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CONGRATULATIONS to Alex Aidt, Dux of Geelong High School, 2023. As well as an impressive ATAR in the 90s, Alex achieved a perfect study score of 50 in Theatre Studies. As well as studying hard, Alex was involved in many school productions. In 2023 he was School Captain.



Back in Year 7, as an enthusiastic Green Team member, Alex suggested PLOGGING as an activity which the Home Groups have adopted as a regular activity. It's a combination of jogging while picking up litter and it was devised in Sweden. It's been a most successful venture with bins

of litter being collected and therefore not ending up at Eastern Beach or in the Botanical Gardens.

That same year Alex took part in the Future Focus Program run by Doxa, a not-for-profit group that aims to address bullying, drugs, mental health and other issues faced by teens moving from primary to secondary school.

Geelong High School, along with Northern Bay and Newcomb, adopted the two-year program for students in Years 7 and 8. The program included a weekend at Doxa's camp in Malmsbury and four half day in-school leadership workshops.

This year Alex is studying a double degree in education and music at Monash University.



CONGRATULATIONS to the 2024 School Captains Nina Magor and Darcy Storrar, and Vice Captains Eleanor Crosby-Hardman and Connor Blyth.



Silver Gulls President Doug Mann presented the 2023 Silver Gulls Award to Katie Lindsay.



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WELCOME ...

... to last year's graduands who have signed up for free three years of membership of the Silver Gulls.

Welcome to 2024

- 946 students and 113 staff of which number, 14 were new staff to Geelong High School.

An interesting comparison: in 2000, the enrolment was 825 students with 72 staff.

- Kristi Watts from Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-Op conducted a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony for all teachers and staff.



HOLIDAY MAINTENANCE :

Installation of the long-awaited new shade sails has finally been completed, with the stepped area in the Year 7 courtyard beside the CA Love Hall, and the outdoor concrete stage and performing area at the rear of the Kroger building now covered by very impressive shade sails. ▼



- All Science classrooms have been re-carpeted for the first time since the wing was constructed in 2004.

- All classrooms on the ground floor of the Kroger building have been repainted.
- All concrete and bitumen hard surfaces throughout the school yard have been pressure washed using dry-ice technology for the removal of chewing gum.
- Works have commenced with replacing the boundary fencing along the Ryrie Street frontage (east of the front entrance), and the eastern boundary bordering Eastern Park with black palisade style fencing. ▼



Other works planned for completion through Semester 1 are:

- Continuation of the fencing replacement program, with the next stage being the entire northern boundary to the rear of the school facing Eastern Park.
- In concert with the new fencing, will be improved gate entrance signage, and directional signage to help visitors navigate their way around the school.
- Design and redevelopment of a new VCE common area within the current canteen area
- 15 Manchurian Pear trees have been purchased to be planted alongside the fence in Ryrie Street near the Winstanley Wing. Money donated and raised at last year's Reunion Day will help to pay for the trees.

ALUMNI MENTORING PROGRAM

Ex-students have been invited to join the AMP which runs every Wednesday in the Senior Study Centre from 3.30-4.30 and involves high attaining recent students supporting VCE Units 3 and 4 students in their studies .

CAREERS Q&A

Geelong High recently ran a Career Q&A session with our Year 11 and 12 Vocational Major (VM) students. Many guest speakers discussed their careers from diverse staff at Geelong High School and external speakers from Bellarine Property Group, Fire Rescue, Paramedic, Geelong Police, LLEN and Geelong City Council. ►

ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM (ALP)

Geelong High School's ALP is offered to Year 7—9 students who are motivated and engaged learners that wish to be part of a program for like-minded students.

Some key characteristics of our ALP are:

- Acceleration in the core subjects of Maths, English, Science and Humanities from Year 7.
- More higher order thinking.
- Less repetition of content.
- Faster curriculum progression.
- Opportunities for acceleration into the Senior Years.
- A wide range of extracurricular extension opportunities.
- A focus on deep learning and academic enrichment.

Acceleration means progressing through curriculum and learning faster, having more challenging opportunities and more emphasis on leadership and higher order thinking skills. Students in the ALP will accelerate in English, Science, Maths and Humanities from Year 7-9 together as a class. From Year 10 they will continue to be able to accelerate as part of our wider acceleration program across all subjects and open to all students.

Students are able to take part in debating, Model United Nations, the entirely student run newspaper, World Scholars Cup, our peripatetic music tuition program, bands, our orchestra, the school production, a myriad of sporting teams and experiences, student leadership training and opportunities, ICAS assessment competitions, a wide range of lunchtime clubs, the Australian Mathematics Competition, The University of Melbourne Micro-Mathematicians Incursion and Maths Competition, Maths Games Day (Victorian Challenge and Enrichment) and activities such as chess club, manga anime club and more.



First TERM 2024

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING

The annual swimming sports carnival took place on Tuesday, 13th February. The weather was magnificent and it set the scene for what would become a very close competition between all four houses. The point score at the end was very close with less than 100 points separating 1st to 4th place. Moorabool house came up victors on the day with Corio a very close second. Leigh was third, followed by Barwon in fourth place.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The competition seemed to be as much about costumes as athletic ability—check out King somebody-or other doing high jump.



The House Mascots were in attendance.
Top: Red Leigh Devil (with Green Corio Crocodile way in the background).
Bottom: Blue Barwon Shark and Yellow Moorabool Tiger.

Sport teaches you how to play by the rules. It shows you how to win and how to lose. It teaches you how to play as part of a team and it teaches you how to rely upon yourself.
Diane Kerry



Who won? The dinosaur, the giraffe, the hippo, the koala, or the cow?

BARWON WON!

▲ And it seems a lot of fun was had as well as some serious swimming.

The 2024 Year 11 VCE VM students volunteered at Geelong Food Relief in their North Geelong warehouse helping to sort food items and get rid of old unusable stock. As a class we donated around 60 volunteer hours towards GFR's 650 volunteer hours needed each week to keep the organisation operating and continuing to support the Geelong community. ▼



The heat didn't stop the Year 7 crews from having a great day learning how to surf. ▼



▲ Year 10 Foundation Maths students went to the Eastern Gardens to estimate bat numbers as part of their Statistic unit.



▲ A group of enthusiastic students attended the first Be **Bold Be Heard Forum** for the year at GMHBA stadium. The BBBH program enhances student voice, agency, and engagement of girls in the middle years of secondary schools. ▼



▲ Geelong High finished 3rd overall amongst other schools at the regional swimming championship which was a great result. Our Intermediate Boys came first overall with the 16 year Boys winning both relays.

Year 12 students enjoyed an overnight camp in Anglesea and Lorne. We began at Live Wire Park where students challenged themselves on high ropes courses and zip lines. Students encouraged each other and many conquered their fears. The camp offered a dynamic blend of activities catering to diverse interests and skills. Students surfed, honing their balance and agility on the waves. An art session provided a platform for self-expression and design. Additionally, lawn bowls offered a more relaxed yet strategic pursuit, fostering camaraderie and friendly competition among peers. Captains, Connor and Darcy led a cohort-based Trivia Night, which ensured plenty of laughs were had! On Day 2, we walked from Anglesea to Point Roadknight, taking in the beautiful ocean and bush scenery. Beach games added an element of fun, encouraging teamwork and collaboration. Through these varied experiences, students not only demonstrated their life skills but also developed important interpersonal skills such as communication, cooperation, and leadership. ▼



The Geelong High Aboriginal Education Program met for their first session of the year. The students and staff set cultural goals for the year, began planning for NAIDOC Week celebrations in preparation for July. The program aims to ensure our First Nation students at Geelong High feel a deep sense of belonging, connection, and pride toward their culture.





▲ The **Library** has changed to a new management system called *AccessIt*. The students are finding it easy to use and easy to explore our collection. There are different carousels on the library webpage showing new books and the different genres that we have. Wednesday is activity day. The activities include but are not limited to rock paintings, virtual reality, treasure hunts, dream catchers, badge making, quizzes, jewellery making, etc.

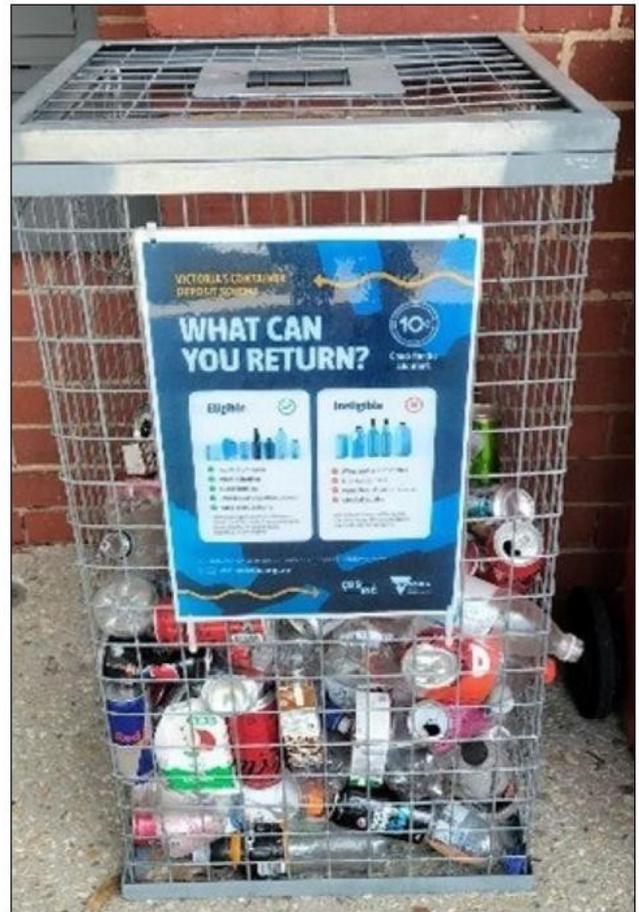


◀ This portrait photo was created by Ethan Barnes with photography by Gulliver Seafarer (Year 10 Media).

1962

- The proposal to roof the Internal Quadrangle was deemed impractical.

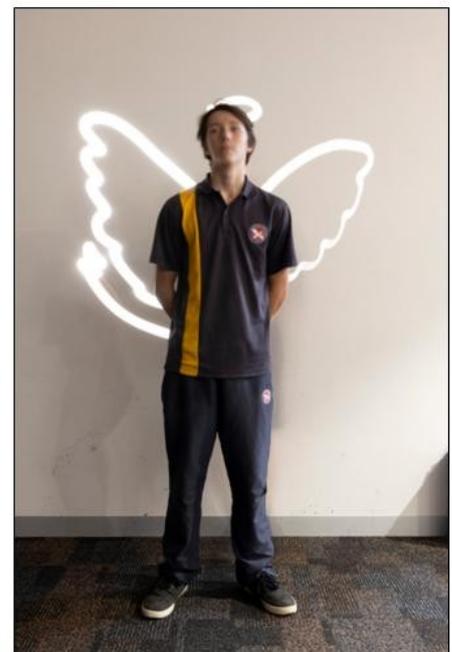
... and how right they were! When it was, in fact, roofed is not known but in summer it created a sauna, and in winter it leaked every time it rained. Every effort to fix the roof failed.



CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME ▲

Geelong High School is a registered community partner for the CDS for 2024. This means as well as the containers that are being collected at school you could donate the funds from any containers returned to a collection point to Geelong High School. The money raised is going directly to buying equipment to get students into the outdoor environment. Gear like wetsuits, backpacks, outdoor basketballs, etc. On the CDS VIC app you look for Geelong High School under charities and nominate Geelong High School as your active pay out. Any refund amount would be great as it all adds up, a win for the school, students and also the environment.

The 10 Media students have also been experimenting with light paint photography. ▼ ▶





Over 900 people attend our 2025 Year 7 Information Evening.



The Geelong High School Bach String Quintet had a wonderful night playing for the Information Evening on the 13th March.

The following comments were posted on Facebook:

I was not part of the information evening but was out enjoying a walk with my dogs. The music was a joy to listen to. Congratulations to all involved. *(KayDee Green)*

Would they like to come to a combined schools string workshop? *(Jodie Townsend)*

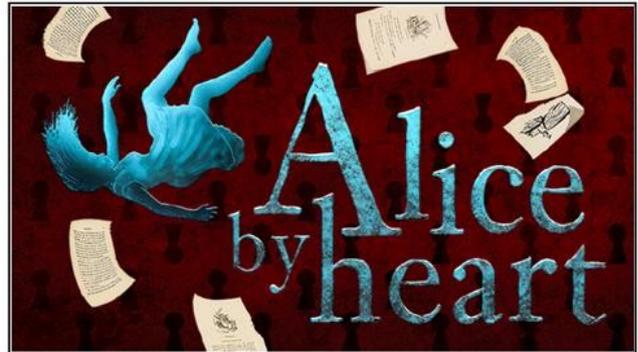
They were wonderful. I did sneak in to listen. *(Angie Trueman)*

CLASS CLOWNS COMPETITION

Congratulations to Elvis Dellamarta and Henry Lee (both Year 9) for presenting their comedy sketch in the Class Clowns competition at the Geelong Arts Centre in March.



Class Clowns is Melbourne International Comedy Festival's national development program for teens. Comprising a competition, workshop and mentoring program, Class Clowns plays a valuable role in supporting the confidence and creativity of young Australians - providing a channel for self-expression, a platform for amplifying the voices and perspectives of young people and a pathway for emerging Australian talent.



Geelong High School Presents

'Alice by Heart'

A young girl takes refuge in a London Tube station during WWII and confronts grief, loss, and love with the help of her favourite book, Alice in Wonderland.

25th-28th July

Tickets Coming Soon...

Geelong High School took part in the **Geelong Evening Music Festival** held at Matthew Flinders GSC in March. Other schools involved were Belmont, Oberon and Bannockburn performing rock, jazz, classical, and concert band material, with around 80 students performing. The event is the first put together by Geelong Heads of Music, a group of local school music program directors who have come together to provide more and better opportunities for their students to perform. The open air concert was a free event, with drinks, a sausage sizzle and a bake sale available.

In previous years the school calendar was packed with eisteddfods and band competitions across Victoria and the country for students bands to perform at. However, MFG head of music John Kingma said the combination of fewer of those events and the rising costs associated with travel now mean many schools, particularly regional ones, get far fewer chances to perform.

"We're really trying to start up an annual community event of state schools with a focus on engagement and participation," Mr Kingma said. "It's about providing opportunities for students to network with people from other schools and perform to different audiences in different situations. "It's going to be fun, it's going to be collaborative... it's free and it's really all about the students and local community enjoying a local, accessible festival."



STOP PRESS

The 15 Manchurian Pear trees have been planted along the Ryrie Street fence outside the Winstanley Wing.

Hopefully, they will change colour in the next few weeks. A photo will be available in the next issue.



BEN CALDERAZZO (1991) is and has been lead guitar of Hot Club Swing's unique style of 1930s French Gypsy Jazz for 25 years.



JED BEWS (2006-10) is currently playing for the Geelong CATS.



1959
Fred Mendelsohn (above), President of the newly-formed Public Speaking and Debating Club, with Gwyn Morris and Rayleen Janetzki represented Geelong High School in HSV7s 'Parliament of Youth.' They debated the topic, "That sport is over-emphasised in schools' with Heidelberg High School, taking the negative side. Following the show they enjoyed dinner at the Victoria Hotel.

In memory of Keith Jones (1954—1958) and Russell Jackson (1956—1962 (see Obituaries, pp. 11—13), there are some snippets from those years at Geelong High School scattered throughout these pages (in no particular order).



1961 FORM VI SCIENCE

Back: A. Johnstone, B. Cooke, John Russell, J. Price, A. Iraskevicious, R. Ballam, Rod Jackson, K. Rug.
Front: G. Waayers, Alf Jaugiatis, P. Houwen, B. McRae, Anne Knowles, R. Bamford, J. Cox, P. Crump.

Mar. 16th—The fifth and sixth formers went to a performance of "School for Scandal," where we picked up a few hints. 1956



From left: Barbara Boyle Prout, Helen Bryden Stewart and Jill Cooling Hudson in 2011.

▲ In 1957 *The Australian Towns* project was jointly produced by Barbara Boyle Prout, Jill Cooling Hudson and Helen Bryden Stewart. It was a mammoth effort, the girls wrote to the Shire Councils of major cities in each Australian state and territory asking for information about the origin of their town's name. The responses included hand-written letters as well as printed information pamphlets and photos. The finished project was nearly 300 pages of hand-written data precised from these letters and pamphlets.

The ladies have taken it in turns to have custody of this project over the past 50+ years and were, indeed, very lucky to get it back as I would have loved to keep it! I did the next best thing: I scanned every page and a copy of this excellent work is now in the school's library where it is available for students to peruse. Ed.

Letters

FROM DOUG SHERMAN (1958) #1

Thank you for sending the latest edition of Silver Gulls which I have read with interest. After reading it, I felt compelled to join Silver Gulls using the form obtained at the recent reunion.

I enjoyed the article on David 'Butch' Prior, who was well known for his antics during the 1950s. He was closely linked with the mysterious overnight disappearance of the school bell which hung in the quadrangle, and was struck with a hammer to signify the start and end of periods. It was found buried in the middle of the hockey field and returned to its original position.

I can answer your question about the donor of the football photos featured in the newsletter. Barry Ward, the captain of the Under 15 team in 1954, donated both photos of the premiership teams. The teams were coached by Neil Bouchier and Ken Dawson, and competed in the Geelong Under 15 League (Saturday morning). Barry went on to play six games with Geelong VFL team.

Coincidentally, I also passed on four football photos on the same day, which were formerly in the possession of Neil Bouchier in Warracknabeal. [See football photos on next two pages.]

In response to Doug's letter (above), here is the article from Friends of Geelong High School (No. 6 Winter, 2000) to which he refers.

In the following issue of Friends (No. 7) two letters were received regarding the bells.

1952

BELL-BOYS, THANKS!

To many of us the sound of our school bell is taken for granted and with varying sensations of chagrin, but it would be amiss if in *Flotsam* we did not mention the untiring service rendered by the bell-boys. Their work over the years has been especially consistent and exact, and if they did not carry out their job thoroughly, the School would soon be in chaos. The task of ringing the bell is an inconvenient one, as it demands a stringent schedule of running to and from rooms, and we would like the bell-boys to know that their efforts do not go unnoticed.

- This reads as if the boys actually ran about the school ringing a handbell. Could this possibly be true?



Mr. Sanderson rings the old bell.



Leonard Neagle rings the new electric bell system.

2000

The current automatic bell system has been in operation for many years and has just recently been upgraded to a new version (of the same type) because it had taken it into its circuits to ring bells indiscriminately.

But one cannot always, it seems, blame the system for bells that ring at the wrong time. The following ditty, penned by Denis Jenkins, has been sung with gusto at the Staff Christmas Breakfast for at least ten years, and is principally directed at ex-Assistant Principal Jeff Watt, and indirectly at any poor soul whose responsibility it is to make sure the bell rings at the right time when it has to be rung manually.

I'll let you work out the tune ...

Dawdling t'wards the school, ten minutes in the bag
Past the hall we go, staff briefing is a drag
Balls fly through the air, kids' games are underway
When will the bell ring, who is game to say?

Ring the bells, ring the bells, ring them bold as brass
Oh, what fun it is to guess what time we'll end this class.
Ring the bells, ring the bells, ring them bold as brass
Oh, what fun it is to guess what time we'll end this class.

Period One drags on, the next one will be short
Enjoy your lengthened spare while the others hold the fort.
The bell at long last rings, ending your hour of ease
Then a voice comes o'er the air, ignore that bell, please!

There's a story that, at one Christmas Breaky, Jeff begged to be given a break about the bells. Denis duly promised that the song would not be sung the following year — IF Jeff could get the bells right for the full year. A big ask, apparently: first day of the next school year, first bell — guess what?

I was pleased to receive the latest newsletter yesterday, and particularly so when I saw the photo of Leonard Neagle ringing the new electric bell system at the school back in 1952. Leonard's brother Max and I have been friends since our High School days and I'm sure Max would be delighted to see the picture too.

The adjacent picture of Mr Sanderson striking the old 'mine-top' bell brought back some remarkable memories to me. I wonder whether you are aware of the incident which prompted the memories.

That bell hung outside the science room which was next to the staffroom. It was the last day of term in 1954 and, as an end of term prank, the bell had been removed overnight in a rather daring manner which was a story in itself.

The bell monitor had arrived to ring the first bell which was four strikes with the metal bar at about 8.50am. He noticed that the bell was missing and went off, presumably to report the matter.

After a few minutes had passed and it was noted that the bell had not sounded, Mr Sanderson came out of the staffroom, picked up the metal bar and struck the place where the bell usually hung!!! I can still hear the noise of the impact and the glass pieces flying as the bar went right through the window of the science room.

I was standing close by and clearly saw the look of astonishment on Mr. Sanderson's face and the expressions of so many students who were already in the quadrangle outside their respective rooms.

It turned into quite an eventful day as investigations got underway as to how the bell was taken and who the culprit was. The bell was 'located' later in the day from beneath one of the prefabs and carried back into school held high above the heads of those who retrieved it.

Mr. Higgins was principal at the time and there was some consternation about the retribution which was planned unless the bell was located. I seem to remember that even after the bell turned up, a planned sporting engagement between staff and students was not allowed to proceed. Others may have clearer memories about that memorable day at Geelong High School.

May I pass on my best wishes to Geoff. Brebner for a long and healthy retirement. Many of us who attended the reunion a couple of years ago met Geoff and were impressed with his personality and great feeling for the school.

John Bone (1950-1954)

Continued ►

From previous page :

Yes, indeed, those little boys did run around ringing a hand bell for many years.

The main bell was the large gong we saw in the photo in *Friends*, Vol. 1, No. 6, being rung, or struck, with a metal bar by Jock Sanderson when he was the Science Master who had most of his classes in what was then Room 4.

The metal bar and bell were regularly removed by Form 6 boys and found in various places — under the school, in the toilet block, etc.

As the gong could only be heard in the main building, boys were given the job of running with a hand bell to the entrance of the boys' locker room on the east side, and then to the end of the corridor on the west side, so that those in the portables could hear. Some bell boys did the job for six years — Steven Grapsas (in the mid-60's) for one.

Whilst Sandy (Jock Sanderson) was in charge of bells, his science students often asked if they could ring the main bell (gong and, later, electric bell). He, in his still broad Yorkshire accent, would growl, *Why do you want to ring the bell?* — and if he received a giggly answer or an *I don't know* reply, he often refused.

I figured it out—he was a scientist with a logical mind — so when I plucked up the courage to ask for a turn, and he asked the usual question, I replied that it was the sense of power I'd feel having 900 people run around from one stroke of my arm. His eyes twinkled and he said, *Go on, girlie, go on.* And girlie often rang the bell after that — and years later, as a teacher, I spent a couple of years as Teacher-in-Charge of Bell Ringers, and 1L and 2L of 1967 and 1968 will remember leaving class early to ring the bell.

Bells ALWAYS rang on time when students rang them.

Originally, I wasn't allowed to publish the name of the writer of this letter but, this time, I'm going to—it was Joy Catton.



ROSS TAYLOR #2

I attended Geelong High School in the mid to late 1950's and matriculated in 1961. I can remember Russell being with me at the school some of that time, especially around 1957. Even then, Russell was a lovely boy and I knew that he would make something of himself. My sincerest condolences are extended to his widow, Margot, and the rest of his family. Elaine Valentine, a friend of mine and who at the school and in the same year as Russell, called to tell me of Russell's sad passing.

[See p.12]

Some snippets from 1955:

Feb. 25th—Women's World Day of Prayer observed at Yarra Street Methodist Church and broadcast by 3GL.

May 1st—Strangers again stop Mr. Higgins in the street to tell him how well High School students marched on Empire Youth Sunday.

June 30th—High School team shows Morongo girls how to play basketball, and received a lesson in hockey.

Aug. 18th—The school is invaded by doting parents anxious to see what progress junior is making at the G.H.S.

Oct. 14th—His Excellency the Governor of Victoria visits Geelong and grants us a special holiday.

GEOGRAPHICAL WANDERINGS

The Fifth Form Geography class has this year enjoyed four excursions to places of interest in the district.

The first excursion, early in Term I, was made to Queen's Park and Buckley's Falls region, and in spite of the warm weather, everyone was satisfied with the afternoon's lesson.

A week later we boarded a Harbor Trust launch and went for a very enjoyable and educational, if rather short, cruise around Corio Bay.

Later in the first term we made a tour of the Cheetham Salt Works, and found the various stages in the production of this particular commodity very interesting. The trip was made in conjunction with members of the Chem. class, and was voted by several fifth formers the best excursion for the year.

During Term II it was believed that the harsh weather conditions would be too rigorous for the frail students, so we did not venture out again until 16th September.

On that date, under the guidance of our temporary Geography teacher, we proceeded to the foreshore and took extensive notes on the structure of rocks and other coastal features. After having had pointed out to us such places of interest as Point Henry and the You Yangs, we made our way back to school by way of the Botanical Gardens.

At the moment the form is anticipating a visit, which promises to be very interesting, to the Ford Manufacturing Co's plant at North Geelong.

1954 C. McCallum (V)



1962 MAGAZINE COMMITTEE
Front Row (from left): J. Jolliffe, W. Brooke, H. Tippet, R. Ganly, P. Ellis, D. Henry, M. Price, G. Reynolds, L. Huntley, D. Willett.
Back Row (from left): C. Dolley, R. Jackson, B. Cook, A. Johnstone, Mr. Volk, J. Russell, R. Matthews, R. McTaggart, M. Webster, D. Johnston.

OPEN NIGHT

I see the lights of the High School
Gleam through the rain and the mist,
It's Open Night at my school,
My parents must come, I insist.
All the classrooms will be on view,
The work of the students as well.
The Headmaster's there to greet you,
But there'll be no sound of the bell.
Come, see the art work and wood work,
The cooking that's done by the girls.
A fashion parade with a new quirk;
The latest in clothing and curls.
Last year, when I was a new boy,
It was all, to me, very new,
But now, a year bolder, with real joy,
I can show my High School to you!

T. Cust (IIA).

1962

These football photos were donated during the Reunion Open Day and apparently belonged to Neil Bouchier who moved from Geelong to Warracknabeal High School. Neil taught at Geelong High School from 1951 to 1956.

1952 Under 15 Saturday Morning team.



Back - D. Myers, C. Blain, R. Evans, J. Booker, J. Whiteoak, B. Dennard, B. Lock, R. McKenzie, D. Laurie,
Centre - , G. O'Donnell, S. Watson, B. Perry, B. Barthe, B. Harding, S. Field, R. Romanis, A. Connelley,
Front - J. Forbes, B. Dawson, B. Arthur, G. McCaskill (capt), N. Bouchier, K. Morjan, N. McKenzie, I. Williams, A. Taylor.

1953 Under 15 Saturday Morning Premiers.



Back - J. Romney, B. Perry, S. Watson, B. Ward, D. Bourke, I. Williams, R. Callow, S. Field, D. McKenzie
Centre - G. Lincoln, R. Tribe, L. Smith, C. Blain, J. Booker, D. Laurie, J. Fyfe, R. Dean, G. Macdonald, B. Abbott
Front - D. Myers, R. Romanis, B. Dennard, M.K. Dawson, A. Taylor, G. McCaskill, M.N. Bouchier, G. O'Donnell, N. McKenzie, B. Lock.

1953 Under 15 Football Premiers



-15 FOOTBALL TEAM

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1954 Under 15 Saturday Morning Premiers.



Back - B. Dennard, D. Laurie, S. Field, B. Dawson, A. Mackay, J. Francis,
Centre - R. Bunn, N. White, B. O'Connell, B. O'Connell, B. O'Connell, D. Myers, D. McKenzie, B. Abbott,
Front - G. Jones, R. Rutherford, K. Dawson, C. Blain, B. Ward, N. McKenzie, N. Bouchier, J. Romney, G. McDonald.

1956 Premiers.



Back - D. McKenzie, J. Francis, D. Morrison, M. Hope, J. Spurr, G. Phipps, S. Shroy, K. Jones, N. Williams, B. Shingler,
Centre - B. Walker, B. Agnew, B. Tallman, M. Bouchier, G. Thomas, B. Phipps, J. Dawson, D. Williams, E. Shroy, G. Spurr,
Front - J. Grant, R. Scotton, R. Allen, B. Dean, R. Rutherford, S. Jones, B. Cotton.

1956 Senior team.



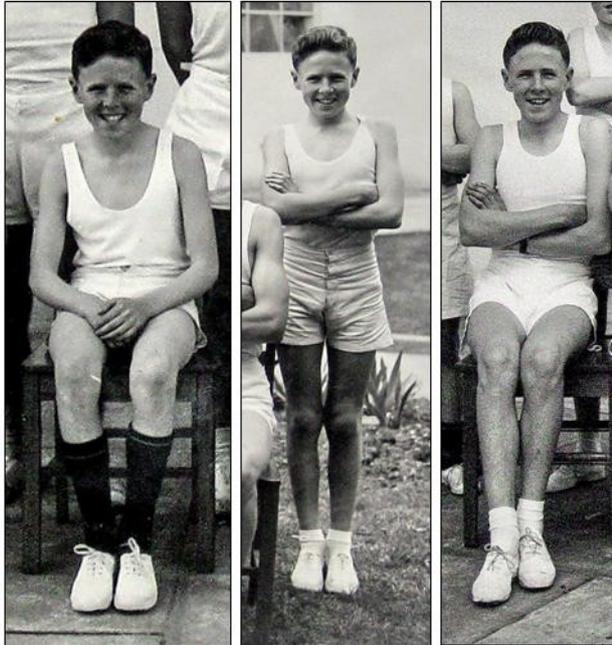
Back - A. Ripper, G. Dawson, T. Coulter, G. Jones, P. Wolsowicz, J. Tol, R. Selway, B. Shaw, D. Lawrence, T. Reyntjes, B. Over,
Centre - J. McVey, J. Roles, E. Stribley, N. Bouchier, I. Gribble, K. Dawson, J. Francis, N. White, B. Adamson,
Front - J. Romney, R. Dean, G. Puchlenko, I. Jobling, M. Hill, B. Abbott

Obituaries

KEITH JONES

8th March, 1942—1st February, 2024

Keith studied at Geelong High School for five years, 1954—1958. His main claim to fame was winning the annual Cross Country Championship every year.



Cross Country Champions.
Back Row I. Robinson, B. Caldwell, K. Jones.
Front Row R. Clamp, V. Reynolds, A. Williams.



... in the Under 15 Football Team.

In his own words ...

I started my secondary school life at Geelong High School in form 1B in 1954 as an average ordinary student. It was a different life from Swanston Street primary where you sat in the same room with one teacher taking all the subjects. At high school we moved from room to room for different subjects with different teachers, quite a change from the past. Sharing a locker in the quadrangle with another student because there were not enough for everyone is another memory.

I progressed through my school life gaining enough marks to stay in forms 2A, 3A, 4A and 5, without being a startling student. I enjoyed sport and took part in tennis, football, cricket and athletics. I discovered that I could run at a steady pace for a long distance which was not evident to me at primary school, as they did not

have races greater than 200 yards. This turned out to be a plus for me as I was successful in the school cross country event and went on to win my age group every year.

Therefore in 1955 I became a member of the only athletic club in Geelong at the time, the Geelong Guild Amateur Athletic Club. In my final year, form 5, I managed to continue the Geelong High school tradition (at least in my time) of winning the 1 mile event at the region high school carnival for Geelong High. I was elected Form 5 Prefect in my final year.

Names that flood back are T I Higgins, J Sanderson, R Singleton, K Dawson, N Bouchier, A Cracknel, I Tyler, C Stuart, W Zimmer, L Prime, T Moore, C Treloar, W Ford, J Wilczynski, R Williams, Miss Brown, Miss Stewart, Miss P Bumpstead, Miss P Bateman, R White, and G Martini.

After leaving school I joined the Post Master General's department (PMG) as a technician in training, a five year training course which led me to join the PMG Research Labs in Melbourne. This turned out to be a good career move as it equipped me with electro mechanical and electronic training and with this knowledge it helped me to join IBM as a Customer Service Engineer (technician) in 1964. This was a big year in my life as I also married my fiancé and we had our first son in December in Sydney, while I completed my basic training with IBM. Because of the continuous flow of new equipment sold by IBM, training was an ongoing task carried out at the company's training centre in Sydney.

However I did attend two overseas training centres, IBM San Jose, California in 1967 for three months prior to returning to Geelong to live and work. Then in 1975 my family travelled with me to IBM in Toronto, Canada, again for three months while I trained on equipment I would be looking after in Alice Springs at the Joint Defence Space Research Facility (J.D.S.R.F.).

This was a three year assignment that lasted five years. We all enjoyed our time there and made many friends, both Aussie and American. Our family grew to four, two boys and two girls.

Upon returning to live in Geelong in 1981, I worked all around Victoria for IBM for the next 11 years. Life was good, but uneventful until 1992 when with the business downturn, my skills were no longer needed by IBM, and I turned to other things.

My hobby of magic which started when I was ten became a source of income and I became Mr Ree of "Magic and Mr Ree."



Keith Jones (cont.)

I also joined a fellow departed IBM employee and formed a business contracting our services back to IBM, and their customers, around Australia and New Zealand. I finally retired to become a full-time magician in 2005. I live in Geelong with my wife Barbara (Matthews), who came from Wedderburn, and was a domestic arts teacher until we married, and also with my two birds, (a dove and a cockatiel). We have four children and eight grandchildren: one granddaughter followed by seven grandsons. Our two sons live with their families here in Victoria and the daughters live on the Gold Coast, Queensland, with their families, so we spend time in both Queensland and Victoria each year.

Life as a magician has led to many extraordinary experiences for our family, both here in Australia and overseas, and to meeting many of the luminaries in the Magic World. To me, good magic, based on secrets of seemingly impossible feats, properly presented, is entertainment of the highest order. My fascination in magic today is just as strong as the day I began in magic.

Life has been good for the Jones family, thanks to a good start at Geelong High School.

[What's Your Story? 2010]



A few things Keith left out ...

- He helped build Landy Field.
- He played football with the Geelong Amateurs.
- He was a Group Leader for the Scouts for 75 years.
- The work he did at Pine Gap was Top Secret.
- He played squash, baseball and softball in Alice Springs.
- He adored electronic gizmos (even if he couldn't work them properly as in the camcorder: he once filmed the footpath for 20 minutes because he thought it was switched off.)
- He could sleep anywhere, any time.
- He belonged to the International



Brotherhood of Magicians and was President of the Geelong Magic Circle for 30 years. At the conclusion of the funeral service, members of the GMC performed the Broken Wand Ceremony.

Personally, Keith was described as stubborn and grumpy, with a dry humour. Exuberant, a born performer. Loved the outdoors. Loved the CATS and meat pies. He was married to Barbara for 60 years, had four children, eight grandchildren, and one grandchild.

Keith was a member of the Silver Gulls Alumni Association for many years and attended the occasional meeting and Open Day. He invariably managed to delight visitors with his magic tricks.

I have no doubt he's enthralling the angels at every opportunity. Vale, Keith.

RUSSELL JACKSON

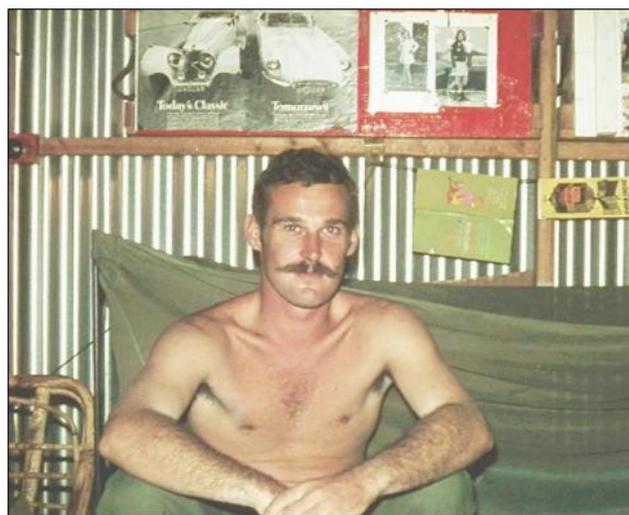
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Possibly taken at Geelong High School.

Russell was a student at Geelong High School 1956—1962. He was only ten years old when he started in Form 1A. He studied Latin for six years. Russell flouted school rules by wearing a 2cm wide tie and a reefer jacket instead of the school blazer.

Russell won a Commonwealth Scholarship and a Victorian Education Department Studentship. He studied Science at Melbourne University earning a double degree which was presented to him by Prime Minister, Robert Menzies.



Russell did National Service in Vietnam.



Racing cars at Eastern Beach.

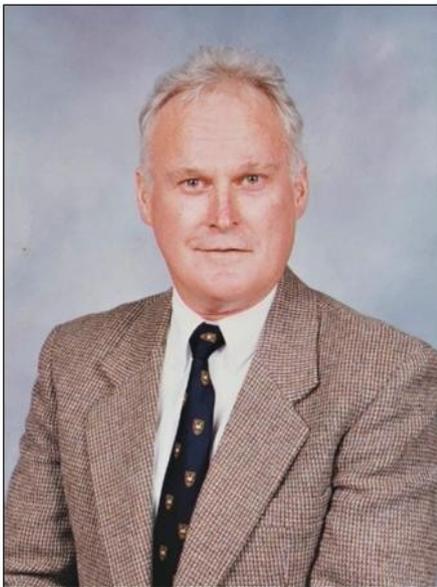
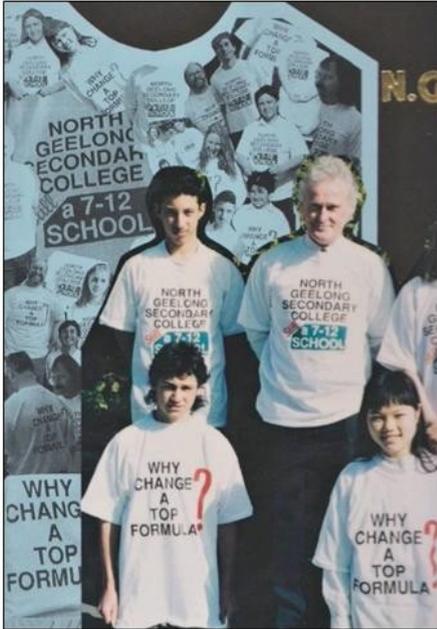
Russell became a teacher, working at Flemington High School and Norlane High School. In 1992 he became Acting Principal of North Geelong High School and Principal in 1995.

Having retired from NGHS, Russell worked for the Victorian Teachers' Credit Union and as a lecturer at Deakin University.

Russell was married to Margot and they had two children, Sally and Nic. Russell's brother Roderick also attended Geelong High School.

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Russell Jackson (cont.)



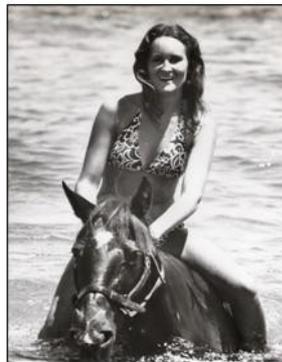
SUE PIERCE (Payne)

22 December, 1953—24th February, 2024

Sue taught Art at Geelong High School from 1976 to 2008. Her commitment to her students in Art, Media, Textiles and Visual Communication & Design was exceptional. Sue also worked closely with the SRC and presided over many Investitures, raffles, Easter Egg Hunts and the Talent Quest. She served one year as Year 8 Co-ordinator. Her talents were often used to enhance sets for various school productions, most notable the cubic backdrop in *Twelfth Night* and the fantastic table decorations for *Music, Movies & Madness*.

Sue was described as loving, kind, strong-willed, loyal, reliable and direct. In her own message read at her funeral, Sue said some people might have preferred her to be more diplomatic and less honest. She was wife to Roger (who passed away only six weeks prior to Sue’s death) for 45 years, and mother to Robert and Andrew. Sue’s husband, Roger, died six weeks before Sue.

Her son remembers his mother as a maker of things, a creator. She once won an award in fashion, textile and design. She loved to travel and loved the outdoors, especially skiing.



Two photos of the young Sue.

In 1976, Sue took part in the Miss Australia Quest.



Left: Sue (2nd from the right) with fellow Geelong High School teachers and friends, Marg Montgomery, Kathy Grogan, Jenny Gold, Jennifer Hauenstein and Catriona Simmonds.

VIVIAN BAKER

d. 7th February, 2024

Vivian was Treasurer of the Geelong High School Parents’ Club in 1987 and President from 1991 to 1996. During Viv’s presidency the Club raised significant funds for the school, including via the Debutante Balls, organized mainly by Viv. The first Valedictory Dinner was catered by the Parents’ Club during this time. Also, the Club moved its meetings from the afternoon to evening allowing more parents to be involved in supporting the school. Viv also ran the Uniform Shop and the Second Hand Book Sale for four years.

Viv’s children, Daniel, Ben and Lauren, all attended Geelong High School.



A sardonic Senior might say. . .

Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.

It's not my age that bothers me; it's the side effects.

I'm not saying I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the kerb on rubbish day.

As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: It will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy efficient.

I haven't gotten anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.

If you find yourself feeling useless, remember it took 20 years, trillions of dollars, and four presidents to replace the Taliban with the Taliban.

Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

I want to be 18 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

I'm on two diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.

Apparently RSVPing to a wedding invitation "Maybe next time" isn't the correct response.

So you've been eating hot dogs and McChickens all your life, but you

won't take the vaccine because you don't know what's in it. Are you kidding me?

There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.

Jennie Roles Tonzing is looking for any photos, programs, et. al, of the 1956 performance of LILAC TIME. If you can help, please contact Jennie on 0414 815 534.

And speaking of punctuation ...

DOES IT NEED AN APOSTROPHE?

1. What / who does it belong to?

The books are in the girls room.

If it's one girl = girl's

If it's more than one girl = girls'

If the word is a Proper Noun that already ends in "s" and it sounds clumsy to add an 's, just add the apostrophe after the "s" already there, eg, Ross' bag, not Ross's bag.

If a plural word doesn't end in "s" add an 's, eg, men's, women's, children's.

2. What's left out?

*Is it a contraction of two words?
Has something been left out?*

eg, what's (what is), isn't (is not), it's (it is), isn't (is not).

Wont (no apostrophe) is a word in its own right. Words like meant and learnt don't have an apostrophe—there's nothing left out.

Its and It's – if it doesn't mean it is, then an apostrophe is not needed.

3. Is it just more than one, ie, a plural word?

Adding an 's' to a word indicates there is more than one, eg, girls, boys, meaning more than one girl or one boy.

Plural words without an "s" - use the *Who does it belong to?* rule (see 1. above).

NEVER ADD AN APOSTROPHE SIMPLY BECAUSE THE WORDS ENDS IN "S" OR "NT".

