



The Bolac Bugle

TERM FOUR 2011

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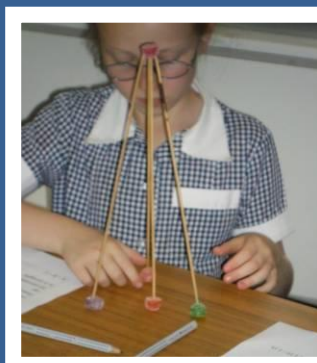
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Term Four Round-Up from the Principal: Gary White

It provided a great start to term four when we held our Whole School Assembly hot on the heels of the Geelong Cats Grand Final win over Collingwood, it was very tempting to use the 'Geelong Cats Theme Song' as our new national anthem but I resisted the temptation and just settled for wearing my Geelong football jumper (for the benefit of the small group of staff who support the Magpies) instead.

As you can imagine, in an organisation as large as Lake Bolac P-12 College, we are heavily involved in the community and there are many people and events that contribute to the development and maintenance of the school's culture and the strengthening of our 'Learning Community'.

Early in the term after much planning the College held its 'Freeza Disco' which was arranged by a committee of students and Bridget Franc, our school nurse. Bridget has coordinated numerous events and activities around physical, mental and social well-being which have informed and assisted our students throughout the entire year. Bridget has been an enormous asset to the College and we thank her sincerely.

During the term several College students, in both the Junior and Senior schools, experienced success on the sporting fields at zone and state levels of competition. Congratulations to all those students including Cameron Notting, Alice Lewis, Taylah Hughes, Tayla Notting, Georgia Notting, Courtney McCrow, Amelia Dunn, Emma Dumaresq and Callum Baker. The success of our students at these events is not possible without the support of their school teachers, parents and other students, so our many thanks must go to



all those people who have enabled the students to experience success at the higher levels of their chosen sports.

Our VCE students celebrated their final week of formal classes in fine style by dressing in themes each day; Pyjama Day; Smurf Day; Military Day and so on... It is very pleasing to see our Year 12 students celebrating their many successes over their time at the College in such a positive way. For several of the students this had spanned no less than thirteen years. It was very clear that they have not only built a great rapport with staff but they have earned the respect of their teachers. They will undoubtedly be great community assets for the future and will certainly be missed around the College.

We wish them all the very best for their futures which we know will be bright, no matter what they choose to do. Good luck from all of us at the College!



This term the College has embraced a new report writing program called 'Accelerus', which will allow staff to use the same program to write all reports from Years Prep - 12. On previous occasions, staff have had to access at least two different programs to produce reports which has caused considerable stress. Our new program will enable us to have a common format for all reports so we are certainly looking forward to seeing the finished product.

We also went through the process of surveying the school community regarding their feelings about changing of the school's name to reflect that we are a P-12 College.

The College community has endorsed the move for a name change and in the future the College will be known as 'Lake Bolac P-12 College'. As with all things government there will be a need for some additional paperwork to be completed. However, we are progressing forward to achieve a formal acknowledgement of the name change.

The Junior School Production 'Time Warped' took place during the term. Many of the College's families and friends enjoying a fabulous performance put on by the junior school students and support by Rob Smith and the junior school staff. The students had obviously worked hard to ensure that they know all of their lines and songs and looked sensational in their costumes and make-up. Congratulations to everyone who was involved in making the production a success!

I had the privilege of attending the College's VCE dinner with fellow staff members, parents and families of our 2011 VCE students. It was a most pleasing event to be associated with, the conversation and atmosphere around the room was fantastic.

Students, staff and friends of the College participated in the annual Mountain to Lake event which saw a large number of riders, runners, walkers and support vehicles make their way from the Grampians, through Willaura, before arriving back at the College for a well-earned BBQ. The event covered over 90km and at times participants had to contend with a head wind which was quite challenging, however everybody was able to successfully complete the event. Some participants discovered new muscles that had previously gone unnoticed. Well done and congratulations to all those involved in this successful event!

The Ararat LLEN in conjunction with College held its first 'Community Action Network' (CAN) meeting and attending the meeting were a number of community leaders, along with a variety of government and community support agencies who were interested in learning how they might support the College and the students in the future. The meeting identified and discussed some of the inhibitors that are experienced by a rural remote College such as ours and how, by working together, we can overcome some of these issues. Overall it was a very positive experience which will undoubtedly lead to many benefits for the College and the students in the future.

As we traditionally do, many of the events that have taken place in the last few weeks of the term have been about thanking the various contributors who have play important roles in the development of the 'whole child' at Lake Bolac College. We value and acknowledge the contributions made to the College by the volunteers in our Bridges Program; Religious Education Program; the Ararat LLEN Team; our Student Service providers; Active After Schools Program; Ararat and Lake Bolac Police; School Nurse; Lake Bolac RSL; Parent Club members; School Council members; Staff and many many other volunteers who have been an integral part of our College. Without you we would not experience the success that we currently enjoy as a College. Many of these activities are coordinated by Mr David Tyler and Mrs Anne Wynne and to whom our heart-felt gratitude must go. The Aboriginal community strongly believes in the notion that 'it takes a whole community to raise a child', one which I and all the College staff subscribe in.

Again, on behalf of the College and its staff and students I pass on a deepest gratitude and thank our Lake Bolac Community for all the valuable behind the scenes contributions made by many of our 'Learning Community' members who help make our College the tremendous success that it is.

Brendan Ryan . . .



Memories of Lake Bolac

Thank you for the opportunity to reflect upon the wonderful 6 years I spent in Lake Bolac. My everlasting impression relates to the outstanding community involvement and commitment to the school and its members. In the 1998 principal's annual report I acknowledged the outstanding work of the teachers, the energy and the long hours put in by the community members on the school council, the classroom helpers, the administration staff, the generosity of the community and above all else the excellent achievements of the students.

Many thoughts come to mind so I have decided to provide a list of memories which I hope evoke some pleasant reflections from the past for the readers. Such as:

- The difficult but most rewarding formation of the P-12 College, and the subsequent relocation and enhancement of the primary school classrooms. Sometime later we secured the former primary school site for community access.*
- The re-development of the boatshed into modern classrooms and a community asset.*

- *Following the acquisition of a building from St. John of God Hospital in Ballarat we were able to establish a kindergarten in Lake Bolac. The fund-raising and documentation, and the dedicated work of the young mothers, such as Cate Lewis and Sue Knight, who were already so busy looking after young children at that time, must be acknowledged.*
- *The serenity of the lake and prime fishing locations, prior to the onset of the drought. In contrast to the cold, wintery nights, occasionally without power. The trucks moving along the highway, all night, every night.*
- *The Mid West Complex Sporting days, under the direction of Roger, which we invariably won due to the many hours devoted to the training routine. And the Lake to Mountain runners and cyclists followed by a great BBQ for those who had completed the marathon.*
- *The planting of the Lone Pine by Emily Larcombe and Rhyse Milward which continues to thrive at the front of the college. The lovely and meaningful ANZAC essay competition ceremonies, with Keith Grimmer and Jock Low representing the RSL. Lest we forget.*
- *The district renowned school productions such as Oliver, Sound of Music and Pirates of Penzance, with the involvement of the whole school community.*
- *The pride and celebration of awards night in the gym, often in sweltering heat.*
- *The school camps at Cape Bridgewater where students learnt to appreciate the beauty of our coast.*
- *The unrelenting dedication of the late Peter O'Rourke to the Lake Bolac community which I understand has been carried forward by Col McKenzie.*
- *Walking around the oval and lake at lunchtime with the 'fitness group', in particular with my outstanding bursar Larelle McInnes, her energetic offsider Jenny Lloyd, and the toe tapping Pam Hayes. They even had me playing squash.*
- *The early morning chats with our cleaner Ken Phillips and the evening review with Jean.*
- *The 'bumble bee collection' made for the Melbourne Cup, organized by Adele Krepp.*

- *The lovely lunchtime meals and morning teas provided by Lyn Hucker and her helpers.*
- *The terrific leadership provided by our school council president John Box and the long term commitment of Faye Meek, who may still be on the school council committee*
- *The untimely closure of the Streatham Primary School at the beginning of a school year.*
- *My family still refers to the beautiful, formal debutante balls in the Willaura Hall.*
- *Coaching the junior football team. I don't think we ever lost a game against the mid west complex schools.*
- *The generosity of spirit, time, effort and sharing of local resources.*
- *The realization that David Watson had more keys to the school than the principal.*
- *The district swimming pool located next to the school provided the opportunity on extreme heat days to release the students for an afternoon swim.*
- *The excellent educational achievements of students when nurtured in a small school setting, in their own rural environment.*
- *Can I thank and acknowledge my assistant principals Alan Campbell, Rob Smith and Steve Macaulay who retires at the end of the current school year. The other chaps are already exhausted roosters!*
- *I was particularly lucky to have an experienced teaching staff all of whom provided me with fond memories - Wendy Graham, Jo Tate, Bernie Lloyd, Colin Easton, Twissy, Jacqui Coleman, John Wallis, Mark Howard, Pamela Sandlant, Jenny Wilkinson, Judi Smith, Margaret Wills, Trish Gratton Wilson, Kevin and Leanne Breen, Anne Wynne, and David Nicholson, just to name a few who have not been mentioned above. My apologies if I have overlooked anyone. Can I also acknowledge Viv Martinich who gave me great encouragement when I initially started at the school.*

From a personal point of view I am currently located back in Horsham. Some will be aware I have responsibility and a line management role working with the 22 schools and principals in the Wimmera East segment of the region.

Still a lot of travelling, however it provides me with great pleasure meeting people in person on their own turf, even in this technological age.

All of my children have finished their education - David is a partner in an accounting firm, Mark is a senior executive in a financial company, Louise is a podiatrist at the Wimmera Base Hospital, and much to my delight Tom (London) and Alison (point Cook) are both school teachers, whilst Maureen continues to be the welfare coordinator at Horsham College. My family provide great examples of the quality of country schools and rural universities.

The eldest children have provided us with 6 lovely grandchildren (4 boys and 2 girls). The littlies provide us with delightful opportunities to laugh at their antics as we watch them grow and learn the importance of cooperation and respect in this new age of education.

All of the family still proudly wear the red and black colours!

The people of Lake Bolac and District will never be forgotten.

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LAKE BOLAC COLLEGE

STAFF - 1999

Third Row :

Leanne Breen, Kevin Breen, Steve Mullin, John Wallis, David Nicholson, Judi Smith, Mark Howard, Roger Flanner, Andy Clingan, Colin Easton, Helen Robinson

Second Row :

Jenny Wilkinson, Margaret Willis, Adele Krepp, Pamela Sandilant, Trish Gratton-Wilson, Pam Hayes, Andrew Twiss, Mark Sherriff, Judy Upton, Cate Lewis, Juli Davine, Jenny Lloyd, Melissa Beatty, Giselle Allgood

Front Row :

Lynette Smith, Larelle McInnes, Anne Wynne, Jan O'Brien, Steve Macaulay(Ass Principal), Brendan Ryan(Principal), Meg Driscoll, Lorraine Hogan, Jacqui Coleman, Jan Thatcher

Absentees :

Graeme Forsyth, Lynette Hucker, Veronica Hucker, Richard Probet

Principal : Mr Brendan Ryan



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

Katie Guthridge...

Katie in Chiang Mai,
Thailand 2010.

When I was asked to write a piece for the Lake Bolac Bugle, I panicked momentarily. I thought to myself, what have I accomplished in my life so far that would be of any interest to anyone?



I read all of the past articles and was very impressed with what those before me had written about their accomplishments; Steven Allender - working as both an Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the WHO Collaboration Centre for Obesity Prevention at Deakin University and as a senior researcher in the Department of Public Health at the prestigious University of Oxford; Cheryl Ryan - both a writer and illustrator and founder of "Maggie's Dream Catcher", which is currently raising money to build a hospital in Northern India; and Belinda Keyte who saves lives and nurses the sick back to health in her field as a Nurse. So, where do I fit in, in all of this?

Well, I educate the youth of today! My job is to minimise their chances of becoming one of Steven's statistics through education, inspire them to be productive members of society like Cheryl and hopefully equip them with the tools required to avoid being in the care of Belinda Keyte through instilling in them the importance of exercise and healthy eating. I am a PE teacher!

If I had a dollar for every time someone has said to me over the years "School is the best years of your life", I wouldn't be rich, but I'd probably have a couple of hundred dollars. They really are the best years of your life and it is sad that most of us only reach this conclusion once we have experienced the highs and lows of the real world. I have some wonderful memories of my time at Lake Bolac College. Some of my favourites, which spring to mind, are aths training with Rog, having periods 5 & 6 off when it got too hot and heading down to the pool and afternoon sport. Teachers who made an impact on me in my school days were Bernie Lloyd, Judy Smith, (both wonderful English teachers who I must thank for my love of writing), Mark Sheriff, Andy Clingan, Jacqui Coleman and of course, Rog Flanner, the person behind my decision to follow my chosen career path.

I graduated from Bolac in 2001 and enrolled in the University of Ballarat. It is here I completed Cert IV in Sport and Outdoor Recreation and then a Bachelor of Education (PE). I thoroughly enjoyed University and this is where I developed many lifelong friendships and found my identity also.

Before graduation I secured a post at Kardinia International College in Geelong. This was my dream job and I have so far enjoyed 3 amazing years of teaching and professional development there. KIC has many overseas links and encourages its students to become global citizens through both offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) and offering all Year 9 students the opportunity to live at its 6 acre Kardinia Sum Pun campus in Chiang Mai, Thailand for 8 weeks. This opportunity endeavours to lead students into a deeper understanding, to gain self-awareness and to experience true independence. Even though I had always wanted to travel, it was the students' stories which inspired me to bite the bullet and undertake my own travel adventures. My Principal accepted my request for one year of leave and I bought myself a golden ticket!

I was 26 and had never been out of Australia. Bangkok in South East Asia - the land of smiles, was my first stop on my round the world adventure.

So there I was, 7335km's from home with a 75 litre back pack, a lonely planet in hand and no accommodation booked. I didn't exactly hit the ground running! I'm not ashamed to admit, that I spent that first night in my hostel room, alone and crying wondering what had I gotten myself into?

After travelling South East Asia (Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia) I flew to London where I have been living for the past 21 months. As you may have gathered I didn't return to KIC after one year. Instead, I submitted another request to my Principal for a further one year of leave and was delighted when he again approved this.

During my first year, I worked doing supply teaching and enjoyed the flexibility of working when I wanted to. This allowed me to travel extensively through Europe and parts of Africa. Christmas, 2010, I applied for a full time position at my current school, Grey Court, and began my role as head of girls PE. I later switched roles and became the school's Sports Coordinator which means my time is now divided between teaching and administrative tasks in the office. My fundamental role is to manage the sports programs of my 6 cluster Primary Schools and to organise Grey Court's sporting calendar and after school fixtures. It is hard work and busy but I have loved the challenge of both roles and am looking forward to returning to my post at KIC in 2012 as Head of PE.

The favourite part of my job is giving the students opportunities. It is when students are doing something they love, that their little personalities shine. They're all unique individuals with very different attributes and I love tapping into them and discovering ways to engage each and every one of them. It is very satisfying to be able to offer students structure, support and care- simple things that they may not have access to at home due to various circumstances. It is also humbling to have both parents and students approach you to say that their child or they themselves are going to become a PE teacher because of you. I think children in Australia are really lucky and have a lot to be thankful for. Compared to English children, they have far more sporting opportunities due to longer day light hours, bigger back yards to run around in and warmer weather.

When I get home I am hoping to undertake further education and explore Australia. Travel has taught me many things but If I could offer one piece of advice to young people reading this I would say that life is for living and although it can sometimes be tough we must continue the journey and make the most of every single experience.



YEAR 12 - 2001

Back Row:

Luke Jackson, Jonathan Box, Owen Fitzpatrick, Brent Veale, Samuel Blake

Middle Row:

Miss Jacqui Coleman(Teacher), Katie Guthridge, Simone Clark, Sarah Stewart, Sarah Higgins, Mark Bielby, Mr John Wallis(Teacher)

Front Row:

Thea Ryan, Courtney Lovel, Kathryn Higgins, Krystal Day, Vicky Elliott, Hayley Brown, Wendy Milligan

Absent:

Principal: Mr Brendan Ryan

Chrissy Biggin...



Chrissy & Ash
in Miyajima,
Japan 2011

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all the current Year 12's on their hard work and commitment and wish them the best of luck next year. The best advice I can give is: it's never too late to change your mind and try something different; and if the opportunity arises - travel! The experience, memories and patriotism gained are priceless.

I have wonderful memories from Lake Bolac College and am proud to say I went there. I still have many associations with Lake Bolac College and continually run into people who have some connections to the town or school. I stay in close contact with many of the friends I had there, particularly Naomi Knight, Georgina Bouchier, Jeremy Curnow and Jamie Smith. But I also still catch up with former teachers and principals such as Ann and Alan Campbell and Cynthia Davidson.

My best memories from high school would be swimming, athletics, school musicals and of course the school socials and blue light discos! I loved training every day for the swimming sports and this finally paid off as I made it to the State Swimming Finals in Year 11. Athletics and sport in general were my passion and I loved making squad teams and representing the school.

The Blue Light discos were always a blast. My friends and I would request song after song and dance all night. I loved performing and dancing in the school productions and was fortunate enough to work with some of the Bolac greats on stage. I still enjoy getting into costume/character and being the centre of attention!

Lake Bolac College gave me my first overseas opportunity. In Year 12, I was fortunate enough to be chosen to travel to Russia as part of an eLearning exchange with Jo Tate (past teacher) and Jane Blurton. This trip changed my life. Since then I have travelled to America, Asia, Eastern and Western Europe, the South Pacific, Egypt and the United Kingdom. This year alone, my partner Ash and I have travelled to Egypt, Greece, Turkey (where we attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service) and Japan.

When I finished year 12 I wanted to be a Beauty Therapist. This dream was not to be so I started PE teaching at the University of Ballarat. After one year I decided that secondary teaching wasn't for me and transferred to primary. I completed my course and started my first teaching position at Woody Yaloak Primary School - Scarsdale Campus, under Principal Alan Campbell (former Vice-Principal of LBC). This was a fantastic start to my teaching career and I loved every minute of it.

The year after my passion for travel was still strong so I headed to the UK for 6 months. I lived and worked in London and travelled at every opportunity I could. Upon returning to Ballarat, I gained a position at Black Hill Primary School teaching prep. This time my principal was Ann Campbell (Alan's wife)! I love teaching at Black Hill PS as it is one of Ballarat's leading schools with great staff and students. I still live and work in Ballarat and play netball with Beaufort Football/Netball Club.

I can't believe it's been 15 years since I left Lake Bolac College and have been teaching for 10 years. Time flies when you're having fun! Although now, I feel that it's time for another change. I have been approved 12 months leave from Black Hill and will look into other career paths and opportunities to gain more life experiences in 2012. The next year will be daunting but exciting. And yes, the travel bug has got me again! Ash and I plan to head overseas next year to live and work in the UK, and of course do lots of travelling! As they say, 'As one door closes, another opens'. I consider this next stage in my life the start of a new chapter. And what an exciting one it will be!



LAKE BOLAC SECONDARY COLLEGE YEAR 12, 1996

Back Row: Jeremy Curnow, Simon Peters, Matthew Luhrs, Geoffrey Bee, Bradley Wentworth
 Second Row: Mr. Andrew Symons (VCE Co-ordinator), Amy Stewart, Naomi Knight, Warren Snell, Joanne Bibby, Tim Walter, Colin Easton (Year 12 Teacher)
 Front Row: Sara-Jane Budgen, Cassy Jenkinson, Christina Biggin, Georgina Bouchier, Wendy Veale, Jane Blurton, Kristi McArthur
 Absent: Nathan Clark

ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS:



Jess Park (former student) and Jeremy Albert announced their engagement on 27th November 2011.

BLACKBURN / DAVIES:

Richard Blackburn (former student) married Jane Davies on 2nd April 2011 in Melbourne.

Jane grew up in Trangie NSW.



BOSCH / UPTON:

Rebecca Upton (former student) married Cameron Bosch on 12 November 2011 at Narrapumelap Homestead.

BIRTHS:

STEWART: to Stacey & Aaron (former student) a girl, Chloe Ellen

DOB: 01.11.11

Weight: 6lb, 13oz



FAMILY SNAPS:



Nicole & Damien Upton
(former student) with
their children Beau,
Ashton & Xaviar

Living at Rolleston,
Queensland

BEREAVEMENTS:

ROLL, Anne passed away on 20th November 2011.

Mother of Kate, Melissa, Claire (former students) and Natalie and wife of Neil.

DENTON, Verna Irene

16.04.1918 – 20.11.2011

Much loved mother of Faye Meek (RE Teacher & School Council Member); mother in law to Ian; grandmother to Robert, David & Geoffrey (former students); great grandmother to Zoe, Andrew, Chloe & Riley.

HUCKER, Mavis

23.02.16 - 21.10.11

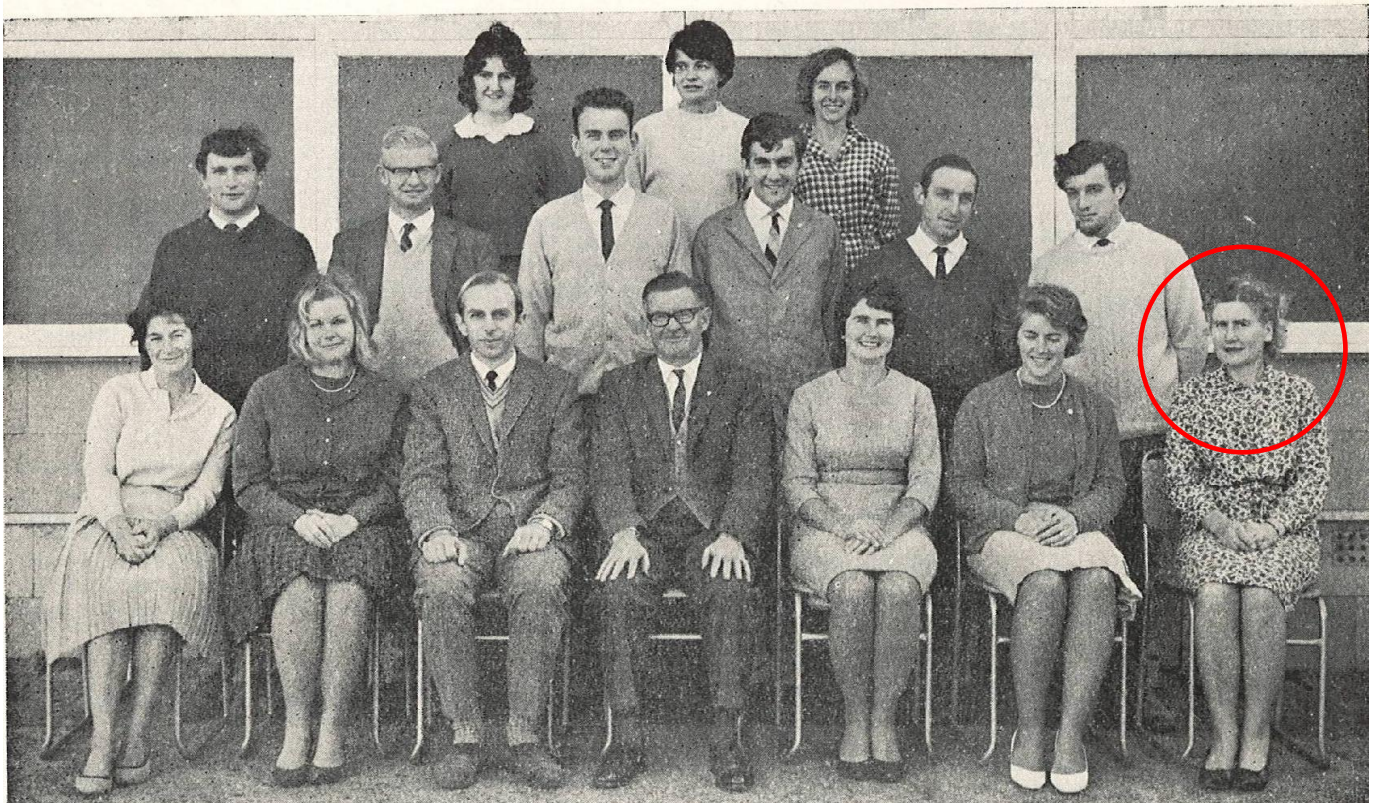
Highly respected and long standing staff member in the position of Bursar from 1959 - 1981.

Bernie Lloyd (former staff) quoted:

"Mavis was a tour de force at Bolac in the 70's when I arrived. She ran the place with authority and efficiency and seemed indispensable. She did not suffer the fools or the idle very well but, if you had her respect, she was always ready to offer advice and support you. Despite her strict demeanour she really did have a heart of gold and was ready to share a joke and always responded well to personal good news. It was lovely to share things with her. She took it well when Dennis Bolster, whilst playing ping pong in the staff room (!!) accidentally sent the ball into her cup of tea. We all thought it was fabulously funny. When she retired we imagined the place would fall apart but we managed.



STAFF 1966



Back Row (left to right): Misses J. Kerrins, J. Stabback, L. Shackleford. Centre (left to right): Messrs I. Linnett, T. Boyce, M. Stockli, K. Williams, B. Clark, G. Edwards. Front Row (left to right): Mrs J. Graham, Miss L. Salter, Mr K. Popple, Mr A. Lake, Mrs J. Paine, Miss T. Allen, Miss M. Hucker.

FAMILY FAVOURITE RECIPE:

Provided by Susan Fagg

Lemon Coconut Slice

INGREDIENTS:

125g butter

75g coconut

1 lemon rind

1 tin condensed milk

2 packets marie biscuits,
crushed

Icing

2. cups icing sugar

1 tablespoon margarine
juice of 1 lemon

METHOD:

Place coconut, lemon
rind and crushed
biscuits in a large
bowl.

Melt butter and
condensed milk together
and mix into dry
ingredients.

Press into a slab tin
lined with baking
paper.

Mix icing ingredients
together and spread
over the base



This recipe is also printed in the Lake Bolac College Cookbook, along with many other delicious treats.

Copies available for purchase at \$25 are available from the office.