due to appear in the Perth Magistrates' Court later this month.



Gabriel Lee, left, Markus Kuster and Mathew Oldakowski with the new 3D printed titanium screw. INSET: Mr Oldakowski shows the size of the screw. Photos: Paul McGovern

New screw to help spinal patients



A 3D-printed expandable screw being developed by surgeons and researchers at St John of God Subiaco Hospital, Royal Perth Hospital and Curtin University could greatly improve the safety of complex spinal surgery.

Gabriel Lee, head of SJOG's neurosurgery and spinal surgery department, said the group was using 3D printing technology to create a titanium bone screw that fixed into bone better than traditional screws.

"A spinal stabilisation and fusion may be required to treat a variety of conditions, including traumatic fractures, spinal degeneration, deformity and tumours," Professor Lee said.

"During these procedures, a number of bone screws are typically implanted to stabilise the spine."

The screws need to be placed carefully because they are often millimetres from critical blood vessels or nerve structures, and they need to be interconnected by plates or rods.

"However, elderly and osteoporotic patients may have quite weak bone, which causes screws to loosen or pull out over time," he said.

"This significant complication can result in worsened pain and neurological disability – often requiring further surgery."

This was costly and added to the burden of the health system, he said.

Researchers from Curtin University are working closely with surgeons at St John of God Subiaco Hospital and Royal Perth Hospital to solve this problem.

Collaborators at the University

of WA and University College London are also assisting with developing the screw.

Matthew Oldakowski, a PhD student from Curtin University, said the patented design was at the heart of its functionality and had been made possible in part by the development of 3D printing with titanium.

"The novel design allows the screw to be easily expanded and able to be safely removed if required, which sets it apart from other expandable screws currently in the market," he said.

The new screw design is seen as platform technology which

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Christ Church spends big on littlies

The first sod has been turned at the western suburbs' latest multimillion-dollar development.

Work in earnest began on Monday on Christ Church Grammar School's new prep school building, which will be ready for classes by 2019.

Principal Alan Jones said the building would have an early learning centre for boys aged 3 to 5, extra-large classrooms, and a climbing wall, cubbies, and a trampoline.

The \$20 million-plus project is being built on tennis courts on the western side of the school.

"It's an exciting extension," Mr Jones said. "The pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will deliver programs specifically designed for boys, based on interactive play in a natural, caring and educationally stimulating environment.

"Play-based learning is crucial in the early years of development. Research indicates it is the fastest and most effective way for boys to develop the basic knowledge and skills needed to grow mentally, physically, and



Richard Wright, left, Alan Jones, and Holly Miller turn the first sod at Christ Church Grammar School's new prep school. **Photo: Billie Fairclough**

emotionally.

"Children have fun when they are playing. They become engrossed in what they are doing and learn through play without even realising."

The classrooms each will be 100sq.m, which is about 50% larger than standard. Mr Jones said boys learned best when classroom air temperature was slightly cooler.

There will be more parking near the new building, and a drop-off zone for parents.

Part of the prep school admin block will go to make room for the new building, which has been designed by school architects Donaldson and Warn.

Prospective parents can see a scale model of the building in Christ Church's main administration building.

New AMA (WA) president

NEDLANDS hosted an important event for the medical community in WA last Wednesday night - the election of the new Australian Medical Association (WA) president.

Dr Omar Khorshid, who at the age of 42 is one of the youngest presidents in the AMA (WA) history, was elected unopposed at the Annual General Meeting held in Nedlands.

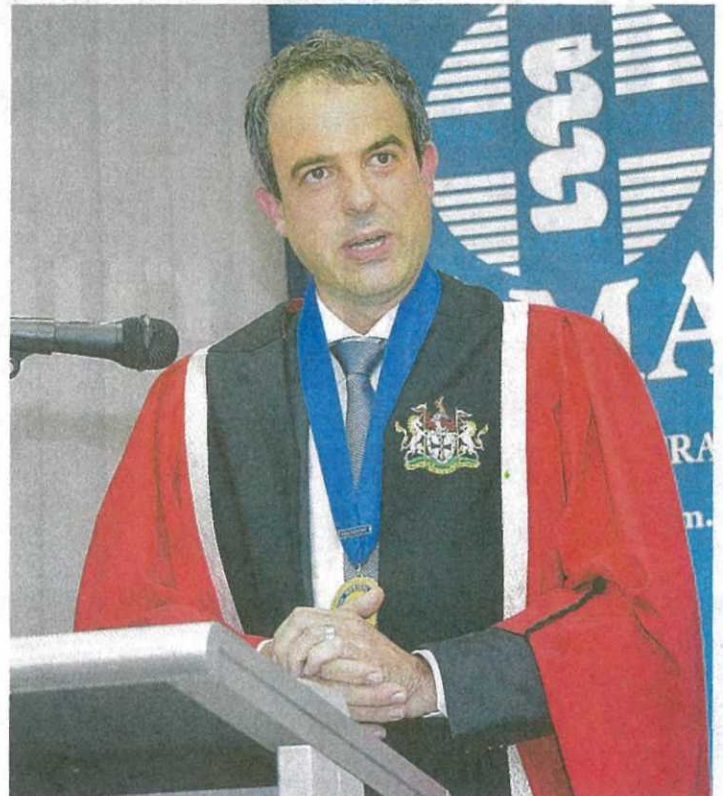
An orthopaedic surgeon educated at the University of WA, Dr Khorshid has been a prominent voice in the AMA (WA) for many years after joining the Association as an intern.

He said it was an honour to be elected president and thanked outgoing president Dr Andrew Miller for the significant contribution he had made.

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all levels realise that health is the area of government service that touches the lives and the families of all citizens," he said.

Dr Mark Duncan-Smith and Dr David McCoubrie were also elected vice-presidents at the AGM held at the Association's Nedlands headquarters.

Basketball first a leap of faith for NAIDOC week

By BEN DICKINSON

Aboriginal basketball players from around the state converged on Floreat's Bendat Basketball Centre for WA's first NAIDOC Week basketball carnival last weekend.

Organising the three-day tournament was a leap of faith for Shanelle McSwain, who wanted to replicate the success of the long-running NAIDOC netball carnival.

"My parents got me into bas-

ketball," Shanelle said. "I really enjoy the team and the basketball community."

"We're hoping in future to run it all around the state." Shanelle, originally from Kalgoorlie, had never organised anything so big before.

"It's been an extremely well-received sport in the Aboriginal community," Basketball WA inclusion officer Nigel Esau said.

"It's cheap, people from all abilities can play on the same court."

"We've had to turn away teams. We've had an enormous response."

"Who's to say this can't go from a weekend to a full week?"

A total of 46 teams participated in the carnival, including the Pinjarra Panthers, Kununurra Pelicans and the Black Mambas.



Zippy Fish (11) guards Muriel Blurton (13) at the first NAIDOC Week basketball carnival. Photo: Billie Fairclough

Hospital parking goes through the roof

St John of God Subiaco Hospital wants to more than double the capacity of its multi-storey carpark.

The facility now has four storeys and 773 bays, but a development application lodged last month proposes two more storeys and 787 spots.

There are two-level carpark beneath the medical centre (via McCourt Street) and several outdoor parking areas, making a total of 1580 bays for patients, visitors, doctors and other staff.

Expanding the four-storey carpark is part of the hospital's overall redevelopment plans.

The hospital CEO, Professor Shirley Bowen, said plans for the redevelopment included more operating theatres, single rooms and consulting suites and a dedicated research and education facility.

Claremont culture

An indigenous, environmental, and cultural facility is on the cards for Lake Claremont.

A report to councillors said talks had begun with Scotch College about the project.

"The discussions are at the very early stage but progress in firming up purpose, location, type of building, users, and funding partners could be well advanced during the 2017-18 financial year," the report said.

No offence intended, or taken

There was no gutscrapping in Claremont in the past financial year.

The council's lengthy list of fees and charges attached to the new budget included 10 fees for offensive trade licences.

The cost of a gutscrapping (sausage-skin preparation) licence is \$171 a year. The manure works annual fee is \$211, and a fish processing licence costs \$298.

A Claremont spokeswoman said none of the fees had been applied in 2016-17.

Nor was the \$125 fee for impounding shopping trolleys or the \$35 daily fee for storing them.

"The owners collected them when asked," the spokeswoman said.

Student attacked

An eastern suburb man has been charged with assaulting a Shenton College student in Claremont last month.

Wembley police allege the 17-year-old student was walking in St Quentin Avenue about 12.30am on June 5 when he was approached by two men and struck on the head.

After publishing CCTV footage of the incident, police learned about another assault.

A Swan View man (19) has been charged in connection with both assaults and is due to appear in Perth Magistrates' Court next week.

Police are also investigating a third assault complaint from the same night.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Information Sessions



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INFORMATION SESSIONS

- Tuesday 25 July 2017
- Tuesday 5 September 2017
- Tuesday 17 October 2017

9.00am to 10.00am

To attend please visit elcinfo.eventbrite.com.au



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Captain clinches crossing

By DAVID COHEN

Oliver Henderson had a win at Claremont council on Tuesday night after he went in to bat for a \$100,000 crosswalk for his fellow students.

After the Christ Church Grammar School captain spoke to councillors, they voted 8-2 for the Queenslea Drive crosswalk. The vote marked the end of a seven-year struggle by the Claremont school to get the crosswalk.

"Safety of children should be our main priority," Oliver said, in front of his principal Alan Jones and Methodist Ladies' College principal Rebecca Cody.

Oliver said that during his stints as a road crossing prefect he had intervened to stop boys unsafely crossing the road.

"One day there will be a severe accident," Oliver said.

"As a parent, the last thing you want is a phone call [to say] your child has been hit by a car."

Mr Jones also spoke, as did Karen McQuillan, president of the school's parents' association.

"Research shows parents worry more about traffic safety than stranger danger," Dr McQuillan said.

"Anything we can do to increase safety is to be applauded."

Councillors Chris Mews and Peter Edwards voted against the crosswalk, which CCGS will pay for.

"Safety of students is not in question: there's a better solution," Mr Mews said.

"The school owns several properties in Queenslea Drive. Outside No.14 would be the perfect spot for an underpass.

"It would cost money. The school could appeal to its big network of past students.

"None of the schools pay any rates - that's fine.

"But in return they owe the community the amenity of living in their suburbs."

Mr Edwards said the crosswalk was "the cheapest cop-out".

"We're just letting them off the hook," he said.

Councillor Paul Kelly said the crosswalk was the second or third-best option.

He said a diagonal tunnel under Stirling Highway, from Claremont Quarter to the school, was the best one.

"Stirling Highway is the root cause of the problem," Mr Kelly said.

Councillor Jill Goetze said nothing could be done with the highway until the council knew what was happening with the state government's plans to widen it.

Councillor Bruce Haynes said CCGS's growth, with student numbers reaching 1800, was making the problem worse.

"There is too much development on the site, and it is only going to get worse," Mr Haynes said.



Oliver Henderson and Alan Jones. Photo: Billie Fairdough

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High adventure – Matt climbs roof of the world

By DAVID COHEN

Matthew Gabriele trod in the path of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay six years ago when he became the first Christ Church Grammar School old boy to climb Mt Everest.

He spoke to current and former students about his achievement when he was at the opening of Reflections of the Past 100 Years, an exhibition marking the centenary of the Claremont school's Old Boys' Association.

There are 292 names on the list of people who have died while climb-

ing the 8848m-high mountain. Matt said there were good rules to prevent more names being added to the list.

"Be extra-prepared, be on a strong team – and make sure you know what you're getting into," he said.

"[We took] the south route, which is a lot more iconic and well-known.

"I was in a team of 10, a mix of Aussies, Americans, Kiwis and Brits.

"I'd been training with the same team for six months, and you get familiar with everyone else and their climbing styles."

Mat began his working life as a physiotherapist, then became a stockbroker.

In 2009 he decided to focus on his passion for mountaineering and trained full-time for 18 months.

"The regular 9-to-5 life was getting pretty boring," he said.

After climbing in the Rockies, Andes, southern Alps, and the Himalayas, he reached the top of Everest on the morning of May 20, 2011.

"We had a time limit of 10 hours [for the last leg of the climb]: we had four hours and 25 minutes left over," Matt said.

"If we hadn't reached the top we would've had to turn around.

"There are a lot of prayer flags at the top; I carried an Australian flag."

He said his favourite climbing style was a long slow slog.

He said he was the youngest in his group at 31 and the next-youngest was 40.

"I looked up to the older guys, they were more relaxed than me," he said.

"They've learned to sit and relax.

"I knew what to do thanks to my training.

"The psychological part is



Top work ... Matt Gabriele, having conquered Mt Everest, would like to tick off K2 (8617m). **Photo:** Billie Fairclough

the hardest, and you're at the mercy of the weather."

He said his time at Christ Church had helped him prepare for the climb.

He had loved the 10m-high rope course at the school's outdoor education camp, Koorringal, near Dwellingup.

"I loved all that outdoor stuff," he said. "At Koorringal there's a 10-day hike. For two days boys are on their own with no adult supervision; you check in on notepads a couple of times a day."

Matt attended Dalkeith

Primary School before being in the first intake for CCGS's Moyes House in 1993.

Also at the exhibition launch were old boys Josh Hofer (gold medalist at the 1992 Paralympics); Peter Leedman (endocrinologist and WA Institute for Medical Research deputy director); and Major-General Craig Williams (retired, former commander 2nd Division Australian Army).

The exhibition has a timeline of the association's history running the length of the Old Boys' Gallery.

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LEFT: Christ Church students enjoy a six-day adventure on the sail training ship *Leeuwin*. ABOVE: Headmaster Alan Jones jogs with students at the school's outdoor education centre, *Kooringal*.

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The play's the thing at MLC

There will be a shipwreck at Methodist Ladies' College next month.

Students will perform William Shakespeare's comedy *Twelfth Night*, a play in which women make their way in a man's world.

Year 12 student Laura McSkimming is Viola and WAAPA student Lachie Higgins is Sebastian, twins who are separated in a shipwreck.

"We sing a sea-shanty at the start, a rough piratey thing, then there's the shipwreck," Lachie said.

Viola, disguised as a boy, falls in love with a duke; the duke loves Olivia, who falls in love with Viola, thinking she is a man.

"The play is about women making their way in a man's world: it's also about finding yourself, and your brother," Laura said.

The co-leads have performed in other school productions but these will be their first Shakespearean roles.

"Everyone should see a Shakespeare performance at



What you will ... Laura McSkimming, left, and Lachie Higgins.

least once," Lachie said. "It makes the audience think and brings things contemporary drama can't."

Laura said some people might have seen *Twelfth Night* as the 2006 film *She's the Man*, with Amanda Bynes as Viola.

MLC's theatre arts head Jodee Lambert said for this production the play was set in the 1920s, and characters would wear former Scotch College blazers.

"It's such a stylish era, with a love of culture and music and words, and with a nautical feel," Ms Lambert said.

"The shipwreck will look amazing, and there will be Charleston dancers and party scenes.

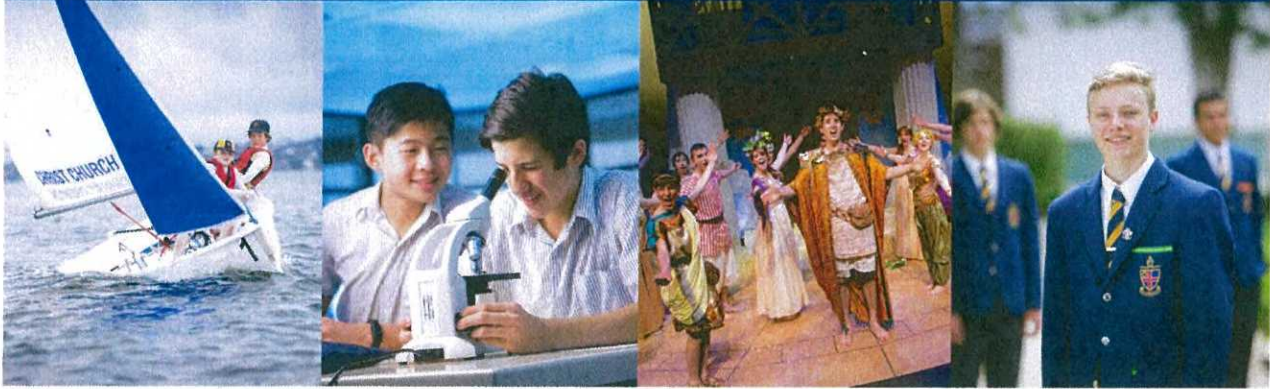
"The Scotch blazers have been de-Scotched."

Lachie, who attended Christ Church Grammar School on a singing scholarship, said he learnt his lines by running through his scenes with friends.

"If you're in your character it's a lot easier, because it's what they'd say," he said.

Twelfth Night is at MLC from August 3 to 5; tickets are \$20 via Trybooking.

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The Road to Mathematics Olympiad

"Prior to this year's IMO, only nine West Australians had made the team to represent Australia. Of the nine, two boys were from Christ Church Grammar School."

As a child, William Hu enjoyed music and puzzle books. In between composing his own pieces and playing on the piano, he was engrossed with solving puzzles, where the patterns in numbers and shapes never failed to fascinate him. He still loves music and puzzles, but they now take him to a much larger stage.

William is currently participating in the 58th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) being held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He is one of six students selected to represent Australia in this year's mathematics Olympiad. They are competing in the world's toughest mathematics competition against more than 600 of the world's smartest kids from over 100 countries.

Prior to this year's IMO, only nine West Australians had made the team to represent Australia. Of the nine, two boys were from Christ Church Grammar School – Alexander Chua (2013) and Andrew Hassell (1985). William is now the 10th Western Australian and the

third Christ Church International Mathematics Olympian. This is a great achievement for William who is currently in Year 11 studying Music, Mathematics Methods, Mathematics Specialist, Literature, Japanese, Chemistry and Physics.

William, along with the other young Olympians, received his Australian team blazer before the Federal Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Senator the Honourable Arthur Sinodinos AO, at an official team announcement ceremony held at Parliament House, Canberra on Monday 19 June.

When asked about what he looks forward to most at the International Mathematics Olympiad, William says "I look forward to the chance to make international friendships with people who hold similar interests." William is hoping to continue his studies in Mathematics and possibly Music at university.

Christ Church Grammar School wishes William the very best as he makes waves in Rio de Janeiro.

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Journalism from another time



**Other Times: Life,
Journalism and the Arts**
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SARAH McNEILL

As a rookie reporter at The West Australian in 1978, Ron Banks recalls a male-dominated newsroom with a bank of bakelite phones in booths against one wall.

West reporters shared

typewriters on trolleys and had to fight with Daily News journos across the corridor to get one.

It was a time of shorthand and carbon paper, of bins full of discarded and crumpled

paper as journos wrestled for reader-grabbing openings, and a time when smoking obviously boosted creativity and productivity.

Ron's first major interview was with mining magnate Lang Hancock in his Nedlands office – "something to do with the mining of asbestos".

In reflecting on the "good old days" of journalism, the former arts editor of The West writes, "nostalgia and reminiscing is part of everyone's progress through life".

Along with his memories of the print journalism newsroom, Ron has chosen to publish a selection of interviews and reviews that reflect Perth's flourishing cultural scene through the 1990s.

In response to the question theatre critics all face at some time – what gives you the right to criticise? – Ron's answer is the same as renowned London critic Michael Billington: "Absolutely nothing."

Billington clarifies: "You earn the right to be a critic by the passion, commitment, moral zeal and verbal felicity you bring to the job."

It is, Ron notes, what he hoped he brought to his 15 years as arts editor of The West.

It was a time when Perth Theatre Company, The Hole in the Wall, Deckchair, and Effie Crump theatres were the mainstays of local performing arts, and His Majesty's Theatre was rarely dark.

His stories range across issues and personalities, recapturing theatre events such as the late Jimmy Chi's Bran Nue Dae, Cloudstreet, The Year of Living Dangerously, the desert sculptures of Antony Gormley, and his own moment in the spotlight in the epic opera, Aida.

His interviews and reviews include a young WAAPA graduate Hugh Jackman, a review of Paul McCartney in concert which received world-wide condemnation, a reserved Maggie Smith, Michael Crawford, Clive James, Jason Donovan, Barry Humphries, Billy Connolly, Woody Allen, Greta Scacchi, David Helfgott and Yehudi Menuhin.

The book, Other Times: Life, Journalism and the Arts, will be launched by former West editor Paul Murray at Christ Church Grammar School on Wednesday, July 26.

It is available at Lane Bookshop in Claremont or direct from Ron Banks on ron.banks@iinet.net.au.

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Rowing boss hangs up oars

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After eight Head of the River wins, Steve Saunders has stood down as Christ Church Grammar School's rowing director.

"It's a brutal sport, very tribal: I've loved every minute of it," Steve said. "I'm a farm boy with a passion for sport and lucky enough to have been paid for it."

Steve rowed for Australia as a 21-year-old, in the 1977 world championships.

Rowing was in his blood. His father, Joe, coached two Australian crews and a Head of the River-winning Aquinas.

"Champion Lakes used to be our farm," Steve said. "It was a bit surreal it turned into a rowing course."

He returned to rowing in 1996 when one of his three children got interested.

"My daughter wanted to row and I didn't trust any other coaches," he said. "I was at Fremantle Rowing Club for three years, then the Christ Church job came up. In my first Head of the River win in 2002 my boy Ben was in the crew."

That year's stroke, Todd Skipworth, went on to be a world champion.

"There used to be a tradition that if you stroked a first eight you had a boat named after you, but we've had too many," Steve said.

He said sometimes he could pick boys who would be great.

"Perry Ward, who represented Australia, I picked him the day I walked into the room," Steve said. "He was just a long skinny kid smashing himself on the ergo.



Steve Saunders at his rowing shed. Photo: Billie Fairclough

"The kids that are tough, are tough. It's handy to be tall. But you can't pick [kids with] heart until they show themselves."

It could be tough sometimes finding enough rowers, because Christ Church was academically-focused.

"In 2014 I had five boys from the Head of the River who were good enough to get into medicine," Steve said.

The school's rowing manual says telling the coach Mum didn't wake them up is not a valid excuse for missing a training session.

"It's the first time in their lives they won't get a gold star for participation," Steve said. "They're either in the crew or out of it."

The school's new rowing director is Simon Cox.



Long journey from prejudice to redemption

By BRET CHRISTIAN

Geologist Ross Ashton does not recall seeing an indigenous person until aged 21, when he and Jeanine, his bride of one week, drove their Volkswagen into Kalgoorlie after crossing the continent from Sydney's North Shore.

That first encounter – and those over the next five years of roaming the Goldfields – built in him a big dose of racial prejudice.

The newlyweds lived alongside a mining dump populated by fringe-dwellers, some of the most wretched people on earth, their lives punctuated with alcoholism and fighting.

"I fell into the trap of adopting the attitudes of the people

I was mixing with," Ross said. "We talked about 'them' – terms of prejudice."

From his 1972 low point Ross reached a high in his life this week when he published a powerful novel that traces a trek through the Kimberleys by a disparate group of fictional walkers.

The book will help fund an indigenous scholarship at Christ Church Grammar School, the second one he has set up.

Ross said he realised how close to home his subject got through the long process of writing and publishing.

"I was not able to accept that the book was about my own journey through prejudice until I held it in my hand," he said.

In the years between, the Ashton family, who live in

Cottesloe, lived and worked in Zambia, South Africa and Ghana, with Ross's eyes opening gradually to the positives of interacting with different peoples.

His epiphany came in a Kimberley cave in 2000, when he first saw what are known as the Bradshaw rock paintings.

He was blown away by the beautiful work, describing it as a cave of Van Gogh paintings.

The northern Kimberley contains thousands of Bradshaws, many probably still undiscovered. They were first documented by pastoralist Joseph Bradshaw in 1891.

There is great mystery about the extinct people who produced such talented and prolific artists. Their work depicts human silhouette figures that appear to be suspended in the air or in a dynamic style that suggests running, hunting or dancing.

They wear elaborate adornments – head-dresses, sashes and tassels, sometimes depicted with boomerangs and spears but hardly ever with animals.

"It was all about self, like the Facebook generation – me, me, me," Ross said.

He speculates that about 16,000 years ago food was plentiful, allowing much spare time for creativity while a strong artistic gene predominated, passed on to today's language groups.

He realised forcefully how superficial his first impressions of indigenous people had been. For his book, *Ochre*, he created a fictional tribe and four diverse modern bushwalkers who traversed its lands.

At the last moment the walkers are joined by Danny, a troubled indigenous boy who has never been in the bush.

Gradually he becomes connected to the bush and dreams



Enlightened ... Geologist, author and philanthropist Ross Ashton at Christ Church Grammar School with his book that will help fund his second indigenous scholarship at the school.

the art that is in him. Another walker, Nicki, refuses to recognise her indigenous roots, "unable to comprehend how those she so despises could have such sublime skills".

Ross's working life took him through the same country, his keen geologist's eye capturing

the magic of the bush and its bird and animal life.

One of the book's walkers is a geologist, not Ross, who is so blinded by his search for riches that he fails to see the beauty around him.

He is a lost cause. • Please turn to page 76

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Prejudice to redemption

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"Ochre is about how you overcome prejudice by exposing yourself to the people you are prejudiced against," said Ross, who is constantly drawn back to the Kimberley for weeks-long recreational walks.

Personally, he and Jeanine have closed the circle. In 2011 he went to Christ Church Grammar School's then-headmaster Garth Wynn and organised a perpetual scholarship for indigenous boys.

His skills as a geologist and a businessman meant that he could donate enough money for the school to invest permanently, the interest funding a scholarship for six years of high school.

Gerry, once a shy Broome boy, was the first. He graduated last year as a school prefect and basketball captain, and is now contemplating a combination of academic life and American college basketball.

The second scholarship student has started Year 7.

"It is a way to make a difference, permanently," Ross said of the Ashton Family Indigenous Scholarship.

"I hope other local families follow the example."

Christ Church's Centre for Ethics will launch Ochre - I Want to Paint on August 16.

Ross is using its publication to launch another \$80,000 scholarship - funded by book proceeds and donations, which he will match dollar for dollar. Details of the launch are on ochrebook.com.au.

The book is available at Lane Bookshop in Claremont or through the website.

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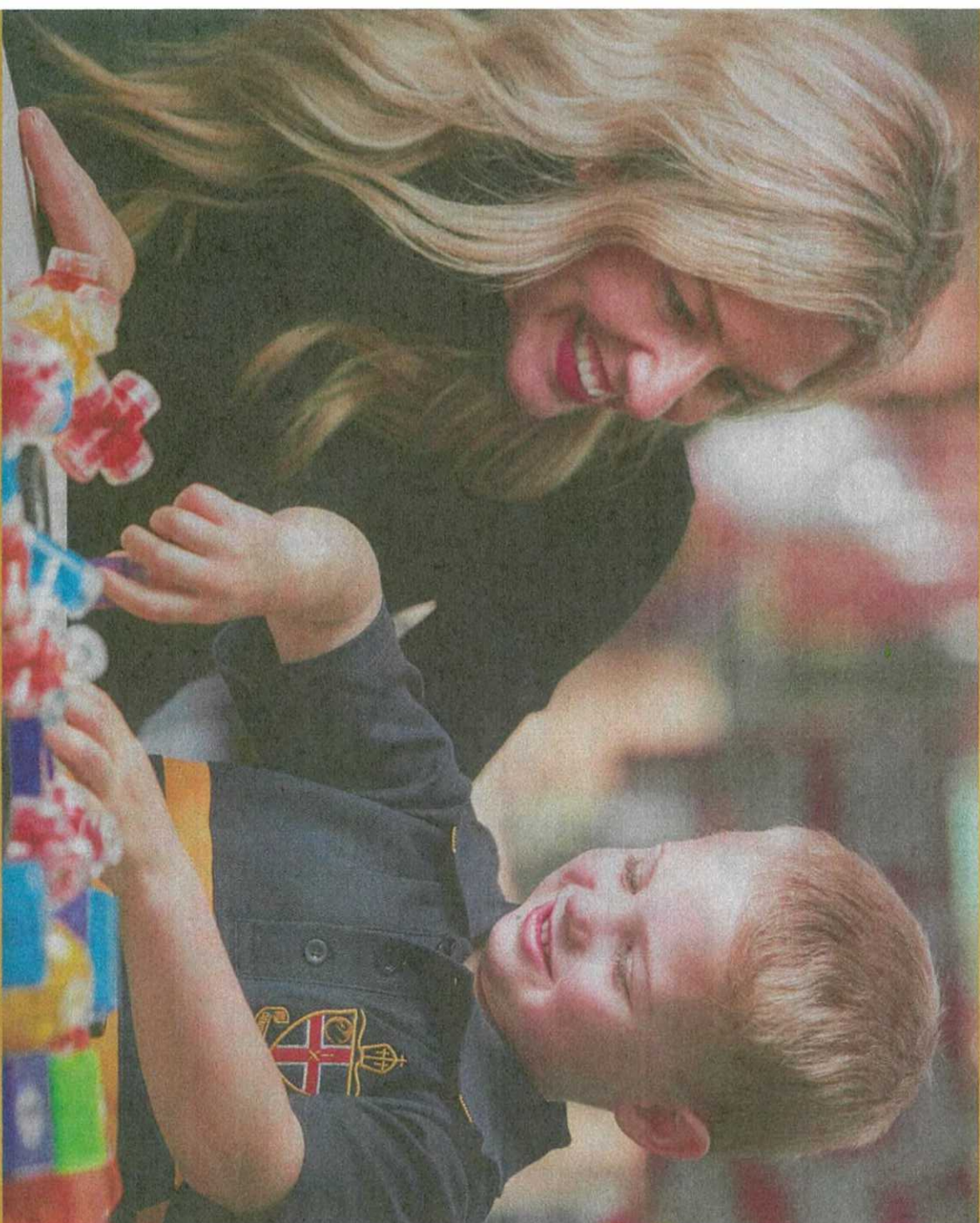
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