



# The Bolac Bugle

## TERM TWO 2011

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# Term 2



# Term Two Round-Up from the Principal

*As I mentioned in the last Bugle, I strongly believe in the importance of developing a strong Learning Community and that I see all members of the Learning Community as being like pieces of a jigsaw; each with their unique colour and shape and therefore very important to the whole picture.*

*The past term has provided me with opportunities to further develop the concept of 'Whole School Whole Community'. I was able to spend time being shown around the local Bush Nursing Centre. The College relies heavily on being able to access the Bush Nursing Centre and it was good to see the facilities first-hand and to re-establish contact on behalf of the students and their families. As a College it is good to know that if we wish to run health and wellbeing activities off the school site, we are able to utilise these facilities and access outside health care professionals. On the day I was able to take Bridget Franc, the College's school nurse, with me for the visit and further strengthen the bond between the two organisations.*

*In the same way, many of the College's students have been working very hard on the foreshore of the Lake planting and revegetating native grasses etc. alongside members of the Eel Festival Committee. This has again strengthened the students learning community understanding and created pride in our achievements and our surrounding landscape. Our VCE students recently completed their mid-year exams in the rooms of the local football club which again develops our sense of a Learning Community.*

*I have been fortunate enough to have several of our local community members call in and introduce themselves over the past few months and avail themselves of some of our resources which have been able to be used to support their respective work in the broader community, which is something that we like to know we can also do.*

*Our students have continued to excel in the sporting arena during this term competing in Athletics and Cross Country at school, inter-school and regional levels with a great deal of success.*





## Term Two Round-Up from the Principal

*We now have students who will go on to compete at the State level and represent the College and Lake Bolac.*

*It would be fair to say that our classrooms over the past term have extended far and wide, beyond the four walls of a classroom and have included many exciting experiences both on the ground and in the air. Our Physics students have experienced flight first hand over the past week by undertaking flying lessons in Horsham and Hamilton. Many of our senior students have undertaken 'Fit2drive' and 'Keys Please' road safety courses while the junior students have worked with Matt Cashman and Paul Kelly from the local Police and learnt about bike road safety.*

*Our Information Evening / Open Night was a hive of activity recently and gave us the perfect opportunity to sell our College to the wider public and to increase our school enrolments for 2012. It was also an opportunity to acknowledge that some of our Year 12 students have been at the College for 13 years out of a possible 17 years and to appreciate just how much they will miss the College next year. It has been a busy but enjoyable term and a well-earned rest is now in sight for all staff, students and parents.*

Gary White



## Meet our Business Manager:

# Kirralee Keilar...

*My name is Kirralee Keilar and I am the new Business Manager at Lake Bolac College.*



*I am originally from Melbourne, I moved to Lake Bolac in 2005 where I met Brad Keilar.*

*We were married in March and we have two boys together Riley 4 ½ and Cooper 2 ½.*

*I am enjoying working at the College, thank you to all of the staff, students and community members for making me feel so welcome.*

## Grapevine: News from a former Principal

# Alex Stoneman...

*I am happy to provide some details of my experiences at Lake Bolac, where I was Principal of the High School between 1977 and 1985; and my activities since then.*

*My first impressions of the school and district were very positive and so they should have been, for there was a great sense of community there. The School Council had representatives from all of the nearby districts and they were very loyal to the school and its students.*



# Grapevine: News from a former Principal

*In 1977 there were 250 students enrolled, with 50 in Year 7. The school was noted for its innovative curriculum and the sporting prowess of its students. The Changeover Program was a fantastic initiative.*

*There were some notable improvements in facilities at the school, with upgrades to the science rooms and the establishment of a technical training facility and wool-classing facilities. The Primary School was re-located to a site next door.*



*The Community Complex was also constructed during that time. Its facilities included a swimming pool, squash courts, eight tennis courts [which we finally had plexi-paved], an oval and a golf course. All of these were the outcome of community organization and hard work.*

*I found the teachers and support staff very caring for the students. They also set high standards for student achievement. This was at a time when it was very difficult to staff schools such as ours. I remember several teachers who did not last long there, and this was a disappointment. One left to become a hairdresser, which led me to resume my teaching of HSC English for a year.*

*Several incidents stick in my memory. Apparently one of the earliest pieces of knowledge passed on to new students by older students was teachers' nicknames. On orientation a Year 6 student rapped on the staff-room door at lunch time. Upon opening the door I saw a lad with blood pouring from a cut on the hand. He blurted out, "Excuse me, Mr Rocky, I've cut myself!" On another occasion I was returning to the main building from the technical wing at recess time and I saw a lad smoking behind the shrubbery, while looking towards the school. I walked up behind him unnoticed and in a soft voice asked whether this was good place to smoke. He replied, "Yep." Then he twigged that something was up because a group of students was observing this and were wetting themselves with laughter. The lad then turned around, saw me, and swallowed the cigarette! And - a teacher new to the school was taking Year 11 Geography and he asked the class "what is Rocky was like as the principal?" There was a nervous reaction from the students because they [but not the teacher] knew that my daughter was a class member. It was some years later that she told me this. Another teacher burst into my office one day. She was very angry and demanded that my daughter apologise to her. Apparently this teacher of English indicated to the class that the correct way to spell the possessive plural for women was womens' . Debbie pointed out [and I imagine politely] that it should be women's. Nobody got an apology to my recollection!*

*Several amazing people stand out for me at Lake Bolac. Alastair McIntyre was a remarkable advocate for the community; Les O'Brien as my predecessor as Principal was most creative and hardworking; Peter O'Rorke was an exceptional community-minded leader; Fred Williamson was the most dedicated worker around the grounds that I have ever encountered .*

# Grapevine: News from a former Principal

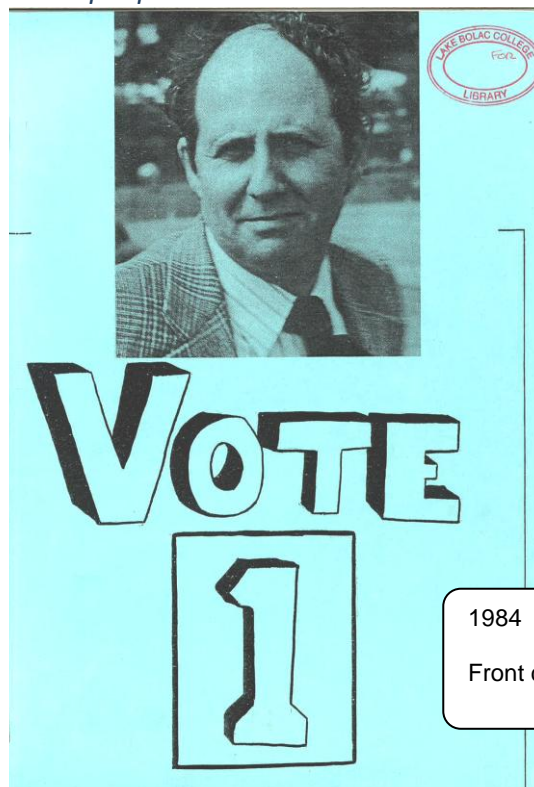
*These are not the only exceptionally folk. There are many more very memorable- teachers, staff such as Mavis Hucker and Grace MacInnes, parents, and numerous students. I am able to keep in touch with some of them.*

*I left Lake Bolac to become Principal of Maryborough High School, where I stayed until 1993, after which I was appointed to a District Liaison Principal position in Bendigo. I retired in 1997. Since then my activities have included committee work for Historical Societies, the Fire Brigade, Philatelic Societies, and the ALP at local, regional and state levels. I am on a number of advisory committees for our local Shire, and have been coordinating local environmental projects. I have enjoyed them all. In 2001 I was awarded a Centenary Medal for leadership and environmental work in our Shire.*

*Sonya returned to teaching in Maryborough, she also undertook many years of voluntary work teaching secondary students to read, and has also had fourteen books published. These are mainly to assist with literacy instruction. She has continued with her golf at Maryborough. Debbie is a speech therapist working in private practice in Princes Hill; she is married and has two daughters; Nick is a technician working with iPrimus in Melbourne, but shows no sign of being philoprogenitive. Both of our children owe much to Lake Bolac- for their education, their involvement with sport, and for their career choices.*

*In January this year we had the unwelcome experience of our home in Carisbrook being flooded. We are slowly recovering but fortunately the only losses were items that can be replaced.*

*I count myself very lucky to have had nine years living and working at Lake Bolac, and we all have very fond memories of the place and its people.*



1984

Front cover of the school magazine





3rd Row L-R Andrew Symons, Nick Hughes, Paul Clancy, Tom Atkinson, Stan Szydzik, Ian Hall.  
2nd Row L-R Mark Sherriff, Richard Thatcher, Pam Hayes, Lynda Gellert, Andrea Beks, Joanne Tate, Susan Plumridge, Bernie Lloyd, Adele Krepp, Howard Morton.  
Front Row L-R Paul Sutherland, John Bradley, Richard Gledhill, Alex Stoneman, Ollie Matherson, Jan Bell, Lyn Hucker.  
STAFF

## Remember the days in the old school yard! News from a former student

# Alison McMeekin (nee Meek)...



*I attended Lake Bolac SC from 1987 until 1992. I remember how clean and orderly Mr Park always kept the Tatyoon bus and how much he must have hated footy season due to the influx of passengers on Thursday afternoons. I remember sticking very close to Katrina Liston on my first day given we had come from a school of just 18 pupils and the high school had about 180 students.*

*I also look back on early swimming training, lunch time swimming training and after school swimming training with Mr Flanner, but it was worth it. Sport was a large part of my high school years and I loved training for the yearly "lake to" and all the other interschool sports events. The basketball court was a central part of recess. We had an ambitious year level with many of my fellow students now working in a variety of careers.*

*My career path took me to RMIT after high school to study a Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice Administration). After I attained my degree I started my career in the prison service before switching to the Magistrate's Court. My first court as a trainee registrar was in Bendigo which is multi-jurisdictional so not only did I do Magistrates court work but County, Supreme, Victims of Crime tribunal, Children's and Coroner's work as well. Once I finished my traineeship, I moved to Geelong Court which is also multi-jurisdictional. I was co-ordinating the criminal court at Geelong and overseeing cash procedures. An opportunity arose in 2000 to work at the Coroner's court where I spent the next three years. My role in the coroner's court for the first year was to assist the State Coroner for the Linton wildfire inquest. After that inquest finished, I moved to the 24 hour office for the next two years. This office is at the entrance to the morgue and my role was to organize for the deceased to be brought to our office for autopsy or external examination and to assist families with identification. In 2003 I applied for a promotion at Mildura court and have worked in Mildura ever since. I met my husband Rick on my first week-end in Mildura and we married in 2005. I am currently taking a year's leave without pay and have commenced working as a mediator helping separated parents make decisions about their children.*

*I really enjoyed my time at high school and still like to drop in every few years to see what changes the school has made.*



Remember the days in the old school yard!  
News from a former student

# Lake Bolac Secondary College



FRONT ROW: Natalie Treloar, Lisa Graham, Gayle Byron, Cindy Jenkinson, Heta Ihatsu, Prue Wentworth, Jayne Peacock  
SECOND ROW: Kerri Dunn, Alison Neek, Daniel Smith, Ben Cutlbert, Dannielle Johnson, Jodie Wilson, Joanne Seedsman, Katrina Liston, Jodie Hill  
THIRD ROW: Timothy Hayward, Timothy Knight, Jarrod Brady, Brandon Davine, David Harrop, Philip Haddrick, Glenn Price  
FOURTH ROW: Steven Allender, Shayne Wilson, Tony Peacock, Simon Bailey, Stuart Gardner, Joel McLane, James Fitzpatrick, Mr Colin Easton  
Year 12 Teachers: Mr Mark Howard, Principal: Mr E Pearce  
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## Remember the days in the old school yard! News from a former student



David Harrup & Alison Meek in 1992



Dianne Meek 1979

## Dianne Collinson (nee Meek) ...

*Dad (Phillip) and my Uncle Ian Meek shared the farm at the tiny town of Mininera. Being the eldest of 4 children and having our 3 cousins just down the road meant we spent a lot of our younger years hanging out together.*



*Since there were 5 boys, my sister Alison and I spent a lot of time playing cowboys and Indians!!*

*At one stage we had a whole tennis team of Meeks, as that was my Uncle Ian's favourite sport and he taught us and most of the kids in our area how to play. Being from the Meek family, if you didn't play sport there would be questions regarding genetics....so we all played footy/ netball, in winter and tennis in summer. Heaven forbid anyone who wanted to get married on a Saturday unless it was a BYE.*

*I began my school life at Mininera Primary School, starting prep with my 'next door' across the paddock neighbour Leesa Baker. When it was too hot and we would all pile into a couple of cars and go to the Willaura pool for swimming lessons with Miss Morgan. No permission forms needed! When Mininera closed we caught the bus to Westmere, a BIG school with 2 classrooms, now there were 6 of us in grade 5 and I remember the 2 girls (Leesa and I) being made to sit next to the boys either Andrew Holdsworth or Russell Waring which we were NOT happy about. Mr Merritt was the teacher and my memories are of having guinea pigs in the classroom and tortoises in an old tank outside.*



## Remember the days in the old school yard! News from a former student

*My first year at 'Bolac High' was a bit of a shock, with so many students- there were at least 45 kids in Year 7 alone. Luckily for me there were so many girls who all played netball for the SMW Rovers, like Mary Mulcahy and Megan Thom who, along with my cousin Carolyn Meek and of course Leesa Baker, became good friends. We spent a lot of time at school as well as on the weekends all playing sport and basically hanging around together.*

*I also remember the Principal- Mr. Stoneman, aka 'Rocky' who had the most amazing comb-over I had ever seen. I was a super goody 2 shoes when I started and I remember trying to do well in every subject. One teacher I remember was Mrs. Matherson as she was really strict and a tough teacher who kept our ratty boys in line.*

*I also loved the fun subjects like cooking with Mrs Hucker and I still remember getting that elusive 10/10 for my chocolate profiteroles in either Yr 9 or 10- it was awesome! I remember loving touch typing as I could do it so fast...due to having strong fingers from all my piano practice. I learnt piano for many years with Mrs Joyce Hucker. I used to walk up the road to the church hall in my lunch time.*

*I loved playing the piano. Thinking back to my Westmere days I also loved the recorder and tortured many children with my recorder playing on that local school bus trying to teach them all to play. Obviously I was destined to become a Music teacher from early on.*

*This brings me to the main reason for my moving to Ballarat and Clarendon College for Yr 11 & 12 - my music education. I left Lake Bolac and lived as a boarder at Ballarat College. I took up the clarinet and somehow did enough to pass my HSC music prac with the 2 instruments. I managed to get into Melbourne C A E (teacher's college) to become a primary teacher specialising in music. Quite soon after finishing uni I was offered a job at Mentone Boys Grammar which I took in a flash. 'Real' teaching was such a shock, you would think growing up with all those Meek boys would have prepared me better. However, I'm sure growing up in the country does help to prepare you for just getting on with it, so despite a couple of calls home along the lines of "I can't do this" "It's too hard", I soon pulled myself together and absolutely loved it! I ended up running the Junior Music Department with a staff of 9 instrumental teachers. Many years of happy times and great holidays travelling with students to Papua New Guinea Kokoda track, Ayres Rock, Tasmania, Ski trips and Diving just to name a few. Sport has always been a big part of my life and I have played netball, basketball, indoor volleyball, swimming, aerobics, triathlons, and 2 half marathons. I enjoy keeping fit and being competitive.*

*I met David playing indoor sport and we took off to Nepal to trek the Himalayas -Annapurna trail. This obviously went well as we returned and were married in the next year. We have 2 girls: Georgia 12 and Sarah 10 and so life is busy being a taxi mum, and now working 3 days at Parkdale Primary School. I also still play tennis and do yoga.*

*As the saying goes: 'You can take the girl out of the country but you can't take the country out of the girl.' As much as I love being in the "Burbs" in Melbourne, it's still great to come back to Mininera - you can't beat that country feeling.*

# Angela takes reins

## THE STANDARD

*THE Standard* has appointed a new advertising manager.

Angela Collins, who has been at the company for the past five years, was most recently the sales manager.

Ms Collins will oversee advertising across *The Standard* and all its associated publications, including online, *The Extra*, the *Moyne Gazette* and the successful stable of special products, such as *Tourist News*, *The Bool* racing magazine, *Building and Buying* and the ever popular *Your Wedding*.

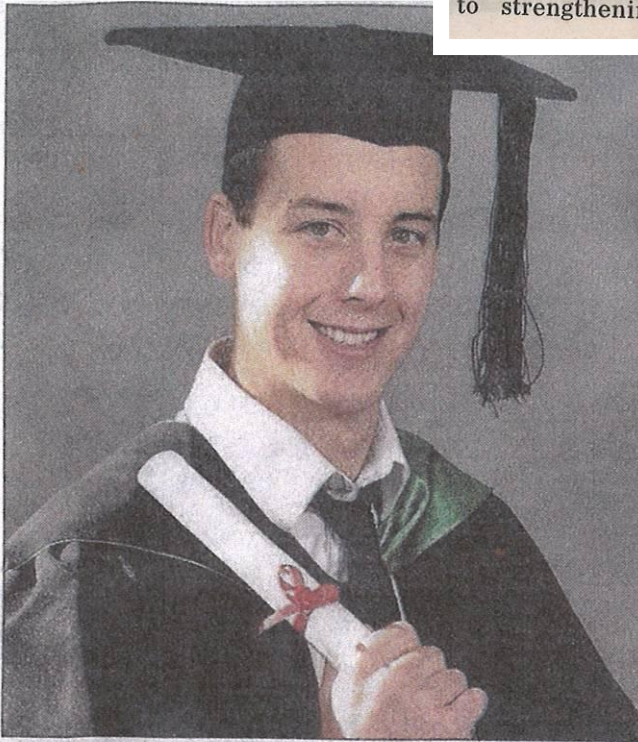
"This is a growing business with a loyal and valued clientele," Ms Collins said. "I am looking forward to strengthening the existing



Angela Collins: valued clientele.

relationships we have and of course, creating new ones."

Ms Collins has lived in Warrnambool for the past eight years.



Aaron Johnson

## GRADUATION

**ARARAT** - Aaron Johnson has graduated from the Australian Catholic University, Ballarat with high distinctions in his Bachelor of Education degree.

The son of Therese and Brett Johnson, Aaron achieved two Dean's awards for his outstanding results during the four year course.

He is now teaching a grade five and six class at Nathalia Primary School.

Aaron said he was inspired by David Tyler from Lake Bolac College who encouraged and supported him in both his secondary studies and career choice.

# School Notice Board



## BIRTHS:

CAMERON: To Scott (former student) and Jo (nee Robinson) a boy Darcy James William

D.O.B. 19.05.11

Younger brother for Rory (3½)



SANDLANT: To Melissa (nee Lardner) & Brad (former student) a girl Lucy.

D.O.B. 10.01.11

Lucy arrived 5 weeks early weighing 3½lb! Sister for Myles (7) and Logan (5). Granddaughter for Pam (former staff member) and Rob Sandlant

CAMERON: To Glennis & Dallas (former student) a girl, Joslyn Kate

D.O.B. 29.11.10

Weight 7lb 2oz



## WEDDINGS :



GRAHAM / MILLWARD:  
Renee Milward married  
Dean Graham (both  
former students) on 5  
May 2011 at "Little  
Cove" Port Douglas

L-R: Mathew Hoey,  
Nina (1), Lisa  
Graham, Rain (3),  
Renae Milward,  
Dean Graham  
(former students),  
Mary (nee Wilson)  
and Les Graham



KEILAR / CONSTABLE: Kirralee Constable married Brad Keilar (former student) on 5 March 2011 at Narmbool Homestead, Elaine





## WEDDINGS :



HUCKER / DONAVAN: Jodi Donovan married Paul Hucker (former student) on 26 February 2011 at Flagstaff Hill, Warrnambool

LLOYD / WASSYLKO: Melanie Wassyenko married Sam Lloyd (former student) on 26 March 2011 at Clyde Park Vineyard, Bannockburn

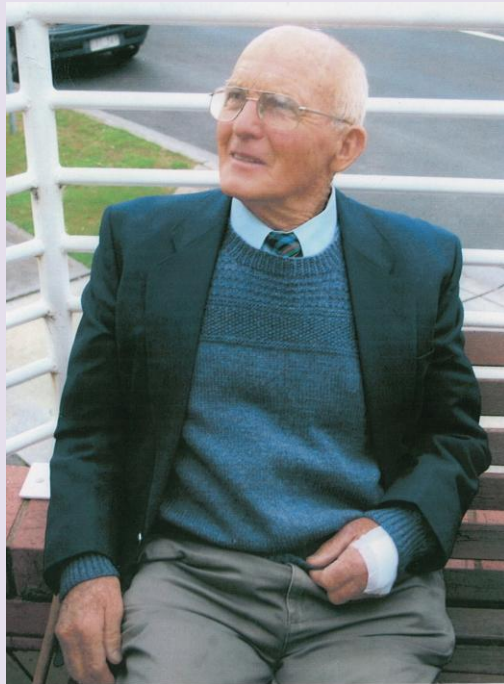


The Lloyd family

L-R: Julia, Sam (former students), Mel, Lucy (former student), Bernie (former staff member) and Peter

## BEREAVEMENTS :

GILES, Robert



Rob was born at Ballarat in 1933, in his early years his family moved often, as his father was a Presbyterian Minister of Religion. When he was four years of age they travelled to Campbelltown in the Tasmanian Midlands where he experienced a rural childhood, milking the family cow, shooting rabbits for food, and riding a big old horse. He attended Scotch College in Launceston, and then in Adelaide, as a boarder, representing his school at football and cricket, and swimming the Murray River at Murray Bridge when he was sixteen.

At nineteen years of age he became a jackeroo on his uncle's property near Balranald in N.S.W., and after some time, spent five years jackerooing in S.W. Queensland and N.E. South Australia, he eventually married and farmed on twenty-six thousand square miles of land near Balranald, saltbush, claypans, and an annual rainfall of ten inches. After twelve years he moved his family to Tasmania, and then in 1996, to Wickliffe.

He was always involved in community, taking positions on committees; was Mayor of the Richmond Municipality in Tasmania for eight years and a councillor for thirteen years, and received an Australia Day Citizen Award in 1994. He coached cricket and football at two primary schools, and umpired all the local cricket matches. Rob taught Religious Education at both these local schools for many years.

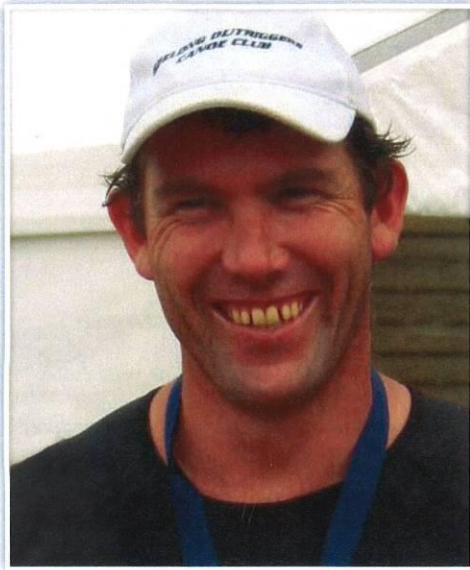
At Lake Bolac College, he was a volunteer on the Bridging the Gap Scheme, taught Religious Education for ten years, and always made himself available to assist at Sports Days, and Mountain to Lake Events.

He always had a deep Christian faith, was an Elder of the Church at age twenty-seven, and worked faithfully for Wickliffe Church and the Lake Bolac Parish.

Rob was always a quiet, honest, fine, brave fellow.



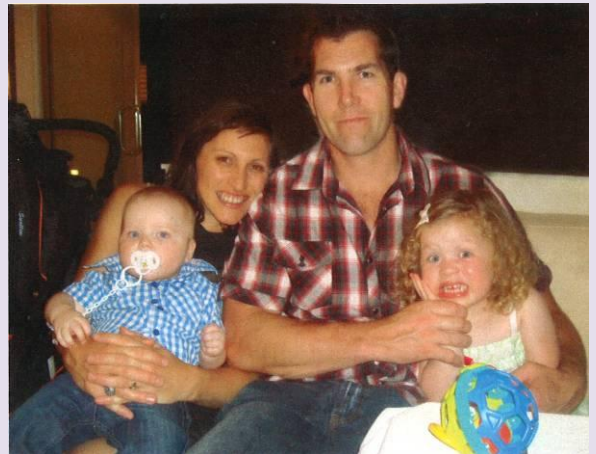
## BEREAVEMENTS :



*Stuart Bonner Knight*

18<sup>th</sup> April 1969 – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Stuart Knight (former student). Dearly loved husband to Snez and adoring Dad of Sophia (3) and James (1). Much loved son of Jim (dec) and Gwen; brother of Richard & Sue; uncle to Richard, Lucy, William & Sophie.



HARGREAVES, Frederick John

18.01.1913 – 18.05.2011

Dearly loved husband of  
Joan and father to Robyn &  
Ray (former students)

FAMILY FAVOURITE RECIPE:  
Provided by Samantha Craddock

# Bacon & Broccoli Soup

## INGREDIENTS

½ kg diced bacon (eyes of the bacon the best)

2 heads of broccoli

6 small onions

10 small spuds peeled

2 tins cream of corn

Chicken stock (either 2 ltrs of liquid stock or 1tbl stock powder and 1.5 lts of water).

Pepper to taste.



*This is one a Jasie's & Cam's  
favorite soups, enjoy!!  
Sami*

## METHOD

Saute bacon and onion add to slow cooker with the rest of the ingredients on high for about 3 hours until soft, and mash.

This can be served chunky or puree for a smooth soup, (remember when pureeing anything a little extra stock will be required).

Serve with crusty bread and a dash of cream.