



The Bolac Bugle

SEMESTER TWO 2012

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From the Principal's desk...

GARY WHITE

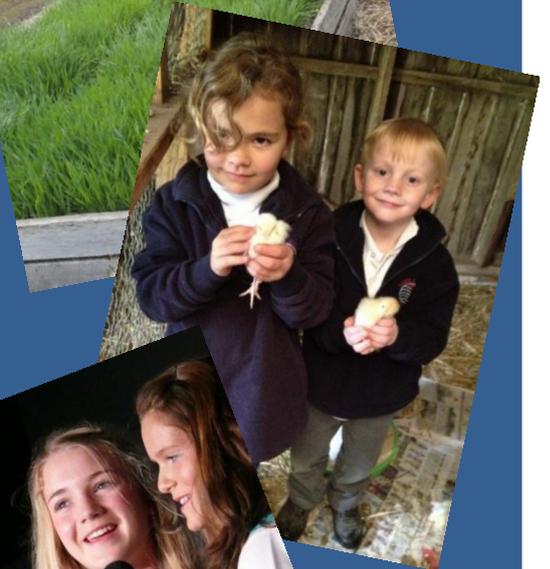


As you can well imagine, this semester has been no different to any other in the life of the College in that there have been many and varied activities taking place throughout the time.

As a College team, we continue to endeavour to build an even stronger corner stone of education for our local community and strive to be an important influence on not only the young people who attend the College but the community in general. We appreciate that 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' and thank the many community members for their contributions.

Much of our focus this semester has been on addressing the exciting prospects that exist for the restructuring of our senior or secondary curriculum, with a particular focus on Year 9 but with a natural flow on affect into Year 10. Our objective is to offer a program in Year 9 that can be seen as uniquely 'Lake Bolac'. To do this we looked at the need to be extremely innovative so as to incorporate where future education is heading; almost crystal ball type thinking. We are aware that students of the future will need to be independent workers, who are innovative / creative problem solvers; they will work for several different employers con-currently over their working life-time, in jobs that haven't even been thought of yet. We know that in the future most workers will be involved in project work which will require us to be good time managers, able to meet deadlines combined with all of the previously mentioned qualities. Our new 'Powerful Learning' program, to be delivered across the board to all year 7-10 students, will be based specifically on these concepts.

Most of this knowledge / research was brought to our attention when Mark Howard, Margot Donaldson and I attended the Country Education Project Small School's Conference in Melbourne earlier in the semester and was



again reinforced when I attended the 'Seizing the Potential of 0-18+ Learning' conference where we listened to special guest presenter Stephen Heppell from Britain a couple of weeks later. These conferences were developed to bring together a large number of small rural schools to share innovations and ideas designed to ensure that we collectively continue to flourish in the global environment in which we now all exist.

Much of the research that was presented confirmed to a degree what we already know, that 'Small Schools are Great Schools' and that they are regarded as being far more effective learning environment than larger schools in many, many areas. Small schools were noted for teaching the individual student and creating life-long learners more frequently than larger schools which tended to teach more of a curriculum / content base than the individual person. Smaller schools also tended to be leaders in contemporary learning simply because of their ability to be flexible.

On several occasions this semester, a number of staff and I travelled down to Melbourne's Etihad Stadium and enjoyed several wins by the (mighty) Cats. It was very pleasing to see our teaching staff, volunteering their personal time to reward our students for their excellent school attitudes, by taking them to the football. When travelling with our students it is easy to see why staff are so willing to take them away for special experiences; they are extremely polite and grateful.

This semester we have also been thrilled by the senior production 'School Rox'; which was not only well attended by parents, staff and students, it was very funny. This was then followed by the junior students with their performance of 'Pirates, Parrots and Penguins'; again highly entertaining and a great display of team work, commitment and talent. Just when we thought that we had seen and heard it all, along came the production 'Somewhere to Fight For' put on by the students of St Peter's Primary School in Brighton. This was an amazing show and to witness such young students deliver such a polished musical production, with such a powerful message, was a privilege to witness. The message was one of relevance to every age group and it reinforced to all of us, just how we should approach life generally and the power of one individual to acknowledge the need for change and to inspire others to follow their lead was truly fantastic. The performance reminded me of the Commonwealth Bank advertisement 'CAN', which goes on to say "with the removal of one insignificant letter in the word CAN'T (the letter T), we all 'CAN' make a difference, in what we learn and what we are able to do.

Our students again attended the state final for 'Tournament of the Minds' and competed against some of what are considered to be, the most prestigious schools in the state. While they did not win simply to make the final and to compete in such company was a great effort. Congratulations to all!





One of the most pleasurable experiences this semester for me was being privy to and part of the 40 Year Reunion Tour of the College. I was fascinated by the level of reminiscing taking place, the positive memories of the old school days and level of interest in what we are trying to achieve at the College currently, along with their ability to identify with that purpose. A great experience for me and another memorable moment for our visitors!

The absolute stand out highlight for me would undoubtedly be the opportunity to participate in the College's 26th Annual Lake to Mountain Event. Last year I was unable to join in with the event due to work commitments and so I was limited to driving to Willaura and witnessing the students arrive in town for lunch. This year I was determined that I would ride from the Grampians to Lake Bolac (my big mouth) with the other riders. I was also very fortunate to have my son (Jeremy) join me for a very early start with our alarm clock waking us at 4:00am so that we could be in Lake Bolac by 5:45am; but we did it, much to our pleasure! Aside from the obvious of being able to enjoy a father son day, I found the day to be extremely enlightening for many reasons.

I learnt that no matter how much you feel you are part of a team, in this case Lake Bolac P-12 College, there is still another level of TEAM that you can enjoy. While I feel the staff, parents, students and I work extremely well together, it is not until you participate in a special event like this, that you truly realise what dedication and commitment to a cause and to a group, are really about. The goodwill and rapport developed through the lowering of barriers and becoming equals on a level playing field, contributed to an amazing experience and one I will remember (brag) about for years to come.

Finally but by no means least, in what I consider to be an achievement similar to that of an AFL draft, we were able to re-sign Mr Lester Harris (key forward) as our senior English teacher for 2013 along with a couple of new (on-baller types) Primary School Classroom Teacher Miss Brooke Clark (ruck) and Miss Rebecca Blanchard (rover) who will pick up any ball and run with it in the areas of senior and junior Science, along with student well-being at the College in 2013, augmenting an already brilliant teaching line-up.

It has been an amazing semester in many ways and one that I believe will stand us in good stead as we move forward into the new 2013 school year.

regards

Gary White

Grapevine: News from a former Staff

Member: **ANDREW SYMONS**

When I think of my time at Lake Bolac College I do so with pride. The school was a friendly, supportive place but at the same time set high standards of behaviour and performance. The students and staff were terrific and the school always had a positive vibe, so much so that although we intended to stay for 3 years we ended up staying for 13 enjoyable years.



When I was appointed to Lake Bolac High School in 1983 it opened up a new world for Janine and I.

Lachlan was 4 months old and we arrived in the middle of a severe drought, far away from our original towns of Omeo and Traralgon South in Gippsland.

In no time we found that Lake Bolac and the surrounding towns were very friendly and most welcoming. The school was the real hub of the community and drew people together. This made working and living in Lake Bolac a pleasure and a wonderful phase of our life (1983-1996). It was a progressive school with an enviable reputation and a school that achieved very good academic results as well as providing very effectively for students with wide ranging interests. I clearly remember the enthusiasm of students arriving each morning on the bus coming from all over the district – over 90% of our students were bus travellers from surrounding townships or rural properties and they really valued what the school could offer them, both educationally and socially.

I have many great memories of Lake Bolac. The High School was one of the first in the state to have cross year level electives, quite radical at the time. It was also one of the first to introduce STC, an alternative program for senior students. As a geography teacher I took students to the Grampians, Portland, Ballarat, Great Ocean Road, Warrnambool and a host of other closer, local sites. We had Year 12 VCE Study Camps in the Grampians and Ballarat, Year 11 Melbourne camps and a number of interstate and outdoor adventure trips for the middle school. Year 7 went to Beechworth and Year 8 went to Barramunga in the Otways for a number of years. All of these provided great experiences for those involved.

A real feature of the school was the proximity to sports facilities. Being next to the complex as well as the lake made many sports readily accessible and many of the students excelled in various sporting pursuits. We competed very successfully against many larger secondary schools. The overwhelming majority of our students were fit and healthy and led an active, outdoor lifestyle. I am sure most ex-students would value that as they recall their time at the school.

In my time there I did some sports coaching, particularly in cricket and football. The Under 15 Wickliffe-Lake Bolac Football team from 1986 is an example of this. I dug out an old team list and with names like Aitken, Aldous, Allender, Biggin, Cameron, Curnow, Hanrahan, Hucker, McInnes, McKenzie, McMaster, Richardson, Shalders, Sharrock, Smith and Watson among others you can see why it was so rewarding.

The Lake to Mountain/Sea events were a real highlight at the end of each year, including running, cycling and horse riding. Training at lunchtimes with the students was just as enjoyable as the actual event but the level of commitment of the students was impressive over many years. We were lucky enough to have Steve Moneghetti run with us on two occasions so that was a real bonus. We also did Westgate Bridge runs and The QANTAS 24 hour relay at the Melbourne Showgrounds – great fun!

I retired from teaching this year but still live in Lakes Entrance, our home for the last 15 years. I intend doing some part time work, such as Tour Guide/Ranger at Buchan Caves Reserve and also some relief teaching. Janine has been doing some part time work and is always keen to take advantage of the warmer climate up north in Queensland. Lachlan is living in Cairns and even though he has a degree in Sports Administration he is now doing a Degree in Applied Sciences with a view to possibly working with the Bureau of Meteorology in the future. Aaron did Human Movement at Ballarat Uni and is now a soccer coach. He is currently living and working in Kolkata in India as Assistant Coach of Pailan Arrows in the I-League, a real experience!

I still love running into former students, staff and parents from the Lake Bolac district and reflecting on the great times we had. When I look at class photographs such as those from our last year at Lake Bolac, Lachlan was in Year 8 and Aaron in Year 6, I see wonderful "kids" and realise that it is people like them that made our time at Lake Bolac so enjoyable.



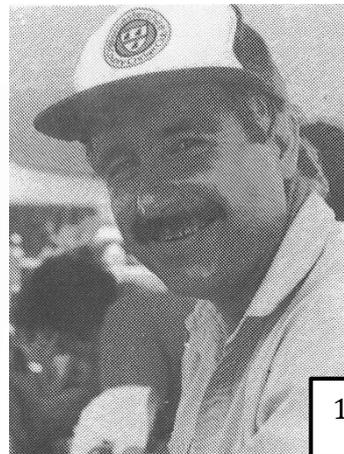
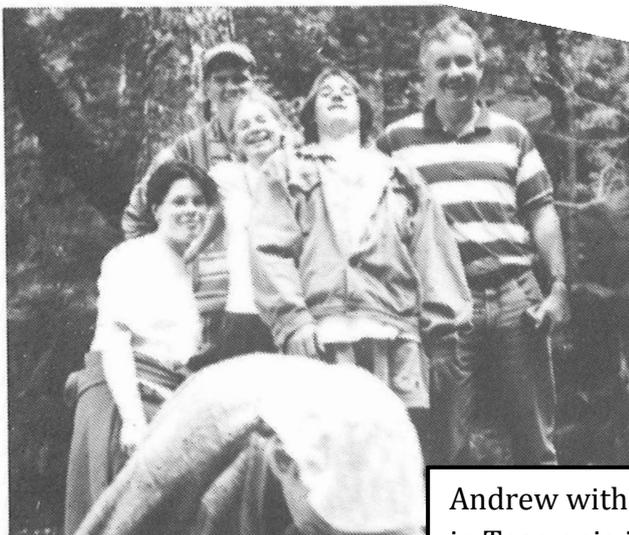


Front Row: Jacqui Coleman, Margaret Wills, Wendy Graham, Edward Pearce (Principal), Judy Pearce, Andrea Aitken, Judy Aldous

Second Row: Virginia Rutledge, Vivienne Martinich, Mark Sherriff, John Wallis, Helen Robinson, Andrew Twiss, Pam Hayes, Jo Tate

Third Row: Colin Easton, David Nicholson, Chuck Hedstrom, Roger Flanner, **Andrew Symons**

Absentees: Alan Campbell, Mark Howard, Lyn Hucker, Adele Krepp



1997

Andrew with Year 9 & 10 students on camp in Tasmania in 1996

Remember the days of the old school yard!

News from a former student:

STEPHANIE DAWSON

I have 13 years of fond memories of Lake Bolac College. I remember primary school camps to the lake foreshore, rehearsing for school plays and (the not so fond memory of) missing the bus home on multiple occasions. The merge of Primary and High schools into the College in 2000 symbolized the transition into the years of homework and having class work graded. Although it seems long ago, I still reminisce on the fun had in high school with friends and the friendships made with many of the teachers. I remember the confusion of selecting University courses, the stress of VCE exams as well as the dedication and encouragement of my teachers.

After completing year 12 I moved to Adelaide to study Diagnostic Radiography at the University of South Australia. For the duration of my degree, I resided at Lincoln College, which facilitated effortless transition into tertiary study and moving away from home and where I made enduring friendships. While the university work was not too academically challenging, being responsible for due dates and appropriate referencing required adjustment.

Following completion of my degree, I was fortunate to acquire employment at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide as a specialist paediatric radiographer. While the position was challenging in so many levels, it was so fun and incredibly rewarding to work with and contribute to the health care of children.

I loved living in Adelaide and working at the Children's Hospital, however decided to return to Victoria last year. I currently work in Geelong as a radiographer. The work offered through The Geelong Hospital is very different from my previous workplace, however is varied and extremely interesting.

I was very pleased to recently be offered a position to study Medicine and Surgery at Deakin University in 2013. While four years of full-time university followed by years of further study is daunting, I am very excited to be pursuing an enduring aspiration.



Grade 6:



Name: Stephanie Dawson
Nickname: Steph
Favorite food: chocolate
Favorite sport: netball
Favorite movie: 10 Things I Hate About You
Favorite T.V. show: Friends and Home and Away
Favorite animal: dog
Hobbies: shopping



Grade Prep/One 1994

Back Row L-R: Mrs A Wynne, Ben Britten, Lisa Clark, Lucy Fay, Amelia Gilmore, Leonard Broderick, Joseph Otto, Michael Otto, Mrs L Smith

Middle Row: Ruby Cameron, Pru Hucker, Ben Gubbins, Melissa Park, Louise Weir, Wallace Richie, Kassie Hedstrom

Front Row: Thomas Howard, Charles McIntyre, **Stephanie Dawson**, Kimberley Thom, Erin Gale, Kevin Nailon, Nathan Baines, Melissa Hickey

Lake Bolac High School

40 Year Reunion - 1971, 1972

On Saturday 24th November, a group of enthusiastic ex-students from LBHS met, many who had not seen each other for 40 years.

Attendees travelled from Queensland, Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Gippsland, Geelong, Ballarat and local areas whilst apologies came from England, South Australia and New South Wales.

We met in the Lake Bolac Football and Netball Social Club rooms, which was a great venue to become reacquainted.



Gary White, the Principal, kindly gave up his Saturday morning to take us on a tour of the school. Thank you Gary for giving us the opportunity to do this and for the interesting and informative discussions you had with us during our walk around. Many stories and memories were swapped along the way, including watching the first moon landing in 1969. All students sat on the floor in the corridor, watching this on black and white TV.

Other stories were of time spent on the seat outside the Principal's office, the girls having cookery classes whilst the boys had woodwork classes, all the swimming in the lake including learning, practising for the inter school sports and during PE lessons and sport, girls kneeling in the corridor while teachers measured hemlines which were not to be more than an inch above the knee, an unexpected explosion in a Science class and an unexpected explosion in a Maths class after close investigation of a bullet with a compass!

Many brought photos and memorabilia from school days which provoked smiles and laughs, and renewed memories and stimulated more stories. Our memories of our time at LBHS were mostly positive and happy and somehow, life seemed less complicated then. It was a great opportunity to have contact with old class mates and to rekindle friendships.



Bronnie Dean

Left: Graeme, Ross and John

Below: Dave, Ross, Ian, Jen and David.



Above: Sue, Chris, Sue, Alan and Noel.



Left: The organisers - Glenda, Ross and Bronnie

Below: Michael, Sharon and Terry



Above: Janice, Glenda and Geanette



Above: Janice and Victor



Above: Michael



Above: Geanette, Jen, Janice, Glenda and Bronnie.



Above: Jan





1971 Form 6

Back Row: Alison Martin, David Roberts, Janette Brown, Sue Blake

Middle: Wendy Goldfinch , Judy Dawson, Ian Eales, Noel Howard, Sharon Iles, Janice Baker

Front: Greg McPherson, Sue Renkin, Michael O'Loughlan, Mr Don Naeff, Marilyn Baker, Susan Moreton



1972 Form 6

Back: Jenny Stewart, Michael Dugdale, Rodney Brain, Michael Eising, Julie Regan

Centre Geanette Heard, Terry Iles, David Prust, Greg Harston, Michael Fay, Janice Kitchen

Front: Greg Waring, Michelle Hurley, Ross Atkin, Mr Don Naeff, Karen Veale, David Roberts, Jenny Robertson.

SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

Awards for veterans' descendant

VCE student Hannah McIntyre has been awarded a Gallipoli Scholarship for her essay about the Gallipoli campaign.

The scholarship is awarded to students who are in their first year of a degree course in a NSW university and applicants must be descendants of World War One or Two veterans.

Applicants were also required to submit a comprehensive resume and an essay to explain 'The importance of the Gallipoli tradition to our nation and peoples'.

The award is funded by the Gallipoli Scholarship Fund Inc and was awarded at a special ANZAC ceremony at the Merrylands RSL Club in Sydney.

Hannah was one of seven scholarship recipients and received her award from Major General M.A. (Mark) Kelly AO DSC

Major General Kelly was the guest speaker at the awards function and praised the applicant's efforts and acknowledged the wonderful work of the Gallipoli Scholarship Fund in supporting young people and perpetuating the Australian traditions of perseverance, courage and

self-sacrifice that were forged on the battlefields.

South-west student, Hannah, is studying a four-year Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science at Charles Sturt University at Wagga Wagga and has connections to Australia's military history on both sides of her family.

Hannah is the granddaughter of Peter and Nola Gunning, who live near Coleraine and the great-niece of Bob Gunning of Hamilton and Joan Jennings of Edenhope.

Peter's father, Alexander Gunning (1889 – 1958), was a driver with 3rd DAC AIF in France during World War One and was granted a soldier settlement at Konongwootong after the war; Peter and Nola still live on that property.

Hannah's connection to the service also extends through both sides of her family; her paternal great-grandfather, Lieutenant Colonel Alexander (Alistair) McIntyre OBE, ED, MID, JP, served with the 2/9th Armoured Regiment during World War Two in Syria, Libya, El Alamein and Borneo.



MAJOR General M.A. (Mark) Kelly AO DSC, presents Hannah McIntyre with her Gallipoli Scholarship, which recognises her Coleraine family's connection to Australia's military history.

SUPPLIED

Hamilton Spectator Thursday June 7

COMMUNITY BUS FUNDRAISER:

We are still currently selling seats in the form of **GOLD**, **SILVER** and **BRONZE**:

'Get On Board' Bus Sponsorship Deals

1 **GOLD** Seat = \$1,000 donation, Gold seat sponsorship

1 **SILVER** Seat = \$ 500 donation, Silver seat sponsorship

1 **BRONZE** Seat = \$ 250 donation, Bronze seat sponsorship



We are seeking benefactors for our Community Bus concept. The College plans to view this vehicle as a 'Lake Bolac P-12 College Learning Community' asset. The 22 seater mini-bus will belong to the College's School Council but be available to **all** Lake Bolac Community Groups. The interest that has been shown currently from groups like the Bush Nursing Hospital, the Elderly Citizens group, the Bowls Club and the Community Centre, with the list growing daily, has ensured its purchase will take place early in the New Year. I would like to encourage those who are yet to commit to the project, to do so soon so that we can ensure that we purchase the best possible vehicle for the use of the many community groups that exist within the 'Lake Bolac P-12 Learning Community'. Please get behind us now!!

ENGAGEMENTS :



CLARK - MISSEN:

Lisa Clark (former student) & Daniel Missen announced their engagement on 18.08.2012

BLACKBURN - BLANCHARD:

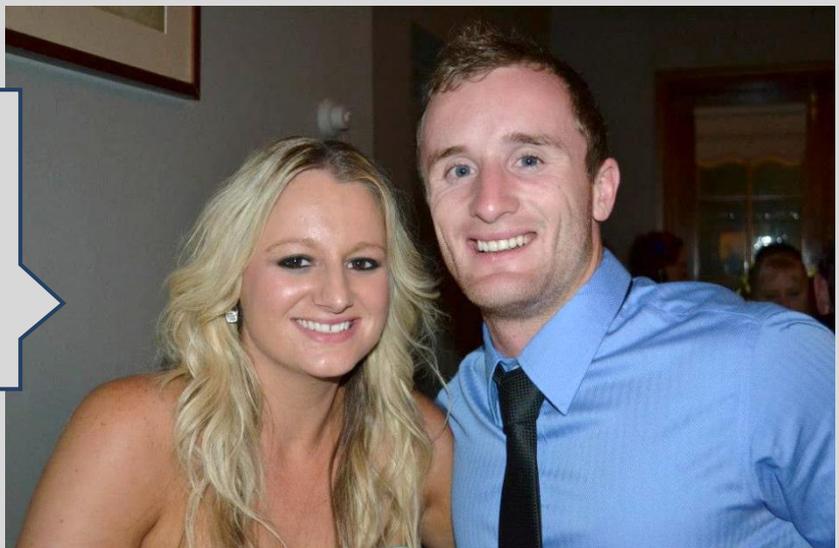
Michael Blackburn (former student) & Rebecca Blanchard (staff member) announced their engagement on 14.10.2012



FRANC - CINI: Bridget Franc (school nurse) and Kirk Cini announced their engagement in Darwin on 23.09.2012



WARTON - HUGHES: Gary Warton (former student) and Tamara Hughes announced their engagement in June this year.



WEDDINGS :

NICHOLLS - SUCKLING: David Nicholls (former student) married Sharne Suckling on 08.09.2012 followed by a reception at the Convent Gallery, Daylesford.



David pictured with one of his groomsmen Gary Warton (former student)



HARRISON - MCINNES: Lauren McInnes (former student) married Scott Harrison on 13 October 2012 at Wickliffe, followed by a reception at "Yarrack", Glenthompson. Bridal party: Sarah Whinney (nee Paterson - former student), Jono Box (former student), Sophie Guthrie, Belinda Hutchinson, Luke Jackson, Nick Harrison, Elise McInnes (former student), Seija O'Brien, Charles Wynne (former student) and Anna Speirs.

BIRTHS :



MULLIGAN: to Anna (nee Gibson and former student) and Rob a girl Olivia Jayne.

DOB: 07.07.2011

Home: Walcha, NSW

BEE: to Geoff (former student) and Deb Brown a boy Hamish William.

DOB: 22.08.2012

Weight: 8lb 4oz

Grandson to Nina & John Wallis (staff members)



BLACKBURN: to Richard (former student) and Jane a boy William Albert.

DOB: 07.08.2012

HARRIS: to Tracey (nee Johnson) and Peter a girl Alexis Anne.

DOB: 17.09.2012

Weight: 8lb 15oz

Granddaughter to Maree (staff member) and Keith Johnson



MULLER: to Kirsty Larcombe (former student) & Tory Muller a boy Jasta Cruz.

DOB: 08.02.2012

ALLEN: to Shelley (nee Wilson) and Ben a boy Harris Benjamin
DOB: 11.11.2012
Brother to Lachlan (7) and Matilda (5). Grandson to Joan & Mal Curnow



HARRIOTT: Melanie Pearce (former student) and Matthew Harriott a boy Joshua Matthew.

DOB: 15.10.2012
Weight: 4.29kg.



Proud Grandfather, Ed Pearce (former Principal) with Joshua.

BLAKE: to Paul (former student) and Larissa a boy Hamish John.

DOB: 17.10.2012
Weight: 7lb 2oz

Brother to Jordan (7) and Lucas (3)

Grandson to Fiona Blake (staff member)

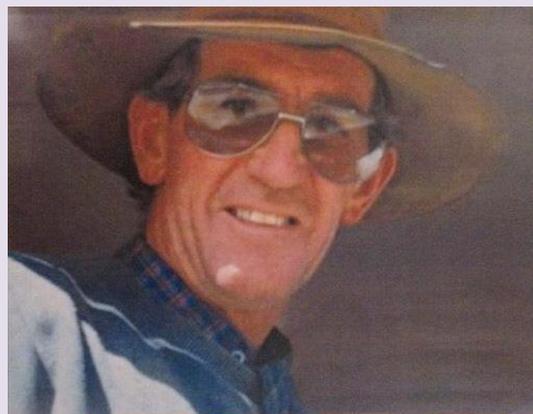


BEREAVEMENTS :

CAMERON: Denis William

15.01.1949 - 28.09.2012

Dearly loved husband to Beth;
father to Scott and Dallas
(former students); father in law
to Jo and Glenys; Grandfather to
Rory, Darcy, Joselyn and Ruby.



FAMILY FAVOURITE RECIPE:

Provided by Lou Thom

Creamy Chicken Pasta

Friends and family always enjoy this quick and easy meal.

Lou



INGREDIENTS:

1 chicken breast (cubed)
½ onion (diced)
1 garlic clove (crushed)
2 rashers bacon (diced)
200g penne pasta
250ml thickened cream
¼ cup grated cheese
Oil
Salt & pepper to season

METHOD:

1. Place a saucepan on the heat with water for the pasta, once the water has come to the boil, add pasta.
2. Place some oil in a large frying pan on a medium heat, add diced onion, garlic and bacon. Cook slightly, then add the chicken.
3. Once you have cooked the chicken half way, add the cream and simmer until the chicken is cooked through.
4. Add the cooked pasta to the frying pan with a little bit of the pasta water, combine well and add the grated cheese, season with salt and pepper.
5. Place in a bowl, top with spring onions.
6. Eat and enjoy!

Serves 2